



What is our part in the mission of God?

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## Church Planting Sunday

- Genesis 1 & 2 — God Creates. It is Good.
- Genesis 3 — Satan Deceives. Adam & Eve choose their own way. Sin Enters.
- Genesis 5 & 6 — Noah. Flood. Judgement & Mercy

## Church Planting Sunday

- Genesis 12 — God's covenant with Abram/Abraham

*"In you all the families of the world will be blessed"*

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- Exodus — Moses leading the people from Egypt
- Joshua — Promised Land
- Kings — David & Solomon
- Prophets — Exile
- Nehemiah — Return & Rebuilding

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- The Book of the prophet Malachi
- 400 years of silence between OT & NT
- Then comes Jesus.



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- The Gospels of Jesus
  1. "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is **at hand**..."
  2. "I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them in also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be **one** flock, **one** shepherd." (John 10:16)

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- The Cross & The Commission
  - "It is finished"
  - "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." (Matthew 28)

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- Acts 2:41

"So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."

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- Acts 6:7

"And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples **multiplied** greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith."



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- Acts 8 — Philip Baptizes a believing Ethiopian official
- Acts 9:31  
"So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it **multiplied**."

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- Acts 10-11 — Peter's vision of clean/unclean animals and the conversion of Cornelius.
- Acts 12:24  
"But the word of God **increased** and **multiplied**."

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- 42 AD — Mark goes to Egypt
- 49 AD — Paul heads to Turkey
- 51 AD — Paul heads to Greece
- 52 AD — Thomas goes to India

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- Acts 16:5  
"So the churches were **strengthened** in the faith, and they **increased** in numbers daily."



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- 54 AD — Paul's Third Missionary Journey — Spent nearly two years in Ephesus.
- Acts 19:20  
"So the word of the Lord continued to **increase** and **prevail** mightily."

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- 60 AD — Paul goes to Rome
- Acts 28:31  
"**Welcoming** all ... **proclaiming** the kingdom of God and **teaching** about the Lord Jesus Christ **with all boldness** and **without hinderance**."

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- 174 — The first Christians are reported in Austria
- 280 — The first rural churches begin to emerge in Northern Italy.
- 350 — 53% of the Roman Empire identifies as Christian
- 432 — Patrick Returns to Ireland as a Missionary
- 596 — Augustine re-introduces the Gospel to England
- 635 — The First Christian Missionaries Arrive in China
- 740 — Irish Monks Reach Iceland

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- 900 — Missionaries Reach Norway
- 1200 — The Bible is Available in 22 different languages
- 1498 — The first Christians are reported in Kenya
- 1554 — 1500 Converts to Christianity in Thailand
- 1743—1770 — Cross-Cultural Ministry opens to bring the Gospel to Native Peoples in North America.



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- 1843 — German Immigrant, Kondrad Fleischmann plants “The German Church of the Lord that meets on Poplar Street”
- 1851 — Four churches band together to form the first German Baptist Conference/Later NAB.
- 1861 — The Dakota Territory Opens and preaching stations, reached by horseback, are opened across the midwest.
- By 1885 — The German Baptist Conference launches a Theological training school and by 1892 sends Emma Rouschenbauch to India as their first missionary.

## Church Planting Sunday

- In the late 1890s—NAB churches send resources to bring the Gospel to Cameroon Africa.
- By 1900 there were 110 North American Baptist Congregations in North Dakota.
- Between the early 1900s and the year 2009 only EIGHT (8) NAB churches were planted in North Dakota. Four (4) of whom no longer exist.

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- Spring 2009 — Metropolitan Baptist votes to send core team and financial support to plant a church in Downtown Fargo.
- River City began with 25 people and soon launched two Missional Community Groups.
- River City was the first NAB Church planted in the North Central Region since the mid-1980s.

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- February 2016 — River City Downtown launches River City Southwest. And in 2019 River City Southwest becomes Grace City Church.
- Since then two other NAB churches have launched in ND. Disciples Church in Mandan & Missio Church in Bismarck.
- In 2020 — Hope City Church (Acts29) launched in Bismarck
- We are currently partnered with Mitchel and Emily Cooper who are working with a church plant and building a leadership training school in the Middle East.



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- Last year (2021) Acts29:
  - Celebrated over 7500 conversions to Christ globally in A29 churches!
  - Welcomed 58 new churches into the network... 30 of those were brand-new church plants.
  - Currently hundreds of planters in the pipeline for assessment and development.

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- January 2022 — We launched River City Institute (RCI) with the goal of equipping men and women for ministry
- Mitch Friedman has been called to Pastor a rural church in Park River, ND.
- And on and on it goes...

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### Why the history?

1. The part we play in the Global Mission of God hinges not on our creativity or vision, but on God.
2. that even though the context changes... the mission is the same.

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1. All Boldness
  - In Prayer
  - In Words
  - In action
2. Without Hinderance
  - Nothing will stop Jesus from building His church
  - We will lean into the difficulty of multiplication



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May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!  
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.  
God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Psalm 67

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.

Genesis 12:1-8