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WHY CHURCH PLANTING ?

Planting a church comes with all sorts of questions. How will we serve? What will worship look like? Sunday School? Chairs or pews? Traditional or contemporary? Casual or formal? Where will we meet? When will we launch? Where will the money come from?

However, from time to time, we are asked the most important question: WHY? Why plant a church? And then to follow: Aren't there enough churches already?

Let's start with "WHY?" This question drives us! And the answer shapes all we do. So... Why plant a church? Like all important questions, there is a short answer and a long one.

Short Answer: Jesus calls us to plant. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus says he will build the church through his disciples. Then, in the book of Acts, churches are planted in virtually every chapter.

Long Answer: The better question might be: Why not?

Let's just look at SC for a moment:

- Less than half of the people in SC actively participate in church
- 1/3 of people ages 37-52 and nearly 1/2 of those 36 & under claim no faith at all

Simply put, the work is not done! And yes, we must strengthen existing churches, but planting new churches is absolutely necessary. Also, church plants tend to reach more people under 52. And when existing churches plant churches, renewed life tends to come to the existing church too.

What about One Church? Today, there are 35 people who find Christian Community at One Church that didn't one year ago, 80% of those are under age 52 and 66% are 36 or younger.

Why plant a church? Why not? More churches means more disciples. More churches means more potential to serve the Mission of God. More churches means more opportunity for others to hear.

One Church Organized

At the 2018 South Carolina District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, we celebrated the organization of One Church. We officially organized with 19 charter members, as well as their children and families. We celebrated with the presence of the SC Nazarene District family and our friend, Pastor Angela Boyd of Metropolitan AME Zion Church. Dr. Greg Mason (SC Interim District Superintendent) presided over our organization and urged us to keep moving forward! That is my prayer!



Summer's Over, Now Back to School

This summer we partnered with Metropolitan AME Zion Church (Pastor Angela Boyd) and Purity Presbyterian Church (Pastor Jason Myers) in order to host a summer reading/feeding site in cooperation with the Chester County School District. Throughout the summer, 45 kids spent two hours each day reading with the assistance of adult volunteers. One Church contributed 3 servant-volunteers and 24 hours of service. We ended the summer with a "Summer Send-off" equipping each student with a backpack and school supplies. One Church contributed 8 backpacks, 16 packs of pencils, 14 packs of colored pencils, and 9 bottles of hand sanitizer. Thanks to everyone who contributed time and resources to the children of Chester County! They are our children!

With the close of the summer, comes the beginning of a new school year. We will celebrate Back to School Sunday on August 19. Kids are encouraged to bring their backpacks as the church prays and sends them out for the new school year. On September 8, we will host a Back to School BASH, a time of celebration for the children of Chester County.

Also, with the beginning of school, comes renewed opportunities to serve at Chester Park Elementary. If you have served in the past, please go ahead and begin making plans to serve again. If you haven't served before but would like to serve this year, please see Pastor Matt.



Aug 19: Back to School Sunday, 10am
Aug 26: One Church Welcomes Hubert Jayakumar, 10am
Aug 30: Love Does Begins, 6pm
Sept 6: Canvassing Back to School BASH!, 6pm
Sept 8: Back to School BASH!, 12-2pm (Set-up 9am)
Sept 9: Apostles Creed Sermon Series Begins, 10am
Sept 10: Nazarene Safety Training, 6-8pm
Sept 19: Church Board Meeting, 6pm



Sundays

Prayer: 9:30am

Worship: 10:00am-11:00am

Thursdays

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