



NEW CREATION CHURCH

Launching Fall 2018

Answering The Call



Ricky & Amber Brown

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We have a desire to see lives radically transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and believe planting new churches is one of the most effective ways to reach the lost. As the population grows and we build more schools, hospitals, and unfortunately prisons, we need more Gospel-centered disciple making churches that live out what it means to be a follower of Christ. My entire life has been a process leading to church planting. I have served bi-vocationally in different areas of pastoral ministry for 14 years, and now my wife and I strongly sense God's call in this challenging area of ministry. We have successfully completed a church planter's assessment. I am also a member of the City to City Cohort here in Chicago. Out of 75 church planters, we were also selected by Cherry Hills Community Church for their Thousand Churches Network. New Creation Church is underway! Our plan is to launch Sunday services September 2018!

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HALLMARKS OF OUR CHURCH



Our church will be planted in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. In the three square mile radius that surrounds Hyde Park there are 200,000 residents, many of which do not know Jesus. Hyde Park is also home to the largest creative class in Chicago which are people who

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earn their living by what they write, produce, compose, or illustrate. I desire to create a ministry that causes people to see the creative aspect as a means to further the kingdom of God in His redeeming work of mankind. What we create is an expression of the gifts and talents only God can give.

HP is also home to the University of Chicago, one of the best academic institutions in the world. The sad truth is most international students have never been invited into an American home once they graduate. These people may one day lead their countries. What an honor it would be to invite them into a loving community during their time in Chicago. By God's grace I have preached the Gospel in Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Turkey, Jordan and throughout the U.S. I sincerely want a church as diverse as my passport!

I desire to plant a church that is truly multi-ethnic in leadership and congregants. We will be multicultural in our presentation of the Gospel and in our worship, always having discipleship as the primary focus. We want to model for the city of Chicago what it means to be in Biblical community in the family of God truly loving one another. We will be innovative and creative to reach our context, but always having our mission centered on the Gospel. New Creation Church will be a place where people can receive the word of God and experience the love of God from the people of God!





BIBLICAL CONVICTIONS UNDERLYING OUR PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY



Discipleship

Make disciples, baptize, and teach them. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Proclamation of the Gospel

We will unashamedly proclaim Jesus and firmly believe in the worth of the Gospel message. (Romans 1:16, 2 Timothy 4:2)

Multiethnic and Multicultural

This is a truer representation of the family of God and a testimony to the love of God working in the lives of the people of God. (Revelation 7:9)

Excellence in Worship

The Levitical spirit of loyalty and consecration. (Exodus 32:26)

Biblical Community

We are a chosen people set apart. (1 Peter 2:9)



PLAN FOR DISCIPLESHIP



Life Groups have begun! These groups are designed to give us a chance to learn, fellowship and engage in the open out in the community. Starbucks for coffee drinkers, L.A. Fitness for gym folks, the bowling alley for those who bowl etc.. At anytime someone can join in the LG or be witnessed to. Whether a person needs a spot on the bench press or another quarter at the register, we will be widely visible in our community. Discipleship must include studying the Word together, praying together, and a chance to ask questions and engage the Biblical text. Leaders who make disciples who make disciples is the goal but intentional development is the key.

