



SATURATE

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN



SAT·U·RATE

- 1: to satisfy fully : satiate
- 2: to treat, furnish, or charge with something to the point where no more can be absorbed, dissolved, or retained
- 3: to fill completely with something that permeates or pervades



For some time, staff and members of Temple have been prayerfully seeking the Lord's direction for our church. What you will read is a synopsis. Our theme is summed up in the verb "saturate." Habakkuk 2:14 says, "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." The word "filled" in this verse has many theological themes in the Old Testament, and for Habakkuk, he looked at a world filled with many things that grieved God. However, with spiritual eyes, the prophet longed for and looked with hope to the day God's glory would saturate the earth. The promise still stands. God's glory shall one day fill this earth, for Jesus Christ shall return, put down all sin, and establish His righteous kingdom.

As we look toward that day, we are committed to fulfilling our responsibility of "saturating" the Pinebelt and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. While the information in this booklet is not exhaustive, it does provide a clear path for the next five years. We invite you to join us in this journey. Let us seek to be "filled" or "saturated" (Eph. 5:18) with God's Spirit, and let us seek to "saturate" the Pinebelt and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ (Matt. 24:14)!

Pastor Darryl



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OUR BURDENS THAT DRIVE US

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Habakkuk 2:14

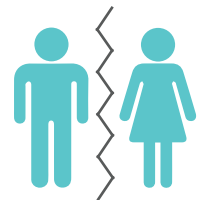
GOD'S GLORY LOSTNESS BROKENNESS HOPELESSNESS

 1.9 BILLION
PEOPLE HAVE NEVER
HEARD THE GOSPEL EVEN ONCE

"VISION THAT IS BIRTHED FROM AMBITION TENDS TO BE MAN-CENTERED AND SELFISH. VISION THAT IS BIRTHED FROM BURDEN IS GOD-CENTERED." Dr. Darryl Craft

SEEING THE PEOPLE, HE FELT COMPASSION FOR THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE DISTRESSED AND DISPIRITED LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.
MATTHEW 9:36

43% OF MARRIAGES
END IN
DIVORCE



40 MILLION AMERICANS
ARE REGULAR VISITORS TO
PORNOGRAPHIC SITES





**SENDING
PRAYING
GIVING**

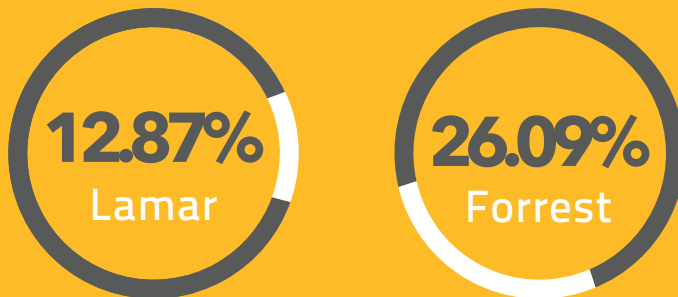
SENDING

A CHURCH SATURATING THE PINEBELT AND THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL

A PEOPLE KNOWN FOR GOING AND SENDING

- DISCIPLES INTO OUR COMMUNITY
- MESSENGERS INTO OUR WORLD

Active evangelical households by county:



"Active" is defined as attending 1 out of every 4 Sundays.

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
MATTHEW 28:19

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation
MARK 16:15

What is a "Sending Church"? A sending church is one that obediently responds to Jesus' final command to His followers to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.

Today, there are 1.9 billion people who have never heard the name of Jesus. Charles Spurgeon once said, "I plead this day for those who cannot plead for themselves... Shall we let them perish? Can we go to our beds and sleep while China, India, Japan, and other nations are being damned?" A sending church is one that has a burden for and a plan to see that all who are presently damned hear the life-changing message of the gospel.

As you will see on the pages that follow, we have an intentional strategy that will prepare our people to faithfully share the gospel and establish Christian communities in every part of the world. A sending church is one that is known more for the numbers they send than the ones that gather. Our desire is that Temple will be known as a church for going and sending.

