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CHURCH PLANTING
IN ILLINOIS

Church Planters Wanted in Illinois!

There is an urgent need for new churches in Illinois! There are major metropolitan areas with little influence of Spirit-filled ministries. While we encourage and support our existing congregations, we are passionate about planting new life-giving churches across our state. We are currently in the process of starting new churches in Springfield, Moline, and Sandoval. LifePointe Church in Mt. Vernon was recently started and is doing great! There are many communities across the state we are targeting for new congregations.

But you may ask, why plant new churches?

Dr. Timothy Keller answers this question: “The vigorous and continual approach to church planting is the only way to guarantee an increase in the number of believers, and is one of the best ways to renew the whole body of Christ.”

C. Peter Wagner said, “The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches.”

Ed Stetzer remarks, “If the entire population of more than three hundred million Americans wanted to go to an established church...more than half would be turned away, even if every church held three weekend services.”

Remember that all of our churches are actually church plants. Someone started the church, and thank God that they did!

We plant churches...

Because we want to be true to the Biblical mandate

Because we want to be true to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)

Because we want to continually renew the whole body of Christ

As an exercise in Kingdom-mindedness (source: gospelinlife.com/why-plant-churches)

In Illinois, we have accepted the significant challenge of planting 8 new churches between 2016 and 2018. Some areas that we are considering for new churches include: Rockford, Effingham, Peoria, Quincy, Champaign/Urbana, Danville, Decatur, Bloomington/Normal, and the St. Louis eastern suburbs of Belleville, O’Fallon, Edwardsville and Fairview Heights. If the Lord lays one of these areas or any other area on your heart, please inform Bishop Rick Whitter.

We are asking for three things:

- Pray for our current new churches and for more to be started across the state.
- Pray about being personally involved in starting a new church.
- Give financially to our new churches. If you wish to contribute to the efforts to launch new churches across our state, you may give here illinoiscog.org/give/.

The future is very bright in Illinois. True, our state has significant challenges that we face, but we believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the answer! Let’s pray and work to see the Kingdom of God expand in our beautiful state!

Illinois Women's Ministries are collecting funds for Christmas for

- ★ Military Chaplain's Wives
- ★ Romanian Pastor's Wives (Covenant Sisters projects)
- ★ Women with a Mission Project - Hope Released

Let's touch the lives of these precious women at Christmas!

The Deadline for collecting funds is mid-November, please send your gifts to the State Office by November 15th.

Fellowship • Celebration • Honors

January 19th • 5:00
Before Prayer Conference Service

Save the Date!

