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Concord, NC | Fall 2022

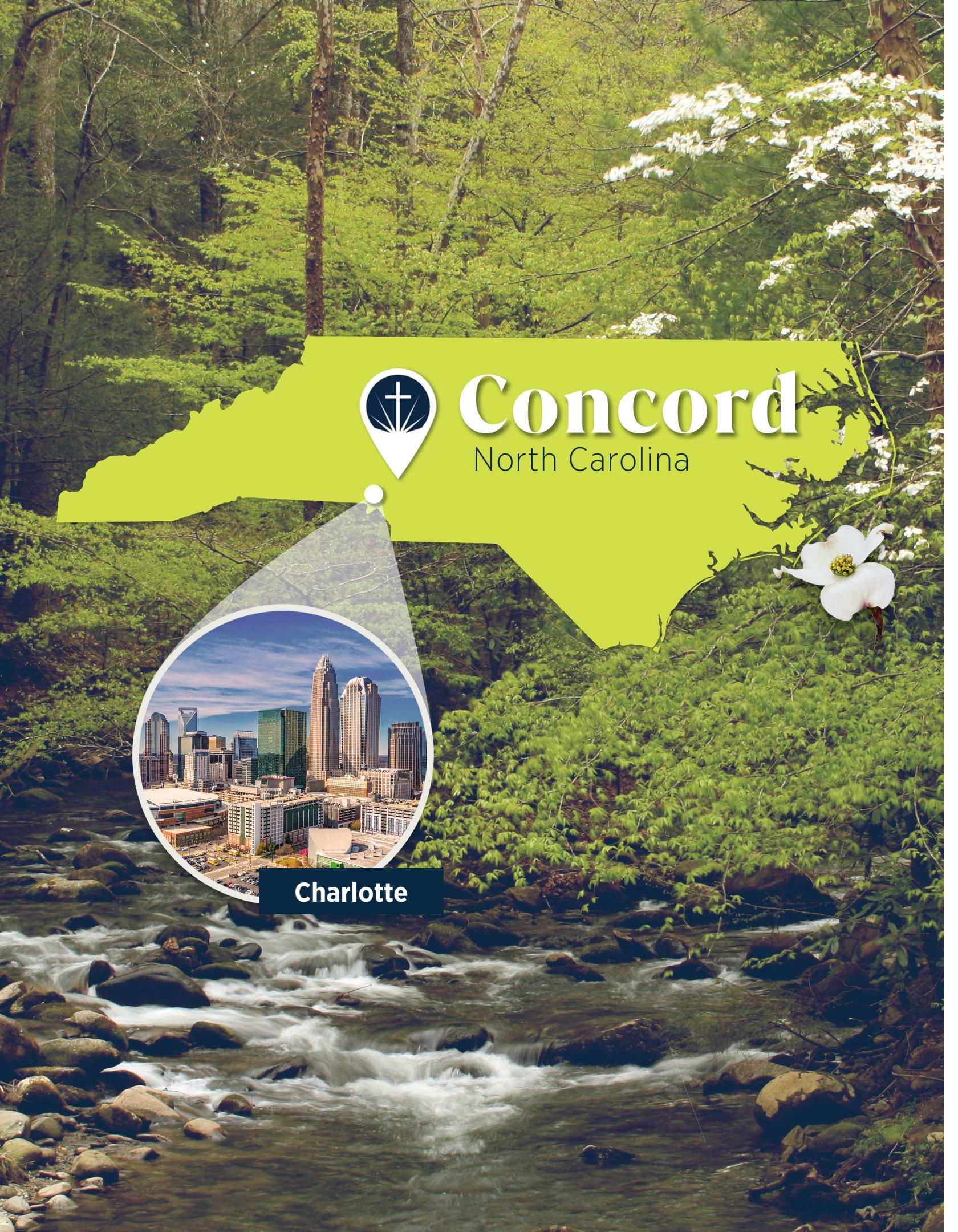


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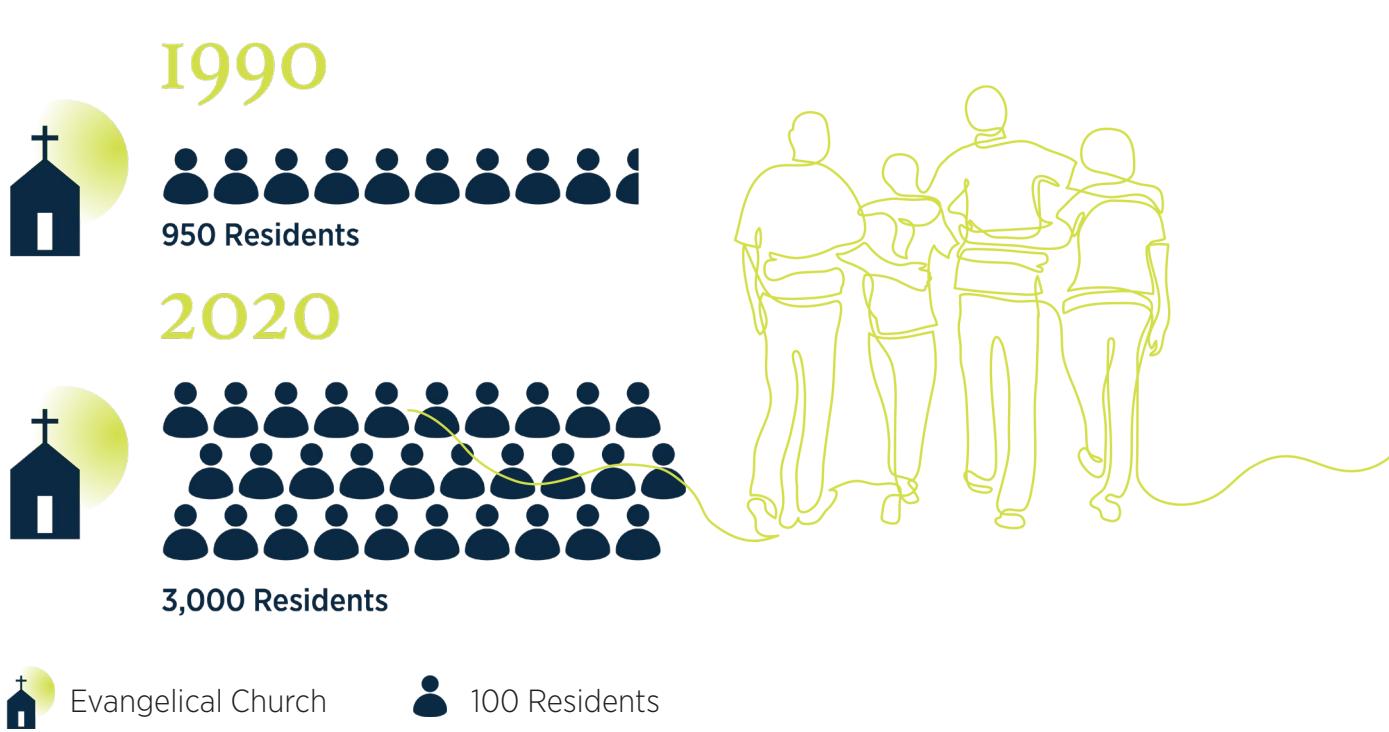


Why Concord?

Cabarrus County, just north of Charlotte, is in the top 15 most populated counties in North Carolina, and the top 5 in terms of growth rate. Concord, the county's central and largest city of nearly 100,000 people, is growing by over 2,000 residents per year. Businesses, schools, and housing developments are emerging all around the county, year after year.

However, despite this growth in population, local churches are losing ground. In 30 years, the population has grown nearly 300%, while the number of evangelical churches has remained roughly the same. Meanwhile, the COVID-19 pandemic has catalyzed significant transfer growth in the Charlotte metro area, with droves of people moving in from more expensive and densely populated areas of the country.

The fields are white for harvest, and more laborers are needed. Even in an area ingrained with much cultural Christian heritage, many more gospel-preaching churches are needed to keep reaching and discipling the people God is bringing. Concord, and the whole Charlotte metro area, are ripe with opportunity to develop and send many disciples to advance God's Kingdom.





About Us

Ian grew up in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., and moved with his family to Concord, NC in 2005. Kristina was born in North Carolina, and after her family spent several years in Minnesota and Grand Cayman, she moved to Concord in 2004. Ian and Kristina met at their high school in Concord, began dating in senior year, and went to college together at UNC Greensboro. They graduated in 2012, were married shortly after, and now have three children: Reese (7), Leo (5) & Canaan (2).

