

citychurch

LOVE GOD. SERVE THE CITY.

Ministry Plan

coming to midtown Tulsa, January 2010

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GENERAL INFORMATION

// **Target Area**

Midtown | Tulsa, Oklahoma

// **Launch Date**

January 31, 2010

// **Website**

www.citychurchtulsa.com

// **Mailing Address**

City Church
PO Box 14500
Tulsa, OK 74159

VALUES

// **Celebrate Life Change**

We want to be a church that shares stories about what God has done and is doing in our lives.

// **Grow Spiritually**

Life is a spiritual journey that challenges us to become more like Christ every day.

// **Develop Deep Relationships**

God never intended for us to live out our faith on our own. It's in community that we find strength, encouragement, and accountability.

// **Serve The City**

We want to be Jesus to our city, loving and serving the city in any way possible.

// **Living Out God's Mission**

God has given each person the ability to impact the kingdom of God. We want to help people find and pursue the call of God on their life.

// **Start New Churches**

Our goal is to start new, life giving churches all over the world.

BELIEFS

// **T r i n i t y**

God is three in one. He exists as one being in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. While all three persons have different roles, they each possess equal power and authority. The trinity works together in complete unity and is the perfect example of a team.

// **G o d**

God is our father, creator, and ruler of the universe. He is loving, compassionate, and faithful. He has never lied or broken any of his promises. He is all-powerful and all knowing. He is holy. And most importantly, he wants to have a relationship with us.

// **J e s u s**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He left heaven and came to this earth in order to restore our broken relationship with God. He lived the ultimate selfless life by committing no sin and offering himself as a sacrifice for our sins by dying on the cross. After three days, he rose again to demonstrate his power over sin and death. He then ascended back into heaven and will return again to reign as Lord over all.

// **H o l y S p i r i t**

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son. He is always present with us in this world in order to make us aware of our need for Christ. He convicts us of our sins, provides us with power to overcome evil, gives us wisdom, and comforts us in times of need.

// **H u m a n i t y**

Humanity is made in the image of God and was designed to fellowship with him. However, due to our sins, we have been separated from God. In order to reestablish our relationship with God, we need Jesus. We cannot regain a right relationship with God on our own, only by putting our faith in Jesus.

// **S a l v a t i o n**

We are saved the moment we ask Christ into our lives. He forgives us of our sins, allowing us to reestablish a right relationship with God. We cannot gain salvation through our own good works, but only by trusting in Jesus Christ.

// **R e t u r n**

Jesus Christ will return for those who have received salvation by placing their faith in him. No one knows the day or the hour of his return.

// **E t e r n i t y**

We are eternal beings. When we die, we will either spend eternity in heaven or hell. Eternity in heaven is granted through Jesus Christ, while without salvation, our sin eternally separates us from God in hell.

// **B i b l e**

The Bible is God's word to us. The Holy Scriptures were written by human authors who were inspired by God himself. The Bible contains no errors and is the supreme source of truth for all believers. It is still as relevant today as when it was first written.

// **C h u r c h**

The church is a local community of believers unified through faith in Christ. These followers are committed to the teachings of Christ, to obeying his commands, and to taking the gospel message to the rest of the world. The church works together in unity and love as a representation of Jesus to our world.

AFFILIATIONS

// Association of Related Churches (ARC)

The Association of Related Churches brings together people who have a passion for planting life giving churches all over the world. Visit www.relatedchurches.com for more information.



// Assemblies of God Fellowship

The Assemblies of God believes in the God of the Bible, embracing salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. The A/G fellowship also believes that God is still at work today through the power of His Holy Spirit. For more information, visit www.ag.org.



LEADERSHIP STRATEGY

// Team Approach

City Church has taken a team approach to doing ministry. We do not believe that pastors should be rockstars or lone rangers. Instead, God has given each of us different giftings to serve him and his church. Therefore, our leadership team will share responsibility as pastors and work together in making the best decisions for City Church. However, when necessary, a first among equals has been established.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

// BJ Barrick | Executive Pastor



// Chad McCaslin | Creative Pastor

// Jim Moss | Community Pastor



// Matt Nelson | Teaching Pastor
(first among equals)

// Shea Fryer | Kid's Director



// Lindsay Nelson | Admin. Assistant

// Kalyn Barrick | Worship Dir.



// Team's Culture

- Spiritual Development

Our team is first and foremost passionate pursuers of Jesus Christ. Ministry should take a back seat to becoming fully formed disciples.

- Risk Taking

Our team is not afraid to step out of the norm or our own comfort zones and take risks. A passion for reaching people, not a fear of failure, will dictate our direction and decisions.

- Collaboration

Our team has been called to work as a collaborative unit that fosters an environment of creativity, fun, growth, and accountability.

- Celebration

Our team wants to celebrate life with one another. We do this by sharing life, experiences, special occasions, etc.

ACCOUNTABILITY

// Board of Overseers

The Board of Overseers will be comprised of 3-5 individuals who are committed to providing City Church with direction and accountability in the areas of morality, finance, doctrine, and vision. Further instructions on the role of the board of overseers can be found in the City Church bylaws.

