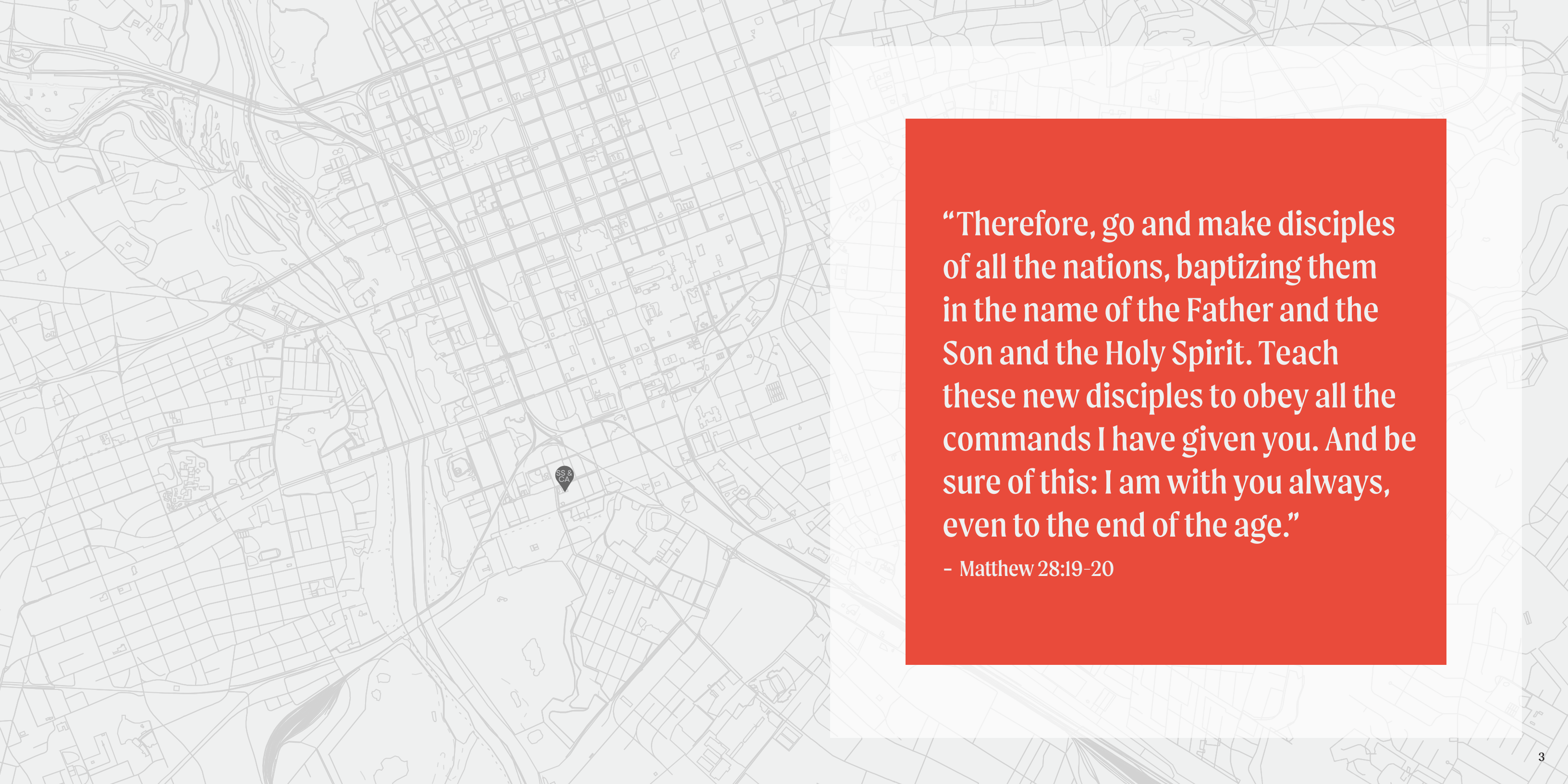




# **GREAT OPPORTUNITY**



**2025-2028  
MINISTRY PLAN**

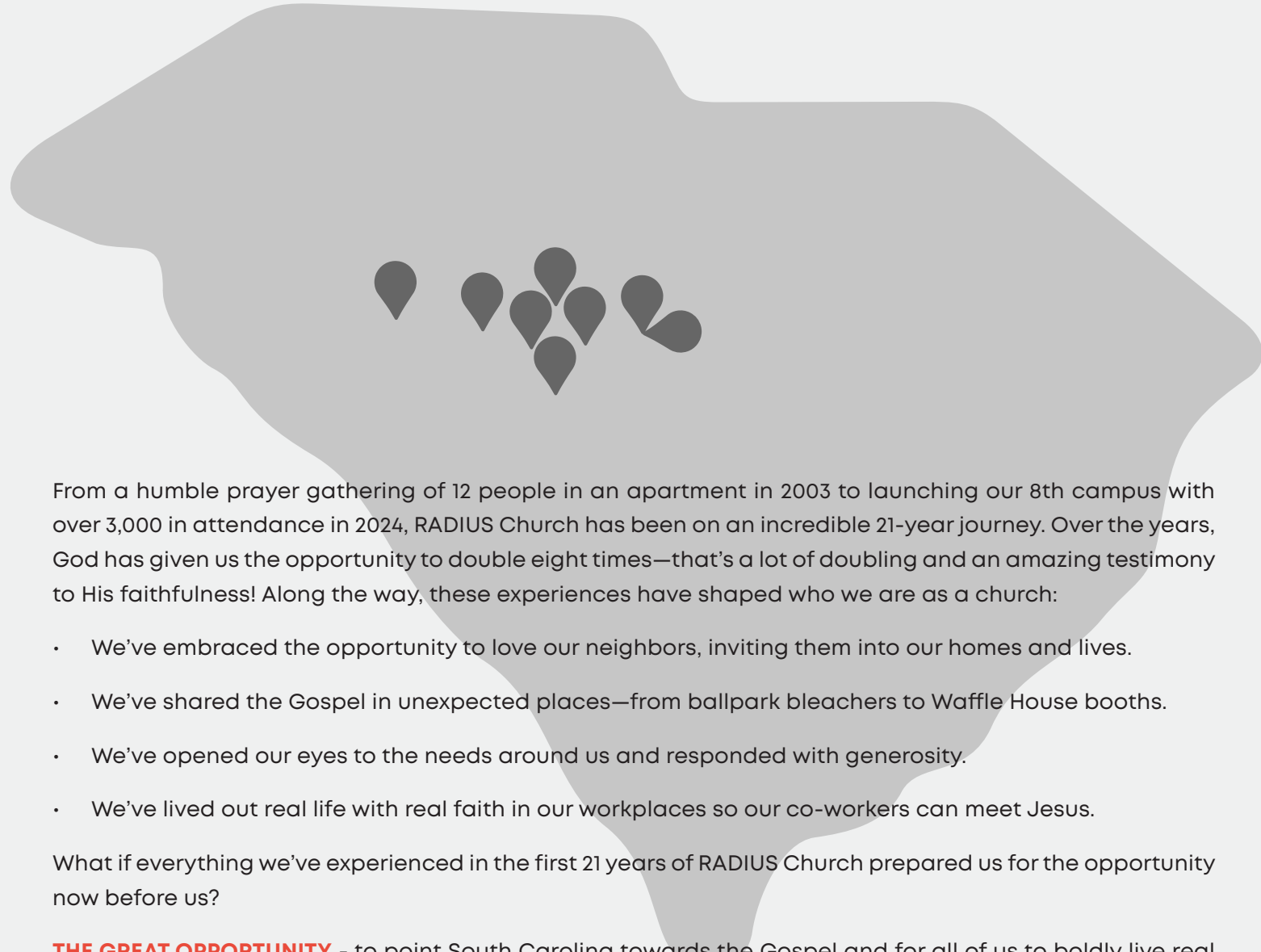


**“Therefore, go and make disciples  
of all the nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and the  
Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach  
these new disciples to obey all the  
commands I have given you. And be  
sure of this: I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age.”**

