

CITY PARISH



PROSPECTUS

GOSPEL. FAMILY. MISSION.



Thanks for taking the time to learn more about City Parish. There is both a weightiness and deep-seated joy that we have in inviting other saints to partner with us in our desire to see every man, woman, and child in Sonoma County have a daily encounter with Christ. Our hope is that by going through this Prospectus you'll be able to catch a little glimpse of our story, what the Lord has called us to, and the vision and strategy by which he is calling us to do it. Our vision is as audacious as it is exciting and it leaves no room for us to give any method, strategy, or giftedness the credit – only a sovereign, gracious God who is able to do far more abundantly than all we could ask or think. It is truly our aim that to him all glory be given in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations. Please reach out with any questions and feel free to visit our website (theparish.church) for more information.

David Huxley



TABLE OF CONTENTS

01 A LITTLE BIT OF OUR STORY

Without context, it's hard to understand the scope and power behind a story. The call to plant a church has not happened in isolation. On the contrary, the Lord has been stirring this within us for a long time.

02 OUR VISION & STRATEGY

At the onset, a lot of what we're doing may seem "unconventional." But in everything, we're striving to remain biblically faithful to the call to live as the family of God. We're excited to call others on that journey with us.

03 OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

Ministry should not, or perhaps even cannot, be done in isolation. We count it a great joy to have many individuals, leaders, and churches supporting us. Their accountability and support is an invaluable part of our lives.

04 WHAT'S NEXT FOR CITY PARISH?

Where is and what's next for City Parish? We hope that you'll be able to catch a little bit of our vision and get excited about where the Lord is leading us. This is an exciting season as we continue into planting in Petaluma, CA.

CITY PARISH



OUR STORY

OUR STORY



THE
HUSKEY
FAMILY

Jessica and I grew up in nearly polar-opposite cultural climates. I grew up in the Dallas/Fort Worth (Metroplex) area of Texas (i.e. the ‘Bible Belt’) and Jessica was born/raised in Ukiah, CA (part of Northern California’s notorious ‘Emerald Triangle’ where more marijuana is grown and consumed than anywhere else in North America). And yet despite the vast dichotomy of the cultures we grew up in, we were both raised in/around the church.

However, like many for whom that same circumstance rings true, that reality didn’t necessarily translate into a life of gospel-faithfulness – at least not automatically. I grew up with a lot of self-righteousness and a faith that was largely based on works. I fell into thinking that my “ministry” in/through my church was directly linked to my worth and my value – my identity. For Jessica, the allures of an ‘everything goes’ culture distracted her from a “Christianity” that she largely saw as impish and inconsequential. We “believed,” but we lacked the kind of faith that Christ called his disciples to have. A faith that required not only mental assent but total allegiance, fidelity, and singular pursuit of Him. A faith that truly transformed us and the world around us.

