

# DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



## Why St. John's?

You may be asking yourself, “Why would I want to help plant a church in St. John's?” Or you may be wondering why not the rest of the province, and that's fair. The 2016 census showed that 52% of Newfoundland and Labrador is on the Avalon Peninsula. That means there are 262,411 people living on the Avalon, leaving 259,131 spread out through out the rest of the island and Labrador. The people are on the Avalon.

Just 1% of our city's population attends any type of evangelical church on a Sunday. Christianity has been here for about 500 years and we find ourselves with a people that are some of the least reached in North America. Few understand the gospel or see a need for it, but it is the gospel that will bring lasting change.

We face a number of issues from deep rooted Roman Catholicism, deep religious hurt and mistrust, mental health and addictions, lack of churches, and a cultural Christianity that runs generations. You can help change the spiritual landscape of our city for God's glory.



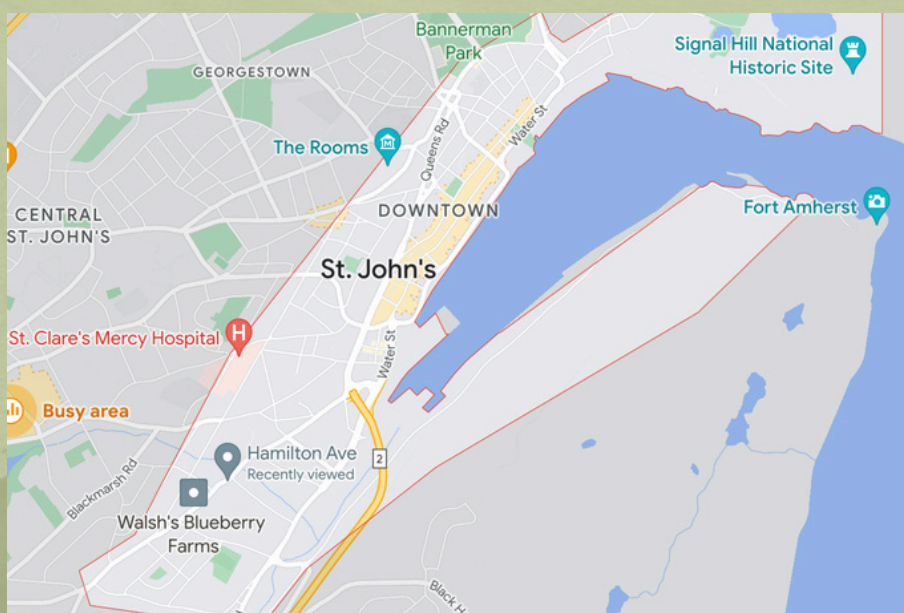


## Why Downtown?

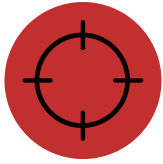


In a 1 KM radius there are about 7,000 people with no evangelical church in the immediate neighborhood. The area as a whole has close to 10,000 people. Although there are two churches close by, neither of those churches focus on the downtown area, having people drive from other communities to attend their services. This means there are more than 10,000 people **without a local, gospel-preaching church** in their neighbourhood.

Downtown faces a number of issues including religious hurt, mental health, homelessness, drugs, sex workers, gender issues, and **multiple failed** church plants. Our downtown is also home to the greatest number of artists per capita for our area code (A1C). It's an untapped area that is in desperate need of the gospel. St. John's needs a gospel-centred church in its downtown to shine a light for a people that have been left alone for far too long.







# What's The Mission?

## Connecting People to the Transforming Love of Jesus

Downtown Community Church is focused on seeing lives transformed and restored through the gospel. We want to see downtown St. John's renewed not through our strength, but through the love Jesus exemplified on the cross.  
(2 Corinthians 5:16-21)



# What Is The Vision?



## Real Friendship

We model real friendship as a community of believers who share with each other, serve each other, build up one another, and point each other to Jesus. Real friendship means we are not afraid of the messiness in our lives or someone else's and that we tell the truth in love.

(Acts 2:42-47, Philippians 2, Colossians 3:12-15, 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11, Hebrews 10:24-25)



## Real Life

We acknowledge that the Christian life can be hard and frustrating. We don't always get everything right, but we're continually being made like Jesus through the Holy Spirit as believers. We aim to "do life together" as a local community of believers.