**- Matthew 28:19-20**



# OUR CHURCH



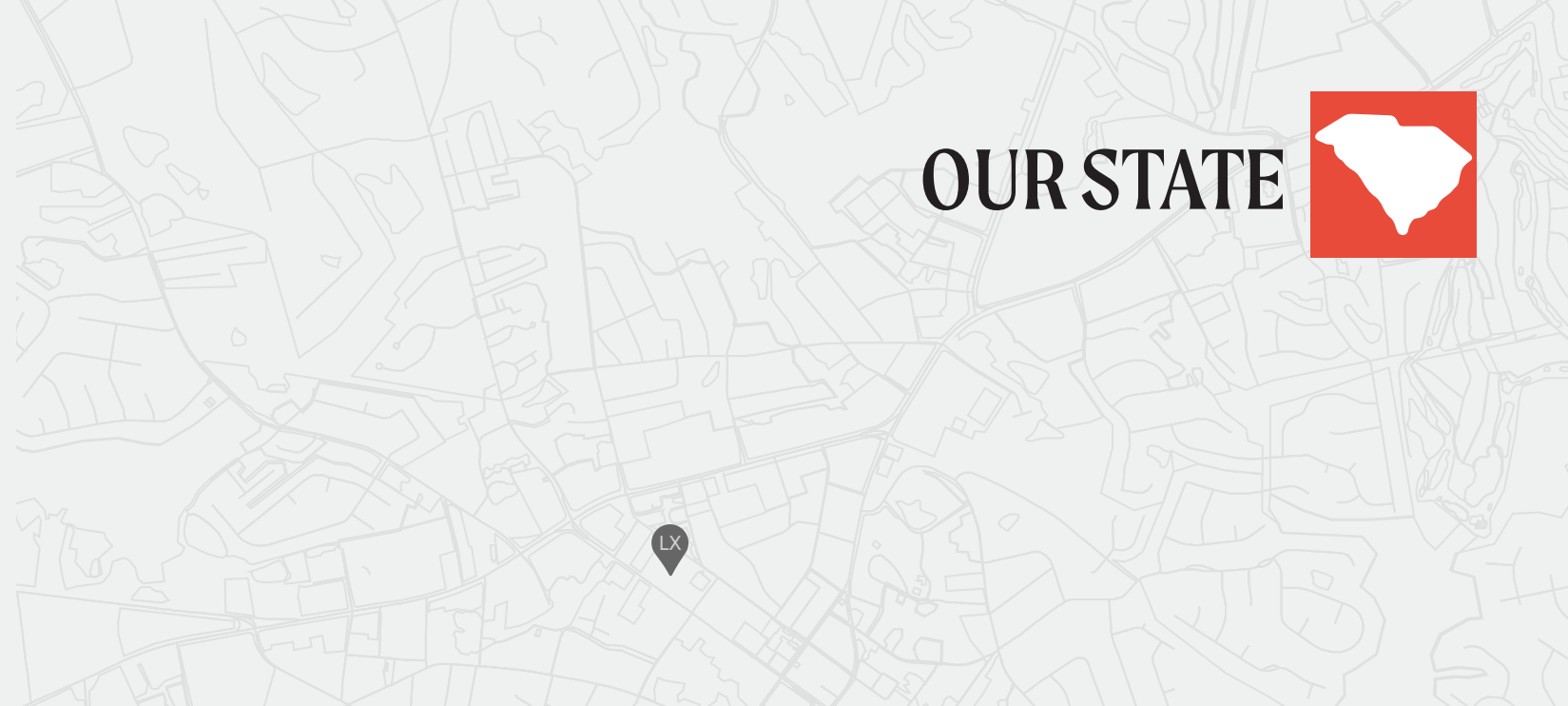
From a humble prayer gathering of 12 people in an apartment in 2003 to launching our 8th campus with over 3,000 in attendance in 2024, RADIUS Church has been on an incredible 21-year journey. Over the years, God has given us the opportunity to double eight times—that’s a lot of doubling and an amazing testimony to His faithfulness! Along the way, these experiences have shaped who we are as a church:

- We’ve embraced the opportunity to love our neighbors, inviting them into our homes and lives.
- We’ve shared the Gospel in unexpected places—from ballpark bleachers to Waffle House booths.
- We’ve opened our eyes to the needs around us and responded with generosity.
- We’ve lived out real life with real faith in our workplaces so our co-workers can meet Jesus.

