

Redeeming Grace Church Plant

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South Canyon Baptist Church
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The Vision

To bring the power of God (Rom 1:16) into close contact (1 Thess 2:8) with the neediest neighborhoods of Rapid City (Luke 14:14; Matt 9:12-13) through the planting of healthy gospel-centered local churches (Matt 16:18; Matt 28:18-20).

The Mission

To bring the power of God (Rom 1:16) into downtown Rapid City through the supernatural life (John 15:4) and witness (1 Cor 2:2-5; 2 Cor 5:20) of a healthy gospel-centered local church (Eph 3:10) that gathers in passionate worship together (Heb 10:25), grows in Christlikeness together (Acts 2:42-47), and gives of themselves together to see our neighbors come to know Christ (1 Cor 9:19-23).

The Core Values

Compelling Exposition (Acts 20:20, 27, 31)
Relentless Prayer (Acts 4:24-31)
Compassionate Service (James 1:27)
Intimate Hospitality (1 Peter 4:8-9)
Serious Discipleship (1 Timothy 4:6-11)
Joyful Worship (Hebrews 12:28-29)
Eager Generosity (2 Corinthians 8:2-7)
Patient Endurance (2 Corinthians 1:3-11)

The Location(s)

The Journey Museum
Midweek LifeGroups in Homes
Monthly Family Meetings
Pastor Office At The Garage
RGCR.org

“The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for 1) the numerical growth of the body of Christ in any city, and 2) the continual corporate renewal and revival of the existing churches in a city. Nothing else—not crusades, outreach programs, para-church 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.”

– Tim Keller –

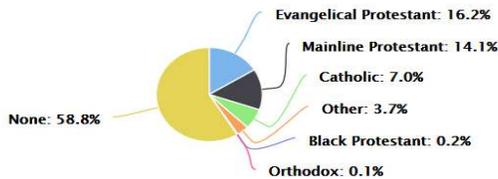


The Need

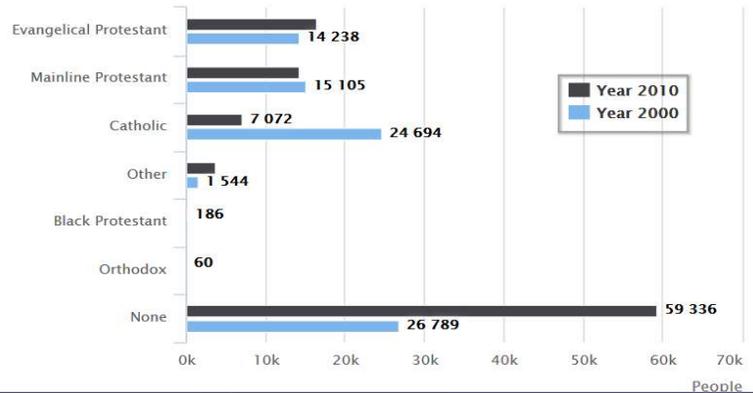
Rapid City is secularizing rapidly

Religion statistics for Rapid City city (based on Pennington County data)

Religions Adherents In 2010



Year 2000 To 2010 Change



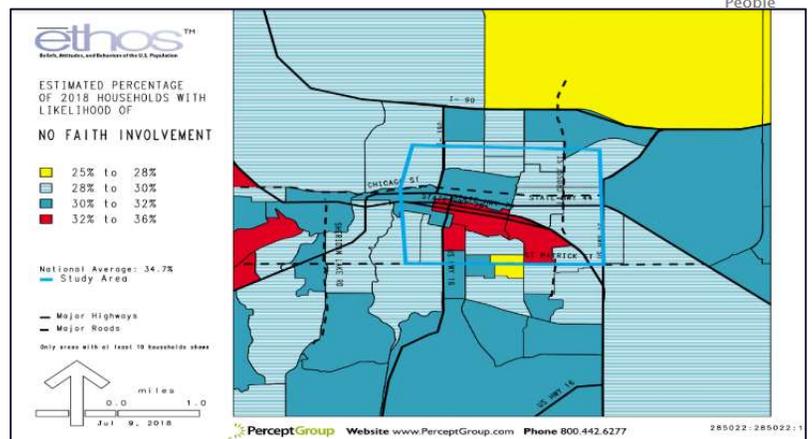
Downtown is the most unchurched part of the city