SUMMARY OF LAUNCH PLAN

- Recruit Launch Team
- Raise Support

Phase 1

- Leader Training & Development

Phase 2

Phase 3

Launch

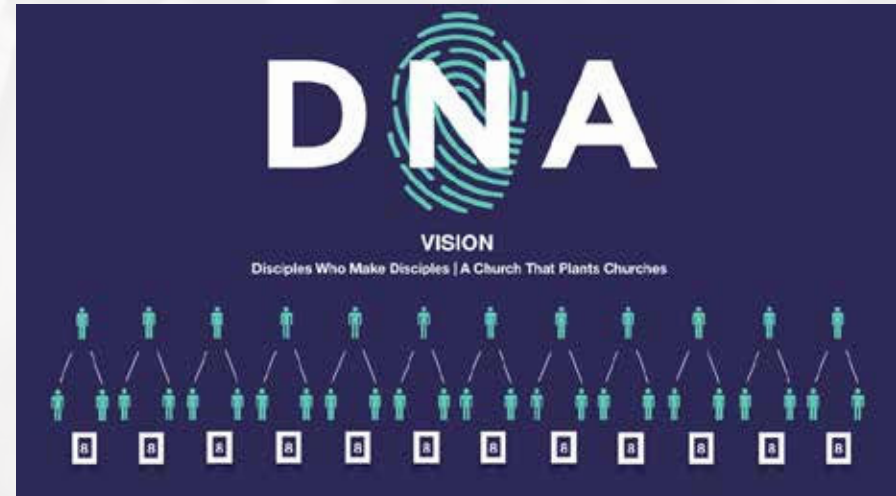
- Start Life Groups
- Continue Raising Support

Launch September 2018!

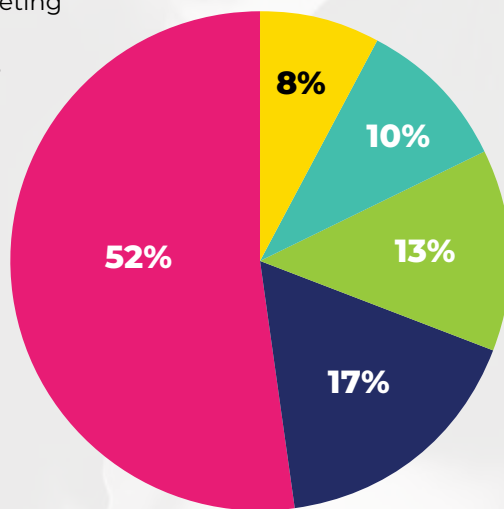
GOALS

People

In order to establish agenda harmony and effectively disciple our family, we are identifying twelve leaders of LifeGroups. Each leader will identify two apprentices. The leader and the two apprentices will effectively lead up to 8 people. This will allow us to launch with 132 people. We are excited to share that the LifeGroups have multiplied before they started! We desired to do one LifeGroup together as leaders to set the framework for our groups before we sent people out to lead their own. The response was so great that we had to do two groups. The two groups then turned into 3! The LifeGroups will run for five weeks using the book, "Living The Five". I will lead all three groups the first round and I am excited to know that we already have capable leaders in these groups that will be ready to lead their own after the first groups end.



- Church Planting
- Evangelism/Marketing
- Personnel
- Church Ministries
- Building



Financial

As of now, \$80,000 of the funds we raise will be matched. We desire to raise an additional \$250,000 toward our operating expenses over a three-year period for a total of \$450,000.

The annual budget for our church plant is \$150,000. This takes into consideration salaries, rent, church planting/multiplication, and ministry expenses such as marketing and outreach.

Year 1 Budget \$150,000 (75% from partners / 25% from congregants)

Year 2 Budget \$150,000 (50% from partners / 50% from congregants)

Year 3 Budget \$150,000 (25% from Partners / 75% from congregants)

CONCERNS



Hyde Park is home to influential decision makers, very affluent families, a rigorous academic community at the University of Chicago, but also very few evangelical churches centered on the Gospel. The largest and most visible religious group are the Unitarians. They show a strong level of support in the areas of social justice, feeding the homeless, and community organization. In doing so, they have the ear of the community. New Creation Church will be one of the few churches in Hyde Park holding to a Biblical view of marriage and sexuality, as well as having doctrine that is truly based in the Scriptures. Most churches in my community have the rainbow flags draped along the top of the building and boldly display the words “we have no creed...”. We will prayerfully be the first successful church plant in Hyde Park in over twenty years. I think what sets us a part is that I have lived in this neighborhood for 5 years. My wife also graduated from high school in Hyde Park. Being widely visible and gently vocal, we have received a warm acceptance from the community already.



