

Who is Leading this Mission?

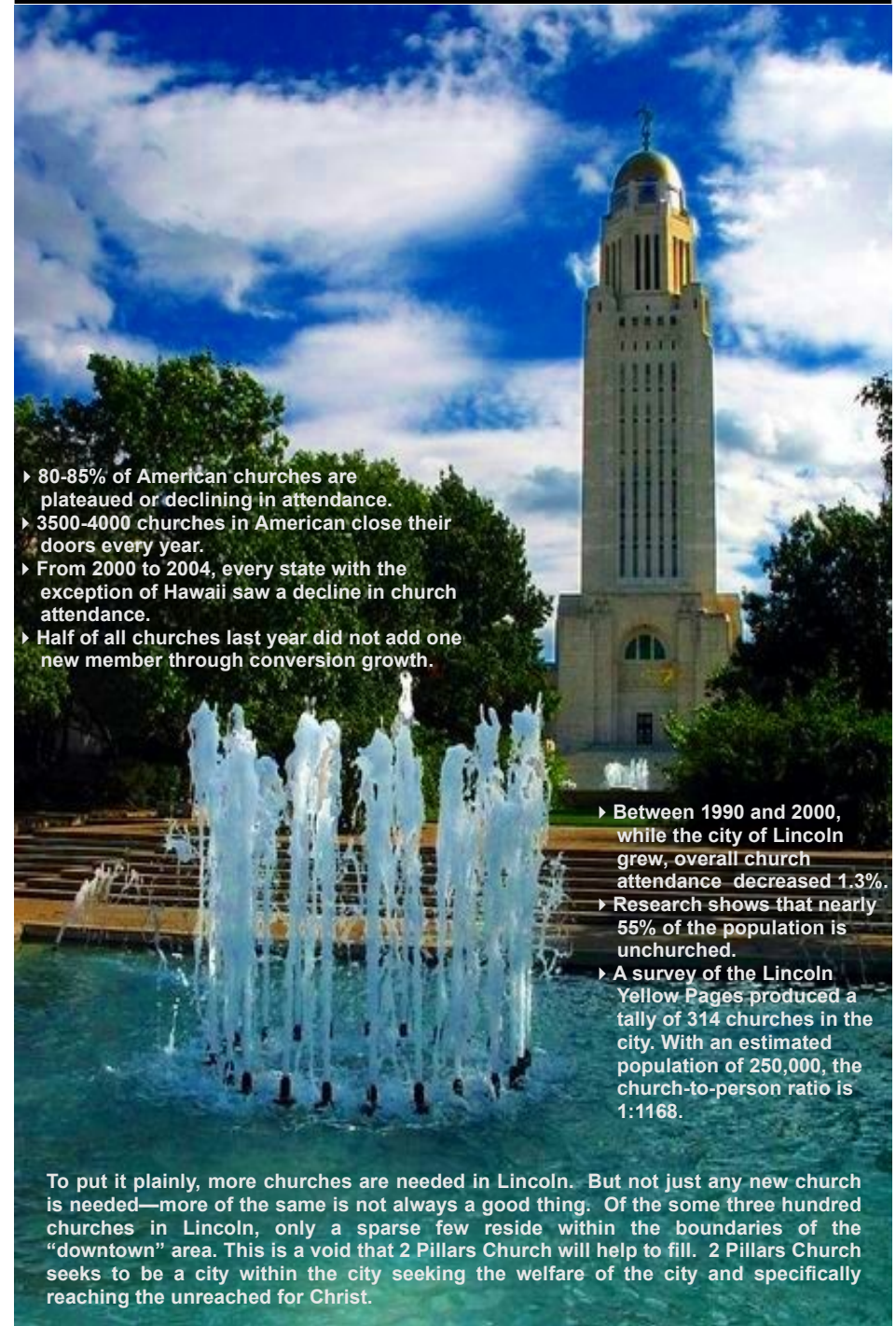
Todd Bumgarner is the pastor and church planter of 2 Pillars Church. He grew up about an hour outside of Lincoln in a small town called Geneva. After graduating high school, he attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he graduated in 2002 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. This was followed by six years in St. Louis where Todd worked as an Electronics Design Engineer at the Boeing Company while also earning a masters degree in Electrical Engineering (M.S.) from Washington University. It was during this time that Todd surrendered his life to Christ (2002) and slowly began to hear and heed God's call to plant a church in Lincoln while serving in lay leadership roles at Mid Rivers Christian Church in St. Peters, Missouri. In the fall of 2008, Todd and his lovely wife Meghan submitted themselves to the assessment of the Acts 29 Church Planting Network, by which they received approval to proceed with launching an Acts 29 church in the heart of Lincoln.

