



**North Augusta**  
FELLOWSHIP

*Church Planting Prospectus*



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# *The Story*

*If North Augusta were a recruit or a pick in an upcoming pro sports draft, you would say that “his stock is really rising.” In this city, with almost 25,000 residents, you will find new growth, new buildings, and high potential. It’s a gem in the CSRA (Central Savannah River Area).*

The city has a certain degree of “Up & Coming”: Home of the North Augusta Greenjackets, expanding renewables, and nearby growing manufacturing facilities, North Augusta is part of what’s become an attractive region with a recent track record of massive growth.

Yet, like every place, there is a broken side to North Augusta. Her story includes worldly ambition, broken families, and economic disparity.

North Augusta has recently seen significant economic growth, but it remains the largest city in South Carolina without a PCA church.

We hope to change that. We want to see God’s Kingdom come to North Augusta as it is in heaven, specifically through the establishment of a new church that will acclaim God’s fame for generations to come.

# *Why Is a New Church Needed in North Augusta?*



## **Education**

**Nearby Augusta University & USC-Aiken**

**Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 36.8%**

**Graduate or Professional Degree: 20.8%**



## **Population**

**Growth: 14.39% since 2010**

**Average Household Size: 2.31**

**White Residents: 76.7%**

**Black Residents: 18.33%**

**Hispanic or Latino Residents: 6.7%**



## **Religion**

**No Religion: 38.7%**

**Roman Catholic: 5.4%**

**Other: 10.5%**



## **PCA**

**Reformed Churches in North Augusta: 1**

**PCA Churches in Aiken County: 2**

**PCA Churches in North Augusta: 0**

*Most importantly, Jesus' mission demands that we plant a new church in North Augusta. God has always been moving and working in North Augusta, as He loves this community more than anyone else. He has been creating interest in different congregations, denominations, and networks. This indicates that the field is ripe for the harvest, and God wants to show off his glory in North Augusta by bringing his kingdom here more fully.*

# *A New Church for North Augusta*

With our words and with our lives, North Augusta Fellowship will tell God's story — the story of Jesus coming to rescue us from sin and renew this broken world. We want to humbly join in God's work and the conversation about our city's future, commending this story as the ultimate story that shapes how we live, work and play. Our vision, therefore, is to see God's story of redemption shape the story of our lives, our church, and our city. We're dream of continuing God's missionary movement, where....

*Skeptics, unchurched, seekers, and de-churched are exposed to the gospel by people who walk authentically with God and one another.*

*People from different backgrounds are united under a new identity in Jesus.*

*Followers of Jesus participate in the restoration of creation where they live, work, and play.*

To that end, the vision of North Augusta Fellowship is to see God's fame made public, to help Jesus' followers look more like Him, and to experience North Augusta being blessed by God's work among us.

## *Oversight & Strategic Partners*

Our church will be under the oversight of the Palmetto Presbytery (PCA), led by a temporary session consisting of ordained teaching elders and ruling elders from the presbytery. Jason will also be coached by seasoned church planting coaches, led by Kevin Thumpston, Church Planting Director. Abbye will be involved with Parakaleo, the PCA's ministry to wives of church planters.

North Augusta Fellowship will be a congregation that exists for our friends and neighbors who do not yet know Jesus. While we desire to see the gospel affect each part of North Augusta, our hearts are especially burdened for those who are presently disconnected from Jesus and the life of his Church. We long to see our spiritually disillusioned friends and neighbors find deep belonging in a community of grace where the Good News is proclaimed and demonstrated.



## *The Church Planting Family*

Jason and Abbye are no strangers to ministry. Jason grew up outside of Pittsburgh, PA, in a Christian home. He received his B.S. in Music Education from Bob Jones University and his Master of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary Charlotte. After serving in a number of areas as a member at Downtown Presbyterian Church, he went on staff at Shannon Forest PCA (now Eastside PCA) and has spent the last 6.5 years as Assistant Pastor at Christ Community PCA in Simpsonville, SC. At Christ Community he lead worship, taught 3-year-olds, preached, administered sacraments, and led a community group which has grown and multiplied. He was ordained as a teaching elder in the PCA in 2013. He also has a variety of experience in the non-profit, para-church, and corporate sectors. He's usually talking sports (he bleeds black & gold), finding deals on hot wings, cracking Dad jokes, and/or playing with his children.

Abbye grew up in Watkinsville, GA, and her family regularly attended church. She received her B.A. in Religion and Minored in both History & Christian Education from Presbyterian College. She spent 6 years on staff with Campus Outreach Greenville where she helped launch a new chapter at Clemson University and later became Regional Women's Director. She has taught Sunday School, led Bible studies, started Mentor Moms at her church, and coached other women in ministry. When not keeping tiny humans alive, Abbye is cheering on her beloved UGA Bulldogs (Go Dawgs!), enjoying a cup of coffee, or reading a great book.