(Galatians 5:22-26, 1 Peter 2:1-3, 1 Corinthians 3:1-3a, Hebrews 5:12-14)



## Real Hope

We believe the Bible is God's word, is true, and is for us today. The gospel is good news for the world and offers real hope in a hopeless world.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 3:16-18, John 10:10, Matthew 11:28-29, 1 Corinthians 15:3-5, Acts 5:42)

Downtown St. John's has a population of 10,000 with no local evangelical church. Our model is to move our team into the community and be a true local church. We want to be able to do life with the people we're trying to reach with the gospel.



St. John's has the highest concentration of bars per capita of all of Canada's major cities. Our city has 3.35 bars per every 10,000 residents. The province has 3.87 per every 10,000 residents.

George Street in downtown St. John's has over two dozen bars and pubs over two blocks.



## What Are The Values?

Each of our values aligns with a part of our vision for downtown St. John's. Our values are not only what our church plant values, but what people will find as they learn more of our vision.



### Real Friendship

- **Genuine Hospitality**

Everyone is welcome at Downtown Community Church no matter where you are in your walk with Jesus.

- **Authentic Community**

We strive to have authentic, biblical community where we not only encourage one another but also hold each other accountable.



### Real Life

- **Everyday Opportunities**

We look for opportunities to disciple and share the gospel throughout our days. We do life together and use those moments for God's glory.

- **Generous Living**

We strive to serve God with every aspect of our lives. We value giving of our time, talents, and finances in service to God.



### Real Hope

- **God Focused**

We follow the Bible which is the inspired, inerrant word of God. The Bible is what guides us as we grow together as a church

- **Community Building**

We want to build a stronger and healthier community by collaborating with others in our neighbourhood. We also want to see more churches planted because we believe that the gospel is the real hope all of our neighbours need.





## Endorsements

**Assessed by:**



**Affiliated with:**



**Trained by:**



The St. John's metro area has a population of 205,955 making it the 2nd largest metro area in Atlantic Canada. Sadly, St. John's is also one of the LEAST REACHED, AND FORGOTTEN, cities in Canada, with just 1% of the entire population attending a local worship service on any given Sunday.







## Meet the Team

Adam and Sabrina are both proud Newfoundlanders and have been married for ten years and have two children: Rae-Lynn (7) and Isaac (3). They moved to St. John's in 2018, trusting that this was where God wanted them. They started working with Mile One Mission in 2019 and have continued to serve with them.



**The Diamonds**  
Church Planter

Matt is a proud Newfoundlander who has lived in St. John's for most of his life. He started working with Mile One Mission in 2021 and believes God is calling him to full-time ministry. He began doing his Bachelor of Theology at Heritage College and Seminary in September of 2021.



**Matt Rodgers**  
Ministry Intern

Jasmine came from Belize in 2016, and started working with Mile One Mission in 2021 and believes God is calling her to full-time ministry. She married her husband, Ben, in 2022 who is a native Newfoundlander. Jasmine is eager to see what God will do in the lives of women and their families.



**The Harpurs**  
Women's Gospel Worker

## Timeline

Intern at Mile One  
Mission



Pass Send Network  
Assessment



Community  
Outreach 2022



Outreach 2023



Meet with Mile  
One Mission



Move to Church  
Planter Candidate



Bible Study  
Fall 2021



Bible Study 2023



Monthly  
Services in 2024





## What Can I Do?



### PRAY

We want God to be at the center of everything we do. Our team is incomplete and we still need another intern to join us. You can commit to praying for us and our efforts in downtown St. John's.



### GIVE

You can support us financially and be a part of what we pray God will do in downtown St. John's. It will take at least 5 years to be self-supporting and we will need churches and individuals to partner with us.



### COME

Come and see what we're doing. Check out Mile One Mission and its church plants. We welcome you to come see the need for yourself. We need more interns and planters, is God calling you?



Scan to visit the Mile One Mission website to support us



## Year Two Budget

Salaries	175,000
Marketing	3,500
Ministry/Outreach	21,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200,400</b>

 x12	500/month
 x 21	300/month
 x 22	200/month

 Number of church partners needed

## Year Three Budget

Salaries	175,000
Marketing	3,000
Ministry/Outreach	36,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>214,400</b>

 x14	500/month
 x21	300/month
 x23	200/month

 Number of church partners needed