



THE VINE CHURCH

PROSPECTUS



Greetings!

Thank you for taking the time to hear more about The Vine Church, a new church being planted in a community that we love: The New River Valley. We are deeply grateful for those who are coming alongside us in gospel partnership as we set out to plant a new gospel-centered, missional, multiethnic church for the glory of God and the good of the valley. Let us first share a few commitments that we want to be about as a church.

Seeking the Flourishing of the New River Valley

Montgomery County is a county of 100,000 people, with Blacksburg and Christiansburg serving as home to almost 40,000 Virginia Tech college and graduate students as well as tens of thousands of other individuals and families that together make up an intellectually rich, relationally connected, and culturally diverse community. We desire to welcome, serve, and care for people from many cultures, as we seek the social, cultural, and spiritual flourishing of Blacksburg.

Displaying and Declaring the Hope of the Gospel

While the New River Valley is a place of beauty, creativity, and growth, it is also a place of profound spiritual need. Many of those who live, study, work, and play in the area still struggle with brokenness, discontentment, and a spiritual homesickness for the kind of life that God has come to lavishly offer us in himself through the gospel (or good news) of Jesus. Therefore, in partnership with other healthy local churches, we desire to plant a church that shares the hope of the gospel with those who are struggling and searching.

Sharing in God's Mission to Renew All Things

Since we're about the gospel, we're about God's mission. We believe that an increasingly developing county, including the university town of Blacksburg, offers a uniquely missional and strategic location. We want to be a church who make disciples of Jesus, invests in and equips them, and then sends them out as servant-missionaries to seek the glory of God and the gospel renewal of people and places around our world.

We're named The Vine Church because we're all about Jesus, the True Vine. We desire to be a church that abides in God's love, grows together as a family, bears the fruit of the Spirit, and is on mission to pursue the flourishing of those around us.

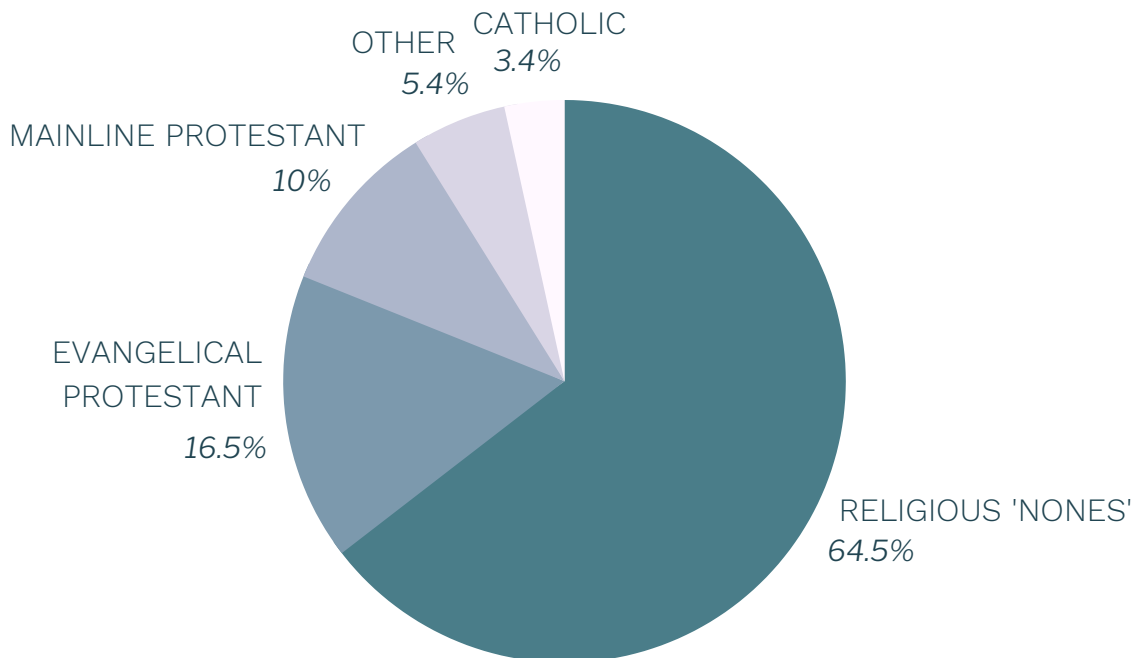
With grateful and expectant hearts,

The Vine Church Leadership Team

WHY BLACKSBURG

*We believe God is calling us to plant
a gospel-centered, multiethnic, missional church in*