STATISTICS

	August Tithes	On Campus	Off Campus	Morning Worship	September Missions
Alton, Beltline Christian Center- R. Todd Shaw	\$ 5,686.19	37	0	96	\$ 150.00
Alvin- Dan R. Hunt	6,628.00	42	92	72	
Anna- Philip Rexing	401.00	0	0	11	
Benton, New Life- R. J. Joplin	14,083.00	478	109	135	20.00
Bethalto- J. Shea Hughes	54,761.26	129	0	430	10.00
Bloomington, Center for Hope- Larry Taylor	Mission				
Bourbonnais, Worship Center- Rick D. Sexton	6,026.50	20	0	160	
Brookport- Charles D. Tate	15,873.72	55	0	88	
Cahokia- Larry Ridenour	5,226.00	53	31	88	50.00
Cambridge- Donald Grooms	357.00	0	60	12	20.00
Carbondale- Sam Varis	2,789.00	20	0	32	
Carlyle, Living Stones- Larry Whited	2,288.00	8	8	10	20.00
Carmi, New Beginnings- Michael LeBuhn	5,604.00	57	0	112	
Carrier Mills- Jonathan Stevens	1,142.00	19	10	30	
Centralia, New Destiny- Jason Wyman	1,387.67	0	0	25	
Champaign- Christopher Smithey	10,466.70	45	0	58	100.00
Chauncey- Dwayne R. Sovdi	2,089.00	9	0	37	
Christopher- Bradley W. Wilson	N/R				
Clay City, Transformation- Cory L. Respondek	2,879.50	0	0	29	
Clinton- Jeffrey L. DeLaughter	4,376.62	35	31	48	45.00
Collinsville, Solid Rock- Donald Baker	2,854.50	12	0	20	75.00
Columbia, East Bridge Fellowship- Larry Ridenour	3,019.00	12	7	29	75.00
DeKalb, Cathedral of Praise- Eric S. Wyzard	13,091.00	40	0	120	
Decatur, New Vision Urban Ministries- Dow Moses	4,730.37	31	0	66	
East Alton, Flowing River- Kenneth Dickerson	807.00	15	0	15	
Eldorado- Jarrold Barton	5,565.08	26	23	50	
Equality- Peggy J. Winters	4,014.00	123	17	40	150.00
Fairfield- Chris Vandergraph	2,800.00	57	19	24	10.00
Fairfield, Canaan Bridge- Jeremy Cline	1,960.15	60	0	151	
Farmer City- Timothy J. Clagg	N/R				
Galesburg, Oasis- Darrell W. Garrett	1,765.50	0	0	21	
Geneseo, Ebenezer- Jerry W. Bosworth	386.00	4	0	8	
Granite City, Michael Mayberry	4,736.00	45	45	44	
Harrisburg, Land Street- Paul J. Taylor	1,203.00	13	10	13	
Herrin, Park Avenue- Michael DuPriest	3,179.00	50	0	40	
Honey Comb- Harold E. Miller	5,730.33	48	40	48	
Kincaid- Jacob Skelton	9,281.00	63	0	97	
LaSalle, Living Word- Cres Rios	2,056.00	15	45	34	
Lawrenceville- Thomas Cody	4,206.00	0	0	0	
Lincoln- Chris Cantrell	1,255.00	3	4	29	
Logan- Rick Fowler	6,768.48	50	0	52	
Manteno- David R. Hanners	2,596.00	10	5	30	45.00
Marion- Preston House	2,685.00	14	0	16	
Marion-All Nations- Bruce Fox	12,015.92	533	0	55	
McLeansboro- Leo Hall	4,551.00	21	0	84	
Mt. Vernon, Harlan Road- C. Doug Bowers, Sr.	15,922.00	96	40	98	25.00
Mt. Vernon, LifePointe- David Gregg	3,486.36	29	0	46	
Normal, New Beginnings- Aaron L. Stine	3,300.00	18	10	40	
Norris City- Charles Waggoner	3,695.01	41	8	32	20.00
Olney- Michael Wall	974.00	0	0	20	
Paris- Christian White	3,092.00	35	75	42	
Pekin, Lighthouse- Will Carson	7,169.10	116	8	58	
Peoria- The Lord's Table- Burl Cole	2,877.00	33	8	33	
Plano- John Todd	2,995.00	8	10	28	50.00
Pontiac- Matthew Studinger	N/R				
Raleigh, Restoration- Troy Brittingham	1,588.00	47	3	25	
Ridgway, Soul's Harbor- Jason Sork	1,438.65	48	12	12	
Robinson, Westside- Larry Comer	1,179.00	6	47	6	
Rochelle- Russell Snell	1,472.00	0	0	8	
Rockford, River of Life- Scott D. Myres	90.00	0	0	14	
Salem- Brian Mixon	1,230.00	0	0	26	10.00
Sesser- Fred Ping	1,642.00	26	35	23	
Shawneetown- Randy Vaughn	1,727.34	42	6	17	
Taylorville, Faith Community Worship Center- Jerry L. Thorpe	1,819.00	38	17	38	
Thompsonville- Brian Mixon	8,020.50	0	0	85	
Waterloo, New Beginnings- Ken Coots	805.00	14	20	24	
Wayne City- Gary L. Cline	N/R				
West City- Harol Whitlock	9,049.00	106	106	128	
West Frankfort, Southpoint- Tod W. Parchman	6,641.00	91	0	75	

New Members

Alvin	4
Mt Vernon	
Harlan Road	1



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2018 Prayer Conference

January 18-19

New Life Church of God - Benton

Special Guest
**Clayton
Watson**
Minnesota
Church of God
Administrative Bishop

