

# LAUNCHING AND LANDING

*These are exciting times in the Carmel family, as we prepare to launch a new church plant, Mission Chapel, and celebrate the one year anniversary of Redeemer Church CLT.*

## Launching: Mission Chapel

Twenty-five years ago, God planted a seed for discipleship and church multiplication in the hearts of our next church planting pastors, Jon Freeman and Brad Childers.

It was while attending college in Florida and volunteering in student ministry that God stirred Jon's heart to help equip others to live out their God-given calling. Meanwhile, Brad was stepping into his first ministerial job - as Student Pastor at Providence Road Church of Christ - where he would serve for 25 years pouring into countless students and 50 student ministry interns, 30 of whom are now in ministry as well.

Over the last few years in his role, Brad felt called to a new form of intentional discipleship participating in a number of discipleship courses as well as a church planting meeting. It was during this meeting about church planting that the idea of planting a church through discipleship was born.



Jon Freeman, wife Kim & family



Brad Childers, wife Margaret & family

*"God has each of us on a journey and has given us talents, abilities and relationships - God has a plan for you and it may involve Mission Chapel."*

- Pastor Jon Freeman



## Mission Chapel : Who We Are

Eighteen months ago, God brought these two men together where they discovered their shared vision for discipleship and multiplication. Not merely adding another church to the Charlotte area, but rather growing disciples of Jesus. As Brad shared during the August Interest Meeting, *"If you plant a church without disciples you might get a church but you might not get disciples, but if you plant disciples you will get a church."*

*"God calls us to do the hard things - and if we are obedient to obey and do those hard things, God will bless it. One of our prayers is that people will make huge decisions outside their comfort zone".*

- Pastor Brad Childers

Mission Chapel will formally be planted in early 2021 and strategically located in the fast-growing area south of 485 near Waxhaw (specific location TBD).

**Mission Chapel will focus on disciples who make disciples through:**

- **Spiritual formation** - growing more like Jesus in community
- **Ministry together** - remembering that the Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts to be used together as a body to accomplish His purpose (inside and outside the congregation)
- **Missional Living** - God has placed us in specific places for His purposes; we will seek to live and love with intentionality and purpose

Hear the full story of Mission Chapel from Pastor Jon and Pastor Brad by watching the August Interest Meeting video here:

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# Happy 1-Year Celebration on September 15

## Landing: Redeemer Church Charlotte

*Redeemer was formally planted by Carmel on September 15, 2019. This weekend they will gather to celebrate with a Family Meeting and Picnic.*

Pastor Lem recently shared these 1-year praises and prayer requests:

### Year 1 Praises:

- For sustaining Redeemer, an infant church, during Covid!
- We are operationally healthy.
- We are continuing to have new people join us, some with little to no faith background. Community Groups (small groups we refer to as CGs) began in January and they are thriving. We are a relationship driven church and it's exciting to see new relationships forming in the CGs and in the broader church community.

### Year 2 Prayer Requests:

Join us as we pray for refining the processes of leadership development and spiritual formation, especially during Covid, but also post-Covid:

- clarity of direction for ministry to children and youth...part of the spiritual formation process;
- prayer for finding the right person to fill our Ministry Director position (job description almost finalized);
- continually praying for lives changed by the Gospel which is vision fulfillment: "seeing lives shaped by God's redemptive story."



Carmel is committed to making disciples of those Nearest, our Neighbors and the Nations.

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