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PROSPECTUS

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ABOUT

THE SPEAKS FAMILY



On December 13, 2015 Carly and I stood before our family and friends. We had just been pronounced husband and wife and everyone awaited the food stationed around the perimeter of the reception venue. The smell was distinct: samosas from Somalia, momos from Bhutan, spring rolls from Burma, and chapati from the Congo. The nations were represented because we wanted to see God glorified among the nations in our marriage.

God soon began to answer this prayer. Our honeymoon was a trip to Ndhiwa, Kenya where Carly checked in on the Maandalizi Mission and I conducted training for pastors in the region. Back home we had an Arabic speaking church awaiting our return in the Piedmont Triad.

We both grew up in the Triad. Carly is from Greensboro while I was born in Winston-Salem. And ever since the Lord saved us, He's surrounded us with people from all walks of life. Much of my early days of ministry was spent doing inner-city Bible studies and connecting with people through hip-hop. But with over 11 years of local church ministry, the Lord has continued to grow a love for His people. God has given me a desire to pastor His flock, preach His word, and prepare other men to do the same. In addition, Carly spent over 2 years in Kenya followed by serving as the Program Services Director of World Relief Triad. We have a love for the Triad. It's where the Lord saved us, grew us, introduced us to each other and established our family. It's where He's blessed us with 4 beautiful children.

Our prayer is for God to be glorified in this region. Our desire is to see churches planted with a commitment to the gospel, church health, and cultural diversity. In August 2022, I had the opportunity to begin a pastoral residency at King's Cross Church, a faith family committed to these very things. Through prayer and much discussion with our elders, we are excited to plant King's Church in High Point, NC in the fall of 2024. Our desire is to plant a church that would prize and proclaim the excellencies of Jesus for the glory of God and the good of all peoples. What if the families of Emerywood, students of HPU, descendants of immigrants, and residents of the inner-city were prizing and proclaiming Jesus together? So, as you read through the following pages, we'd ask you to begin praying that God would make Himself known in North Carolina's International City.



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WHY CHURCH PLANTING? *The Great Privilege*

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

This is the great commission given to the church. And this great commission is a great privilege.

In saying these words, Jesus uses strikingly similar language to the Son of Man prophecy of Daniel 7:

*¹³"I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
¹⁴And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.*



In Daniel, the Son of Man will be given dominion and glory and a kingdom. In Matthew, Jesus is given all authority in heaven and on earth. In Daniel, the Son of Man will be worshiped by all nations. In Matthew, we are to make disciples of all nations. In Daniel, the Son of Man will be worshiped and served. In Matthew, Jesus' commands will be followed. In Daniel, the Son of Man will be given an everlasting kingdom. In Matthew, Jesus will be with us until the end of the age. So, when Jesus says all authority has been given to him, He's claiming to be the prophesied Son of Man from Daniel 7. He is the King who has been given an everlasting Kingdom. So, He is worthy of our worship.

But there is a difference between the two passages. Daniel 7 simply states as a matter of fact that people from all nations will worship the everlasting King. But we don't find out how until Matthew 28. In Matthew 28 we discover a wonderful privilege: The nations will come to worship the King because he has sent us to go and get them.

This is why we go to the ends of the earth. This is why we send missionaries and plant churches. This is why we're planting King's Church in High Point, NC. We come to High Point bearing the news that there is a King with an everlasting kingdom. He has paid the way for the entrance of those who have rebelled against his rule. And all nations are called to come and worship him.

We go because the King is worthy of worship. And there are so many in High Point who do not worship him.