SENDING OPPORTUNITIES

DISCIPLESHIP
PINEBELT
GAP

PARTNERSHIPS
CHURCH
PLANTING



DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship involves our head, heart, and hands. A disciple of Jesus is a person who is following Christ (head), is being changed by Christ (heart), and is committed to the mission of Christ (hands). "He said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"

OUR GOAL IS TO INTENTIONALLY MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS, WHO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS

IF YOU ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU... YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT, AND SO PROVE TO BE MY DISCIPLES. JOHN 15:7-8

The family is the God-designed unit for shaping an individual from birth to personal maturity. In the same way, the body of Christ is the God-designed unit for shaping an individual from spiritual birth to spiritual maturity. This is why disciple-making should be at the heart of all that a church is and all that it does. Much like a greenhouse, a church has many intentional components or environments that contribute to the product of the disciple who makes disciples generation after generation.

Three disciple-making environments at Temple are as follows: **Bible Fellowship** organizes the church into ongoing smaller multiplying groups that are open to everyone in order to help people connect, belong, be cared for, use their spiritual gifts, and gain Bible understanding and application. **Life Groups** help those who desire to be a disciple-maker. Each individual going through the Disciple's Path curriculum will have a goal of eventually leading a "second generation" group through the Disciple's Path. **Equipping Classes** equip people in specific stages of life, crisis, or core habits/truths in short-term groups primarily on Wednesday nights.

1,000 NEW PEOPLE
ENROLLED IN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES
FIVE YEAR GOAL



- [TBCLIFE.NET/GROUPS](https://tbclife.net/groups)
- [TBCLIFE.NET/GROUP-FINDER](https://tbclife.net/group-finder)

DISCIPLESHIP TIMELINE



Adult Bible Fellowships understand that Life Groups are for the purpose of making disciples who make disciples. Every Adult Bible Fellowship is prepared to disciple new and immature believers.

Every Adult Bible Fellowship has a Life Group Coordinator identified and trained in a Wednesday Night Equipping course. A minimum of 30 Life Group Coordinators equipped.



Our goal is 50 disciple-makers actively discipling a group using Disciple's Path or other approved tool.

EVERY ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HAS STARTED MAKING DISCIPLES
Each Bible Fellowship has at least one "second generation" Life Group going through the Disciple's Path.



Our goal is 100 disciple-makers actively discipling a group using Disciple's Path or other approved tool.

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES
Each Bible Fellowship has "multi-generation" Life Groups going through the Disciple's Path.



Our goal is 175 Disciple-makers actively discipling a group using Disciple's Path or other approved tool.



Our goal is 300 disciple-makers actively discipling a group using Disciple's Path or other approved tool.



YEAR



PINEBELT

"26.4% of people in America live in apartment communities. Only 5% of multi-resident housing residents go to any type of evangelical church." North American Mission Board

OUR GOAL IS TO SATURATE THE PINEBELT WITH THE GOSPEL

**TELL OF HIS
GLORY AMONG
THE NATIONS,
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DEEDS AMONG
ALL THE
PEOPLES.**

1 CHRONICLES 16:24

Fifty-two thousand people will live within five miles of Temple Baptist Church by 2019. This is 80% of the Lamar County population. Within the "Five-Mile Radius" are the poorest and wealthiest citizens in the Pinebelt. Temple is strategically located to the population base that surrounds it. The "Five-Mile Radius" surrounding the church is diverse ethnically, economically and culturally.

