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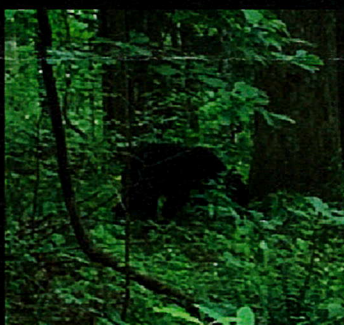
Looking For Parent Churches

by Lance Hurley, Executive Director



A few years ago, Darla and I were traveling through Great Smoky Mountains National Park on this vehicle (following my son and his family when he began motioning to a turnout in the road. I pulled over only to see him continue driving down the road. We wondered why when we noticed an object walking in the trees.

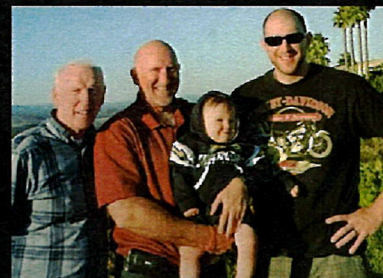
We had been hoping to see a bear during our trip and there he was, a young black bear, ambling through the woods. If my son had not seen him as he drove along, we would have missed it. He knew what he was looking for and because he did, we were able to enjoy the experience and create a new memory.



Ignite is grateful for the generosity of all who made the Pentecost Offering a memorable one. What's even more significant is the plan we have for the money: helping churches become parents for new daughter churches. We will accomplish this plan by providing grants to churches who want to take this step.

What characteristics make up a parent church?

· Parent churches have eyes that look beyond their four walls to the unreached people around them. These people may be a different ethnicity, an age group not being reached, a people group who share a common affinity / interest or have a vocation that prohibits them from attending church at a "normal" time. Whoever they may be, the parent church sees them in their community and has a desire to show them Jesus.



· Parent churches refuse to think of themselves but remember that Jesus wants his church to reach all people. The Great Commission resonates with these churches, and they desire to see disciples made into every "nook and cranny" of their community.

· Parent churches realize that their facility can be a multi-use venue for different people groups in their context who can be gathered into new communities of faith.

· Parent churches have the ability to think legacy, alongside the current reality. I keep this picture in my office of the reminder of legacy. Four generations of Hurleys are seen here (my grandson is now 14) and each of us are following Jesus today. Legacy lasts, something each parent understands.

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Are you interested in becoming a parent church?

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What are some keys to becoming a parent church?

Matt Wright, Ignite's Director of Parent Church Planting, listed off 3 important ingredients:

- 1 Place to meet** – especially when a church is considering the “church within a church” model, it is essential that the parent have room for their daughter;
- 2 People to reach** – this comes from a parent being open to looking for unreached people or a people group in their community;
- 3 Person to lead** – someone in the parent church or someone known to the parent church who has a desire and conviction to reach these people for Jesus.

If these ingredients are in place (or even a couple of them), the church could be a parent church.

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Our First Pentecost Parent Church – Adventure Christian Church, Bradley, IL

On June 12, the elders at Adventure were asked if they would be open to having a daughter. The group endorsed this idea wholeheartedly and were excited about the possibilities ahead of this new endeavor. Andy Hamilton, Assistant Executive Director of Ignite and current Senior Pastor at Adventure was asked why the church was willing to take this step. Andy gave the following reasons:

This is an opportunity to reach a people group not being reached and often forgotten;

This is a pioneering method for reaching new people groups that is fiscally responsible;

We want to be a church that is innovative and outward focused;

We have space, a people group to reach and a person to lead the daughter church.

Starting September 13, at 5 pm, Adventure's daughter will be launched at the current facility to reach the senior population (55+) in Kankakee County. This people group numbers over 20,000 in this county. Why target this population for a new church? The reality is that over 60% of this population has no relationship with Jesus or his church. We are aware of no church planting organizations seeking to reach this population group and we want to see what happens when we focus on this demographic.

If this daughter plant is effective, we will look to launch more of these types of churches across Chicagoland as there are 1.5-2 million unreached in our region who fit this age demographic.



Save the Date:

Minister's Gathering at Maggianos Naperville
November 3, 2026

More details to follow

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