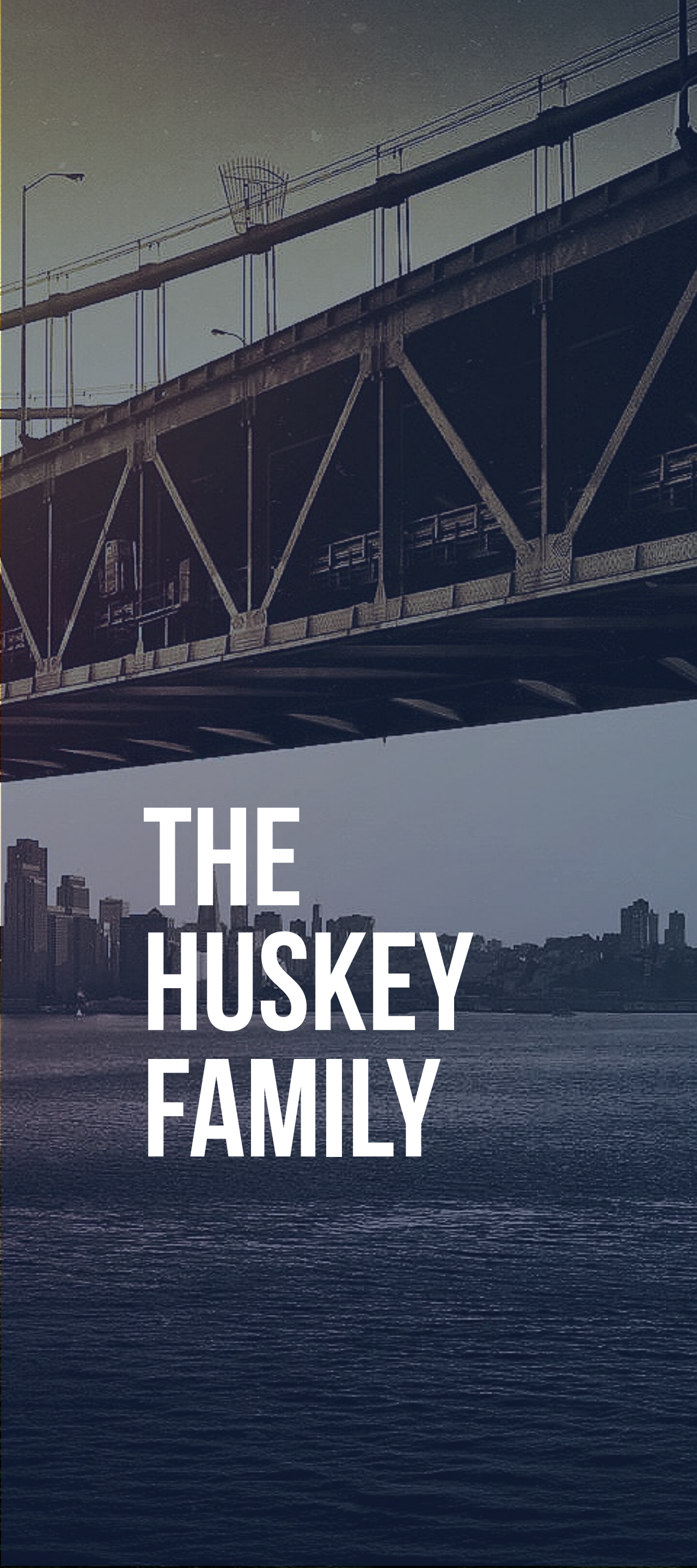
[CONTINUED]

That changed for both of us as we went off to college in 2005 and 2006. Both of us separately had these 'line-in-the-sand' moments where we realized, as C.S. Lewis pointed out, that, "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." As if Christ himself had flipped a switch, we immediately began to pursue whole lives singularly devoted to Christ and His Kingdom.

All of that laid the foundation for how our marriage and our family operate. We met during that season of our lives and got married in 2008. I had already been serving in vocational ministry for a little over a year and had been wrestling with the idea of church planting, but I knew I wasn't ready. God, as He always is, was gracious to us. Our family grew, ministries flourished, disciples were made, and a vision to plant a church were affirmed and shaped.

Though our journey was anything but conventional or quick, it's chalked full of evidences of God's grace and provision that has led us to this season of planting City Parish. We sincerely hope that as we get to partner with folks, we get to share those stories and new ones as we see disciples made in/around Petaluma, CA.





THE HUSKEY FAMILY

HOW WE LANDED IN PETALUMA

Though I'm a Texas native, my passion and love for the West Coast formed when the Lord brought me to Azusa Pacific University in 2006. It only took a few months in CA being surrounded by an incubating "post-Christian" culture to realize, "These are my people – this is where I'm called to shepherd."

Throughout the 16+ years of serving in vocational ministry in Southern and Northern California, Jessica and I have constantly been asking ourselves: **How do we engage a culture that is increasingly apathetic, if not hostile, to the gospel? How can we show and share the gospel to a rapidly growing population that would never step foot inside of a church building on Sunday mornings? What does real gospel-centered growth look like where we reach the sick, the lost, the needy?**

The Lord graced us with the opportunity for me to serve as a Church Planter in Residence under the elders/pastors at City Life Church in Austin, TX and Redeemer Church in Round Rock, TX from 2013-2015. That season was radically transformative for us to see what church looked like when ministry wasn't just an on-ramp for Sunday mornings. Discipleship happened in the everyday stuff of life. We knew the entire time while in Austin that the Lord was eventually sending us to Sonoma County, CA. In 2015, we made the move back to the North Bay and incubated with Anthem Church in Marin County for another 3 years in order to truly learn the area.

We are excited beyond words to have started this journey of planting City Parish with a vision of showing and sharing the gospel of grace in our city – in our county.