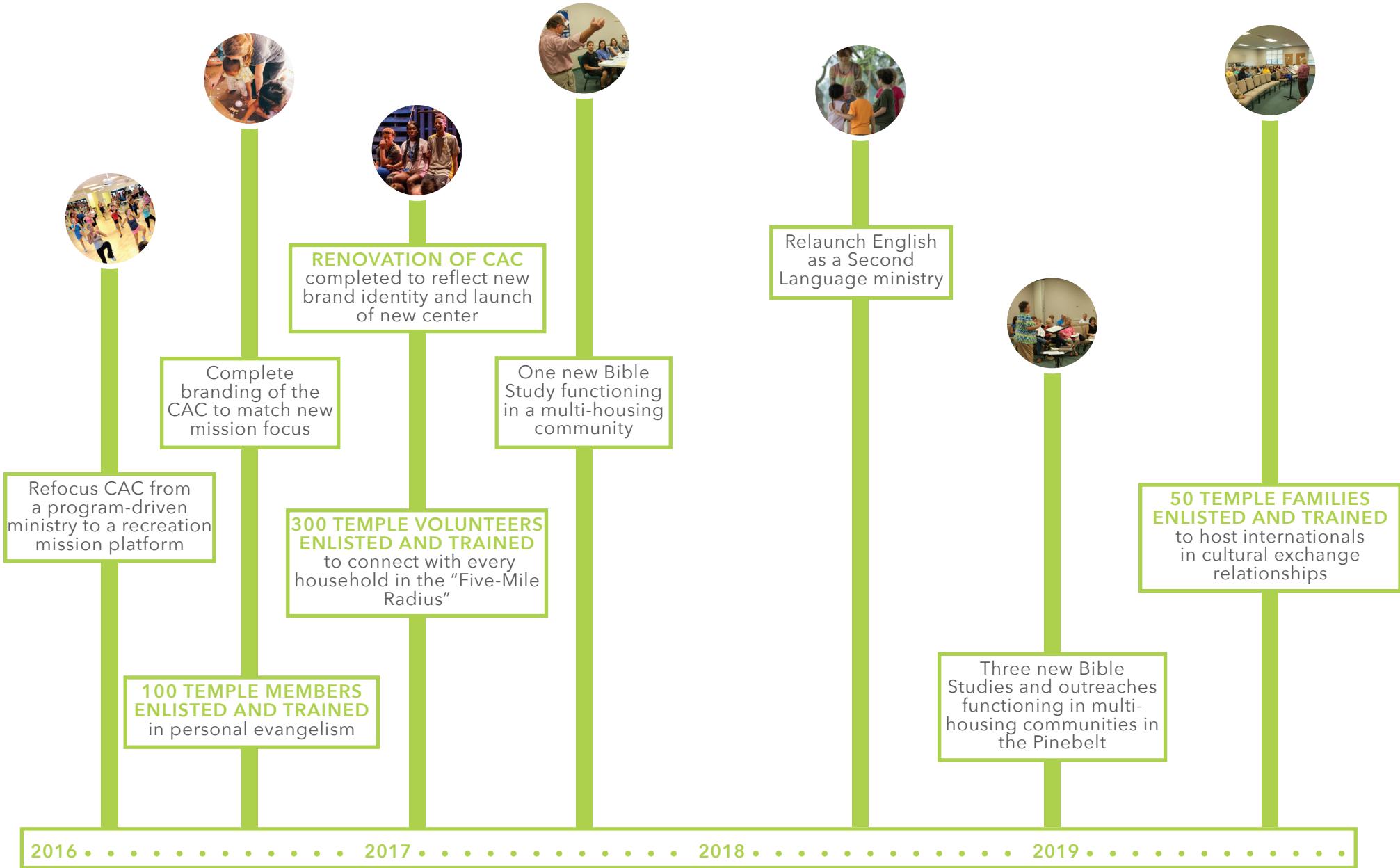
Within the "Five-Mile Radius" of Temple, 60% of the population expressed they are Christian and members of a local church. However in Lamar County alone, only 12.87% claim to be regular attenders. More troubling is that regular attendance is now defined as one in every four Sundays. If projections are correct, of the 52,000 people residing within the "Five-Mile Radius" in 2019, less than 12% are going to be in church on any given Sunday.

"EIGHTY-TWO PERCENT OF THE UNCHURCHED ARE AT LEAST SOMEWHAT LIKELY TO ATTEND CHURCH IF INVITED."

