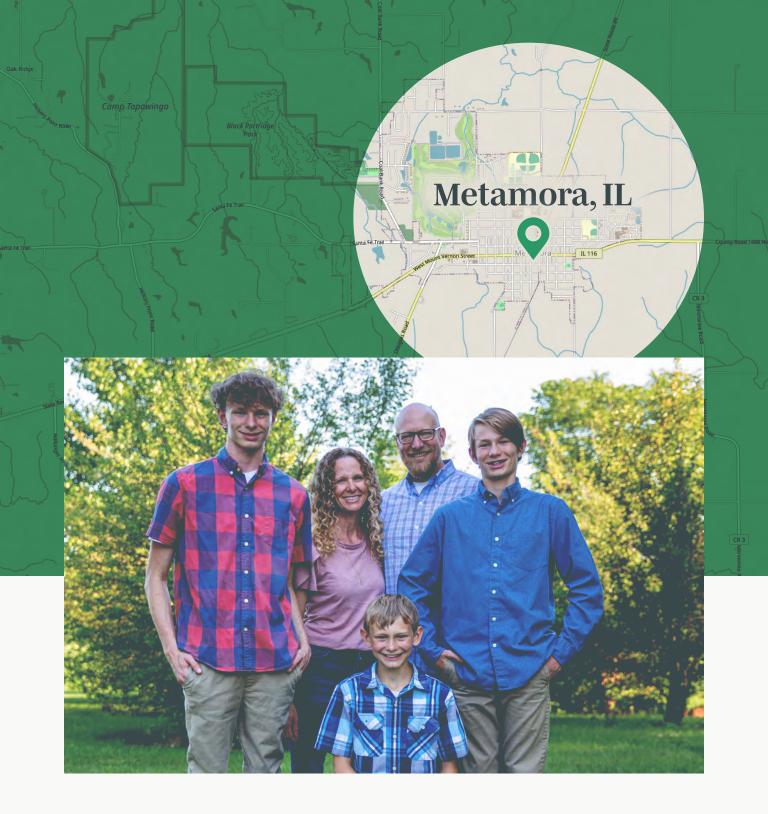


**COMMUNITY CHURCH** 



We are the Brickers and we are leaving the church we have loved, served, and helped to plant in Bloomington/Normal, IL (Charis Community Church) to go plant a new church (Partridge Point Community Church) in the small town of Metamora, IL.

# **But why?**

#### Because we have seen God at work in Rural Central IL.

In 2016, Jon helped form a network of pastors committed to pray and partner together to see more gospel-centered churches planted in small towns throughout Central Illinois. Since 2016, we have seen God plant three new churches. By God's grace, we will be the fourth.

### Because we have sensed God calling us to plant again.

In early '21, Jon began to sense an increased burden for the small towns around Central IL. As he was seeking to recruit others to the work of rural church planting around Central IL, he began to sense that God was calling HIM to plant again! This calling was affirmed as he began sharing his desire with Beth, his fellow pastors, and close friends.

### Because God has already been at work in Metamora.

In late December of '21, as we were seeking to discern where the Lord would have us move to plant, Jon got lunch with his friend Andrew, a long-time resident of Metamora. During this lunch, Andrew shared that he and his wife have been praying for three years for a church planter to come to Metamora to plant a new, gospel-centered church they could partner with. As we talked and prayed, we received this as the Lord answering our prayers for direction in a powerful way.

### Because there is a need for new churches in Metamora.

There are over 12,000 people in the Metamora zip code, but only 7 Evangelical Protestant churches. In Metamora's county (Woodford), there are an estimated 7,300 Evangelical Protestants, compared with 23,000 people who are unaffiliated with any church (Evangelical, Mainline, or Catholic).

For these reasons, we are moving to Metamora, IL in order to plant a church that will demonstrate the grace, beauty, and presence of Jesus and his Kingdom in the Metmora/Germantown Hills area.



### **OUR VALUES**

## Jesus is necessary

Although we naturally look to our own abilities, resources, and strategies to overcome our failures, weaknesses, and problems, our conviction is that our ultimate need is met in Jesus.

# Jesus is better

Although we naturally try to find happiness through living for ourselves and what's in it for us, our conviction is that all that we have in Jesus is better than anything else this world offers.

## Jesus is with us

Although our natural tendency is to trust in ourselves and to hide weaknesses from God and others, our conviction is that Jesus is with us to powerfully help and provide for us through His Word, His Spirit, and His people.



# How can you partner with us?

#### **PRAY**

We need people to intentionally and specifically pray for the church, our family, the people we want to reach, and each big step along the way. We'd love to invite you in as prayer partners who are committed to pray for us and receive updates that will keep you connected as we launch Partridge Point Community Church.

### GIVE

We are raising funds to make the vision become a reality. This is to alleviate the new church from the burden of providing for a full-time pastor's salary as the church grows to sustain itself. As God has called us to start the church, we know he has called others as financial ministry partners. The best way to partner with us financially is as a monthly partner, prayerfully considering your capacity to support us.

#### JOIN

The church will be built by God through people, and if you feel compelled to join us as a part of our launch team, we would love to invite you into our community of faith as it grows. We will connect over meals, small groups, and service to the community around us. Let us know if you are interested in joining us as the church gets closer to launching!



# **Possible Partnerships**

We are building a team of faithful givers who will support our family as we go to plant a church in Metamora. We are asking individuals and churches to support us for a three to four year period. Our monthly need is \$8,500. We would love to have you join our team at a giving level that works for you. All donations are tax deductible and handled by our sending organization.

### **GIVING LEVELS**

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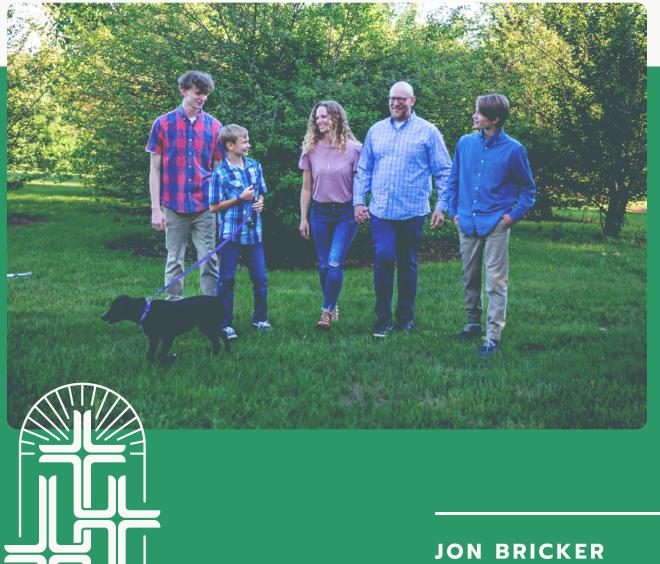


If you feel so led, you can set up your monthly gift at the following link...

give.convergemidamerica.org/giving\_campaign/97

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:18-20



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