

Everyone
repeatedly
encountering life
with Jesus for the
renewal of our
neighborhoods

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In Spring 2024, a burning desire ignited in a handful of couples' hearts. Unwilling to give up their dream of a neighborhood church for their neighbors, they prayed for God to establish a community based on the gospel of Jesus and the radical power of hospitality.

Their bold prayer was simple: that God would dignify people, inviting neighbors to imagine a new way of life through encounters with Jesus around the table.

By July 2024, this core group began meeting weekly in a home in the Edgehill neighborhood, living out their vision. By God's grace, neighbors are meeting Jesus around our tables. Strangers are becoming friends. Friends are becoming family. The story of Redeemer Fellowship is only just beginning, and we believe God is just getting started.

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WHO WE ARE

Ryne and Alisha Brewer both grew up in the Midwest and met in Saint Louis after college. They married in 2016 and moved to the Nashville area in 2019. Since then, their family has grown from two to five with the addition of their three beautiful boys: Knox, Easton, and Oliver.

Ryne and Alisha have a rich history of ministry experience. They served together on staff with Campus Outreach, a college ministry focused on reaching the lost and discipling students, and Ryne has held various roles at The Journey (Saint Louis, MO), Immanuel Nashville, and Christ Church (Nashville, TN). Ryne also earned his Master of Divinity from Covenant Theological Seminary in Saint Louis.

Over the past decade, Ryne's ministry experience and personal journey have cultivated a deep passion for sharing Jesus. The Brewers believe that the hope for the world is found in Jesus, and they are committed to starting a new church in Edgehill that passionately shares Jesus, helps people follow Him, and plants new churches for the glory of God.



We're the Brewers—a family with a heart for seeing lives transformed by Jesus in the Edgehill neighborhood of Nashville, TN.

We're so glad you're taking time to learn about our vision for Redeemer Fellowship. We hope you'll prayerfully consider partnering with us to invite the unreached in Nashville into life with Jesus. Whether it's through prayer, financial support, or joining us in this mission, you have a role to play in God's story here.

Warmly, The Brewers





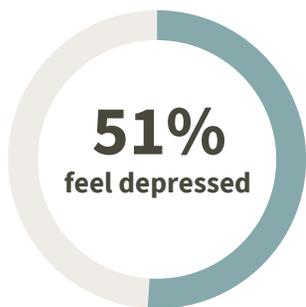
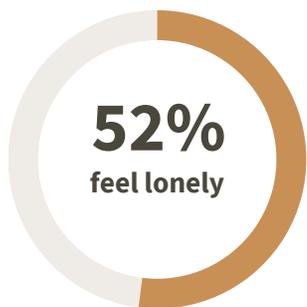
WHY ANOTHER CHURCH IN NASHVILLE?

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of Gen Z currently not in church said they would attend if invited by a friend.

RECENT STUDIES IN NASHVILLE SHED LIGHT ON NON-CHRISTIAN INDIVIDUALS:

Nashville residents carry the burdens of stress (77% vs. 61% nationally) and anxiety (68% vs. 55% nationally) more heavily than national norms.



Every statistic represents a story, and every story is worthy of an invitation into the abundant life found in Jesus.

**State of Nashville report, conducted by Barna Group in 2023.*



Edgehill's story begins in the 19th century as Currey Hill, named for postmaster and Nashville mayor Robert Currey. During the Civil War, Currey Hill became a strategic site for three U.S. Army forts, including Fort Negley, built by Black refugees and formerly enslaved men. Today, Fort Negley is a Metro Park, preserving this powerful legacy in the community now known as Edgehill.

In the 20th century, Edgehill thrived as a vibrant African American neighborhood with schools, churches, and a strong local economy, where residents played a vital role in the Civil Rights Movement. A primary example of this meaningful impact is Edgehill United Methodist, who was the first church to integrate Black and White neighbors worshipping together in the entire metro area and this legacy carried over to affordable housing. The construction of Edgehill Homes in the 1930s and 1940s provided affordable housing, fostering community and belonging.

Music Row, a Nashville staple, was one of the first areas that began to infringe on the community of Edgehill. Recent decades have brought significant redevelopment, influenced by nearby areas like the Gulch and institutions such as Belmont and Vanderbilt. However, gentrification has shifted the neighborhood's demographics, challenging its historic identity, and forcing many neighbors out of the neighborhood.

Edgehill remains a neighborhood of resilience, rich in history and culture, navigating the tension between honoring its past and adapting to the future.

The centrality of Edgehill to the rest of the city—Music Row, Midtown, Universities, 12South, the Gulch, and more, makes it a key neighborhood to the vitality of our community, and it's history of how a church can influence the entire city is an opportunity for us to follow.