Blacksburg, Virginia



OUT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S POPULATION OF ROUGHLY 100,000 PEOPLE, ONLY 16.5% IDENTIFIED AS EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS, WHILE 64.5% IDENTIFIED AS NON-RELIGIOUS.

(CITY-DATA.COM)

"The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few."

These words of Jesus are certainly true for Blacksburg and the NRV. There are thousands of people in Blacksburg and the NRV, and more every year, who need Christ. We believe that one of the most biblical and effective ways to engage those who are searching for Christ is through the presence of humble, hospitable, and hopeful churches.

The NRV offers a unique opportunity for us to plant an intentionally multiethnic and missional church that reflects the heart of God for all people and seeks to reach the nations for Christ.

**OF THE 50,000+ PEOPLE WHO LIVE
AND WORK IN BLACKSBURG,
OVER 25% ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR.**

(CENSUS.GOV, CITY-DATA.COM)

**OF THE 35,000+ PEOPLE COLLEGE AND
GRADUATE STUDENTS AT VT,
OVER A THIRD ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR
AND OVER
11% ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.**

(VT UNIVERSITY DATACOMMONS)

"I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

Revelation 7:9

MISSION, VISION

MISSION

We exist to advance God's kingdom by loving God, loving people, and making disciples of Jesus.

Our mission statement seeks to answer the question: why do we exist? We believe our mission as The Vine Church is the same mission the church has had from the very beginning. Therefore our mission statement is rooted in the foundational words of Jesus in the Great Commandment (see Matthew 22:36–40) and the Great Commission (see Matthew 28:18–20).

VISION

We envision a multiethnic, multigenerational, missional church family growing in Christ together, bearing the fruit of the Spirit, and seeking the flourishing of our Valley for the glory of God.

Our vision statement seeks to answer the question: what do we envision for the future of our church and our Valley as we—by God's grace—accomplish our mission?

BELIEFS

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The Vine Church stands in a biblical and historical tradition of Christian belief centered on the Triune God and the gospel of Jesus, anchored in the truth of the Scriptures. We are aligned in conciliar orthodoxy with The Apostles' Creed and The Nicene Creed, two of the earliest and most foundational statements of the Christian faith. You can find a fuller statement of our foundational beliefs at www.thevinechurchfamily.com/statement-of-faith, but the best way to discover how our beliefs shape the life of our church is to get to know us!



CORE VALUES

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THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

We as a church are all about Jesus—he is our source and center, our beginning and end, our savior and king. Therefore, we desire to see all of life display the gospel of Jesus. The gospel is the good news that God’s kingdom has come in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus for the redemption of our lives, the reconciliation of a new multiethnic kingdom family, and the renewal of all things. The gospel is not about what we do for God. It’s about what Jesus has done for us in love—dying in our place and bearing our sins to offer us forgiveness and new life. Therefore, we hold the gospel of Jesus to be the foundation and heart of our identity, ministry, and mission as a church. (Ephesians 2:1–22; 1 Corinthians 15:1–10).

DISCIPLESHIP & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We believe that Christ calls us to abide in him and follow him as his disciples. As we abide in and follow Christ together, God grows us by his Spirit in maturity and Christ-likeness, and he helps us to flourish in bearing the fruit of the Spirit. As disciples of Jesus, we commit to gather together regularly to worship God, edify and equip one another, and strive to live lives worthy of the gospel. We affirm that following Christ together involves a shared passion and love for God above all else and an abiding commitment to hear, study, treasure, and obey the Word of God. We also believe that a life of following Christ together involves a commitment to repentance, confession, sharing in the suffering of Christ, and prayer. We seek to be a church that makes and multiplies disciples who make much of Jesus. And we desire to be a church that pursues God-glorifying, Christ-centered, and Spirit-empowered growth in all of life. (Luke 10:27; Acts 14:22; Romans 12:1–2; Galatians 5:22–26; Ephesians 4:13–16; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 10:19–25; James 1:22; 1 John 1:9).

