

Main Street Baptist Church

Spindale, NC



REPLANT PROSPECTUS

What is Replanting?

It is an unfortunate reality that many older churches in the Southern United States are closing their doors every day. It is a beautiful reality, however, that some of these churches are deciding to keep the doors open by uprooting the heart of the church and putting it in fresh soil, with clean water, and plenty of sunlight. This is replanting.

In August of 2020, we hit the restart button on our church and gave the Lord a blank check for His glory. We realized that decline was taking over, and if something didn't change, we would not have a church within a few years. Therefore, we are now departing from any traditions, idols, old methods, or bad habits that may be keeping the Gospel from advancing in our community. We want to make disciples, hold unwaveringly to the Scriptures, and follow Christ's call to build His church, His way.



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"AND I TELL YOU, YOU ARE
PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I
WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND
THE GATES OF HELL SHALL
NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT."

Matthew 16:18

1964-2015

The saints at Main Street came to be due to a mission work started by the Green River Baptist Association. They saw a need for a church on the east side of Spindale, and thus "Eastside Baptist" was born. About a year later, we were renamed Main Street Baptist. Rev. Guy Johnson faithfully led the congregation for 20 years, and developed a good reputation in the community. Main Street actually led the association in largest membership in the mid-70s to 80s, creating a need to build our current auditorium in 1977. In the 90s, we experienced some difficulty relating to a new pastorate, and the church took a hard hit, leaving us with only a few dozen members. While the church has had many glorious days of discipleship and mission work even since then, we have never truly recovered. Membership has fluctuated, discipling has been neglected, and our impact in the community has continued to wane. If we had closed the doors in these recent years, Spindale wouldn't have even noticed.



THE STORY



2015-2021

In 2015, the church called Dale DuBose to serve as a student minister. Just a few short months after this, the Senior Pastor resigned unexpectedly. Pastoral transitions are always challenging, and this caused further decline in our congregation. In August 2016, Dale accepted the call to be the Senior Pastor. For the past four years, we have been doing church revitalization, preaching the Word of God verse by verse, and enacting change at a slow pace. In the middle of the pandemic, and with only a few people in the pews, it became clear that revitalization was no longer an option. We had to move at a faster pace if we were going to stay alive in the generation ahead. That's when we officially decided to replant our church for the glory of God. We are still meeting weekly, preaching through Genesis, praying & fasting, and planning the new discipleship strategy for our church's future. We hope to make this a reality in the Fall of 2021. God is not done with us yet!

Why now?

The short answer to "why now" is because if we wait any longer, it will have been too late. The state of our church in 5, 10, or even 50 years depends on our choices today. If we don't make serious, life-altering decisions for God's glory now, we won't get the opportunity to glorify Him in this place later.

Why us?

Because God loves to tell the story of redemption. He takes the unlikely, unskilled, and unexpected among the earth, and uses them mightily to show His strength, power, and authority. Salvation belongs to God. And when a church goes from a brick paper weight in town to a power house for the Gospel, God is glorified, and the community receives a picture of what regeneration looks like in the heart of a sinner. We are praying this may be the start of a replanting movement in our region.

Why Spindale?

The state of most churches in our town is "existing" at best, and one wheeze away from death at the worst. It's true - we have a church on every corner; but if you were to talk to their leaders, or even visit on a Sunday, you would find a dismal state of affairs. There are very few healthy churches that are still preaching the Gospel and making disciples in our county. Simultaneously, the impoverished, drug-ridden demographics of our neighborhood are starving for men and women with the Holy Spirit of God to preach the truth of Christ with love and conviction, that all corners of our town might hear the good news of Jesus. Our church facility is located strategically in the heart of Rutherford County, where we have the potential to reach people across the Tri-City, all the way from Lake Lure to Shelby.

SPINDALE, NC

Our Mission

We are church that is transformed by the Gospel, lives by faith and is known by our love. We strive to worship the living God, treasure Jesus Christ, and serve in the power of the Spirit. His Word is our delight and our foundation. We aim to be a voice of truth and hope for our community, to seek out the lost for salvation, and disciple all believers into maturity in Christ for the glory of God alone.