REFERENCES



NANCY ORTBERG

CEO

Transforming the Bay with Christ
nancy@tbc.city

“ I have known Daniel for the past four years and have observed him to be a man of deep character and integrity. He has shown humility, curiosity, respect for others with differing opinions and a passion for the lost. He has consistently built relationships with his neighbors, the vast majority of whom fell somewhere between cynical and amused by Christianity. He seeks to deeply understand Scripture and uses it as True North for his leadership, vision for the church and servant-spirit.

I could not be more delighted that he is committed to church planting in our post-Christian Bay Area. ”



CHAR BRODERSEN

Pastor

Calvary Chapel – Costa Mesa, CA
char@cccm.com

“ Daniel is a dear friend and a loving husband, father, and pastor. I am so thankful for his friendship and partnership in the gospel here in Sonoma County. His passion for people to know and follow Jesus and his drive to see his city saturated with the Gospel stirs my own heart.

I am so thankful for the presence of City Parish in our county and look forward in great anticipation to the work God will do through this community. ”



C.J. BERGMEN

Pastor

Citizens Church – San Francisco, CA
cj@citizenssf.com

“ Having spent the last 9 years as a church planter in San Francisco, I am extremely excited for Daniel Huskey to plant a church in the North Bay. In Daniel I see a strong and gifted leader, a visionary, and a humble learner. These are all qualities necessary for the challenging task of beginning a new kingdom work.

Daniel has already proven himself as an exegete of his culture and a gatherer of co-laborers. I look forward to partnering with him for years in the multiplication of the gospel and the kingdom in the greater Bay Area. ”

CITY PARISH



VISION & STRATEGY

CITY SNAPSHOT

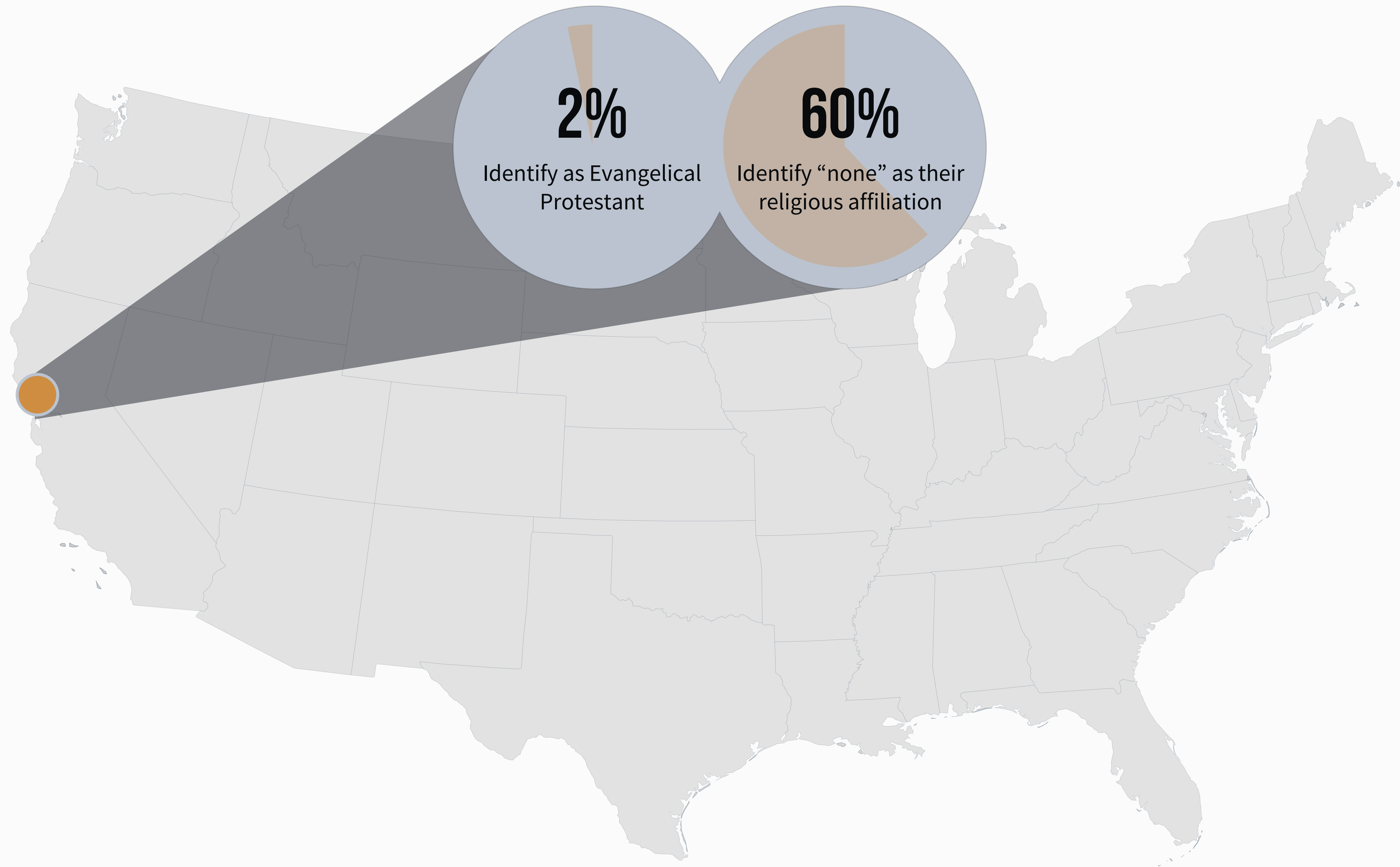
There was a lot of stirring going on in our hearts when we left First Baptist in Ukiah, CA (a little over an hour North of Petaluma) to move to Austin, TX at the end of 2012. One of the most pressing convictions that we had was that the Lord was not done with our time in Northern California. We knew that he was calling us to plant and the Spirit began to make it clearer and clearer over our first year in Austin that the North Bay (specifically Sonoma County) was eventually where he was going to send us.