EDGEHILL'S STORY



WHY EDGEHILL?

Each new unit is a chance for future neighbors
to find a place at the table with Jesus.



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Edgehill is a snapshot of Nashville's larger story. Within this 1.5 square mile pocket, the city's contrasts come together—where neighbors from all walks of life share the same space, from million-dollar homes to public housing.

In the next 5 years, 3400+ units are being built. In 20 years more than 10s of thousands of people are expected to pack into the area, making it one of the most dense neighborhoods in the city. The neighborhood plans are full of retail, restaurants and residential buildings, **but lacks any plans for more churches in the space to care for the ever changing landscape of the neighborhood.**

Churches are getting swallowed up by development, leaving a spiritual gap in the growing neighborhood.

Here lies the opportunity:
we need more of the steady witness of the gospel of Jesus in our rapidly developing and demanding neighborhood.

It's a neighborhood where the beauty of diversity and the reality of brokenness meet face to face. It's a snapshot of a city brimming with talent and ambition, but also grappling with burdens that feel too heavy to carry.





VISION & PATHWAY

VISION:
Everyone repeatedly encountering life with Jesus for the renewal of our neighborhoods.

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY: OPEN DOOR, OPEN SPACE, OPEN TABLE

Open Door – Encounter the Grace of Jesus and Extend the Grace of Jesus

Open Space – Encounter God’s Spirit among God’s People and Grow in Every Area of Life with Him

Open Table – Encounter the Culture of the Kingdom and Extend the Table to Others

Open Door, Open Space, and Open Table—come together to form an Open Life or Counter-Cultural Disciple. A disciple who:

- Lives with an open door, encountering and extending the grace of Jesus,
- Cultivates an open space for Spirit-led growth, both personally and within community
- Extends an open table to others, inviting them into the Kingdom culture.



Mission: We cultivate a way of life with Jesus that opens doors to grace, opens space for formation, and opens tables of renewal in our neighborhoods.





VISION & VALUES



1. Contagious Hospitality

As a community, we extend the undeserved hospitality of Jesus that we have received, creating an infectious culture of unreasonable and unearned welcome. There is always a seat at the table for anyone, ensuring no one is excluded from the opportunity to ask questions, be known, loved, and invited to the table with Jesus. *(Luke 14:12-14; Romans 15:7; Matthew 25:35-40)*



3. Intentional Presence

(Living at the Pace of Being Known)

As a community, we live with purpose and curiosity, making space to truly know and be known by others. We walk alongside people at a pace that honors where God has them in His story of redemption, always looking for what God is growing in their lives. *(1 Thessalonians 2:8; Proverbs 18:24; John 15:15)*



2. Spiritual Formation

As a community, we believe in the total transformation of individuals—spiritually, emotionally, and relationally—as we grow in Christ-likeness in the context of relationships around the table focused on Jesus through spiritual disciplines. *(Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 4:22-24)*



4. Creative Witness

As a community, we engage with culture through our work, art, music, storytelling, and everyday acts of creativity, allowing God to use our unique story, talents, gifts, and skills to share the gospel, tell the story of Jesus, and reflect the beauty of God's diverse kingdom in our gathered worship, community life and day-to-day lives. *(Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:10-11)*

At Redeemer Fellowship, our values shape who we are becoming as a community, with the desire to become like Jesus.

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5. Collective Impact

As a community, we share a commitment to live on mission together. The Kingdom of God doesn't come through one church alone, but through a collective of believers and churches using their unique gifts to see God's will done on earth as it is in heaven—right in our neighborhoods. Together, we join in God's redemptive work with unity, presence, and purpose. *(John 17:21; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Matthew 6:10)*





PARTNERS & AFFILIATIONS

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER.

Partners are denominations, networks, and churches committed to helping Redeemer Fellowship achieve its vision of life with Jesus for the renewal of our neighborhoods



