

One Church - Chester  
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## One Church Progress Update

We have officially registered with the denomination and the federal government and received 501(c)3 tax exempt status. **As of Thursday, May 25, 2017, we are officially recognized as a church!** We are now in the process of opening a bank account, acquiring a post-office box, arranging a long-term location, establishing a website, launching a social media presence, and registering with state and local governments.

Four families (11 people) are prepared to join the One Church Launch Team and are currently praying about being on the Leadership Team. Five other families are currently praying about joining the launch team. Gathering for worship, discipleship, and mission will begin July 2017. Please join us in prayer.



## One Church - Chester

well as the potential for continuing to develop our relationships with the churches represented by the association! We are thankful for the vastness of God's kingdom!

## Celebration Service

Our Celebration Service will take place on October 1, 2017 at 10:00am. Our parent churches, Chester First Church of the Nazarene and Pine Grove Baptist Church, will be joining us for this time of celebrating the work of God through One Church Chester. We have lots of work to do in order to prepare. Please be in prayer for this day!

## Facility

We are in the process of securing a facility for the regular gathering of One Church. Pastor Matt will meet with the Sandy River Lower Division Missionary Baptist Association's Executive Board on June 10 in order to discuss the possibility of using the association building (old movie theatre downtown). We are excited about the possibility of having a downtown location, as

## One Church - Chester Mission & Vision

One Church is a multiethnic church who exists to:

- *UNITE* people through a common story
- *EQUIP* people for a common life
- *SEND* people in a common mission

"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God!" – Romans 15:5-7

Find us on Facebook as "One Church - Chester"

## One Church Begins Gathering in July 2017

One Church Conference will be held on July 1 including Vision Casting, Worship, and a Nazarene Essentials Seminar. We will *Unite* for worship on July 2, preceded by coffee at 9:30am. We will be *Equipping* on Thursday nights from 6:00pm-7:30pm during a mid-week meal and discipleship time, called "One Church, One Table." We are preparing to be *Sent* in service in the Chester community and the world! More to come.

During the first two months, we plan to use a rotating schedule for Sunday Worship.

**First Week:** One Church Worship @ the Alexanders 10am, preceded by Coffee at 9:30am

**Second Week:** One Church worships with Chester First Church of the Nazarene at 11am

**Third Week:** One Church Worship @ the Alexanders 10am, preceded by Coffee at 9:30am

**Fourth Week:** One Church worships with Pine Grove Baptist Church at 10:15am

This will allow us to co-mingle and spend time worshipping with each of our parent churches, giving us the opportunity to build further relationships with these congregations. In September, we will move to worshipping as One Church every week, preparing for an October Celebration Service!



## Let's Pray Together This Month

O Lord, as we gather,  
We pray for your church,  
Fill it with all truth and all peace.  
Where it is corrupt, sanctify it;  
Where it is in error, correct it;  
Where it is misguided, reform it.  
Where it is right, strengthen it;  
Where it is in want, provide for it;  
Where it is divided, unite it;  
In Jesus name, Amen.

## THE GATHERING

OUR STORY

JULY 16-18, 2017

One Church will be recognized at the 75th Annual South Carolina District Assembly, on Sunday, July 16, 2017. Pastor Matt will be officially commissioned and the Launch Team recognized during the evening service. Join us at 6pm at Columbia First Church of the Nazarene located at 901 St. Andrews Rd, Columbia, SC 29210.



## One Church Budget & District Partnership

We were thrilled to receive a letter from the South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene stating the district will be contributing financial support this year! We are truly blessed!

We also have a tiered budget which will be reviewed by the Leadership Team, including three levels (*Minimum*, *Moderate*, and *Dream*) giving us a budget that will grow, stretch, and flex with us.

Giving toward the mission is vital!

Please allow God to lead you as you prepare to give. You may give now through cash or check, and online giving options will also be available soon!

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Matt*

### Dates to Remember:

July 1	One Church Conference
July 2	One Church Worship
July 6	One Church, One Table
July 16-18	SC District Assembly
October 1	Celebration Service



### Sundays

Coffee: 9:30am

Worship: 10:00am-11:00am

### Thursdays

One Table: 6:00pm-7:30pm