Petaluma has grown by 5% year over year since 2010. The population has been steadily increasing and as of 2020, sits around 61,000. That number can be deceiving, however, in that Petaluma shares a very symbiotic relationship with Santa Rosa (pop. 175,000) and Northern Marin County (pop. 60,000). The culture is very similar to Marin County which has been referred to as ground zero of the drastic rise of pluralistic, post-Christendom philosophy and morality.

There is a lot of resistance to the gospel in this city and in Sonoma County at large. In fact, it is the least churching county in all of the Bay Area – which is already one of the least churching areas of the country. What this translates to is a mission field where a ministry philosophy that relies solely on a “come and see” vs. “go and tell” view of the Great Commission is seeing little to no momentum. A “come and see” model that may work well in the [oft, more religious] South and Midwest often falls on deaf ears and hearts from those that are far from Christ in this culture. We see a mission field that is ripe for a fresh (at least in terms of recent evangelicalism) approach. Our heart is to follow Jesus’ commands to “go and tell.” We want to be a family of servant missionaries that lovingly and boldly show and share the gospel to a city that otherwise would have no exposure to it! We believe that living intentionally, boldly, and missionally to make disciples that make disciples is most congruent with what we read in the New Testament. Our vision is to do this through planting and multiplying Missional Communities which lead to the planting of new churches throughout Sonoma County and the greater North Bay Area.

RESISTANCE TO THE GOSPEL

Only 2% of Petalumans identify as “Evangelical Protestant” (13x below the national average) while over 60% identify as “None” (almost 3x higher than the average for the West Coast – an already progressive part of the country).



**GOSPEL.
COMMUNITY.
MISSION.**



“

The great Christian revolutions came not by the discovery of something that was not known before, but rather when someone takes radically something that was always there.

RICHARD NIEBUHR

CORE VALUES

GOSPEL.

The Gospel changes everything! It is the good news that out of the love of the Father for his creation, he sent his Son to redeem the world through his life, death, resurrection, and ascension. It's not just good news for those that are searching for Christ but it's also the motivation, power, and purpose for everything that we do as disciples. The gospel calls us into the family of God and sends us on the mission of making disciples that make disciples. (**John 3:16; Ephesians 2:10, 14-22; 2 Corinthians 5:15-21**)

FAMILY.

We have been adopted as sons and daughters and set apart to live in such a way that the world would know of God's goodness, faithfulness, and love. As the family of God, we see it as our duty and our joy to care for the needs of one another. Just as Christ came to serve, we are to serve one another both physically and spiritually. We disciple, nurture, worship, and hold one another accountable to Gospel life together (**John 1:12-13; Romans 12:10-16; Ephesians 1:5; Philippians 2:1-11**)

MISSION.