SDSM&T campus is a strategic place for ministry

Downtown Rapid City has high levels of family brokenness and poverty

Gospel-centered churches are surprisingly sparse, especially downtown

- 13 show up on a google map search of the target area
 - 1 Catholic
 - 4 Main Line Protestant
 - 3 Pentecostal
 - 1 Spanish
 - 0 Baptist
 - Common Ground, Rimrock Exchange, Renewal MB, The Foundry



Population By Generation	Gen Z 0 to 16	Millenials 17 to 36	Survivors 37 to 57	Boomers 58 to 75	Silents 76 to 93	Builders 94 & up
Study Area	21%	33%	24%	17%	5%	< 1%
U.S. AVERAGE	21%	27%	27%	19%	6%	< 1%

Population By Race/Ethnicity	Anglo	African-American	Hispanic	Asian	Native Am. and Other
Study Area	63%	1%	7%	2%	27%
U.S. AVERAGE	60%	12%	18%	6%	3%

Population By Marital Status (15 and older)	Single (never married)	Divorced or Widowed	Married
Study Area	48%	20%	32%
U.S. AVERAGE	33%	17%	50%

Households with Children by Marital Status	Single Mothers	Single Fathers	Married Couples
Study Area	47%	17%	34%
U.S. AVERAGE	25%	8%	65%

“...if the normal way that poor people hear of that love and salvation is through the witness of a local church, then it seems that Christian churches should invest themselves in establishing churches that will reach the places where poor people live.”
– Mez McConnell –

The Process/Timeline

May 2019 – Announcement to SCBC congregation

June 2019 – Interest Meetings w/Follow-up Cards

July 2019 – Josh follows up on cards and forms potential launch team

August 2019 – Gain approval of launch team from SCBC Eldership

Sept-Nov 2019 – Launch team training

Dec 2019 – Prepare to launch

Jan 2020 – Covenant together and launch new church



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3 Ways To Partner

- Pray (for the Browns, for finances, for location, for timing, etc)
 - Email Pastor Josh at joshbrown83@yahoo.com to join the update email list
- Pray and Give (one time or monthly)
 - Level 1: \$500 per month for 1, 3 or 5 years
 - Level 2: \$300 per month for 1, 3, or 5 years
 - Level 3: \$100 per month for 1, 3, or 5 years
- Pray and Give and Go (join our core team and be an essential member of this great work in Rapid City)
 - Email Pastor Josh at joshbrown83@yahoo.com to learn more about what it means to be part of the Redeeming Grace Church Core Team

Why Church Planting?

- Jesus essential call was to plant churches
- Paul's whole strategy was to plant urban churches
- New churches best reach new generations, new residents, and new people groups
- New churches reach the unchurched
- New churches bring new ideas to the whole body
- New churches are one the best places to identify creative, strong leaders for the whole body
- New churches challenge other churches to self-examination

"We have never sought to hinder the uprising of other Churches from our midst or in our neighborhood. It is with cheerfulness that we dismiss our twelves, our twenties, our fifties, to form other Churches. We encourage our members to leave us to found other Churches; nay, we seek to persuade them to do it. We ask them to scatter throughout the land, to become the goodly seed which God shall bless. I believe that so long as we do this, we shall prosper. I have marked other Churches that have adopted the other way, and they have not succeeded. This is what I have heard from some ministers: "I do not encourage village stations; or, if I do, I do not encourage their becoming distinct Churches and breaking bread together. I do not encourage too many young men going out to preach, for to have a knot of people who can preach a little, may very soon cause dissatisfaction with my own preaching." I have marked those who have followed this course, and I have seen that the effect of trying to keep all the blood in the heart is to bring on congestion, and very soon the whole body has been out of health. My brethren, if you can do more good elsewhere than you can do here, for God's sake, go, and happy shall I be that you have gone. If you can serve my Master in the little rooms in the neighborhood, if by forming yourselves into smaller Churches you can increase the honor of my Master's name, I shall love you none the less for going, but I shall delight to think that you have Christ's spirit in you, and can do and dare for his name's sake."