What if everything we’ve experienced in the first 21 years of RADIUS Church prepared us for the opportunity now before us?

**THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY** - to point South Carolina towards the Gospel and for all of us to boldly live real life with real faith, loving our neighbors and making disciples.

# OUR STATE




South Carolina was the fastest-growing state in the U.S. in 2023 and it’s not expected to slow down anytime soon. The Palmetto State grew by 1.7% in 2023 to a total population of 5.3 million people.

The growth from 2020 – 2023 in counties where our current campuses are established, reflects the need for more healthy churches:

- 14,481 people moved into Lexington County
- 9,467 people moved into Richland County
- 295 people moved into Saluda
- 1,094 people moved into Newberry

The population of South Carolina is increasing rapidly while the number of churches and the number of young people attending church is decreasing. We live in the right place at the right time for this to be our...

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

PLANTING NEWBERRY | JUNE 2024

Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for  
joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

We want to continually plant healthy, generous, disciple-making RADIUS Church campuses to keep up with the growth of our state and to impact the culture of our communities.

2003

RADIUS Church is planted

2013

RADIUS White Knoll

2015

RADIUS Saluda

2018

RADIUS Centerville  
RADIUS Irmo

2020

RADIUS Southside

2023

RADIUS Carolina  
RADIUS Irmo closes

2024

RADIUS Pelion  
RADIUS Longs Pond

2025-2028

Where next?





RADIUS Church exists to  
**GLORIFY GOD**  
by planting churches **THAT**  
make disciples and live generously

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Our first 21 years have been full of defining moments as we've learned who God made us to be as a church: We are flawed individuals that live real life with real faith so that those in our radius see a real Jesus. We live life on mission together - establishing new churches in new places as we continue making disciples and living generously. So, we decided to make a one-word addition in our mission statement.

**[THAT]** seems like a small word in a mission statement! So what's the big deal? Planting healthy churches is assessed by the fruit produced. We gauge the health of our churches by disciple-making and generosity. The **[THAT]** defines the kind of churches we want to plant and the fruit we will measure as we assess their health.

**You** are generous.  
**You** are disciple-makers.

# This is **YOUR** **GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

God has you in your radius for a reason. Your circle of influence - your neighborhood, your kids' extra curriculars, your grocery stores, your workplace - is unique to you. No one else has a radius that looks like yours. You are placed there because you can love people and serve your community in ways no one else can. As the gospel shapes you, it's noticed by those around you. You live open-handed as you earn the opportunity to share Jesus with others, helping them become disciples, too. As we seize this **Great Opportunity** together, culture is created and our radius is changed by the Gospel. Let's GO!

**But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.**

**1 Peter 2:9**



## This is our Great Opportunity

RADIUS captured our attention because of its mission statement--glorifying God by making disciples, planting churches, and being generous. These resonated with us as being biblical, but also values our family is passionate about. We saw that this statement was actually being lived out and pursued by partners, each campus, and the church as a whole. While multi-campus seemed like a weird and strange idea to us, we've loved seeing the beauty of cooperation between campuses and what it's like to see multiple churches operate as The Church. Plus, the people we've met at Southside have opened their arms to us as friends and family, and the more we get to know them and are involved, the more this feels like home. Grateful for a church that equips it's people and expects them to live out the Gospel.



**Stephen & Brittany Prah**



Having just helped to launch RADIUS Longs Pond, church planting is a big priority to us. We are thankful that RADIUS is a place with a casual atmosphere and genuine people because it makes it easy to bring in those that have never been to church before. Because of meal trains created, gifts given through Give Hope, and so many acts of service, we are thankful to be a part of our church family. The way we care for those around us creates a natural opportunity to share the gospel with those that have not yet met Jesus.