The Father sent his Son to earth to take on human form and live within the culture. He lived in such a way that those around him could see and experience what God was truly like. Jesus came so that all people, places and things could be restored to a right relationship with God. In the same way, we believe we are missionaries sent by God's Spirit into our culture to restore all things to God through Jesus. We live this out as a family in MC's. (**Matthew 28:19; John 1:14, 20:21; Colossians 1:19**)

RHYTHMS

A COLLECTIVE KINGDOM IDENTITY

We live in a culture (both secular and Christian) steeped in individualism. Our bent is to think of ourselves as autonomous beings who choose into and out of relationships and institutions based on preferences. Our sense of self, then, becomes centered around these preferences and proclivities, these likes and dislikes. This individualism has become the default cultural operating system — and the local church in the West has often been all too eager to oblige.

But Jesus taught that as his disciples, our sense of self is now tied to God and His people. With the kingdom as the primary motivator for all of life, our world must now adjust around the kingdom community. Our individual flourishing and wholeness and the flourishing and wholeness of others in Christ's kingdom are inextricably tied to one another.

A church who buys into this collective kingdom identity will see gospel, family, and mission as three necessary pillars that must compliment each other. Family/community without gospel and mission offers no hope to a broken world. Gospel without family/community and mission is insular and self-serving. Mission without family/community and gospel is self-focused altruism. We want discipleship, community, and serving to be done together, not as separate programs of the church. And we want to do it around the all-sufficient truth and power of the gospel, not around our affinities or life-stages.

We practice these values and our collective Kingdom identity through two primary ways — As the church Gathered and the church Scattered. Each Rhythm has different components (or micro-rhythms).

RHYTHMS

THE CHURCH GATHERED

"THE CHURCH'S WORSHIP IS THE HEART OF DISCIPLESHIP. YES, CHRISTIAN FORMATION IS A LIFE-ENCOMPASSING, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT PROJECT; BUT IT RADIATES FROM, AND IS NOURISHED BY, THE WORSHIP LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION GATHERED AROUND WORD AND TABLE."

— James K. A. Smith —

City Parish is committed to gathering together for worship regularly. Corporate worship is vital for Christian faith anywhere and everywhere — but especially in the Bay Area. Every week, we are invited to pause our busy lives and remember that what we most need and want has already been accomplished by Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus, we are forgiven, washed clean, accepted, approved, beloved, dignified, secure.

In celebration of who God is, what he has done, and who that makes us, we come together on Sundays as a community. All of it is done alongside people who should be strangers but who are now brothers and sisters in Christ. And then, we are collectively sent. Sundays are not an end-in-themselves, but both the fuel and fruit of life together as family, missionary, and servant.

RHYTHMS

THE CHURCH SCATTERED

“THE GREATEST ISSUE FACING THE WORLD TODAY, WITH ALL ITS HEARTBREAKING NEEDS, IS WHETHER THOSE WHO, BY PROFESSION OR CULTURE, ARE IDENTIFIED AS ‘CHRISTIANS’ WILL BECOME DISCIPLES — STUDENTS, APPRENTICES, PRACTITIONERS — OF JESUS CHRIST, STEADILY LEARNING FROM HIM HOW TO LIVE THE LIFE OF THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS INTO EVERY CORNER OF HUMAN EXISTENCE.”

— Dallas Willard —

Sundays’ liturgies are good for shaping people, but there are intrinsic gaps. We must continue to grow as disciples in the everyday stuff of life. We do this primarily through Missional Communities (MCs). MCs are small groups where we live out our gospel identity in life’s everyday rhythms. They are the primary expression by which we engage in Christ-centered community and live on mission. They are focused on four relational environments: 1) Life with God, 2) Life on Life, 3) Life in Community, and 4) Life on Mission. Every MC is uniquely committed to living as the family of God, being servants of Jesus to each other and our city, and living as missionaries sent by God’s Spirit to show and share the gospel of grace.

MCs are intentionally subversive to the normal paradigm of church small groups. Instead of being an activity (something we go to or do), they are an identity (who we are). And instead of being organized by affinity or life-stage, they are organized by shared mission (usually geographical — where you live). Each Missional Community has their own rhythms in how they live that identity out but all of them have a weekly time that they gather together called the ‘Family Meal.’