TRANSFORMING HEARTS

The Gospel is at the heart of our ministry, and without it we have no existence. Therefore our ultimate aim is to call all men to repent and believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which causes sinners to be born again.

TREASURING CHRIST

The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. We believe Jesus Christ is the true desire of every heart, and no man is satisfied in this life until they lose themselves, and find their lives hidden with Christ. All creation exists for worship. Therefore, we will worship our Maker and Redeemer as our ultimate Treasure.

TEACHING TRUTH

In the age of relativism, we know that our duty is to teach the absolute, certain truth of God's revelation through Scripture. This is how we evangelize the lost, and this is how we mature disciples in the body of Christ. Jesus is indeed the way, the truth, and the life.

Beliefs

We will affirm the Baptist Faith & Message 2000, along with the 1689 London Baptist Confession. We will also remain proud partners with the Great Commission Baptists (SBC).

We will be affiliated with both the Green River Baptist Association and the Pillar Network.

We will operate as an elder-led congregational church with meaningful membership.



Lead Pastor

Dale DuBose



Greetings!

I am a Christian, a husband, a father-to-be, a Pastor, a friend, and a failure, saved by the grace of the sovereign God. I have had the joy of pastoring the sweet saints at Main Street for a total of five years. Before moving to Spindale, I studied at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. Two of the most important things in my life happened there - I met the one whom my soul loves, Meriana DuBose; and I received a clear call to serve the local church through pastoral ministry.

I grew up in Manning, SC and was saved at the age of 15. I was invited to a church in town, heard the Gospel preached clearly, and through a knowledge of Jesus Christ, I began to change into a new person. I put off my old self, and fell in love with the risen Christ, being identified with Him and His resurrection. I was mentored by Drew Taylor and Dave Kiehn, who taught me how to live the Christian life (and still do).

In my 13 years as a follower of Jesus, I have made many mistakes, and am nowhere near perfection. But God has given me an un-ignorable love for His Son and His church. The church is full of messes, a lot like my life. I think that's part of why I love the church so dearly, and refuse to leave her. Regardless of her endless problems, blemishes, and self-harming decisions - I am a part of her. Christ made me a member in His body. Ministry has been a great challenge on my wife and I, but we simply can't leave until the work is complete. Spindale needs healthy churches, and we have reached the point in our history and trajectory where a replant is now necessary to make that happen. It is out of love for Jesus and His saints that I am now urging us to take the next step for God's glory. We are replanting for the glory of Christ!

Jody Green, M.S. Licensed Mental Health Counselor

"Pastor Dale DuBose is a man with God's heart of compassion, Christ's mind of wisdom and the Spirit's passionate desire to exalt Christ by loving His people and living-out the gospel in his life, family, ministry and community. The divine call on Pastor Dale's life is transparently evident in his preaching of Scripture, it is soul-inspiring in his "foot-washing" ministry to the brokenhearted, and it is consistently gospel-centered in his exaltation of Jesus Christ. As a steward of the gospel, an ambassador of Christ, a Spirit-gifted pastor-teacher and a shepherd over God's flock, Pastor Dale is a conduit of God's love, wisdom and grace as he preaches the Word, in season and out, in a Christ-like, Spirit-dependent, God-glorifying way. I thank our Triune God for this brother-in-Christ."

Dr. David Jendrey, DOM - Green River BA

"The single best word that comes to my mind when I think about Dale is this: "Steady." Over the past few years, I have watched Dale's work at Main Street, and it has been deliberate, prayerful, and steady. He has grown personally and spiritually with a steady hand to follow God's lead. I am looking forward to seeing how God will continue to use Dale to further God's Kingdom work here."

Rev. Stephen Matheny - COO, ICC

"Dale DuBose is a sincere and genuine man of faith who is devoted to service to Jesus Christ. This devotion affects his home, church and all areas of vocation. The deep sense of calling and an understanding of the Lord's ministry seem to motivate him to do, often times, what others will not; and that is to serve and minister to all who are in need of the truth of the Gospel. Dale continues to grow in faith and knowledge with a sense of humility and love for the Word of God. I look forward to seeing all the Lord accomplishes through Dale's vision and leadership at Main Street Baptist Church."

