



OUR NEXT STEP

A THANK YOU AND INTRODUCTION

First and foremost, we want to express our deepest appreciation for your willingness to consider helping us to establish a brand-new church in our South Florida, Western Broward County community (Plantation, Davie, Weston, Sunrise area). To help you evaluate our proposal to you, we have prepared this small booklet that gives you a quick snapshot of our



ministry, the challenges we face, our strategy, and our need to meet that challenge. For us, the good news is that we have to ask you for help. That signals we are making progress and ready to take **Our Next Step** of growth. And for you, it gives you an opportunity to tangibly participate in helping to share Jesus Christ and His message of love and reconciliation with our world, which seems to be spiraling out of control. I think you'll agree there is no need to recount the challenges our world faces, but the reality is that at the core of each of these challenges that is rocking our world is a spiritual issue. We

believe at The Redeemer's Place that Jesus Christ and His message are the answer for what ails mankind. And here is the amazing reality – Christ has appointed the Church to be His perpetual spokesperson to the world as we hold out His message of forgiveness and hope to all. This role is to be fulfilled until the end of recorded history by the Church. Therefore, we are not building The Redeemer's Place just for today, but we want The Redeemer's Place to be a permanent fixture in our community, sharing the love of Jesus Christ long after we have stepped off into eternity. Won't you help us leave your legacy as we build The Redeemer's Place?

Blessings in Christ,
Joe Guynes & Daniel Young



OUR STORY



We launched The Redeemer's Place on March 6, 2020. And then it happened. Covid struck! The State of Florida shut down all large group meetings, and we had to stop any face-to-face meetings beginning the very next week. That change of events caused us to quickly move to an online service format for the next six months until the Covid restrictions were lifted by the State of Florida in October, 2020. Honestly, some thought these events were a death toll for us as a church, but The Lord has been so gracious to us by honoring the commitment of the people of The Redeemer's Place. We made it through that season without folding up our tent and going home! Since that time, we have secured a lease for space at a local church for a Saturday night worship service, established our website, set our church legal structure, membership requirements, and basic operating systems, and received 501(c)3 designation from the IRS. We have also been able to hire Pastor Daniel Young to help develop and direct our children, youth,

and young adult ministries. We have also established vibrant partnerships with local ministry partners like Love Life, 4 Kids, and Hope Pregnancy Centers to minister in our community. In fact, The Redeemer's Place has been designated as a "Church of Refuge" for young women struggling with an unplanned pregnancy. We have also established important partnerships with the Florida Baptist Convention and Transformation Ministries, an excellent church-planting organization. To say the least, it has been a busy two years! During this time, The Redeemer's Place has doubled in size to about 75 people even though we worship on Saturday nights because of space limitations on Sunday mornings at the church we are currently renting space from. So, our story so far has been one of relying upon The Lord to overcome challenges along the way, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with our growing and diverse community, and preparing for the future as we have expanded our staff to reach the youth of our community.



OUR PURPOSE

Our stated purpose as a church is articulated in a simple and straight-forward **Vision and Mission Statement: We exist to joyfully and passionately glorify God as we proclaim the supremacy of Jesus Christ and we edify His people.** Every word of that statement was intentionally chosen to provide four basic guidelines for our church: **first**, it points us to our ultimate objective that establishes boundaries and guardrails for all that we do and what we will not do; **second**, it reminds us that the church's primary objective is to glorify God by proclaiming that Jesus Christ is supreme over all things and the ultimate answer for mankind; **third**, we are reminded

we are to make disciples of Jesus Christ by building one another up, edifying one another, and encouraging one another in our faith so that God's kingdom grows on earth; and **fourth**, we must do everything with a sense of joy and passion because we have much to rejoice in. We have been blessed greatly. Our joy and passion for Jesus should be a beacon of light for a dark world.



In addition to our vision/mission statement, we have also established our Core Values and our DNA Values to help guide our conduct:

OUR CORE VALUES

We Value:

- + LIVING BIBLICAL TRUTH
- + FAITHFULNESS
- + LOVING ONE ANOTHER
- + PASSIONATE PRAYER
- + CHRISTIAN GROWTH
- + BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP
- + CHRIST-CENTERED WORSHIP
- + EVANGELISM
- + CHRIST-CENTERED LEADERSHIP

OUR DNA

We Will Be:

- + BIBLICALLY-CENTRIC IN ALL WE DO
- + FAITHFUL AND HOPEFUL
- + SELF-SACRIFICING IN OUR LOVE
- + PRAYING PEOPLE
- + DISCIPLE MAKERS
- + PASSIONATE AND JOYFUL
- + BALANCED PEOPLE
- + EFFICIENT AND EXCELLENT IN OUR EXECUTION

OUR CHALLENGE, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR STRATEGY

Our Challenge is simple – our community is growing and significantly underserved when it comes to strong biblically-centric churches. For example, the State of Florida is growing by roughly 300,000 people a year! That is like a city the size of Tampa being added to our state each year. And many of them are coming to Broward County! When you consider that the number of churches present in our community is inadequate to meet the spiritual needs of our community now, this boom in population growth only makes our challenge even greater. Although 67% of Americans still consider themselves Christians, when you factor in the reality of the national trends like the following, it only makes our task even more significant (*data per The Resilient Pastor by Glen Packiam*):

