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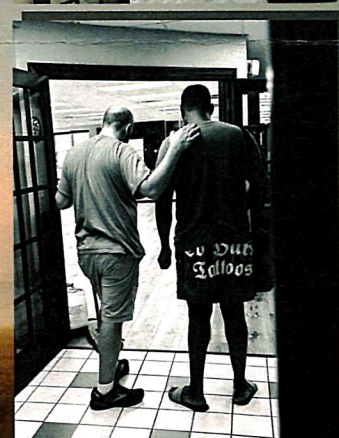
BRINGING HOPE TO CHICAGOLAND BY STARTING CHURCHES.

The Gathering Christian Church: A New Church for Plainfield & Joliet, IL

by Andy Hamilton, Assistant Executive Director

For the past several months, Seth Rempel and his team at The Gathering have been meeting bi-weekly at the Richland Center in Crest Hill, IL in a room with an occupancy level of 31. They've been praying, seeking the Lord's favor, and laying the groundwork for new church with a relational disciple-making culture and The Gathering Christian Church is planning to launch this Fall.

They had clearly outgrown the Richland Center room and on Sunday, August 16th, 2026, the Lord began opening a new door for them to begin meeting weekly at Wesmere Country Club in Plainfield, IL. This new meeting space comes at an affordable price and is surrounded by 1,400 homes with many young families!



A New church for the Ravenswood Neighborhood: Chicago, IL

By Daniel Hazel



We are continuing to host a Monday night gathering, giving space for people we have been interacting with in the community to connect with the way of Jesus. So far, we have made 172 out of our 222 community connections goal. The goal is to keep our community focused on prayer walks. Over the last year, we have been prayer-walking our neighborhood one to two times a week, and now I have noticed a shift where people are recognizing us and initiating conversations.

We paused our in-person gathering because over the summer, everyone who came either moved away to a different part of Chicago or had a busy season at work, so we are still praying for God to make it possible to get enough interest to meet in person again, but the online gathering allows people to connect even if they move far away. The transient nature of Chicago makes ministry challenging.

We are planning an overnight retreat in October at Stronghold Castle in Oregon, IL, as an opportunity for people to unplug, slow down, and encounter God in creation and community. I am praying that this will help open the doors and create more inroads for our community connections.

We are about to launch into our next season of cohorts, which helps connect people to God's mission. Through this, we interact with 34 people in Chicago and around the world, helping them connect their lives to God's mission.

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Are you interested in becoming a parent church?

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and click the Parent Church button to apply.**

Ignite launches a new training platform for Emergent Leaders!

Do you have an emergent leader (18-29 years old) in your congregation? Many of our churches are filled with "Timothys" who need to be poured into, developed as leaders, and deployed into ministry.

This Fall, Ignite is kicking off a young adult cohort (18-29 year olds) designed to help young leaders grow as healthy, balanced leaders through three key pillars: Identity, Belonging, and Purpose.

If you know of a young leader seeking spiritual growth, connection, or clarity for what comes next, invite them to be part of it!

This training platform will help deepen their walk with Jesus, by establishing relationships with others their age, and will help them discover how God is shaping their life and leadership. We'd love to invite them into the conversation!

Use the QR code here:



Self-paced learning with four Zoom sessions:

- Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 3, 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:00pm-7:00pm



Minister's Appreciation Lunch



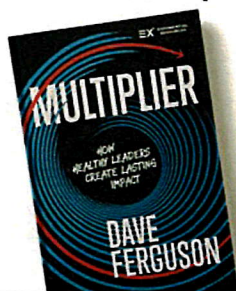
RSVP required!

By 10/26/26 - Limited seating!

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Speaker: DAVE FERGUSON

Author of: *Multiplier: How Healthy Leaders
Create Lasting Impact.*



Tuesday, November 3rd @ 11:30 a.m.

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