**“Pray that the church of Christ
in Hyde Park be *WIDELY VISIBLE*
while gently vocal.”**

Dr. John Fuder (Founder - Pray Chicago)



CHURCH PLANTING REFERENCES

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Dave Ferguson | daveferguson@communitychristian.org

Dave is the founding pastor of Community Christian Church in Naperville IL, He is the president of Exponential, and the founder of the widely successful NewThing Network for church planting. Dave has been an invaluable resource to me throughout this church planting process giving wisdom and referrals along the way.

Shane Farmer | SFarmer@chcc.org

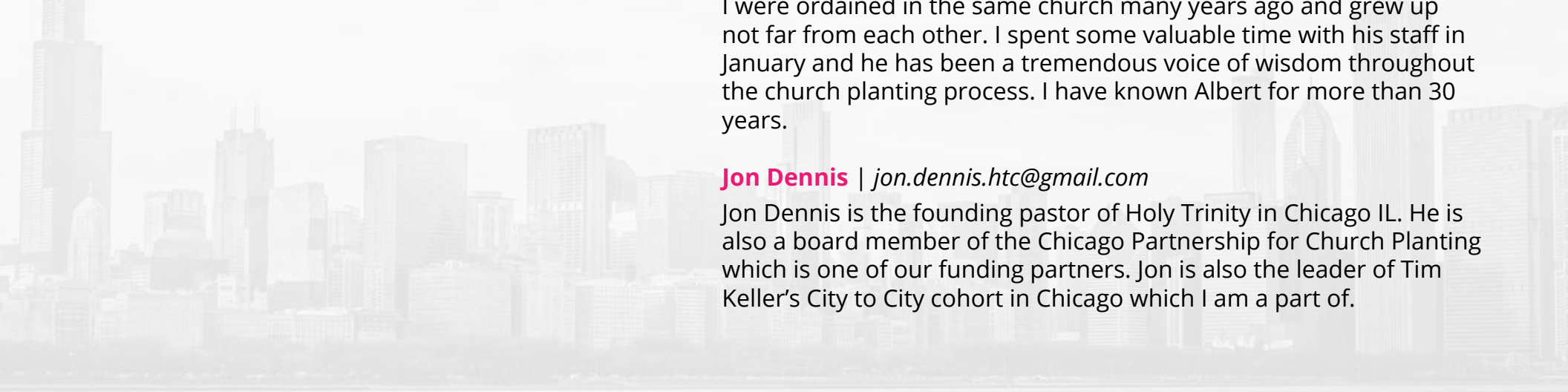
Shane is the senior pastor of Cherry Hills Church in Highlands Ranch CO. Shane's vision for the Thousand Churches Network is a new initiative where Cherry Hills seeks to plant 1,000 churches. Out of 75 church planters I was 1 of 5 selected to participate in a boot camp that provided world class training with Mark DeMayz, Jon Tyson, Daniel Im, and Jon Peacock to name a few. Successful completion also provided \$80,000 toward our church plant.

Albert Tate | albert@madeforfellowship.com

Albert Tate is the founding pastor Fellowship Monrovia, one of the fastest growing multiethnic churches in the United States. Albert and I were ordained in the same church many years ago and grew up not far from each other. I spent some valuable time with his staff in January and he has been a tremendous voice of wisdom throughout the church planting process. I have known Albert for more than 30 years.

Jon Dennis | jon.dennis.htc@gmail.com

Jon Dennis is the founding pastor of Holy Trinity in Chicago IL. He is also a board member of the Chicago Partnership for Church Planting which is one of our funding partners. Jon is also the leader of Tim Keller's City to City cohort in Chicago which I am a part of.





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We Need Your Financial Gift For:

- Salaries and training for staff
- Ministry equipment
- Rent for our facility
- Outreach and marketing

Prayer For Us As We:

- Raise financial support
- Recruit launch team members
- Choose the right meeting venue
- Love on our community and establish connection



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Thank You!

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