Dr. Lon Chenowith, DOM Sandy Run BA

"Pastor Dale is a humble man of God who understands that kingdom service is often found in the hard and forgotten places. He handles the Word of God with skill and reverence. He is resolved to see a successful replant and revitalization for his church as a faithful shepherd and Gospel preacher. "

Endorsements

Rev. Drew Taylor, Pastor - EBC, Manning, SC

"I've known Dale since he was in High School. Three things have always been true of him: a love for the Word, a love for the local church, and a willingness to do difficult things in his following of Christ. All of these things feed into the man and the Pastor, and they make him an ideal candidate to replant a local church."

Rev. Trell Ross - Lead Replanter, Pioneer Church, Rock Hill, SC

"Dale DuBose is a brother who loves and leads well. He loves the Lord and seeks to lead His bride (the church) with a pastoral burden and unwavering commitment to God's Word; and he loves and leads in his own home in a way that is worthy of emulation by all men. I'm excited to see what the Lord does through this brother's ministry as they seek to replant Main Street Baptist Church."

Rev. Paul Willis, Pastor - Shiloh Baptist, Forest City, NC

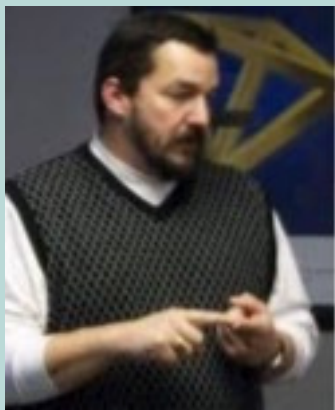
Victor Dale DuBose is a man with a pastor's heart and a commitment to not only biblical preaching, but to biblical ecclesiology as well. His desire is to not simply proclaim the truth, but prove the sufficiency of the truth by implementing it as the cornerstone of the church. I know his goal is to be found faithful and to trust that God's model is not simply the best model, but is the only acceptable model for the church."

TESTIMONY



Alecia Wood (joined 2016)

I love Main Street because our people love truth and have a passion to seek it out. I know that we earnestly want God to build his church and use us to do it. We have real relationships at Main Street that don't end when we walk out the door. I love having a pastor who has a shepherd's heart and not just the desire to be known. I am most excited about the replant of our church because I want us to leave behind all traditions that hinder us from being a people who know how to worship a Holy God.



Jay Poole (joined 2010)

I love MSBC for a lot of reasons. One is that the people are so friendly. A "real" kind of friendly - God inspired, unconditional, and deep. It feels wonderful and very different than anything you find in the world. Another reason is our commitment to the truth. We are stewards of that truth and strive to protect it from any alteration. If you don't know the Truth I'm speaking of, come find out at MSBC..."



Margaret Shelton (joined 2005)

I love Main Street because it's a praying, true, Gospel-loving church. We believe in preaching the Gospel given to us by God in His Holy Word, the Bible. My brothers and sisters are always ready and willing to help one another. We go beyond the church to reach the lost. I believe in replanting because it's necessary to ensure that the true Gospel, as we know it from God's Word, is kept alive to glorify God and grow His Kingdom. Dying churches need replanting to preserve the Gospel, allowing it to reach a lost and dying, sinful world. We need to protect our future generations against false teaching."

Timeline

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Prayer, Planning, & Preaching

From August to May(ish), we are in preparation mode. We are praying and fasting, meeting bi-weekly to discuss purpose/strategy, and preaching replant influenced sermons.