Jason and Abbye are joined by their older son, Joseph, their younger son, Patrick, and their daughter, Ivye. They were given approval to plant at the 2014 Mission to North America Church Planter Assessment.

# *The DNA of North Augusta Fellowship*

## **OUR MISSION**

*To participate with God's work in North Augusta  
and the Central Savannah River Area.*

## **OUR VISION**

*In North Augusta and the CSRA, we hope to see God's Fame made  
public, help Jesus' followers look more like Him, and experience  
the CSRA being blessed by God's work among us.*





# OUR CORE VALUES

*We are a fellowship, a group who is united around a cause that's bigger than ourselves and that solidly unites us together in spite of our differences.*

## **1. Story (Ephesians 2:4-9)**

Everyone is formed by some type of narrative. We are formed by the Greatest Story, namely, the Good News. God has created this world, man has sinned and fallen, Jesus has come into this world, God's Spirit has been sent to live within us, and Jesus is making all things new. This Greatest Story forms our fellowship.

## **2. Presence (Jeremiah 29:4-9)**

We're here for the well-being of North Augusta & the CSRA. We're here for the good, the bad, and the ugly. We want to use what resources and talents we have to serve the region. We are a fellowship here for North Augusta.

## **3. Attentive (Colossians 4:2-6)**

We want to listen to those around us and give Gospel-soaked answers to the questions that are being asked. We want to avoid jargon & "shop talk" so that we don't get in the way of telling the best Message there is. We are a Fellowship marked by Attentiveness.

## **4. Culture (Genesis 1:26-28)**

In light of the Cultural Mandate, we see to build a culture and an atmosphere that sees work as worthy and vocations as callings. Stewarding talents & resources for our good & the good of those around us fuels the mission of our fellowship.

## **5. Exponential (Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:11-16)**

We're seeking to be a church that multiplies. Rather than being drawn in upon ourselves, we want to send people, gifts, talents, and resources "out & down." Rather than a handful doing ministry, we want to be actively giving away "ministry permission," and putting members in the best situations to succeed in their service to others. As a fellowship, we are sent out & we send out others to do the work they are called & equipped to do.

# Our Metrics

*We know we are on mission if the following happens:*

## **Conversion growth**

Skeptics, the unchurched, and others come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and become one of his disciples.

## **Renewed, invigorated faith**

Church plants have a great track record of “saving” people’s faith, where they are able to come and process the way of Jesus anew. We will see hurt and ‘burnt’ Christians find that healing in following Jesus.

## **Ministries being born**

We want to be a church that sends out other church planters, missionaries local & global, and interns into other ministries. We seek to be a church that is a hub for para-church ministries and non-profits that serve both locally and abroad. We want to resource & send out people to the work that God has equipped and called them to do.

## *Projected Timeline*



# Budget

*Our budget is overseen by our temporary session, consisting of ordained teaching elders and ruling elders from the Palmetto Presbytery (PCA).*

## Partnering with Us

For all our strategizing and preparation, North Augusta Fellowship cannot succeed without the Spirit of God driving this mission. Your prayers are vital to this work. We are seeking prayer partners who will commit to a season of prayer for this project. Despite our brokenness and weakness, we believe God will use His people as we depend on Him daily for all our needs.

You can sponsor this church plant financially. Our budget for three years is approximately \$325,000. Your support can be in any amount or for any duration. We prefer 3-year pledge commitments, but are also seeking one-time gifts. All funds are being raised under the Palmetto Presbytery of the PCA. A more detailed financial document is available upon request.

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*“Our church is excited about sending Jason and Abbye out to launch a new church. Jason’s combination of theological, relational, pastoral and strategic gifts have been an asset to our church family for over six years. Among his greatest strengths is his wife Abbye. He and Abbye’s heart for evangelism and discipleship should serve a new work very well.”*

**Rev. Paul L. Sanders, Senior Pastor, Christ Community, Simpsonville, SC,  
Former Chairman Mission to North America, Calvary Presbytery**

*“Our prayers have been answered! We have been praying for years that God would plant a PCA church in North Augusta. Palmetto Presbytery is thrilled that the Lord has chosen and equipped Jason Cornwell to lead the charge as the church planter. Jason, along with those whom God brings, is committed to building a gospel centered church that loves those far and near to the Lord. Thank you Lord for preparing the way and what you will accomplish through North Augusta Fellowship.”*

**Kevin Thumpston, Church Planting Coordinator, Palmetto Presbytery**

*“To meet Jason is to immediately realize that you’ve likely met someone who absolutely loves people. To know Jason is to be convinced of that beyond any doubt. But what I love most about Jason is that it’s the gospel that energizes and sustains his love for people. To hear Jason preach is to see his passion for the gospel and his love for people come together in a winsomely compelling way. If I were looking for someone to plant a church in my city, Jason is the kind of man I’m looking for.”*

**Dan Cruver, Director of Student & Family Ministries, Heritage Bible Church**



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