

Ekklesia

Ekklesia, a church of the Christ

Mission: To be the hands and feet of Jesus by sharing his message of life, hope and transformation.

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Ekklesia- "Called Out" is a partnership of believers committed and called out to intentionally plant missional communities of faith in south Kitsap.

Where God has called us:

Located on the peninsula in Western Washington, South Kitsap is home to growing communities like Port Orchard, the seat of county government, and several smaller ones. These communities are centrally located to U.S. military installations and technological industries in nearby cities, with Bremerton 10 minutes away, Tacoma 40 minutes away, and Seattle 60 minutes away. There is a population of over 11,000 in the city of Port Orchard and many more in outlying communities, making South Kitsap one of the most densely-populated areas in the State of Washington. The South Kitsap community is made up of primarily younger families and a mix of white- and blue-collar workers, many of whom commute to outside of South Kitsap to their places of employment.

Why plant a church here?

- 86% of the population does not regularly attend church or identify with any communities of faith.
- Young, first-generation families with few community roots.
- Constant influx of new families brought to the area by U.S. Navy stationing.
- Frequent separation of spouses and families due to military deployments.
- Stressed educational facilities, due to lack of space and failure to secure funds for expansion.
- Drug and alcohol addictions.

Who are we?

- Tim and Lisa Blair- lead planters- 29 years of ministry experience.
 - Marriage and Family Therapist - Tim M.M.F.T. Abilene Christian U.
 - Youth, Family & Worship minister- Tim B.A. Columbia Christian C.
Lisa B.A. Abilene Christian U.
 - Youth & teen camps, staff & director- Tim & Lisa
 - South Kitsap Fire Chaplain- 6 years- Tim
 - Pre-school teacher- Lisa
 - In home health care- Lisa
 - Homeschooled children- Lisa
- Blair children: Micah (23) college student, Rachel (20) college student, Sarah (17) college student
- Jeff Duffy- associate planter/ worship leader, tech - B.A. University of Washington

What is our vision?

Our vision in the next 10 years is to plant 5 new churches on the Kitsap Peninsula from Gig Harbor, Port Orchard, Silverdale to Poulsbo and even Sequim, WA. Our short term plan is to plant 3-5 missional communities in South Kitsap by the fall of 2012. By 2015 we plan to have 15-20 missional communities and begin the development of a new daughter plant in Kitsap county.

What are our core values?

- Reconciliation
- Transformation
- Worship
- Service
- Community
- Mission

Our plan:

- The Renovo Church in Puyallup, WA, the Port Orchard Church of Christ and Northwest Church in Seattle will be our partner churches under the leadership of their elders.
- We will begin gathering seed team members and training them in the winter and spring of 2012. During this time we will develop three Area Missional Communities (AMCs) in the South Kitsap area. These AMCs will be our primary vehicles of Discipleship and Service ministry into the surrounding communities. Intentional service will occur in order to bless our community and open a door for the gospel. A "Celebration Service" where all AMCs gather for a public worship assembly will not occur until five AMCs have formed and Ekklesia is ready to launch it's public assembly. Discipleship and training will initially occur in the AMCs and continue in the eventual Celebration Service where a curriculum called School of Theology will presented. The goal of all AMCs is to expand in number and duplicate themselves into new areas expanding the Kingdom of God one neighborhood at a time.

How you can partner with us:

- Start up costs for year one- \$100,000 or \$340,000 over five years projected.
- Individuals and churches who will partner with us in ministry.
- Team members who would join us in the new mission to Kitsap County.