CITY PARISH



MINISTRY PARTNERS

MINISTRY PARTNERS

PARTNERING FOR THE KINGDOM

Ed Stetzer says that an ideal church-planting candidate would have support from family and friends, local church(es), and from his denomination/network. It's truly a blessing to see this pattern working in our church planting endeavor. We have all three of these support resources partnering with us in planting, establishing, and leading City Parish. A few of them include...



WAYS TO SUPPORT

MONTHLY DONATIONS*

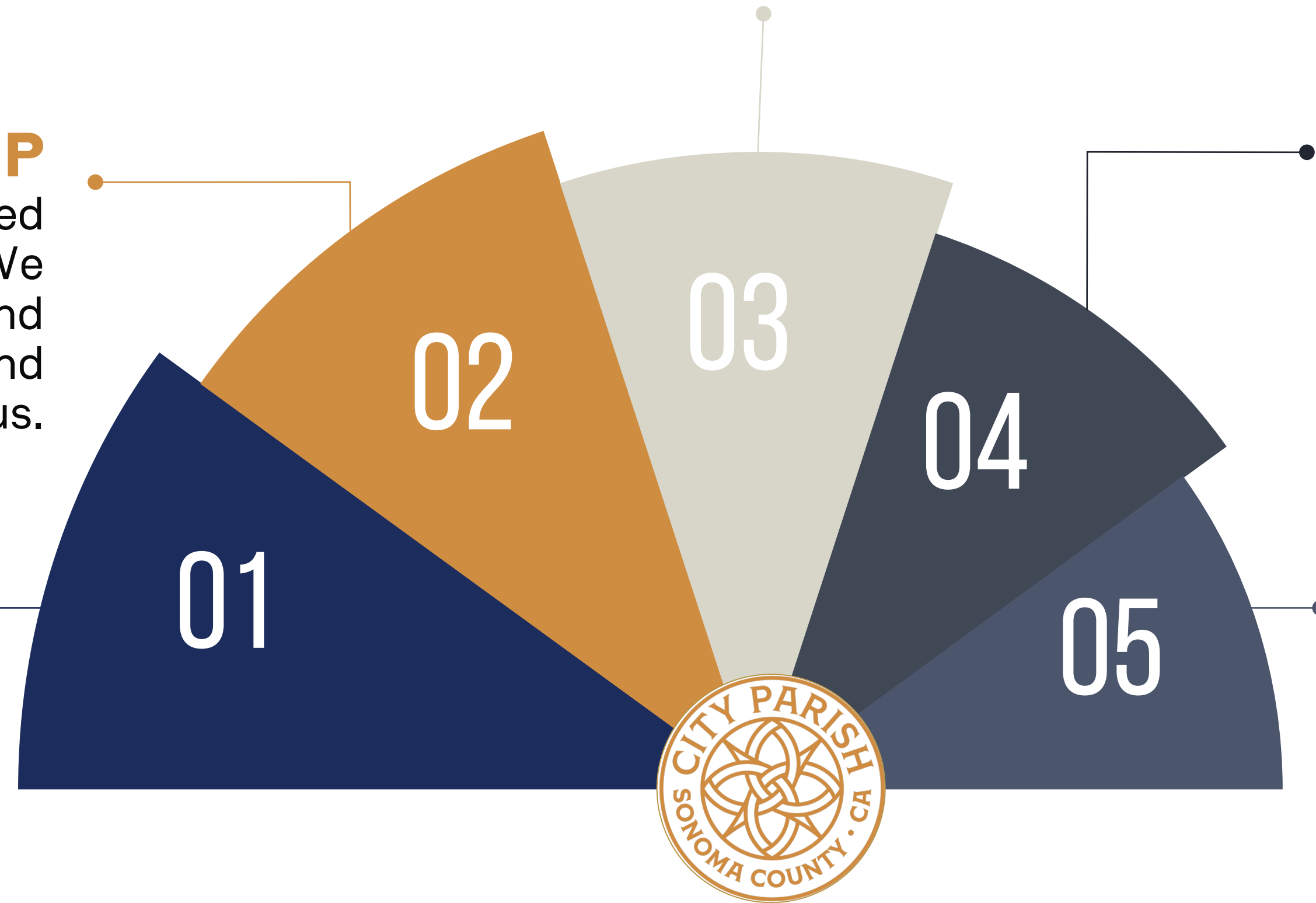
As is common with most church plants, our budget leans on the generosity of private and institutional monthly financial support.