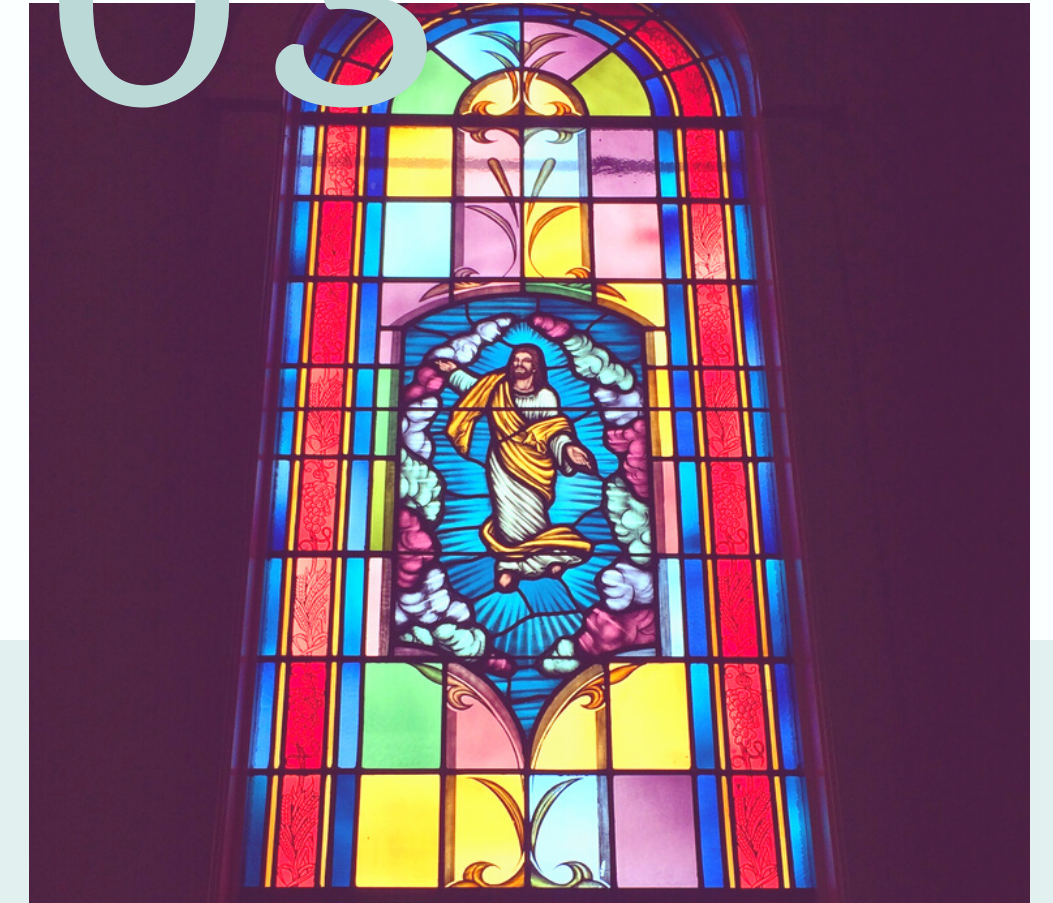
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Implementation

Summer of 2021, we will begin implementing change in By-Laws, partnerships, membership, leadership, and the overall process of how we operate.

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Relaunch

We are aiming to officially relaunch as a new people with our new disciple-making strategy in full effect in late fall 2021 or first of the year 2022. This will mark the beginning of a new era in the history of our church!

PARTNER WITH US!

