



RESTORATION CHURCH

Launch Vision

This packet lays out the why, where, who, and how of this church plant. We hope you'll be inspired to pray, support, or join us as we seek the Kingdom of God here in Cambridge, Ontario.



Why Plant?

"The continual planting of new congregations is the most crucial strategy for the growth of the body of Christ."

Tim Keller



Why Another Church?

When Jesus gave the command to "go and make disciples" (Matt 28:18-20), this didn't just mean to preach the Gospel, but also to incorporate people into a community of worshipers of Jesus called a 'church'. Shortly after, as the early church made disciples, more churches were planted. If we are serious about reaching people with the Gospel, we need to be serious about church planting. Even in today's world, the best

way to make new disciples is to plant a church among them. As well, the best way to ignite evangelistic fervour amongst an existing group of Christians is for churches to plant churches! This has always been and continues to be the plan of God in building His kingdom His Kingdom here on earth.



Target Area

West Galt

West Galt is an exciting area of Cambridge, ON that is a centre of the arts and culture, with theatres and University of Waterloo's School of Architecture. It is also housing brand new development in the 'Gaslight District'. With all of this going on, it is also clear that this area desperately needs the Gospel of Jesus. There are few thriving churches, and with its proximity to the downtown core, it brings social problems, such as homelessness and drug abuse. There is great opportunity to reach studying millennials, wealthy retirees, and struggling families.

West Galt, spec. Southwood, key stats:

- 67% of homes have children
- 58% of adults have high school diploma





**Who We
Are**

The Ottaway's

We are the Ottaway's (Aaron and Nikki, Claire, Rose, and Audrey); a simple family who lives in a great city, serves in a great church, and worships a great God.

We have lived in Cambridge, ON for the past 4 years, but have been in the area for the past 9 years. We love hiking, drinking coffee at Monigram Coffee Roasters, and exploring all that is Cambridge.

Aaron has served at Temple Baptist Church in Cambridge for the past 9 years and currently as the Associate Pastor. We are both heavily involved in discipling groups and individuals.

We have three of the most beautiful daughters that God has entrusted us with. Claire (3), Rose (2), and Audrey (8 months), are a handful but we love that God uses our family as a whole in order to show the world His love and grace.

Calling to Plant

Aaron

"Being a pastor for the past number of years has given me a love and hope for the church in Canada. I have seen God work in tremendous ways in our church and in this city. So, primarily, what draws me to plant this church is a faith in Jesus; that he changes people, and that he changes communities.

As well, our church has demonstrated a passion and commitment to reach the world beyond themselves, and church planting was one of the ways that they felt God was calling them to. Through Pastor Jon Stairs (Lead Pastor of TBC) and the rest of the leadership team, they have encouraged and confirmed in myself and my family that leading this plant was my calling. So, I do not do this solely on my own accord, but feel the love and support from an amazing church family.

Finally, Nikki and I have been drawn to this area in Cambridge called West Galt, and have a passion to see God do amazing things there."

Nikki

"This past year, our church granted us a 3 month Sabbatical. Aaron, the girls and I had the privilege of driving from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to Vancouver, British Columbia. Along this drive we saw majestic views of God's creation. From pristine lake waters to towering mountains, and horizon after horizon of God's endless creative genius. While being captivated by the artistry and awesomeness of God's handiwork, my heart often returned to the truth that God breathed into man, while he spoke into everything else, and He saw it fit to make mankind bear His image, and uniquely reflect His glory, and redeem us when we rejected Him. What grace!

I often think, what a waste of worshipping our glorious God if I am stuck remembering and longing for majestic horizons alone. God's plan of redemption for man and the mystery of using broken vessels to display His glory for all hosts for all eternity is far more awe-inspiring than any horizon my eyes have seen. How captivating are lives that are won back for His glory.

It is for this reason that I hear God's call to reach those who are far from God in our city. British Columbia is truly beautiful, but how beautiful are those are the feet of those who bring the good news."





What Drives Us

Our Mission

"We are on mission with Jesus to turn broken people into whole people who multiply Christ-followers."

This is the mission statement of our sending church, Temple Baptist Church. It is our desire to carry the heart of this church in a new place.

"...on mission with Jesus..."

This is Jesus' mission given in the Great Commission passages (Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:8) that drives us. Most importantly, that we

depend on God's power and presence, as Jesus goes with us through the Holy Spirit.

"...to turn broken...into whole..."

We ultimately want to seek and save people through the Gospel, and see real transformation on a spiritual and social level.

"...who multiply Christ-followers."

We desire to see people not only be saved, but are growing, maturing, and reproducing disciples of Jesus in the world.

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Our Values

Communication with God through personal and corporate prayer.

Prayer is always our first step as we seek to know and follow God's will and heart in all aspects of church and life. This also means that we are utterly dependent on God, through the Holy Spirit, to walk rightly and change lives.

(Acts 2:42;
Matt.21:13)

Celebration of God through corporate worship

Our church comes together as a body, once a week, to witness the glory of God and be filled with His Word. We celebrate who God is and what He is doing as witnesses of new life in Him.

(Acts 2:42; Ecc.
5:1-3; Rev. 5)

Connection with others through discipleship in small groups

We believe there are no 'Lone Rangers' in the church and that all should be discipled and growing in their faith in Jesus. We do this through small groups as we pray and seek the Lord, but also serve each other and the world together.

(Col. 1:28; Heb.
10:24-25; Eph.
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Compassion for the world through evangelism and service to the marginalized

Jesus looked on with compassion toward the world, especially those the world had ignored. We seek to love our neighbour and reach the 'least of these' in our community and around the world.

(Acts 1:8; Matt.
28:18-20; Matt.
25:31-46)

Timeline of Events

PHASE ONE: Oct-Dec 2017

- Finalize Launch Vision
- Confirm Core Team of 12-15
- Attend Exponential Conference with Core Team
- Converse about vision/strategy
- Develop Budget
- Identify potential meeting locations

PHASE TWO: Jan-Mar 2018

- Announce to TBC and recruit Launch Team
- Month of Prayer and Fasting (Feb)
- Finalize Launch Strategy
- Develop strategic community relationships
- Develop marketing plan
- Secure meeting location
- Begin purchasing church service equip.

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PHASE THREE: Apr-Jun 2018

- Engage in target area through community planned events
- Confirm and train Launch Team of 35-40
- Small Groups begin meeting
- Launch website/social/media
- Develop any printed materials (invites, banners, etc.)
- Final equipment purchases

Launch Date:
**Sunday,
September 9,
2018**

PHASE FOUR: Jun-Sept 2018

- Continue to train Launch Team
- Hold pre-launch services
- Map out teaching series' for first 2 years
- Implement marketing strategy (door to door, online invite, host community BBQ's, etc.
- Plan first Connection classes
- Plan Launch Day event
- Celebrate launch with TBC