PARTNERSHIP

Partnership is key to our continued development and fruit in ministry. We have a deep desire to learn from and serve alongside other pastors and leaders who have gone before us.

PRAYER

It must not go without saying that the single greatest need of a young, budding church plant is the constant prayer from fellow kingdom workers.



ONE-TIME DONATIONS*

Some of our ministry partners have graciously given one-time donations to allow us the necessary capital for new ministry ventures.

RESOURCES*

One often overlooked way to support a young church is through resources. Items such as vehicles, sound/IT equipment, etc. that they no longer need and could serve a church on a start-up budget.

* All donations are tax deductible

CITY PARISH



WHAT'S NEXT

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Part of understanding where we're going requires understanding the amazing journey that has led us here. The last 9 years have been full of a wide gamut of pastors and leaders training and qualifying us for this call to church plant.

**EARLY
2013**

PREPARING & TRAINING TO PLANT A CHURCH IN THE BAY AREA

After nearly three years incubating and serving with Anthem Church in Marin County, we were released to begin gathering a Core Team. In January of 2018 we started gathering regularly on Sundays and throughout the week as an inaugural MC.

STARTED MEETING WITH A CORE TEAM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Our living room quickly became too small. We launched public Sunday Gatherings on September 5, 2018. Since then, we have multiplied into a second MC on Petaluma's West Side and have baptized 10 people into Christ's Kingdom.

QUICK GROWTH & LAUNCHING ANOTHER MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

WHERE WE'RE GOING

COVID-19 changed nearly everything. CA's gathering prohibitions were some of the longest and strictest in the country. But our commitment to being the church remained steadfast. By God's grace our church managed to grow over the long COVID season.

QUALITY AND QUANTITY AS WE NAVIGATED 'SHELTER IN PLACE'

SUSTAINED GROWTH AND LAUNCHING OUR THIRD MC

We've seen 8 professions of faith, have commissioned 17 new covenant family members since November of 2021, and we just launched our third MC into Rohnert Park, CA.

Along the lines of praying for the Lord to continue to root, establish, and grow City Parish, we're asking him to help us identify and call another vocational elder/pastor to our team. We believe this next step will be invaluable to being even more faithful/fruitful as a church.

MID
2024

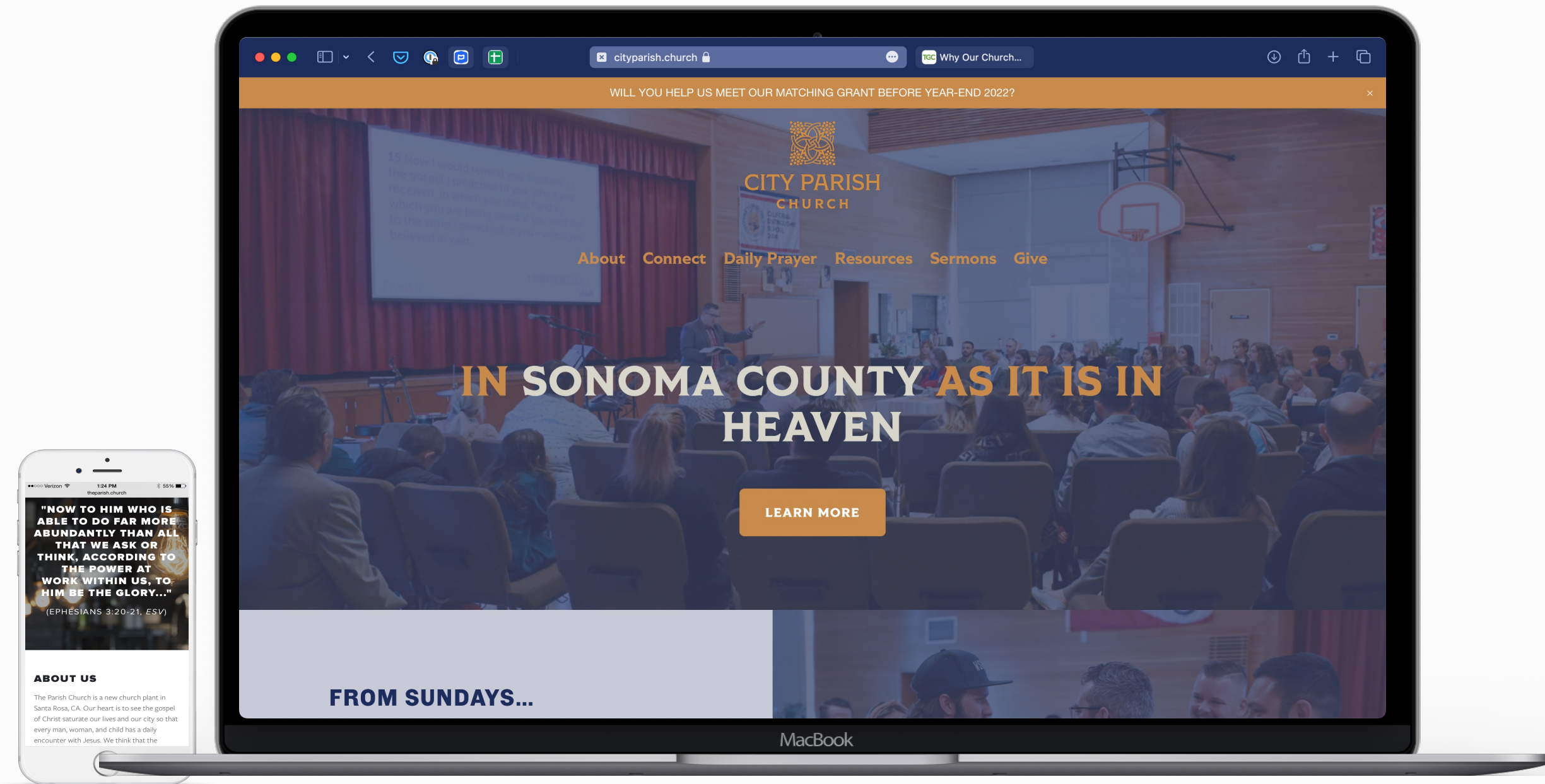
LAUNCH MORE MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES AND BRING ON ANOTHER PASTOR