Dr. Thom Rainer, The Unchurched Next Door

- FULLY ENGAGE THE "FIVE-MILE RADIUS" AROUND TBC WITH THE GOSPEL
- ESTABLISH A REPRODUCIBLE OUTREACH TO MULTI-RESIDENT HOUSING
- ESTABLISH INTENTIONAL OUTREACH TO INTERNATIONALS
- REFOCUS THE CAC TO BECOME A HUB OF ACTIVITY WHERE THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY INTERSECT ON BRIDGES TO THE GOSPEL

PINEBELT TIMELINE



YEAR



GAP

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

OUR GOAL IS TO EQUIP AND RELEASE YOUNG ADULTS TO LIVE FAITHFULLY AND MISSIONALLY WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE PREACHED IN THE WHOLE WORLD AS A TESTIMONY TO ALL NATIONS, AND THEN THE END WILL COME. MATTHEW 24:14

GAP ministry is a missional opportunity for young adults, 18 to 24 years of age, to commit a season of their lives, 6 months to 1 year, developing a strong biblical foundation and a Christ-centered worldview while taking the gospel to the nations.

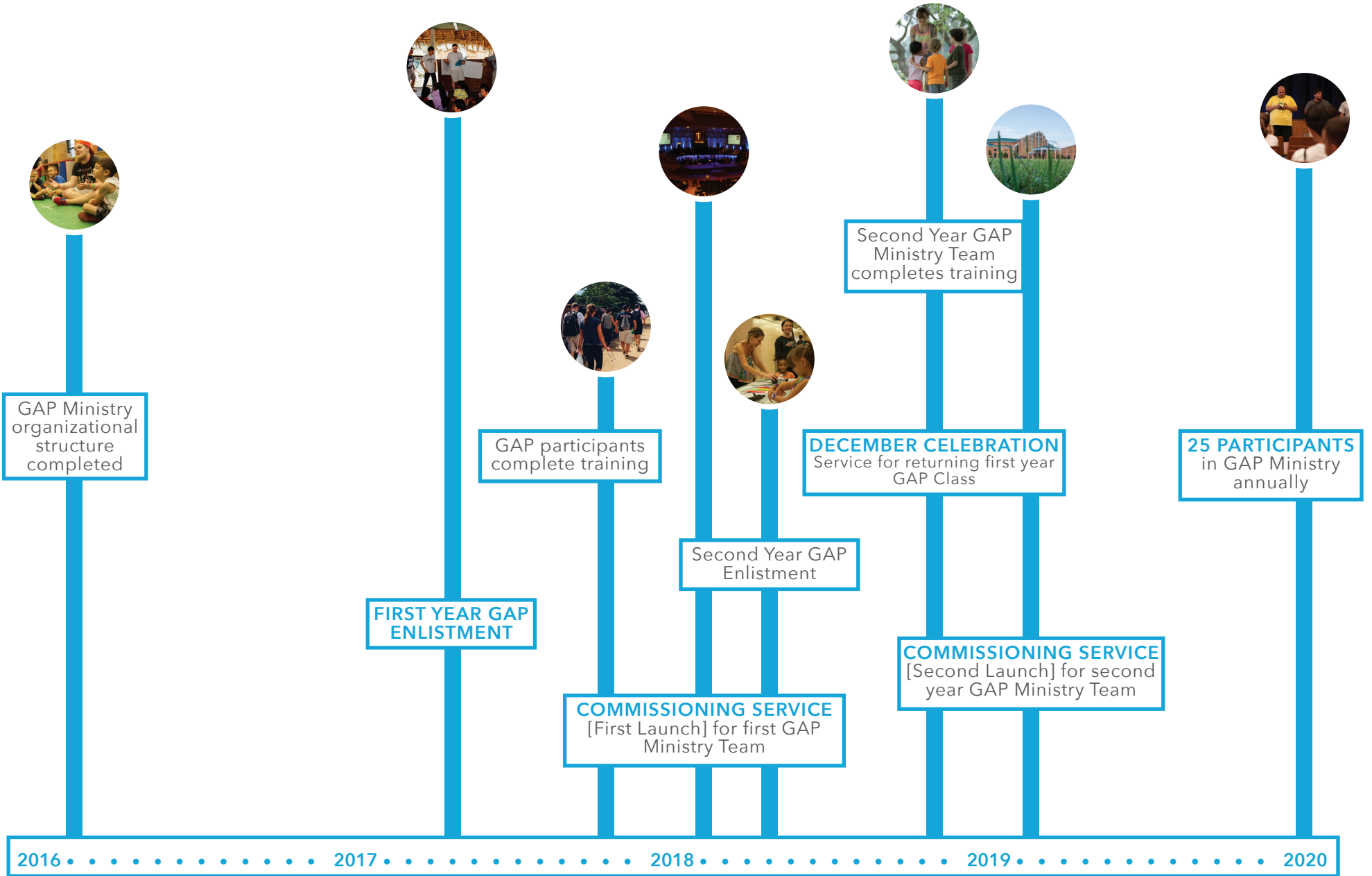
We will develop a training center at Temple that, in five years, will prepare 25 young adults annually in the GAP ministry. This is just one of the innovative ways Temple will prepare workers to share the love of Christ and build Christian communities in every part of the world.

