

For the *Glory* of God and the *Good* of Greene County

The Need:

Why Church Planting?



Approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of the existing churches in Greene County have either plateaued or are in decline.

- Plateaued/Declining Churches rarely reach new people for Christ
- New Churches attract new people into the body of Christ
- GOAL: A comprehensive strategy that both revitalizes existing churches AND starts new churches to reach the growing population of our county.

The Vision: Why 18:30?

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Send Network recommends setting a goal of reaching 1% of the lostness in a geographical area with new churches.

- Projected population of Greene County in 2030 is 330,000
- Estimate: $\frac{2}{3}$ of projected population (~221,100 people) will not have a relationship with Jesus in Greene County in 2030.
- In order to plant churches to reach 1% of this # (figuring 125 people per church), 18 new churches are needed

The Support:

What is the role of GCBA?



While the biblical model is churches planting churches, GCBA will serve as a catalyst by providing:

1. Prayer
2. Encouragement
3. Coordination
4. Information
5. Financial Assistance
6. Additional Resources



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Church Planting Initiative

Partners



The Direction:

Where is the Need?



Consider the following perspectives:

- GEOGRAPHICAL:
 - Neighborhoods within Springfield that do not have a healthy church presence
 - Outlying communities of Greene County that are under-churched
- ETHNICITY:
 - People groups in our community that do not have a church in their native tongue
- SOCIAL:
 - Large multi-housing complexes
 - Elementary schools without a GCBA Church in the bounds of their district
- REPLANTS:
 - Existing churches with a desire for a new identity, new vision, and new leadership

The Ask:

What role can you play?

Only by working together and with the Lord's help can we reach our goal of 18 new churches by 2030



- PRAY: For success of this initiative and how your church can be involved
- GIVE: To the GCBA church planting fund-in order to help provide ongoing support for church planters in our county
- GO: Become a "Sending Church" or "Supporting Church"
 - Sending Church: A vision for the New Church, providing accountability, guidance, and resources (including people) for its success
 - Supporting Church: Joining alongside the Sending Church to provide prayer, financial support, and manpower where needed