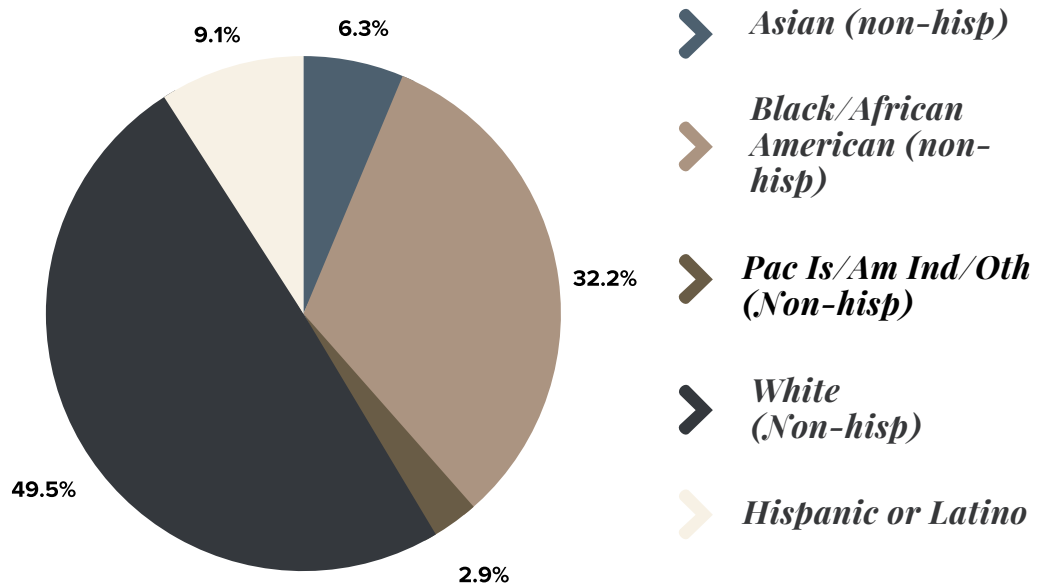


WHY HIGH POINT?

One day, people from every tribe, tongue and nation will be worshipping King Jesus around the throne. So, as we considered where to plant in the Triad, we thought, "What better place to make disciples of all nations than North Carolina's International City?"

There is much to be grateful for in High Point. It is home to over 115,000 residents (a number set to climb with future growth and expansion in the Triad). It boasts the High Point Market - the largest furniture trade show in the world which brings in \$6.73 Billion in annual economic impact to North Carolina. Professional baseball is represented by the High Point Rockers, and MLS Next Pro arrives in September 2024. The color purple is found on almost every block in support of High Point University - which has nearly 6,000 students. To the north of HPU is Oak Hollow Lake, where you can enjoy boating and fishing and other activities. And it's not only these attractions that make High Point a wonderful place. There is also an underlying uniqueness to the city. It possesses a diversity that can be seen when you look at its people, neighborhoods, markets and restaurants. High Point is a beautifully unique and diverse city.

Yet, underneath this beauty is a city filled with darkness. And our prayer is to see people from different ethnic and economic groups called out of the darkness of sin and into the marvelous light of Jesus' grace through the gospel.



Darkness Between People.

Consider the beauty found in such a uniquely diverse city. Not only do we see the diversity we've come to expect in many cities, but 14% of the population is foreign-born and 10% came to the city as a refugee. The nations are in High Point. You can hear it in the music, see it in the colors, and taste it in the food.

Yet, there is great darkness. Broken homes, crime and division are but a glimpse of the brokenness sin causes between people.

So our desire is to plant a church to prize and proclaim the excellencies of Jesus so that He is seen as most excellent. We hope to see a unity formed that can only be explained by Him!



Darkness Between People & Creation.

There is also beauty in exercising dominion over creation. Oak Hollow Lake is a man-made masterpiece. The campus of High Point University is filled with gorgeous architecture. Downtown is going through a revitalization and the city is known as the furniture capital of the world.

Yet there is darkness between people and creation. Which is why around 15% of the city is under the poverty line and food insecurity is a concern. With drug addiction and hope found in material gains, some are looking to creation to fill a void only God can fill.

So our desire is to plant a church to prize and proclaim the excellencies of Jesus so that He is seen as most excellent. And creation would not be worshiped, but used to worship the Creator!



Darkness Between People & God.

Of course, all of this darkness exists because there is an even deeper darkness between people and God. Just consider how many people in High Point do not prize and proclaim the excellencies of Jesus.

Over 1/3 of the city has no religious preference. Around 18% are catholic. And nearly 14% have a non-Christian religious preference. In having a conversation with a Somali man, we asked him, "How many of your Somali friends are Christians?" He simply laughed and said, "There is no such thing as a Somali Christian."

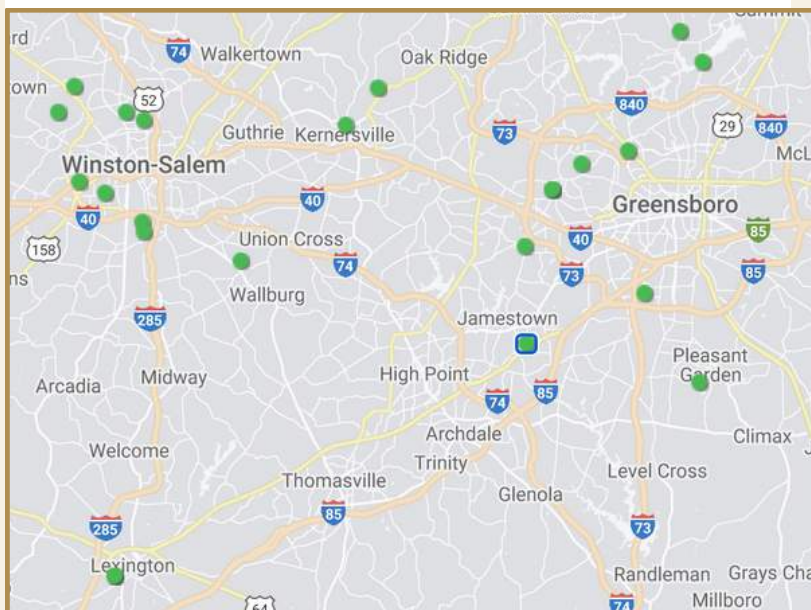
But what if we planted a church to prize and proclaim the excellencies of Jesus so that people would treasure Him and be united to God.