CONVICTION & IMAGINATION

We anchor ourselves in the biblical Christian faith, grounded in the ancient and eternal gospel of Jesus according to the true and authoritative Scriptures. And as we remain unwaveringly committed to our convictions about the centrality of Christ and the authority, truthfulness, and sufficiency of the Scriptures, we creatively imagine and pursue fresh expressions of God’s kingdom for our particular cultural context and moment. We believe that biblical faithfulness gives us the clarity, conviction, and courage to collectively seek and represent Christ in our Valley with creativity and humility. (Jude 3; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 3:1–4, 10–17).

MULTIETHNIC COMMUNITY

The redemptive story of the Bible reveals God’s heart for redeeming a people from every nation, race, language, and culture. God created humanity—people of all ethnicities—in His own image, to bear the image of God. And though our sin brought enmity and division that separated us from God and one another, God has come for us in Christ to reconcile to himself the church—a new multiethnic, multicultural family called to love God and love one another. Therefore, we desire every area of our shared life to display God’s good and beautiful design for multiethnic and multicultural community: in our leadership, worship, discipleship, relationships, ministry, mission, justice, and mercy. While we know that fostering a multiethnic community is not easy, we aim to be a community of honesty, humility, care, and solidarity, where everyone is invited to bring our whole selves with our questions, our cultures, and our stories. In order to foster a multiethnic community, we intentionally pursue the practices of hospitality, empathetic listening, repentance, and reconciliation. (Genesis 1:27, 31; Acts 2:42–47, 6:6; Romans 15:5–7; Ephesians 2:11–22; Col 3:10–11; Revelation 7:9–12).

LIFE ON MISSION

We believe that God is on a mission to redeem broken, sinful people and renew all things through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Therefore we seek to be a community sharing in God’s mission, representing Christ in our presence, words, and actions, as we make disciples and seek to advance God’s kingdom. We desire to joyfully and generously participate in the Holy Spirit’s work of redemption and renewal, seeking to walk in the reality that God is making all things new. We participate in this work by pursuing the renewal and flourishing of lives and communities in our Valley. (Isaiah 61:11, Matthew 28:18–20; Luke 4:16–22).

OUR TEAM



Vince Oliveri
PASTOR OF MINISTRY
LEADERSHIP

Vince is married to his best friend Kara, and together they have three children: Zoe, Theo, and Bo. Vince received his education from Virginia Tech (BS), Southeastern Seminary (MDIV), and the University of Aberdeen (PhD, to be completed in 2023). Originally from Chicago, Vince has lived in Southwest Virginia for 13 years and has a passion for shepherding others to seek the glory of Jesus and the flourishing of the New River Valley. Vince is a huge fan of Chicago sports teams, going on adventures and reading good stories with his family, exploring and learning about different cultures, and eating ice cream. Vince's primary responsibilities with The Vine Church are directional ministry leadership, preaching and teaching the Word, and equipping the church for mission.



Dave Gittings, Jr.
PASTOR OF TEACHING

Dave is married to his wonderful wife Kim. They have four grown children, Aaron, Everett, Niesha, and Briana. Dave is a native of Pennsylvania where he was an established and successful entrepreneur. He is a veteran of the United States Navy. He is an ordained Minister of the Gospel and has received training at the Charles Stanley Institute, FCA Institute for Sports Ministry, FCA Coaches Ministry Academy, FCA Coaches Ministry Director School and Leaders of Excellence at Ashland Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio. He has worked with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 16 years and currently serves as the VT Football Chaplain and FCA Metro Area Director. Dave's primary responsibilities with The Vine Church are preaching and teaching the Word, pastoral care, and vision.