// Board of Advisors

The Board of Advisors are individuals from within City Church who have proven themselves in faithful service to City Church and uphold the standards in Titus 1:5-9. The advisory board of City Church will fall into the following three categories: **leadership**, **finance**, and **prayer**.

LOCATION STRATEGY

// Target Area | Midtown Tulsa

// Map

The initial focus of City Church will be the Midtown Tulsa area which is typically defined within the area below: Arkansas River to the west, the Broken Arrow Expressway (51) to the north and Interstate 44 to the south.



// Facts

15 square miles

Population: 110,000 People

- **Major Locations & Attractions:** Brookside, Cherry Street, Utica Square, Boston District, Riverside, Promenade Mall, University of Tulsa, University of Oklahoma - Tulsa, Philbrook Museum, Various Parks, Various Hospitals, Tulsa fairgrounds, Drillers Stadium, BOK Center
- **Diversity:** High to low income areas with multi ethnic communities

MINISTRY STRATEGY

// **Tag Line**

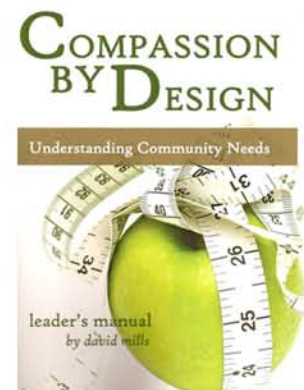
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// **Ministry Focus** - We seek to establish a church that is diverse both ethnically and economically. These four groups are the initial target of City Church:

Unchurched (pre-Christians)
Dechurched (once churched)
Young Adults and Their Families
Young Professionals

// **Compassion By Design**

City Church plans on engaging our community through the compassion by design process. We will conduct needs assessment interviews with the people in our neighborhoods and communities. Our goal is to establish networks that are touching the people we are planning to reach. After the needs assessment and networks are developed we will reassess and begin to meet the needs of the people in our neighborhoods and communities.



// **Process of Discipleship**

Sunday Gatherings > Community Groups > Serve the City > Send Out

// **Love Tulsa**

Love Tulsa is City Church's initiative to serve the city of Tulsa. Various community projects will be available for our church and community groups to get involved in. The initial phase of Love Tulsa includes neighborhood projects, partnering with local schools (Eliot & Wright Elementary), and partnering with the city and businesses in the Brookside area.

// **cityKIDS**

cityKIDS is the children's ministry of City Church. We provide a place for children in kindergarten through 5th grade to grow and learn about God in fun ways that they will understand. We also provide opportunities for children to be involved in community outreaches. We feel strongly that children are influenced the most by their parents; therefore, our desire is to partner with parents by providing resources that can be used at home to teach their own children the Word of God and Christian living principles.

// The Culture at City Church

High Expectations

We believe in creating an atmosphere where people are expected to grow and move forward in their faith.

Stories

We believe every person has a story and we want to share those stories of life change.

Risk Taking

We believe God is honored when we step out of our comfort zones and take risks for the kingdom of God.

Outward Focused

We believe that a genuine love for God will propel us to love, serve, and build relationships with those outside the walls of the church.

Family Focus With An Emphasis On Kids

We believe in our kids and raising up kids, families, and parents who passionately love God.

Celebration

We believe in celebrating life together in the context of a community of faith.

FUNDING STRATEGY

Our budget must reflect our vision. Seeing lives changed, taking care of our team, blessing the community, making our Sunday gatherings memorable, and reproducing churches.

// Staff Expenses \$33,000

- Administrative Assistant
- Children's Pastor
- Multimedia Director
- Worship Leaders
- Conferences & Retreats
- Health Insurance
- Consultants

// Administrative Expenses \$18,000

- Office Equipment
- Office Supplies
- Church Management Software
- Printing
- Incorporation Fees
- Phones

// Location Expenses \$18,000

- Building & Insurance

// Weekend Experience Expenses \$75,000

- Celebration Services
- Sound
- Video Projectors/Screens
- Mics/Instruments
- Computers & Software
- Guest Packages
- Kids Ministry

// Website Hosting \$1,000

- Development
- Podcast

// Marketing Expenses \$25,000

- Connect Cards
- Door Hangers
- Mail Outs
- Banners & Signs
- Pens
- T-shirts
- Info Center

// Community Group Expenses \$3,000

// Community Event Expenses \$10,000

- Inflatables/Insurance

// Benevolence Expenses \$1,500

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HOW TO PARTNER

// Prayer

We need your prayers. Please pray for City Church, our leadership team, changed lives, and for the favor of God in our community.

Specific Prayers:

- Church location
- People to join our launch team
- Favor with Tulsa businesses, politicians, officials
- Lives to be changed through City Church

// Financial Support

As a new church, we have a lot of initial, start up costs. We are asking that you or your church partner with us. We welcome any and all amounts. All donations are tax deductible.

- You can send any gifts to:

City Church
PO Box 14500
Tulsa, OK 74159

- Please make all check payable to City Church and you will receive credit for your giving
- If interested you are welcome to sponsor a project such as a video projector, sound equipment, children's toys, banners, etc.

// Materials

You may have extra children's toys, small group curriculum, sound and video equipment, etc... All of these things would be very beneficial to our church in its beginning stages.