CONNECTING LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY THROUGH MISSIONS



- [TBCLIFE.NET/MISSIONS/TRAINING](https://tbclife.net/missions/training)
- [TBCLIFE.NET/MISSIONS/SHORT-TERM-TRIPS](https://tbclife.net/missions/short-term-trips)
- [TBCLIFE.NET/MISSIONS/CHURCH-PLANTS](https://tbclife.net/missions/church-plants)
- [TBCLIFE.NET/MISSIONS/LOCAL-PARTNERS](https://tbclife.net/missions/local-partners)
- [TBCLIFE.NET/SPORTS](https://tbclife.net/sports)

GAP TIMELINE



2016 • • • • • 2017 • • • • • 2018 • • • • • 2019 • • • • • 2020

YEAR



PARTNERSHIPS

A partnership is defined as an arrangement where parties agree to cooperate for the purposes of advancing their mutual interest. Temple seeks to develop partnerships to increase the likelihood of achieving our missional goals and to expand our reach into the world with the gospel message.

OUR GOAL IS TO DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE PINEBELT, IN EVERY REGION OF NORTH AMERICA, AND ON EVERY CONTINENT IN FIVE YEARS

IN ALL MY PRAYERS FOR ALL OF YOU, I ALWAYS PRAY WITH JOY BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW. PHILIPPIANS 1:4-5

Temple desires to see the power of the gospel transform lives and communities. We intend to do this by forming strategic partnerships with like-minded churches and ministries around the world. Strategic partnerships multiply ministry effectiveness for kingdom growth by enabling partners to leverage their strengths and resources. Strategic partnerships will provide Temple with access to locations that would be unreachable otherwise. Strategic partnerships will provide increased mission opportunities for Temple members. Most of all, strategic partnership will better enable Temple to follow the Lord's command to make disciples of all nations.

CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS

THE PINE BELT

Bethany Christian Services
The Salvation Army
First Priority
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
BSU University of Southern Mississippi
BSU William Carey University
United Christian Ministries
Pine Belt Baptist Association