- 1 The number of people in the United States who claim to be religiously unaffiliated (i.e., atheist, agnostic, nothing in particular) **rose to 25% of the population in 2020, up from 9% in 2011!** Only 29% of these people consider a pastor as a trustworthy source of wisdom.
- 2 The number of people who say they attend a weekly church service **dropped from 45% in 2010 to 29% in 2020.** And those who attend church at least once or twice a month **dropped from 54% in 2009 to 45% in 2019.**
- 3 Only 3 out of 5 Millennials and Gen Z young adults consider themselves to be Christians today.
- 4 In 2011, 59% of young adults dropped out of church at some point in their 20's, but by the time 2019 came, the drop-out rate **increased to 64%.** Only 10% of young people between 18 to 29 years old call themselves "**Resilient Disciples.**"

Our Community is also estimated by the Southern Baptist Convention to have less than 3% Evangelical Christians, reflecting these growing trends. But the reality is that our community is very religious in many other ways. We have

the largest Mormon temple outside of Salt Lake City, Utah in our community. We have the largest Buddhist retreat center in the Southeastern United States here. We have many Hindus, Sheik, Jewish, Jehovah Witness, and Catholic churches, temples, and synagogues in our community, revealing a deep spiritual need. We also have a very diverse population that comes from all over the world. Roughly **40% of our community is Hispanic, 40% White, and 14% Black, with the Asian/Indian populations growing at the fastest rates.** The ethnic and cultural diversity of South Florida is staggering. The reality is that the world has come to our doorstep and we must be ready to respond to this need.

Our Strategy to reach our community is simple – we seek to do what the early Church did in Acts 2:42 as it exploded in numbers with people across all the known world at that time. Just as the early Church did not focus on the diversity of the early Church, and instead focused on **the unifying factor of Jesus Christ**, we seek to do the same. We seek to be a multi-ethnic, multi-generational church that introduces people to Jesus, teaching and helping them learn to be His disciples in their unique communities through our large and small group gatherings and children and youth programming. We also attempt to make our presence known in the community by partnering with other like-minded organizations like Love Life, 4 Kids, and Hope Pregnancy Centers to undertake various projects to be a source of blessing to our community. Our calling is to make disciples of Jesus who are equipped and ready to share Jesus and His message to their worlds. Undergirding this strategy, we also seek to fellowship with and pray for one another, and we seek to honor the Lord in our conduct by following His ordinances for our lives. It is a simple, straight-forward strategy, but if done well, it is a powerful force for good as people are transformed by Jesus. However, the reality is that this strategy demands resources to accomplish it in this challenging environment. **And that is where you come in to the picture!**

OUR NEED



Just as our challenge and strategy is straight-forward, our need is simple as well. Because of our church membership growth, our need to establish a permanent presence in our community and expand our ministry, and the current space restrictions at our current rental location that limits our ministry flexibility, we need to acquire our own facility. In all honesty, initially we did not feel this was a critical need, but our opinion has changed over the last two years. Acquiring our own space offers us the ability to establish a permanent homebase to do ministry every day and night of the week. It also allows us to move to a Sunday worship format, which is a critical need to accelerate our growth. In addition, it gives us credibility in the community as our presence becomes

permanent. Obviously, two options are before us: we can either lease space or buy space. We do not believe leasing is the pathway forward for us for several reasons. First, leasing does not provide us with a permanent presence in our community because leasing renewals are required periodically, jeopardizing our long-term stability in one place in our community. And leasing space at our current location does not give us the ability to move to a Sunday morning worship time, thus hindering our growth. It also causes confusion in our community as people come to a church that is not identified as The Redeemer's Place. Second, the cost of leasing is exorbitant, significantly higher than buying. As a church that operates on the

charitable giving of people, we do not feel it is prudent to overspend for space or to make improvements in a leased space that may be sacrificed due to a required move in the future. We take any donation to our ministry very seriously.

Therefore, we would like to buy an existing building with approximately 5,000 square feet of space that could accommodate some classroom space for children and youth ministry, and a worship space for roughly 200-250 seats. We believe this need will require about \$2.5MM - \$4MM, which would include purchase of the space, fit-out of the space, furnishings, sound and lighting, etc.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? QUESTIONS?

You can help us by giving financially to “**Our Next Step**” Campaign. You can do it one of three ways:

+ **First**, you can do it the old-fashioned way via check and mail it to us at the following address:

- The Redeemer’s Place
3859 Oak Ridge Circle, Weston, FL 33331

+ Or **second**, go to **www.theredeemersplace.com**, find the give button, click on it, and follow the directions. Just look for the **Building Fund** to designate your giving. Please note you will need a credit card to complete this transaction.

+ Or **third**, you can use your cell phone to give by texting. In the “To” line enter **833-822-5531**, and in the “Message” area enter **REDEEMERS PLACE**, in all capital letters with no punctuation, hit send, and follow the directions. You will need to select the **Building Fund** to designate your giving to this need. Please note you will need a credit card to complete the transaction.

If you have **stocks or bonds or other assets to donate**, or **would like to wire transfer your donation** to us, please call Pastor Joe at **954-646-1796** or drop him a note at **joeg@theredeemersplace.com** to coordinate this giving. Please keep in mind we are a valid 501(c)3 organization. You can confirm this with the IRS by using our FEIN Number which is 84-4685329.

All questions can be addressed to Pastor Joe Guynes at **954-646-1796** or at **joeg@theredeemersplace.com**. Thank you for your consideration of this request! And please know that we cherish your partnership in our ministry.

A GUIDE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL GIVING:

+ Give on a Per Seat Basis for Facility Purchase:

- \$20,000 per seat (\$4MM/200 seats)
- \$16,000 per seat (\$4MM/250 seats)
- \$12,500 per seat (\$2.5MM/200 seats)
- \$10,000 per seat (\$2.5MM/250 seats)

+ Give on a Per Seat Basis for Fit-out Costs:

- \$1,000 per seat (includes seating, sound, lighting, audio-visual)
- \$2,500 per seat (includes construction, permitting, architecture fees, etc.)





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