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A Letter from Pastor Chris

Dear Friends,

Church planting has been a passionate concern of mine since I first began ministry in 1993. I have been involved with church planting at many levels: equipping, sending, mission trips to assist, financially supporting, recruiting, and the list continues. The one thing missing from my résumé of support for church planters was to actually become a church planter! Perhaps in retrospect, I've been a church planter in training.

As Christians, our lives are marked with "grace points." In 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, the Apostle Paul writes of a grace point in which he acknowledges the affirmation of God's call on his life as a "wise master builder." Grace points are those moments of God's activity where the Gospel intersects with our lives.

I want to invite you to partner with us in this ambitious ministry endeavor. We are excited for this "grace point" journey and we look forward to growing the kingdom with you!

With much prayer,



Pastor Chris



SECTION ONE:

Pointing Our Community to Jesus

Faith Statement (Our Core Beliefs)

A church's faith statement reveals essential doctrinal beliefs.

Grace Point Church affirms the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message.

- 1. The Scriptures:** We believe the Bible is God's word to all people. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source for truth, for Christian beliefs, and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error.
- 2. God:** We believe God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all humanity by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to heaven's glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The Holy Spirit is present in the world to make mankind aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily.
- 3. Humanity:** We believe humanity is made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. He is the supreme object of God's creation. Although man has tremendous potential for good, he is marred by disobedience toward God called "sin," which separates us from God.
- 4. Salvation:** We believe salvation is a gift from God to humanity. Mankind can never make up for their sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can a person be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into their life by faith.
- 5. Eternity:** We believe people were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and hell are real places of eternal existence.
- 6. Baptism:** We believe baptism is by immersion and it symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. It is a public declaration that a person has accepted Jesus Christ as personal Savior. Baptism does not save you; but

shows the world that you have already been saved. While baptism is not required for salvation, it is a biblical command and demonstrates your love and obedience to Christ.

7. **Lord's Supper:** We believe communion is an ordinance given to all believers by Jesus Christ to remember His sacrifice for us and to symbolize the new covenant. The elements of bread and juice are symbols of Christ's broken body and shed blood. Communion is not a means of salvation, rather it is a testament of a believer's faith in the atoning work of the cross.

Purpose Statement (Our Mission)

"Where the Gospel meets life."

A church's purpose statement reminds us of our primary goal. A "grace point" is where the Great Commission and Great Commandment intersect. We accomplish this mission when we covenant together as like-minded believers to fulfill the Great Commission through obedience of the Great Commandment.

Core Values Statement (Our DNA)

"We value relational community, transformational growth, and missional living. That's why we GATHER, GROW, and GO."

A church's core values statement reveals who we are. Core values are principles that guide your thinking and behavior. They are an important reminder of what's important. They help us in our decision making and they inspire us toward action. Core values are often described as the DNA of a church. They aren't limited to a particular ministry or department, rather they can be seen in every ministry of the church.

These three core values summarize what an authentic disciple of Jesus looks like. Every single passage that describes a follower of Jesus can be associated with one of these three core values. Therefore, these core values are not only important to our church, but important for every person within our church.

1. We value **RELATIONAL COMMUNITY**. That's why we **GATHER**.
2. We value **TRANSFORMATIONAL GROWTH**. That's why we **GROW**.
3. We value **MISSIONAL LIVING**. That's why we **GO**.

Vision Statement (Our Future)

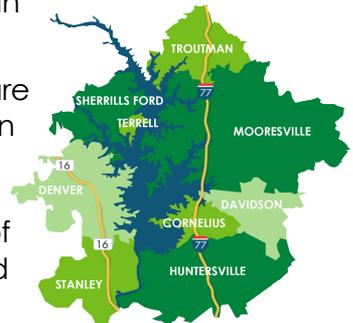
“We have a vision for a place to GATHER, a network to GROW, and a people who GO.”

A church's vision statement shows us where we want to be.

Grace Point Church has a three-fold vision for the future:

- 1. A place to GATHER.** We are praying that God will provide us with a campus of 20+ acres along the NC-150 corridor between Mooresville and Sherrills Ford. Our desire is to begin with a Children's Ministry building that will include a 200-seat auditorium. Phase 2 will be a Student Center that will include a 300-seat auditorium. Phase 3 will be our primary Worship Center with a 1000+ theater-style auditorium. We want to build these buildings with our Children & Student Ministries in mind.
- 2. A network to GROW.** Did you know that nearly 270,000 people live around Lake Norman? In 1990, Mooresville had a population of 9000 people. That compares to the 90,000 people who live here today! An estimated 180,000 people of the Lake Norman population do not identify with any local church in the Lake Norman area.