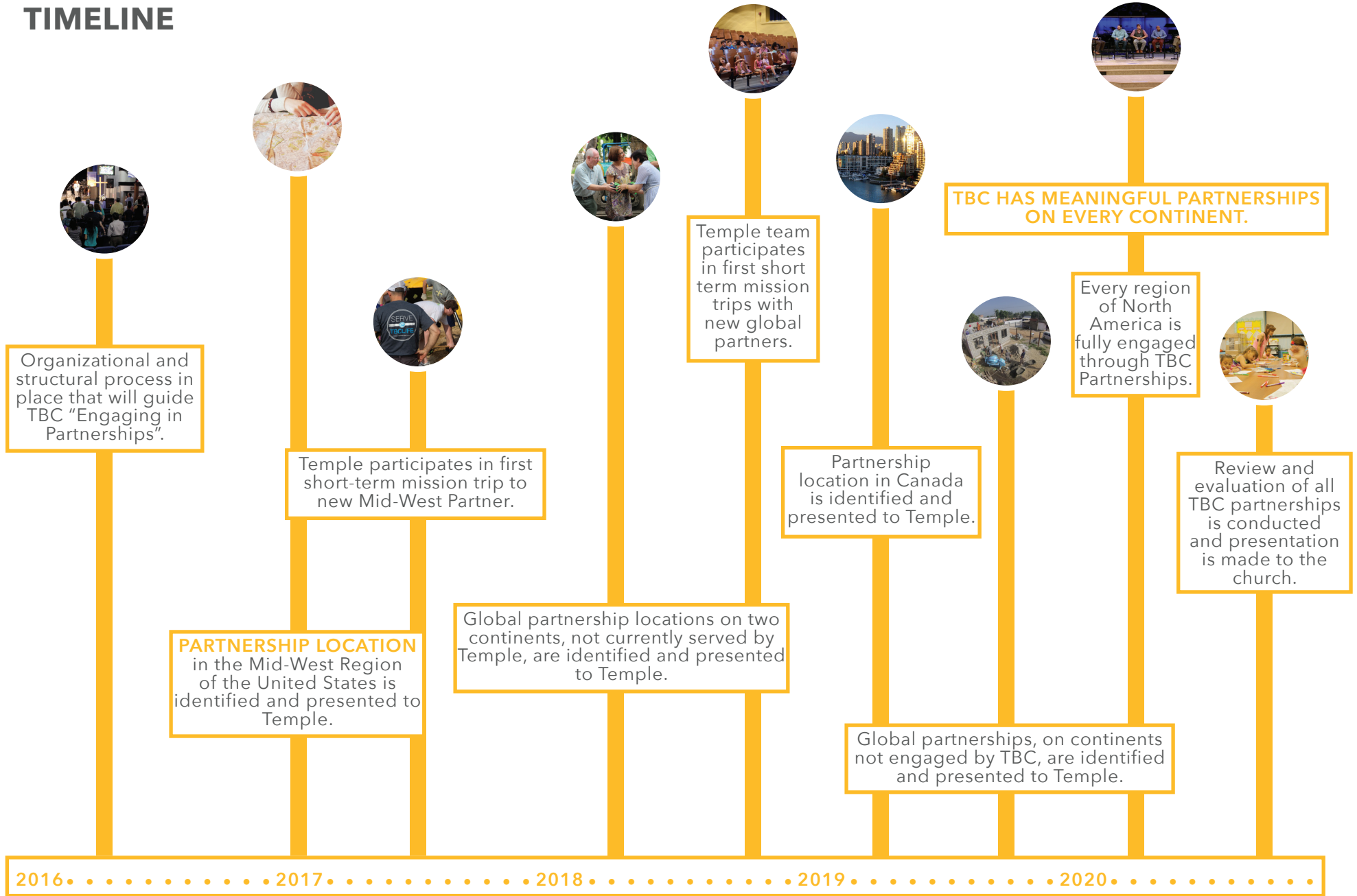
DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

Crossroads Church Staten Island, New York
Renovate Church Birmingham, Alabama
Walk Church Las Vegas, Nevada
Crossroads Community Church Kenner, Louisiana
Mississippi Baptist Convention
North American Mission Board of Southern Baptists

GLOBAL PARTNERS

Kiev Theological Seminary Kiev, Ukraine
World Orphans Haiti
Pioneer Missions Brazil
Baptist Medical and Dental Mission International
International Honduras
International Mission Board of Southern Baptists
Southern Baptist Convention

PARTNERSHIPS TIMELINE



YEAR



CHURCH PLANTING

How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" Romans 10:15

OUR GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH ONE CHURCH PLANT IN AN UNREACHED AREA OF THE WORLD

**BUT YOU WILL
RECEIVE POWER
WHEN THE HOLY
SPIRIT HAS COME
UPON YOU; AND
YOU SHALL BE MY
WITNESSES BOTH
IN JERUSALEM,
AND IN ALL
JUDEA AND
SAMARIA, AND
EVEN TO THE
REMOTEST PART
OF THE EARTH.
ACTS 1:8**

Temple will develop an intentional plan for planting churches.