– Charles Haddon Spurgeon (from the sermon "The Waterer Watered" Apr 23, 1865) –

What About South Canyon?

13 Things That Happen In A Church That Becomes Active In Planting New Churches¹

1. Sponsoring keeps the church fresh and alive to its mission and vision and challenges the church's faith
2. Sponsoring reminds the church of the challenge to pray for the lost
3. Sponsoring enables the church to welcome other people into the kingdom that it would not otherwise have assimilated
4. Sponsoring creates a climate open to birthing a variety of need-meeting groups within the sending church
5. Sponsoring provides evangelistic vitality and activity
6. Sponsoring encourages the discovery and development of new and latent leaders
7. Sponsoring encourages coaching, mentoring, and apprenticeship in ministry while providing a renewed understanding of how we are all part of a team effort
8. Sponsoring provides an occasion for church members to get to know missional leaders personally
9. Sponsoring builds on the past and insures the future
10. Sponsoring minimizes the tendency toward a self-centered ministry
11. Sponsoring provides an education in missional living and serves as a stimulus for young people's dedication to Christian service
12. Sponsoring provides a visible proof that God is still working through people and that some are responding to his commission to go out and evangelize
13. Sponsoring provides a new opportunity for personal involvement in missions and outreach

A Study Of 624 Established SBC Churches That Planted A Church Shows²

- Attendance rose in the established church by 21.5% for the five years after a church plant
- Designated giving increased 77%
- Regular tithing increased 48%
- 85% of American churches are plateaued or in decline
- Only 3% of American churches will ever plant another church
- Established churches that planted churches were markedly healthier by nearly every metric than those who did not



“Vital churches don’t consider church planting to be either a traumatic or unusual process. Rather, they are always planning and working toward the next daughter church, just as they are always doing education, community ministry, etc.”
– Tim Keller –

“The more we have invested in starting new churches in our area, the more we’ve given to missions. We’ve given over \$250,000 to international missions over our five years of existence as a church. Local church planting and foreign missions don’t compete with each other but feed each other”
- Stephen Carson, Planting Pastor of Connection Church, Belle Fourche and former IMB missionary in Uganda -

¹ *Spin-off Churches: How One Church Successfully Plants Another* by Harrison, Cheyney and Overstreet

² Jeffrey C. Farmer, 2007 Ph.D dissertation research at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary



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Partnership Interest Card

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Ways To Partner:

- Prayer Partner:** Pray (for the Browns, for finances, for location, for timing, for the people being reached, for the people going, for SCBC)
- Financial Partner:** Monthly Financial Support
 - \$500 per month 5 years
 - \$300 per month 3 years
 - \$100 per month 1 year
- Church Member:** Become a church member of Redeeming Grace Church
 - Requirements:
 - Biblical Christian giving evidence and testimony of true conversion
 - Member in good standing at SCBC (or other gospel-centered church)
 - Passionate enthusiasm for the mission and vision of this new work
 - Submission to the process of approval, including interviews by Pastor Josh and/or SCBC Elders as deemed appropriate
 - Be in formal agreement with the statement of faith, membership covenant, and constitution of Redeeming Grace Church
 - Upon approval to join the Core Team
 - Attend all Core Team training events
 - Give sacrificially of your finances and time
 - Engage fully in the formation of this new gospel community through shared repentance, committed prayer, personal disciplines, bold evangelism, servant-heartedness, and building one another up

Questions/Comments/Suggestions/Encouragements
