



MULTIPLY

A LETTER FROM SHANE

Leading Southbrook Church is one of the greatest joys of my life. Being a part of a church that is committed to making disciples who make a big deal of Jesus is not only exciting, it's truly fulfilling. This is what Jesus has commanded us to do: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)

The events of the past couple of years have stirred in me a greater resolve to lead with urgency. Life is short and eternity is long. Therefore, I am not content to keep our Gospel-influence contained; instead, I want us to multiply our influence so that more and more people are exposed to the hope of the Gospel.

As we've prayerfully considered what this might look like for Southbrook Church, our elders agree that, in addition to continuing our existing ministry and continuing to reduce our mortgage debt, church planting is the logical next step for us.

Rather than focusing all of our time, energy, and resources on Southbrook alone, we want to also focus on starting self-sustaining, Bible-preaching, disciple-making churches that share Southbrook's culture, heart and passion for Gospel-centered ministry. By planting churches in other communities around the Charlotte region, there is great potential to see our Gospel influence multiply.

As we move into the future, my heart for our church is that we'll always have a

growing passion to live life on mission. As disciples of Jesus, may we never waver in our desire to multiply our Gospel-influence by making more disciples!

Therefore, over the next two years, I want to personally invite you to partner with us in becoming a multiplying church:

- **A church committed** to helping people take their next step as disciples of Jesus
- **A church committed** to equipping lay leaders to lead within local churches
- **A church committed** to training those who have been called to full-time vocational ministry
- **A church committed** to sending people to go with the Gospel (locally through church plants, and globally through missions)
- **A church committed** to growing our support of ministry partners both in our community, and around the world

This is an exciting time at Southbrook. Let's join together to seek the Lord's wisdom, grace, and strength as we continue to

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AND PLAY!**

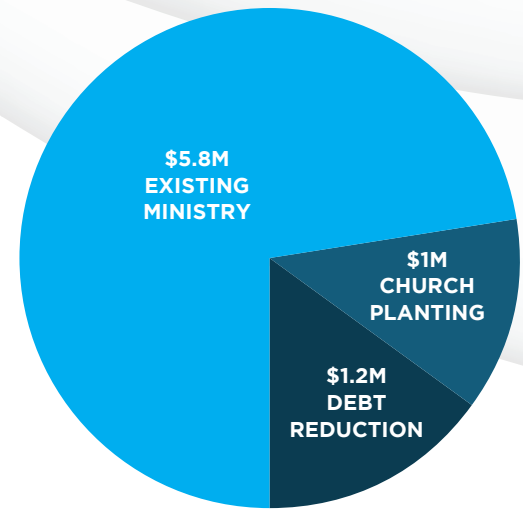
Shane Freeman
Lead Pastor



WHAT IS MULTIPLY?

Multiply is a two-year generosity initiative focused on helping us multiply our Gospel influence. Each of us will have the opportunity to participate in God’s mission of advancing the Gospel by practicing sacrificial generosity. This will require each of us to seek the Lord and trust His provision. As we’re challenged in this area, let’s be open and responsive to how God might want to grow us as disciples as we continue to fulfill our mission of making disciples.

The resources needed to accomplish all aspects of our mission will be provided through individuals and families making a two-year financial commitment. These contributions will be used to continue the existing ministry of Southbrook Church, begin new ministry by funding church plants, and create additional ministry capacity by reducing our mortgage debt.



OUR TWO-YEAR GOAL: \$8,000,000

There are three priorities included in our goal:

PRIORITY ONE EXISTING MINISTRY	PRIORITY TWO CHURCH PLANTING	PRIORITY THREE DEBT REDUCTION
 \$5.8m, 72.5% Continue the existing ministry of Southbrook Church.	 \$1m, 12.5% Begin new ministry by funding church plants.	 \$1.2m, 15% Create additional ministry capacity by reducing our mortgage debt.



WHAT WILL I BE ASKED TO DO?

Continue to grow as a disciple in taking your next step in the area of generosity!

Each of us will be asked to prayerfully consider our financial stewardship and commit to investing a portion of what God has given to us in His kingdom over the two-year period of the initiative. For some, this commitment may involve giving for the first time. For others, it may involve beginning to give consistently for the first time. For others, it may involve beginning to give sacrificially for the

first time. For all of us, it will involve stepping out in faith as we respond in obedience to what God calls us to. It may feel uncomfortable at times, but what a privilege we have to participate in what God is doing! And remember, we won’t be alone, and we won’t regret playing a part in multiplying the influence of the Gospel!

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8



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