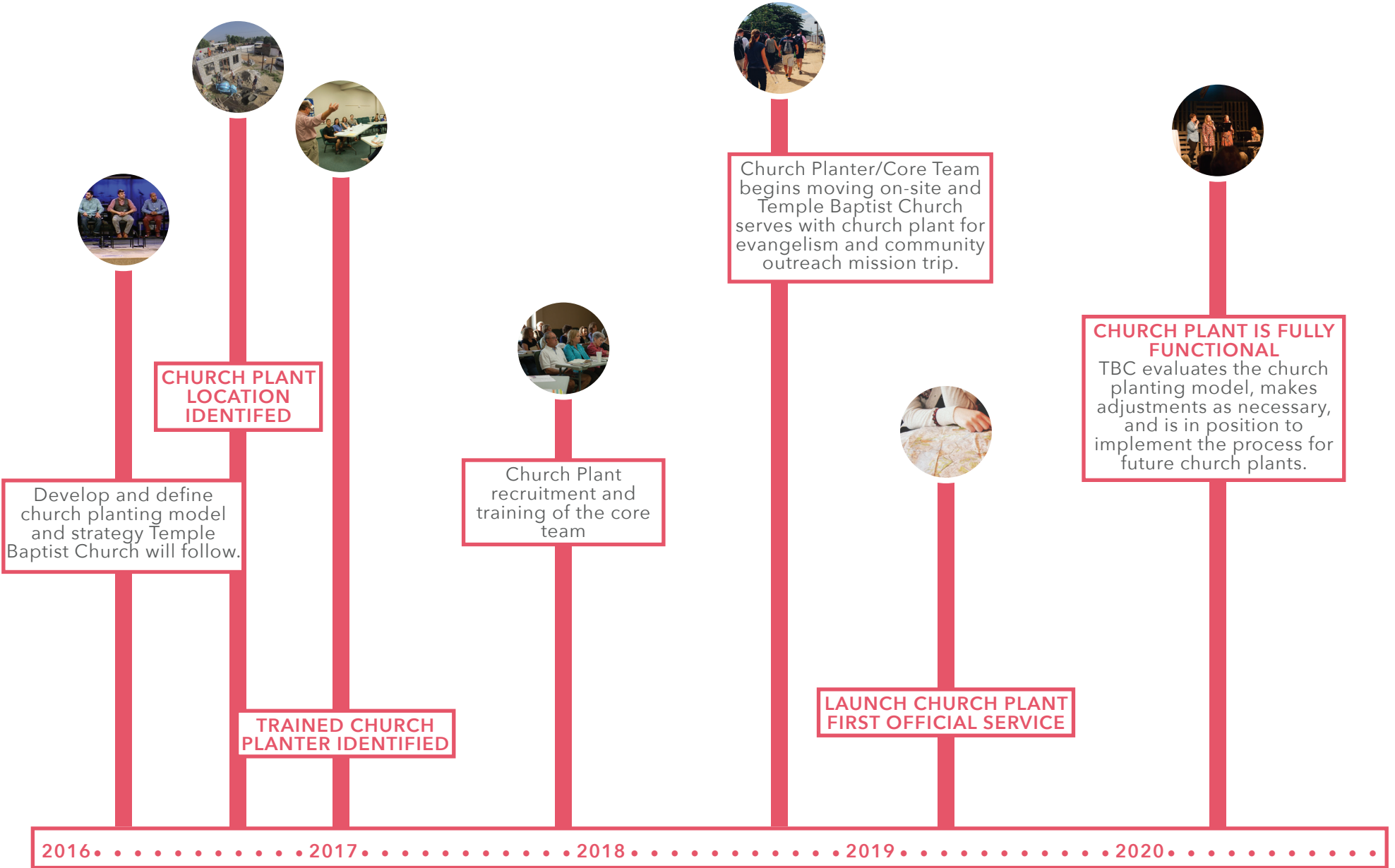
"The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for (1) the numerical growth of the body of Christ in a city and (2) the continual corporate renewal and revival of the existing churches in a city. Nothing else—not crusades, outreach programs, parachurch ministries, growing mega-churches, congregational consulting, nor church renewal processes—will have the consistent impact of dynamic, extensive church planting. This is an eyebrow-raising statement, but to those who have done any study at all, it is not even controversial." (Dr. Tim Keller)

It goes without saying, lost people need Jesus. Church planting is the most effective way to saturate a community with a gospel presence. Church plants reach different people groups. The Great Commission mandated that disciples be reached among all nations, not just the Galileans who were gathered. Church plants can reach different demographics of people by strategically positioning them to serve communities in fresh and effective ways.