PRAYER

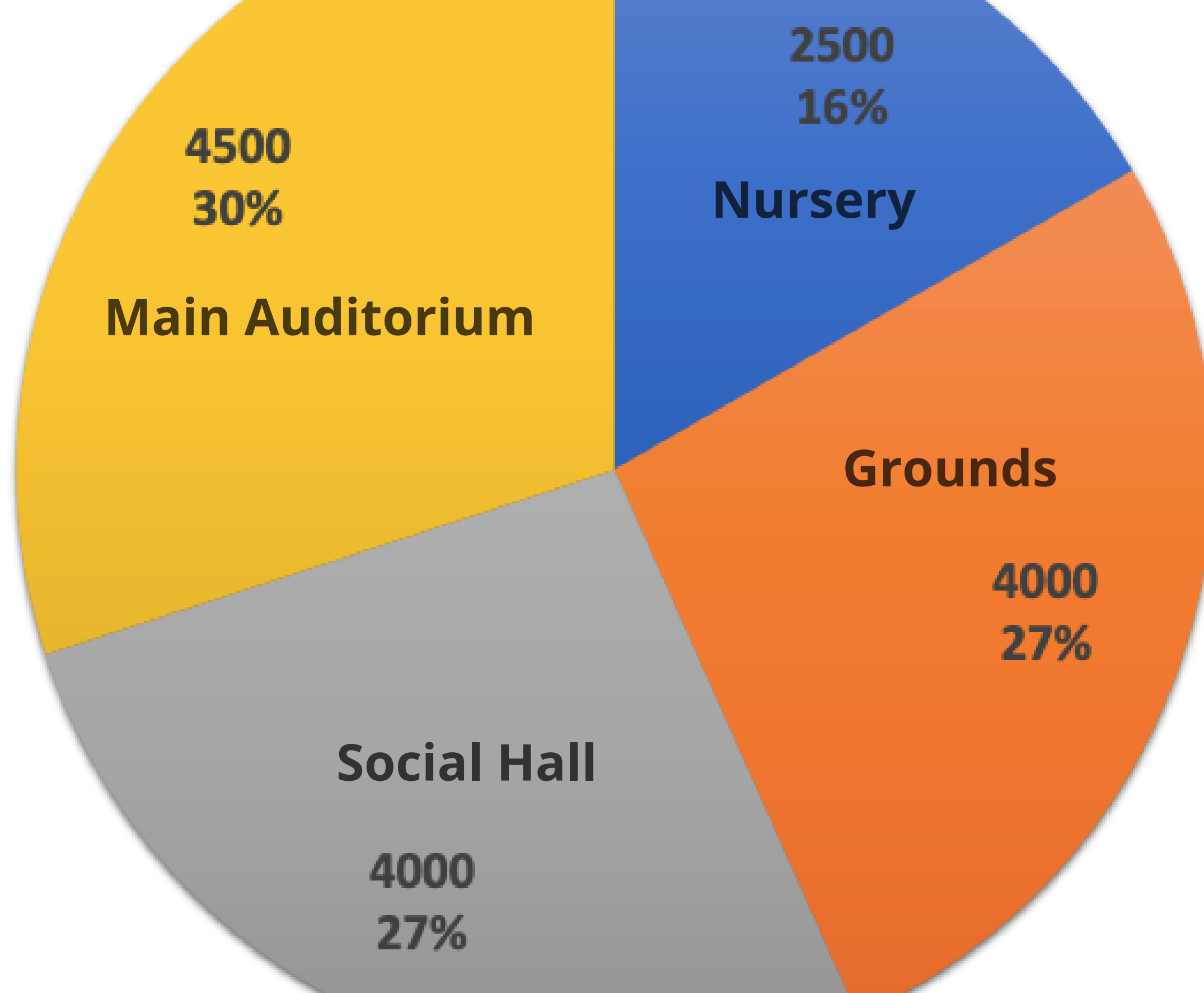
Prayer is the first initiative of our replant strategy for a reason. We believe that prayer changes things, and simultaneously sanctifies us as we approach the throne. Will you consider becoming a formal prayer partner with us?

MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in helping us replant? We need people who are passionate about the Gospel and the Scriptures to join our team in making disciples. Perhaps you can offer fresh life and perspective that will boost our efforts, even if it's only for a season. Will you consider joining this covenant family?

PROJECTS

We are blessed with a large facility, but it is aging. We need handy individuals who can do service projects with us - everything from painting to plumbing! Would you consider serving us by helping with the physical needs of our facilities?



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(memo line: "for replanting")*

Consider Giving Financially

Our aging facilities are hard to ignore. We have two buildings: one built in the 60's with several additions, and our main auditorium, built in 1977. While we are blessed with a spacious, debt-free campus to gather at, many of the features in these building have been untouched since the beginning. While it is the Word and the Spirit who convict and bring life to a church, we recognize the need to update our facilities and make them more useful and aesthetically comfortable for this generation. We plan to spend around \$15,000 on updates and renovations.

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