Both Ian and Kristina spent time in church growing up, but they began to actively follow Jesus and own their faith as college freshmen. Through the college ministry of Daystar Church (now Definition Church) in Greensboro, they gained a new understanding of God's grace, freely given through faith alone - in the sinless life, atoning death, and victorious resurrection of Jesus. In 2013, Ian became a campus pastor at Daystar, and gained invaluable experience in ministry and leadership for more than four years.

In 2017, Ian and Kristina moved to the Raleigh area so that Ian could complete his Master of Divinity at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. They spent two years as members of Open Door Church in Raleigh, where Ian was a Pastoral Intern. After an unexpected opportunity to move across the county to Fuquay-Varina, they became members of Redeemer Community Church, their primary sending church, where Ian is a Church Planting Resident.

Since their marriage in 2012, Ian and Kristina have been compelled to plant a healthy, multiplying church that treasures God's glory, proclaims Christ's gospel, and exhibits the Spirit's transformative power. The last decade of training in both the church and the classroom has prepared them as a family to bring this back to the town in which they met, to see Christ's Kingdom advance in Concord and beyond.

Sending Partners:

Churches



Network



Denomination



North Carolina Baptists

Mission & Values

We are a *family* of
disciples, advancing
God's Kingdom in
Word and Deed -
for the *glory* of our
Father, through the
gospel of His Son,
by the *power* of His
Spirit.



Core Values



Our Identity: **Family**

We belong to one another as unique, diverse members of one growing spiritual family, reconciled to God and one another through Jesus Christ.