**THE PERCENTAGE OF CANADIANS WHO
IDENTIFY AS CATHOLIC HAS DROPPED
FROM 47% TO 39% OVER THE LAST FOUR
DECADES, WHILE THE SHARE THAT IDENTIFIES
AS PROTESTANT HAS FALLEN EVEN MORE
STEEPLY, FROM 41% TO 27%.**



CHURCH PLANTING TIMELINE



YEAR

PRAYING

A CHURCH SATURATING THE PINEBELT AND THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL

A PEOPLE KNOWN FOR PRAYER

EVEN THOSE
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OF PRAYER
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PEOPLES.
ISAIAH 56:7

"The Bible does say, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.' Preaching, music, the reading of the Word-these things are fine-but they must never override prayer as the defining mark of God's dwelling." (Jim Cymbala)

"The most important human factor in effective evangelism is PRAYER. Every great awakening in the history of the church from the time of the Apostles until today has been the result of prayer. There have been great awakenings without much preaching; and there have been great awakenings with absolutely no organization, but there has never been a true awakening without much prayer." (R.A. Torrey)

OUR GOAL IS TO CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF PRAYER

"The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings. So is the prayer meeting a grace-ometer, and from it we may judge of the amount of divine working among a people. If God be near a church, it must pray. And if He be not there, one of the first tokens of His absence will be a slothfulness in prayer!" (Charles H. Spurgeon)

- **LEADERSHIP:** Identify and enlist leadership by March 2016.
- **ORGANIZATION (DNA):** Develop and launch the prayer strategy for TBC by May 2016.
- **VISIBILITY:** Increase visibility of prayer by developing a communication and celebration plan by October 2016.
- **ACCESSIBILITY:** Provide a "prayer center" by November 2016.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING
1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

GIVING

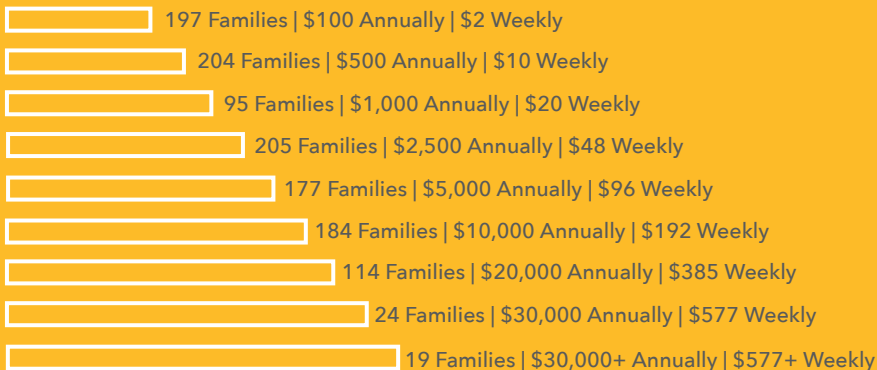
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THE PINEBELT AND THE
WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL

A PEOPLE KNOWN FOR GENEROSITY



Americans donated two percent of their disposable income to some form of charity last year.

TEMPLE GIVING



OUR GOAL IS TO CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF GROWING BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

1 Equip members for a lifestyle of growing biblical stewardship that empowers financial freedom and generosity.

- Help individuals grow in the grace of giving.
- Increase the number of givers.

2 Pour greater resources into being a sending church by eliminating debt.

- Form a culture of giving beyond the tithe to reduce and/or eliminate church debt in 5 years.
- Redirect future funds from servicing our debt to spreading the gospel.

3 Develop a legacy initiative that will enable members to continue their gospel influence beyond their lifetimes.

But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

2 Corinthians 8:7



OUR PASSION IS TO SEE
LIFE CHANGE
THROUGH
3 CORE VALUES

LIFE WORSHIP We see the body dedicate itself to the teaching of the apostles, to worship, and to prayer.

LIFE TOGETHER We also follow their example of committing themselves to the life together and to the common meal, living in wonderful harmony, holding everything in common.

LIFE MISSION We see that by living out their faith that people in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.



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In all that we do, our desire is to equip and inspire healthy family members to live missionally and to leverage their circles of influence for the gospel.