**Ben & Abby Fordree**

# THIS IS OUR GREAT OPPORTUNITY

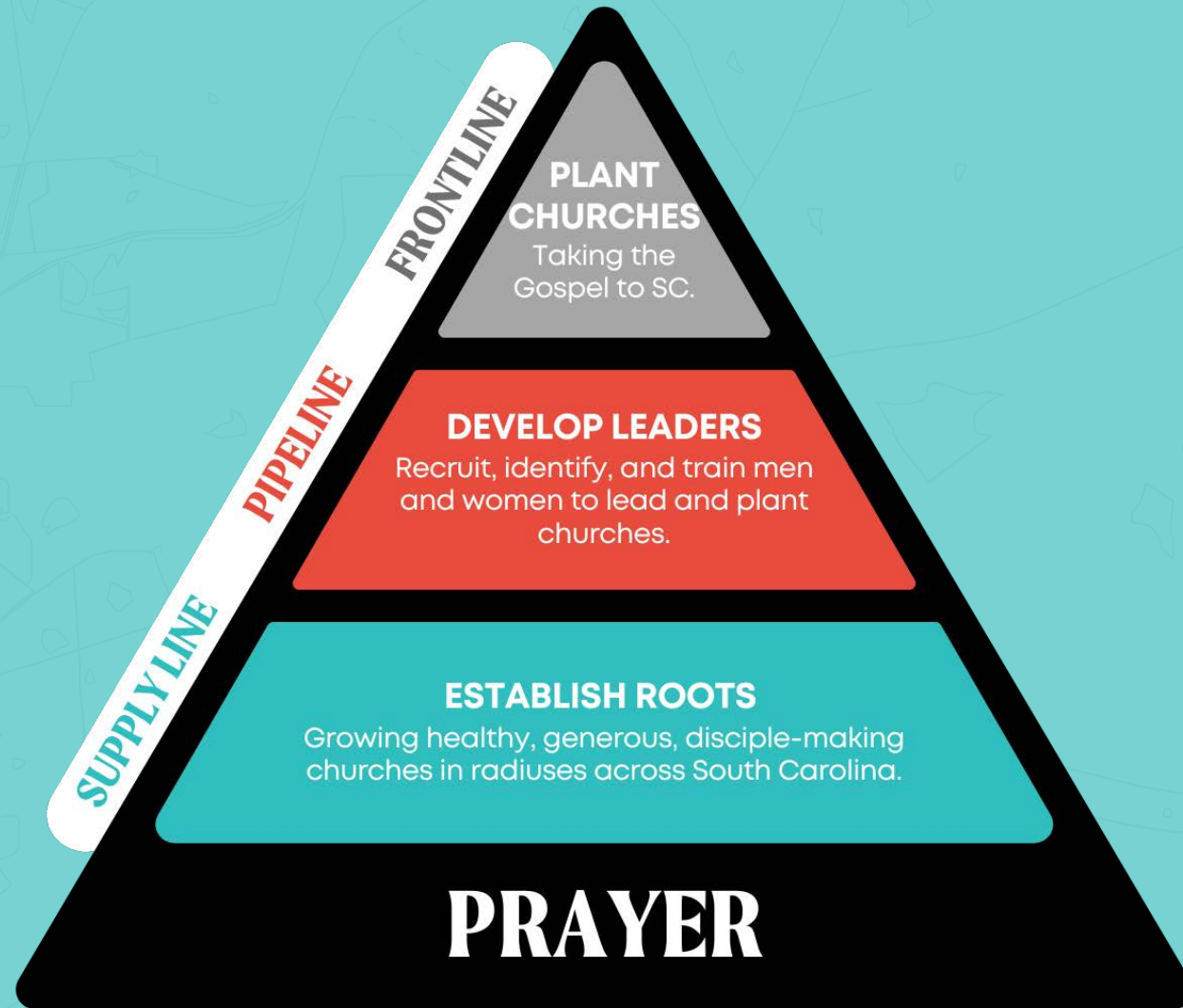
To see South Carolina changed by the Gospel  
through planting churches of disciple-makers  
who live generously in their radius.



## Why us? Why now? God uniquely built us for this:

- Our people are committed to making disciples and living generously in their radius, which has the potential to positively impact communities.
- Our leaders have the knowledge, experience, and passion for church planting.
- Our bias toward action leads us to plant rapidly through strategic planning accompanied by being prayerfully opportunistic.
- We aren't afraid to fail and continue to humbly ask God to teach us as we step forward in faith.


