

ONE CITY CHURCH

MISHAWAKA, INDIANA | COMING 2026

A CHURCH PLANT STORY

OUR MISSION | *"Helping people awaken to the wonder of Jesus and live a bold, vibrant faith."*

THE HEART BEHIND ONE CITY

We are a people who are passionately pursuing Jesus. And deeply committed to helping people encounter an extraordinary God.

We see a city full of potential... full of gifted people, growing families, skeptical seekers, weary believers, and people who have quietly given up on church altogether. And we believe God is not finished writing their story.

OUR VALUES

In a fragmented world, we believe the Church should model unity, generosity, courage, and hope. We are planting to complement, collaborate, and contend for spiritual renewal across our city. Our values will shape our culture, our leadership, and our decisions.

- **Jesus First... Always**
- **Generosity That Changes Lives**
- **Hospitality That Moves**
- **Leaders Go First... Except in the Cookie Line**

FOR THE ONE WHO IS

A Skeptical Seeker

Questions are welcome here. Doubt isn't disqualifying. You don't have to pretend to believe before you belong. It's ok to... Explore. Wrestle. Ask. We believe honest questions can lead to real faith.

FOR THE ONE WHO

Quietly Walked Away

Maybe you didn't leave loudly. You just drifted. If church hurt you, we're sorry. If guilt or shame has made you feel like you don't belong, Jesus hasn't given up on you. There's still room here. No speeches required.

FOR THE ONE WHO IS

A Weary Believer

If you're tired... come breathe again. Faith was never meant to feel like pressure. You don't have to perform here. Let God restore what burnout tried to steal.

FOR THE ONE WHO IS

Gifted

You weren't meant to sit on the sidelines. If you carry vision, leadership, creativity, compassion — we want to help you use it. This movement will be built by everyday people who step forward. Maybe that's you.

WHY MISHAWAKA/SOUTH BEND?

One City Church is being planted in the Mishawaka/South Bend area because we believe God has called us to invest in and serve the community we deeply love. Having grown up here, this region has always held a special place in our heart, and the people planting alongside us share the same passion to see people encounter Jesus and experience authentic community. The name One City Church reflects our vision of bringing people together across backgrounds, generations, neighborhoods, and churches around the hope of Christ. While our area is made up of many different types of people and stories, we believe God is building one people for His glory, united in faith, united in purpose and committed to seeing our city flourish as One City.

OUR PRAYER

God, give us a vision that is beyond ourselves... that is bigger than we could ever imagine... and is birthed by Your power alone.

READY TO PARTNER?

Let's change this city — together.

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WHY NOW?

"Church planting is the most effective way to spread the Gospel. New churches consistently reach unchurched people, attract new demographics, and stimulate the spiritual renewal of older, existing congregations." - Tim Keller

10K

U.S. churches
close every year

3:1

Closures outpace
new plants

A church plant is not just another building. It is an embassy of the Gospel, bringing the transformative grace of Jesus into the neighborhoods that need it most. When the Church is healthy and multiplying, it transforms not only souls but entire lives and communities, bringing transformation to our streets, our schools and our families. Additionally, a Harvard University study found that regular participation in a faith community is strongly linked to higher life satisfaction, better mental health, and even longer life expectancy.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

LAUNCH COSTS

\$15,000 - \$25,000/yr

- Meeting Location

\$12,500/yr

- Advertising

- Website Hosting

- Liability Insurance

- Supplies

\$5,000/yr

- 501(c)3 Filing &

Compliance

- Signage

- Website & Domain

We are committed to strong financial stewardship. These numbers are actual and not inflated. No salaries are included at this point – as we grow, we will reevaluate with our board. One of our financial goals is to not take any loans to accomplish the vision God has given us.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Commit to Monthly Giving

Recurring partners are the backbone. Even \$25–\$100/month provides real, sustainable momentum.

Make a One-Time Gift

Help cover startup costs—signage, filings, first-month expenses. Every gift moves us forward.

Open Doors for Us

Know someone with a heart for church planting? A warm introduction is a powerful gift.

Pray With Us

Ask God to open doors, send people, and prepare hearts across our city.

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