OUR TEAM

CORE TEAM

Church planting is a team effort. In order to seek God's heart and reach a diverse community in Blacksburg and our Valley it's going to take a diversely gifted, multiethnic, and intergenerational core team of men and women serving together. We are team of imperfect people humbly walking in grace together. As we prepare to launch in 2022, we invite you to join our core team as we grow together, live on mission, and serve our community.

ADVISORY TEAM

The Vine Church is led by our pastors and is currently advised by an external Advisory Team of mentors, pastors, and church planters. Our Advisory Team is intentionally multiethnic and missionally minded. After a season of initial growth and raising up of qualified leaders, The Vine Church will be led by a multiethnic, congregationally-affirmed leadership team of pastor-elders. Additionally, a team of men and women will serve as ministry team leaders (deacons) in various essential ministry areas.

Jesse Furey

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BONHOEFFER HAUS
RADFORD, VA

Allen James

PASTOR OF COMMUNITY
AND MISSIONS
CAVE SPRING BAPTIST
ROANOKE, VA

Hoover Lee

PERSONAL MENTOR &
CROSS-CULTURAL
MINISTRY COACH

Charles Wilson

LEAD PASTOR
THE HILL CHURCH
ROANOKE, VA

TIMELINE

PHASE 2: ENGAGE

September 2021–March 2022

- Pray for Blacksburg
- Begin Weekly Core Team Worship Gatherings
- Identify & Train Ministry Team Leaders
- Caring for Our Team & Community
- Find Public Space & Prepare for Launch

PHASE 1: DEVELOP

June–August 2021

- Pray for Blacksburg
- Develop Vision & Core Team
- Raise Support
- Move to Blacksburg
- Practice Hospitality & Engage Community