# THREE YEAR PLAN



*Prayerfully opportunistic* is how we describe our go-to planning strategy. We want our planning to enable us to be extremely flexible when God puts opportunities in front of us that may change our direction or require an immediate and unexpected response.

## ▲ PRAYER



① We want to continually plant **HEALTHY**  
③ [generous, disciple-making RADIUS Church campuses]  
④ to keep up with the growth of our state   
⑤ and to impact the culture of our communities.

- ① Pray for clear direction and new leaders as each campus makes plans to reproduce in the next 3 years.
- ② Pray that each location will be alive, full of the Holy Spirit, and multiplying disciples and generosity.
- ③ Pray that we will be known across the state as generous disciple-makers, living real life with real faith in our radius.
- ④ Pray for your new neighbors and co-workers by name. Pray about the part God would have you play in their lives.
- ⑤ New churches spark renewal in existing churches and communities to make things different and better for those living there. Pray that God will use us to better our radius and reflect Jesus along the way.





This is our  
Great Opportunity



FRONTLINE



## PLANTING CHURCHES

**Church planting is the most effective method of evangelism.**

To see South Carolina changed by the Gospel, we must reach those who are not believers. Planting churches is the most effective way to reach those who do not belong to a church, attracting three to six times more non-Christians than older churches. New churches also bring renewal to communities and often encourage older churches to reset their vision and practices as well.

- Each existing and new campus will prioritize multiplying within 3 years of launching.
- We will bring a culture of disciple-making, generosity, and prayer into each new church plant.
- Create a “GO” mindset within RADIUS Church.



I wholeheartedly believe that because RADIUS was obedient in planting a church, it changed the trajectory of our family.

David & Amber Howells

Watch their  
story here





# DEVELOP LEADERS

Planting and establishing churches across our state will require us to identify and train men and women to lead them.

Establishing new churches throughout the state will require a commitment to identifying and training leaders. We've found that leaders who rise up from inside our church are the best at furthering our mission. So, providing opportunities for partners—those who make up the heart of our church—to grow as well is important as we move forward. Here are ways we will build out our leadership development over the next three years:

- Deep discipleship training opportunities will be available so that our partners are ready to disciple as they encounter people in their radius who need to know Jesus.
- We'll further refine our internship and residency programs so that we are preparing our potential ministry leaders theologically and practically with hands on training.
- We will continue to identify potential church planters within our church body and assess those that God brings our way. Church planting cohorts will be established as leaders are identified.



I started working at RADIUS in the summer of 2021 as the Student Director for RADIUS Centerville. During my time there, I was given opportunities to lead and learn what it looked like to serve in a pastoral-type role. The following year, my wife and I planted RADIUS Carolina, out of Southside. Since doing so, we have seen many of the lessons we learned while at Centerville come in use in this new ministerial role. I am excited to play a small part in what God is doing through RADIUS and am thankful for the ways RADIUS has invested into my life and walk with Christ.

**Jon Ross Fordree**  
Campus Pastor

As I finished college close to 3 years ago, I pursued a worship and communications internship and then residency with RADIUS. Over the course of my residency, I learned the ins and outs of worship leadership and was provided a multitude of opportunities to lead worship, receive feedback, build teams, develop student musicians, and more. That led me to truly fall in love with leading the local body in corporate worship as I watched people lead their hearts to focus on Christ through singing the truths of scripture. There's nothing more beautiful than experiencing the eternal joy and peace of the Lord with the unified voice of the body of believers. I have been on full time staff as a Worship Leader with RADIUS for a year and half now and am so grateful for the work I get to do and the people I get to do it with. It's truly a joy to grow in faith and do life with the people at RADIUS!