That's 180,000 people who are attempting to navigate the world in which we live without the support system of a local church. We have a vision for developing a network of small groups that meet all around the Lake Norman community.



- 3. A people who GO.** We want to be a church where 100% of the people who attend are mobilized to fulfill the Great Commission and Great Commandment. We have a vision for being a sending church that is actively taking the Gospel around the globe. We have a vision for being a multiplying church that is actively seeking to help plant new churches.

SECTION TWO:

Why Lake Norman?

Lostness

An estimated 180,000 people who live around Lake Norman are trying to navigate the world's culture without the support system of a local church. Would you pray for those 180,000 people?

Growth

The Lake Norman community has a population of 270,000 people! In 1990, Huntersville had a population of 3000 people. That compares to the 68,000 people who live there today. Mooresville had a population of 9000 in 1990 and today there are over 90,000 people! We need more churches to keep up with the growth! Would you pray for new and existing churches to experience growth in our growing community?

Families

Many of the families that have moved to the Lake Norman area have moved away from their extended family (e.g. parents, grandparents, etc.). They are in need of a church family that will encourage them to live for Christ. Would you pray for the families of our community?



SECTION THREE:

Timeline

Preparation Phase (March 2019 – September 2019)

The Preparation Phase began when the Core Team sensed God's call to plant a church in the Lake Norman community. This phase is largely planning and infrastructure. Our goal is to have identified Team Leads for Connection Point, Worship Team, and Kids Point who will help develop these teams through the Pre-Launch Phase.

Pre-Launch Phase (October 2019 – March 2020)

The Pre-Launch Phase is designed to build a "Launch Team" from within the community. The commitment level is attending monthly worship services, serving in some capacity, and inviting others to attend. Our goal is to train and equip 20 team members (covenant partners) by the end of the Pre-Launch Phase.

Launch Phase (April 2020 – December 2020)

The Launch Phase begins by launching weekly worship services and Kids Point Ministry on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. This phase continues with the launch of small groups and Student Point Ministry in September. The Launch Phase ends in December 2020. Our goal is to have 75 team members (covenant partners) actively serving by the end of the Launch Phase.

Post-Launch Phase (January 2021 – December 2022)

The Post-Launch Phase begins at the start of 2021 when worship, children & student ministries, and small groups are all operating. This phase continues until the end of year-3 when the church is financially self-sustaining. Our goal is to have 3 networks of small groups that are equipping and training covenant partners in the gospel ministry by the end of the Post-Launch Phase.

SECTION FOUR:

Leadership Strategy

Preparation Phase (March 2019 – September 2019)

- ✓ The Core Team (4 Members): This is our staff and spouses. This team has developed the Strategic Plan for 2019-2020.
- ✓ The Prayer Team (75 Members and growing): This is anyone who has committed to pray for our church and is on our e-newsletter distribution list.
- ✓ The Team Leads (3 Team Leads Needed): These are people who have committed to lead others through recruiting, training, and equipping a team for each of these ministries.
 - Connection Point Team (1 of 1)
 - Worship Team (1 of 1)
 - Kids Point Team (1 of 1)

Pre-Launch Phase (October 2019 – March 2020)

- ✓ The Core Team (4 Members)
- ✓ The Prayer Team (75 Members and growing)
- ✓ The Team Leads (3 of 3 Team Leads Needed)
- ❑ The Ministry Teams (10 of 15 Ministry Leaders)
 - Connection Point Team: (4 of 5)
 - Worship Team: (3 of 5)
 - Kids Point Team: (3 of 5)

Launch Phase (April 2020 – December 2020)

- ✓ The Core Team (4 Members)
- ✓ The Prayer Team (75 Members and growing)
- ❑ The Team Leads (3 of 6 Team Leads Needed)
- ❑ The Ministry Teams (TBD of 25 Ministry Leaders)
 - Connection Point Team: (4 of 5 Members)
 - Worship Team: (3 of 5 Members)
 - Kids Point Team: (3 of 5 Members)
 - Small Group Leadership: (0 of 5 Members)
 - Student Point: (0 of 5 Members)

Post-Launch Phase (January 2021 – December 2022)

The Post-Launch Phase will focus on building these teams. The book "Leadership Team: The Grace Point Map to Servanthood" outlines the roles and ministry descriptions for each team.