Our Journey: **Discipleship**

We are mutually committed to helping one another to follow Jesus in all areas of life - in our personal lives, our families, our vocations, and our stewardship.



Our Mission: **Kingdom Advancement**

We are committed to seeing God's kingdom grow both locally and globally through personal evangelism, church planting, and international missions.



Our Method: **Word + Deed**

We seek to minister like Jesus, who taught in the synagogue, preached the gospel, and healed afflictions. We choose a both/and rather than an either/or approach, ministering to both spiritual and physical needs in our community.



Our Goal: **The Father's Glory**

We align our goals with God's ultimate purpose in creating and redeeming the world: His glory above all else.



Our Message: **Christ's Gospel**

We preach the one message that is central to all of the Bible - the gospel of Christ's saving work through his sinless life, atoning death, and victorious resurrection.



Our Source: **The Spirit's Power**

We acknowledge that our ministry will only be effective if it is empowered by the Holy Spirit. In all that we do, we seek dependence upon His presence and power.

Timeline

Phase 1: Prepare July - December 2021

- Launch website
- Begin Core Team interest meetings
- Develop Ministry Support Team of Individuals & Churches
- Raise all funds for 2022
- Develop strategic partnerships with Pillar Network, Great Commission Baptists, and other like-minded churches
- Preach regularly at potential partner churches

Phase 2: Move January - April 2022

- Kitchen family & other core team members move to Concord
- Engage in regular personal evangelism
- Network with local government, business, and educational leaders
- Begin monthly core team gatherings (fellowship + training)
- Secure future meeting location

Phase 3: Gather May - August 2022

- Bi-weekly core team gatherings
- Establish covenant membership with core-team
- Begin weekly family groups (small groups)
- Begin monthly “preview services” - prayer, worship, Q&A

Phase 4: Launch September - December 2022

- Launch weekly worship services
- Expand covenant membership with new attendees
- Establish children’s ministry

Phase 5: Multiply 2023 and Beyond

- Appoint additional elders and hire staff as needed
- Establish other age-specific ministries
- Launch Equip Classes
- Equip future church planters (Aiming to send by 2024)



Ministry Strategy

Corporate Worship

We will gather every Sunday and worship through singing, prayer, the preaching of the Word, and participation in the Lord's Supper and Baptism.

Corporate Prayer

We will gather monthly for a time of focused prayer, asking God to meet needs in our church and community, and to advance His gospel to the nations.

Family Groups

We will meet weekly in homes to grow as God's family through fellowship and discipleship - by studying God's Word, encouraging one another, and praying for each other's needs.

Equip Classes

We will provide weekly classes, on Sundays, where our members can be formed theologically and gain a robust understanding of the Bible.

Servant Evangelism

Family Groups will regularly minister to the community through hospitality and sacrificial service, with the goal of sharing the life-saving message of Christ with those we serve.

Church Planting

We will commit to regularly planting other churches by developing and sending leaders from our own membership, as well as through missional partnerships with like-minded churches, the Pillar Network, and our local and state conventions.

Budget

Total Annual Budget:



# Partners Churches or Individuals	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount	Annual Tier Total
1	\$2,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
2	\$1,500	\$18,000	\$36,000
3	\$1,000	\$12,000	\$36,000
4	\$500	\$6,000	\$24,000
8	\$250	\$3,000	\$24,000
10	\$100	\$1,200	\$12,000
12	\$75	\$900	\$10,800
14	\$50	\$600	\$8,400
16	\$25	\$300	\$4,800
70		TOTAL	\$180,000

For our first two to three years, our church's financial viability will depend on outside support. Our percentage of outside support will decrease incrementally year-over-year, while our percentage of self-support will increase. Our goal is to be fully self-sustaining by the start of our fourth year of ministry, in 2025!

Ways to Partner

We hope that you will partner with us in this endeavor for Christ's Kingdom, however you are able. We realize that each church and individual will partner in different ways, as God directs, but regardless of which you choose, we desire your partnership!

Pray

Jesus said in John 15:5, "Apart from me, you can do nothing."

Please pray that He would empower our work so that...

- We will fearlessly preach the gospel
(Ephesians 6:19)
- The Word of Christ will grow and multiply
(Acts 12:24) in our area.
- We will lack nothing
(Titus 3:13)
- The Lord would send out laborers into the harvest with us *(Matthew 9:38)*.

For updates on how to pray as our process unfolds, please sign up for our newsletter at www.risennc.com.

Give

As described above, we are in need of financial partners for our first two to three years, until we become self-supporting. To discuss specific needs, please reach out directly to Ian (contact info below). You can give either online or by check:

Give Online

Visit www.risennc.com for a link to our online giving portal

Give By Check

1780 Heritage Center Dr.
Suite 101
Wake Forest, NC 27587
(Put "Risen Church -
Concord, NC" in Memo)

Join

You can make the greatest impact by participating firsthand. Become a member of the Risen Church family, leverage your gifts for God's Kingdom, and get a front row seat to see His work! If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining the Risen Church team, reach out directly to Ian.

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