**Parker Andrews**  
Worship Leader



Read more stories about our pipeline



This is our Great Opportunity



I remember when I first saw that RADIUS Centerville was coming to our community. Paul and I were excited for our community because we heard stories of how RADIUS teaches and lives out discipleship to reach the unchurched, and cares for those in the community in a hands-on way. We felt that RADIUS would be an active and visible force for God in our local schools, businesses, and homes. We attended services in the field a few times until it got too cold for us. We waited expectantly for the doors to the newly renovated building to open on Palm Sunday 2021, attended that first service, and we never looked back. We have found connections at RADIUS like we've never experienced before. The people have embraced and supported our family through the tragic death of our daughter; we have found places where we can serve and make a difference for the church, others, and ourselves; and it is clear that the church loves our community as much as we do and has a passion to reach every person with the Gospel. But the greatest connection has been the way we feel the Holy Spirit move in our midst every time we attend worship. We want everyone we know to experience the same. We are challenged, encouraged and equipped by RADIUS to be disciples in our own circles of influence and beyond. For some that means staying where we are to be the hands and feet of Jesus; for others it means changing locations to plant churches in around our state. Regardless of our callings, we are all blessed to be a part of that active and visible force for God in our communities. We are RADIUS, connecting people to Jesus.



Paul & Carol Sease



## ESTABLISH ROOTS

We envision physical spaces for our radius – to serve the poor, host our community, and root ourselves in the fabric of our neighborhood.

One of the ways we can best love and impact our radius is by establishing roots right in the community. As we plant churches, we first establish roots of generosity. We want to do more than just take up space on a Sunday. We want to show that we are committed to building up our communities for years to come. We choose people and organizations that are on the front lines in our radius to partner with to help those in need. Generosity builds trust, and trust makes way for the Gospel to be shared.

As our roots continue to grow, we envision a place for our radius - to serve the poor, host community events, city council meetings, blood drives, and school district meetings. We envision groups of people gathering for prayer in our lobbies, meeting for discipleship, and maybe even using our parking lots for a pick-up game of basketball with students.

Establishing roots means that our church understands what it looks like to be for our radius and not for ourselves. To establish roots -

- We will make practical improvements at current campuses to be a good neighbor and to provide space for meaningful community.
- We'll continually equip our people to make disciples in their radius.
- We'll live generously and support vetted people and organizations around our towns who are helping those in need.
- We will be ready for opportunities that arise to provide homes for our portable campuses.

## “Therefore, go...”

A movement of the Gospel across South Carolina will take new leaders repeatedly planting new churches that establish roots of discipleship and generosity. It will take all of us across RADIUS seizing this **Great Opportunity** over and over and over again.

In your radius:

- Will you prioritize time to be a disciple-maker?
- Will you keep your eyes up and continually assess your expenses in order to be generous?
- Will you be willing to leave the comfort of your church family to cut ground in a new neighborhood for new people at a new church?
- Will you pray? We need people who pray bold prayers and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

To **GO** is an act of obedience. A step forward in faith. Now is the time to pray boldly and ask direction in how the Spirit is leading you to seize this

# GREAT OPPORTUNITY

## To seize the Great Opportunity, our goal is \$42,000,000 over 3 years.

This is a financial goal that only God can make possible, and it is double our normal operational budget. We are asking everyone who calls RADIUS home to engage in a spiritual decision-making process that will lead to a financial commitment above and beyond your regular giving.

Ultimately, this is an invitation to be part of the **Great Opportunity** God has put in front of us - to make disciples and live generously in our radius and to see our state saturated by the Gospel through church planting.

### 3-YEAR FUNDING PRIORITIES

#### Operational Budget | \$21M

- Ministry and campus
- Support services
- Local & international generosity

#### Church Planting | \$4M

- Internship and Residency
- New campus financial support
- New campus launches
- Church Planters
- Ministry Residents

#### Facility Projects | \$17M

- Updates at older campuses as needed
- Permanent buildings for portable campuses
- Readiness for opportunities that arise

### PRAY

The **Great Opportunity** can only be accomplished by real prayer! We are asking you to commit to a season of prayer for our neighborhoods, towns, and state.

### ENGAGE

Covering South Carolina with the Gospel through disciple making and generosity won't be accomplished by passive onlookers. We need to engage in new ways—starting in our neighborhood. Are you making a disciple? Are you reflecting the love of Jesus to your family, neighbors, and coworkers?

### GIVE

Generosity is more than a number; it's a posture of the heart. Pray about how God wants you to steward what he has entrusted to you. This is a **Great Opportunity** for us to live generously so everyone in every corner of South Carolina can hear about Jesus.

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