PHASE 3: LAUNCH

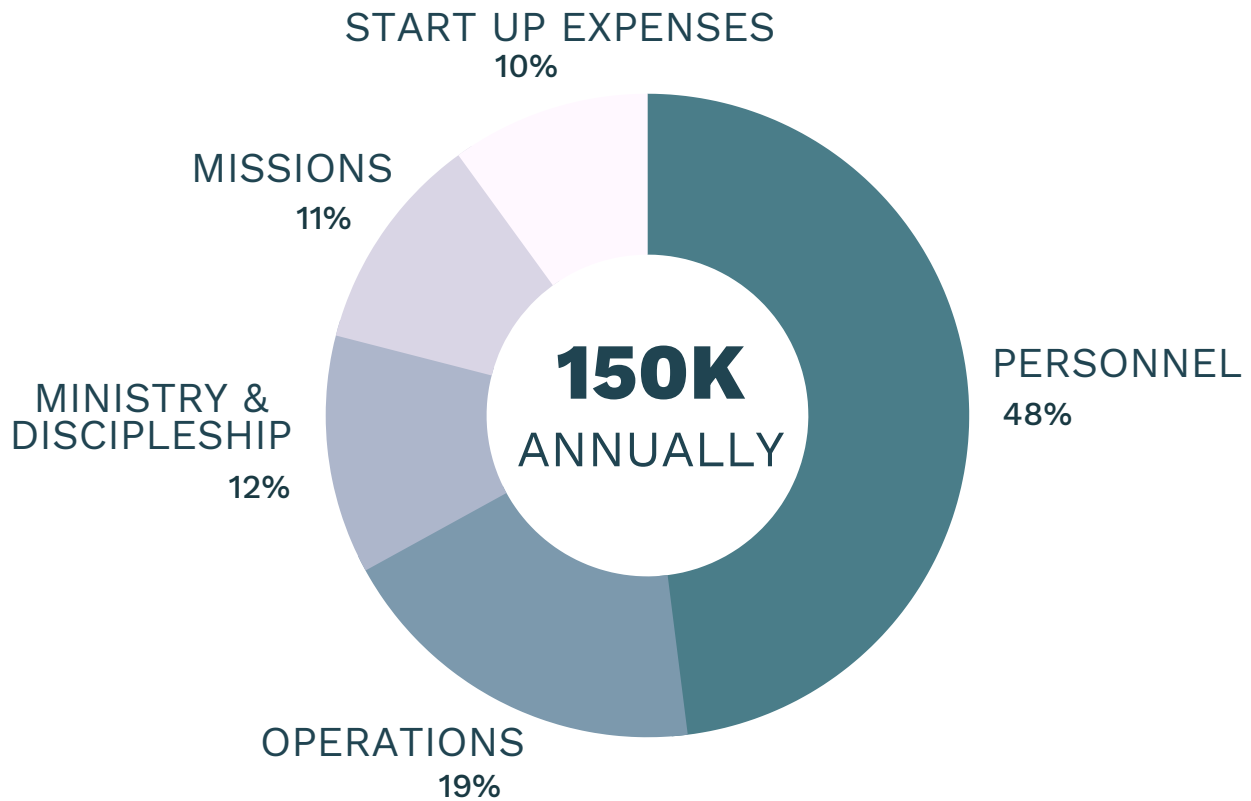
April–December 2022

- Pray for Blacksburg
- Public Launch
- Disciple Members and Develop Ministry Team Leaders
- Multiply Community Groups
- Extend Missional Hospitality & Outreach

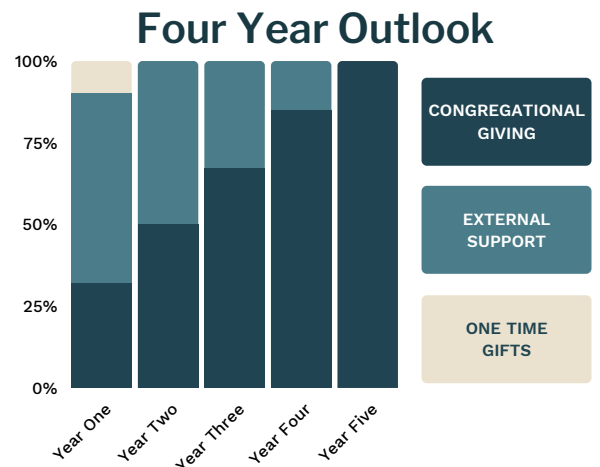




BUDGET NEED



The town of Blacksburg is an expensive area to live, rent gathering space, and operate as an organization. We need to raise \$150,000.00 annually in order to compensate a full-time pastor, rent space to gather together on Sundays, purchase start-up equipment, and still have funds left over for ministry and mission work. In order to raise our budget, we are asking both churches and individuals to partner with us financially for four years in prayerful expectation that by our fifth year King's Cross Church will be entirely supported internally through the faithful giving of our members.



FUNDRAISING PLAN

Church & Network Partners

<i>Partner</i>	<i>Annual Amount</i>	<i># of Partners</i>
Seed	\$3,000	4
Anchor	\$6,000	2
Cornerstone	\$12,000	2
Foundation	\$24,000	1
TOTAL: \$72,000		

External Individual Partners

<i>Partner</i>	<i>Monthly Amount</i>	<i># of Partners</i>
Seed	\$50	4
Anchor	\$100	3
Cornerstone	\$250	1
Foundation	\$500	1
TOTAL: \$15,000		

One-Time Gift Partners

<i>Partner</i>	<i>Gift Amount</i>	<i># of Partners</i>
Seed	\$250	12
Anchor	\$500	10
Cornerstone	\$750	4
Foundation	\$1,000	4
TOTAL: \$15,000		

Core Team Total Annual Giving: \$48,000

GET INVOLVED



Pray

Please ask the Lord to go before us as we serve our community, love our neighbors, and establish a new church in our town.



Give

Prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you give financially to help bring the gospel to Blacksburg, Virginia.



Join Us

Perhaps you would like to get involved through serving in partnership with us or even joining our team to live on mission with us.



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AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

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