A Need for More Gospel-Preaching Churches

So, High Point is a city filled with darkness. But if you were to take a tour, you might wonder, "Where are all the healthy churches?" Yes, there are gospel-preaching churches in the city. But take a moment to observe these two maps. One is from the Pillar Network (a network of sister churches that work together to plant and revitalize). The other is from 9Marks. As you look at these maps, you'll notice a great number of churches in the Triad. They stretch across the 40s from Winston to Mebane. But if you look further south, you won't see a single one listed in High Point.

So our prayer is to plant King's Church to prize and proclaim the excellencies of Jesus for the glory of God and the good of all peoples.



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MISSION STATEMENT:

We exist to prize and proclaim the excellencies of Jesus for the glory of God and the good of all peoples.

Values

Love God. Love Each Other. Love the World.

As a church, we have certain values that guide who we are and what we do. These are summarized in the Great Commandment given to us by Jesus in Matthew 22:34-40. We are to love God, love each other and love the world. These loves outline the three categories of relationship in our lives: With God, the church and those outside the church. Identifying these three categories can help give organization to what we do as a church body.

Love God: Gospel Centered Worship

Prizing and proclaiming the excellencies of Jesus is central to loving God. Jesus made this clear when he said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

- Adore
- Abide

Love Each Other: Gospel-Created Family

Prizing and proclaiming the excellencies of Jesus is central to loving each other in the church. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

- Gather
- Grow
- Give

Love the World: Gospel-Proclaiming Mission

Prizing and proclaiming the excellencies of Jesus is central to loving the world. God loved the world by giving His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

- Share
- Serve
- Shine
- Send

 KING'S CHURCH

HIGH POINT

THE TRIAD

THE WORLD

TIMELINE

1

Gathering Core Team

(August 2023 -
January 2024)

2

Equipping Core Team

(February - August
2024)

3

Commission & Covenant

(Fall 2024)

WAYS TO PARTNER

Pray

Paul saw prayer as partnership. When writing to the Christians in Rome he said, “I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf” (Romans 15:30). And when Jesus considered the harvest, the first thing he called his disciples to do was pray: “³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest’” (Matthew 9:37-38). Would you consider partnering with us in strategic, regular prayer?

Give

The Bible also considers financial giving as partnership. John said, “⁷ For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸ Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.” (3 John 7-8) Would you consider partnering with us in giving and becoming fellow workers for the truth?

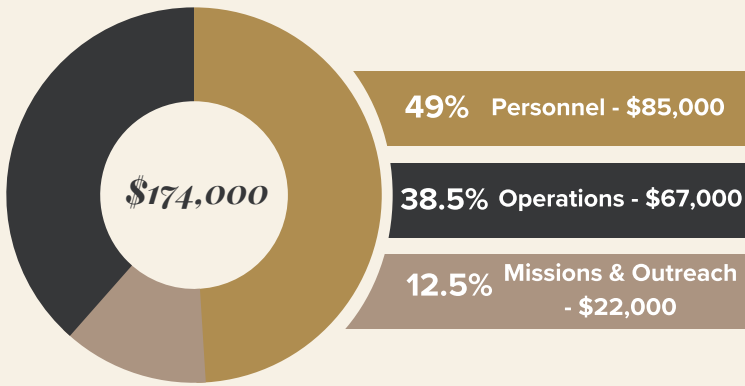
Join

We are also looking for people with a burden for making disciples in High Point to join our Core Team. “¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” Would you prayerfully consider if the Lord would have you live out the Great Commission by joining our Core Team to reach High Point, NC with the Gospel.



BUDGET & BREAKDOWN

Budget



Partner breakdown

# of Partners	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount
2	\$1,500.00	\$36,000.00
3	\$1,000.00	\$36,000.00
3	\$750.00	\$27,000.00
4	\$500.00	\$24,000.00
8	\$250.00	\$24,000.00
15	\$100.00	\$18,000.00
15	\$50.00	\$9,000.00
50		\$174,000.00

PARTNERSHIPS