NASHVILLE PRESBYTERY



PROCLAMATION CHURCH, NASHVILLE TN



FAITH FAMILY CHURCH, SHILOH IL



MIDTOWN FELLOWSHIP, NASHVILLE TN



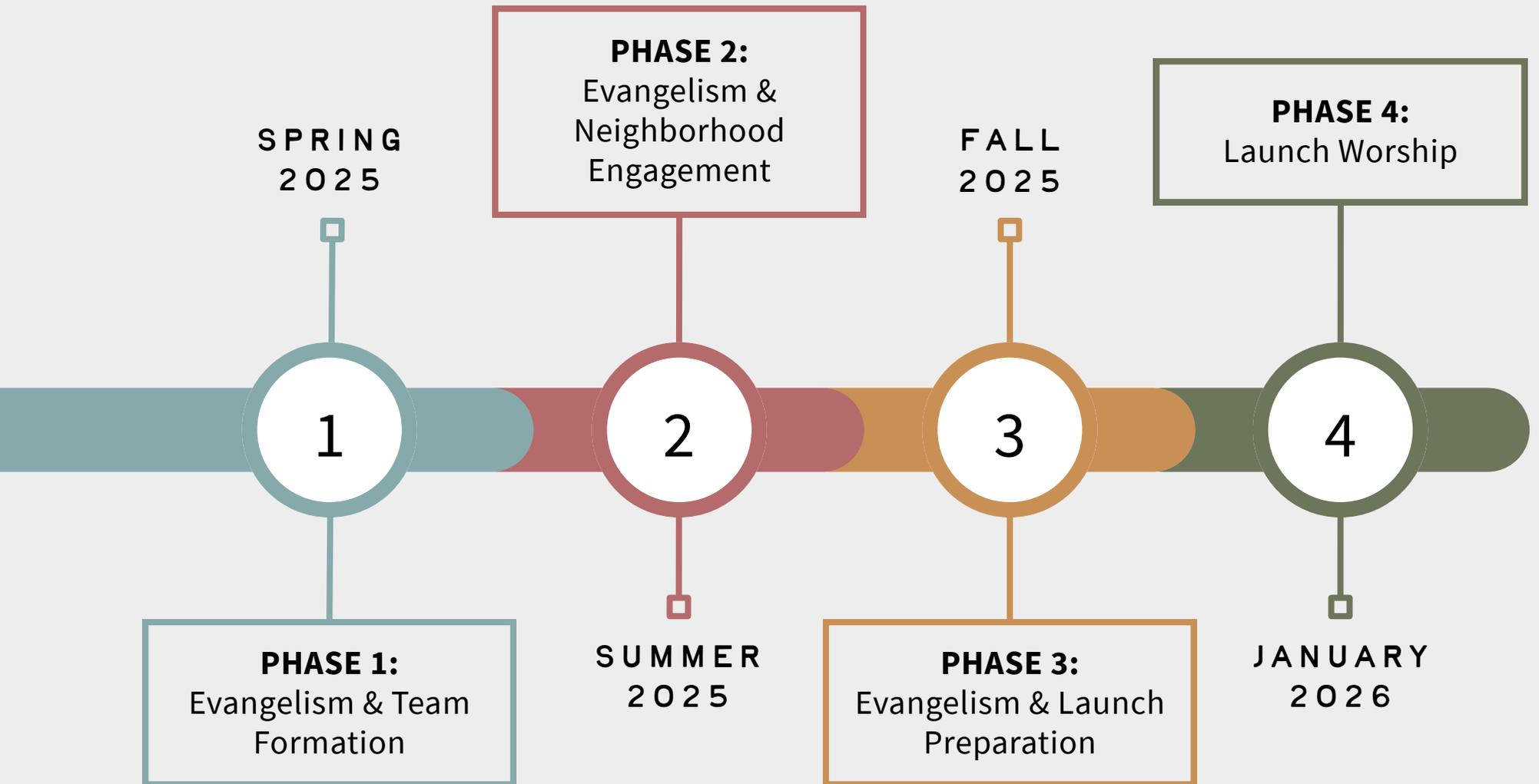
CHRIST CHURCH TN, NASHVILLE, TN



IMMANUEL, NASHVILLE TN



Our Timeline



Financial Need

Planting a church in the heart of the urban core of a booming city takes an “all hands on deck” approach. We are seeking support for all the ministry endeavors that will take place through Redeemer Fellowship. For us to see the invitation to abundant life in Jesus go to every neighbor, we need your help!

Our financial needs are calculated based on rental space, community engagement, and staffing needs that exceed our projected internal giving.

Our heart is to find partners that see collaborating with Redeemer Fellowship as a valuable investment.

Will you join us in what God is doing to spark a movement of a neighborhood church plant in Edgehill?

PRE-LAUNCH

\$200,000

YEAR 1

\$210,000

YEAR 3

\$80,000

Partnering provides everyone involved with a tangible opportunity to participate in God's renewal of Nashville, one neighborhood at a time.



PARTNER WITH US

PRAY WITH US.

Pray that Redeemer Fellowship would communicate, demonstrate and faithfully invite others into abundant life with Jesus in a dignifying and winsome way.

INVEST IN US.

Help plant this church through a monthly or one-time financial gift.



COME WITH US.

We are in need of people with a missionary mindset. Consider joining us to help us plant this church.

If you feel called to partner with us in one of these ways, contact us at ryne@rfnashville.org.





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