SECTION FIVE:

Budget Strategy

Budget Overview

The following is a quick reference overview of budget goals by phase.

		YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE
ACCOUNT CATEGORIES	PREPARATION PHASE	PRE-LAUNCH PHASE	LAUNCH PHASE	POST-LAUNCH PHASE	
100 Personnel	\$15,000.	\$65,000.	\$98,500.	\$136,500.	\$136,500.
200 Worship	\$6,000.	\$3,000.	\$3,000.	\$10,500.	\$10,500.
300 Fellowship	\$0.	\$1,000.	\$1,000.	\$2,000.	\$2,000.
400 Discipleship	\$0.	\$1,000.	\$1,000.	\$2,000.	\$2,000.
500 Ministry	\$4,500.	\$5,000.	\$2,000.	\$10,000.	\$10,000.
600 Missions	\$850.	\$10,000.	\$15,000.	\$25,000.	\$25,000.
700 Facilities, Grounds, & Vehicles Administration	\$650.	\$3,500.	\$18,000.	\$36,000.	\$36,000.
800 Office & Fiscal Administration	\$8,000.	\$1,500.	\$1,500.	\$3,000.	\$3,000.
Reserves	\$0.	\$10,000.	\$10,000.	\$25,000.	\$25,000.
Totals:	\$35,000.	\$100,000.	\$150,000.	\$250,000.	\$250,000.

Budget Account Category Descriptions

The following is a quick reference overview of account categories and descriptions.

ACCOUNT CATEGORIES	CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS
100 Personnel	Staff salaries, staff benefits, staff allowances, contract wages, staff acquisition, etc.
200 Worship	Worship expenses, communion, sound equipment, video equipment, worship subscriptions and licensures (e.g. CCLI, Planning Center, ProPresenter, WorshipHouse Media, etc.), portable baptistry, etc.
300 Fellowship	Small group promotional materials and resources.
400 Discipleship	Discipleship promotional materials and resources, discipleship classes, new member classes, community seminars, etc.
500 Ministry	Leadership team supplies and equipment, leadership development and training meetings, marketing, children's ministry equipment, student ministry equipment, etc.
600 Missions	Cooperative Program, outreach events, other church planting efforts support, etc.
700 Facilities, Grounds, & Vehicles Administration	Meeting space rental, general liability insurance, etc.
800 Office & Fiscal Administration	Church database, Quickbooks, website, phone service, PO Box, stamps, offering envelopes, church brochures, thank you cards, church letterhead, printing expenses, laptop, etc.
Reserves	The goal is to have 3 months of expenses in savings by the end of the Post-Launch Phase. This will lessen the impact of the loss of external support and help solidify financial stability.

SECTION SIX:

Next Steps

Spiritual: We need you to PRAY!

"Nothing of eternal significance ever happens apart from prayer!"

We firmly believe in the power of prayer. We invite you to join our Prayer Partners by visiting our web app at www.GracePointLKN.com and selecting the "PARTNER" icon. Signing up as a Prayer Partner will add you to our monthly email newsletter updates.

Would you pray that the Lord of the harvest would raise up partners in the gospel that will make an impact for the Kingdom of God?

Financial: We need you to GIVE!

"Money isn't everything, but it' right up there with air."

Our goal is to raise \$785,000 and be self-sustaining by January 2023. Would you prayerfully consider giving a one-time gift, or partnering with us on a monthly basis? You can give online by visiting our web app at www.GracePointLKN.com and selecting the "GIVE NOW" icon. You can also make checks payable to "Grace Point" and send to:

Grace Point Church
PO Box 5442
Mooresville, NC 28117-0442

Would you pray for God to reveal how you can support Grace Point financially?

Strategic: We need you to SERVE!

"A vision without strategy is an illusion."

Perhaps God is calling you to join us on this exciting new journey! We are looking for people who are committed to reaching the Lake Norman area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in serving on our Launch Team, visit our web app at www.GracePointLKN.com and select the "SIGN UP" icon.

Would you pray for those who will serve on our Launch Team?