4 YEAR BUDGET

We believe wholeheartedly in the church scattered (MCs) and the church gathered (Sunday mornings). That vision, undergirded and led by the Spirit, requires a lot of financial support from other saints around the globe. Below is our **actual** and **projected*** budgets from 2021 through 2024.

2021 – \$150k	2022 – \$160k	2023 – \$174k	2024 – \$208k
<p><u>SALARY</u> \$84k (1 Pastor)</p> <p><u>OPERATIONAL</u> \$22,000 (Sunday Gathering [reduced for House Church during COVID-19], admin, etc.)</p> <p><u>EQUIPPING</u> \$6,000 (conferences, MC training, travel, etc.)</p> <p><u>ENGAGING</u> \$18,000 (events to engage the city, service projects, community restoration, benevolence, etc.)</p>	<p><u>SALARY</u> \$95k (1 Pastor – 1 Deacon of Administration)</p> <p><u>OPERATIONAL</u> \$29,000 (Sunday Gathering, Admin, etc.)</p> <p><u>EQUIPPING</u> \$11,000 (conferences, MC training, travel, etc.)</p> <p><u>ENGAGING</u> \$25,000 (events to engage the city, service projects, community restoration, benevolence, etc.)</p>	<p><u>SALARY</u> \$99k (1 Pastor – 1 Deacon of Administration)</p> <p><u>OPERATIONAL</u> \$30,000 (Sunday Gathering, Admin, etc.)</p> <p><u>EQUIPPING</u> \$15,000 (launch Surge School, conferences, MC training, travel, etc.)</p> <p><u>ENGAGING</u> \$30,000 (events to engage the city, service projects, community restoration, benevolence, etc.)</p>	<p><u>SALARIES</u> \$128k (2 Pastors – 1 Deacon of Administration)</p> <p><u>OPERATIONAL</u> \$30,000 (Sunday Gathering, Admin, etc.)</p> <p><u>EQUIPPING</u> \$15,000 (launch Surge School, conferences, MC training, travel, etc.)</p> <p><u>ENGAGING</u> \$35,000 (events to engage the city, service projects, community restoration, benevolence, etc.)</p>
<p><u>Internal Giving</u> – \$ 56,484</p>	<p><u>Internal Giving*</u> – \$72,000</p>	<p><u>Internal Giving*</u> – \$90,000</p>	<p><u>Internal Giving*</u> – \$150,000</p>

CONNECT WITH US



EMAIL
info@cityparish.church



PHONE
(707)-583-9747



WEBSITE
cityparish.church