Presently, Todd is working full-time at Boeing, pursuing a M.A. in Theological Studies at Covenant Theological Seminary, and serving as a Church Planting Intern at Summit Community Church in O'Fallon, Missouri (a western suburb of St. Louis). Todd, Meghan, and their two girls (Iris and Lydia) currently reside in O'Fallon and will be relocating to Lincoln at the end of 2009.

Please pray for Todd, Meghan, Iris, and Lydia as they make this transition and follow the calling that God has placed on their life.



Church in Context

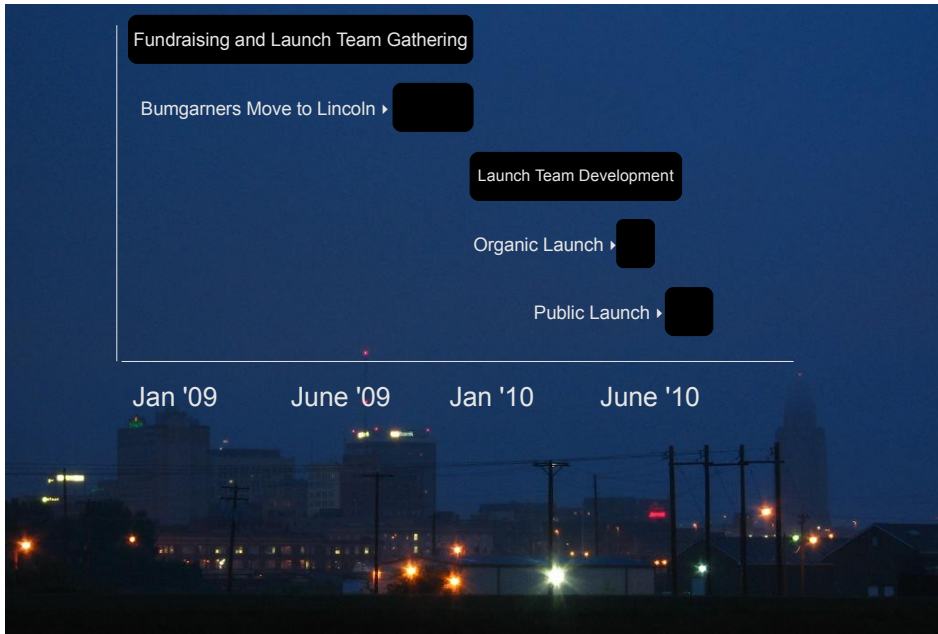


- ▶ 80-85% of American churches are plateaued or declining in attendance.
- ▶ 3500-4000 churches in American close their doors every year.
- ▶ From 2000 to 2004, every state with the exception of Hawaii saw a decline in church attendance.
- ▶ Half of all churches last year did not add one new member through conversion growth.

- ▶ Between 1990 and 2000, while the city of Lincoln grew, overall church attendance decreased 1.3%.
- ▶ Research shows that nearly 55% of the population is unchurched.
- ▶ A survey of the Lincoln Yellow Pages produced a tally of 314 churches in the city. With an estimated population of 250,000, the church-to-person ratio is 1:1168.

To put it plainly, more churches are needed in Lincoln. But not just any new church is needed—more of the same is not always a good thing. Of the some three hundred churches in Lincoln, only a sparse few reside within the boundaries of the “downtown” area. This is a void that 2 Pillars Church will help to fill. 2 Pillars Church seeks to be a city within the city seeking the welfare of the city and specifically reaching the unreached for Christ.

Timeline and Budget



The Mission and Values of 2 Pillars Church



The mission of 2 Pillars Church is to reach the unreached for Christ and transform the city of Lincoln by loving God and loving people.

The values of 2 Pillars Church are built on the foundation of God's Word with the purpose of generating renewed, transformed, Christ-centered lives. Our values thus are: Cross, Grace, and Kingdom.



- As Christians, our lives are rooted in the **cross** and we must always bear a cross-centeredness in our lives remembering the price that was paid for our salvation.
- As Christians, we treasure and accept God's **grace** as a gift – not as something we have earned or deserve and not as something that we must pay back, but humbly and gratefully as his gift.
- As Christians, we are the light of the world and we are to live outward lives in Christ's **kingdom** so that others may see Christ plainly and clearly and in so doing, come themselves to give glory to God.

We pray for the renewing of our minds as we firmly believe that cross-centered, grace-receiving, and kingdom-focused lives are capable of impacting our lives and the world for the glory of God. It is not enough to simply be cross-centered; it is not enough to simply be grace-receiving; and it is not enough to simply be kingdom-focused. Our lives must be transformed such that we embody the comprehensive melding of all of these aspects realizing that this transformation does not take place over night, yet standing firm with the expectation of evidences of this progressive sanctification.

For additional information on the mission and values of 2 Pillars Church, visit:

- www.project2pillars.com/mission
- www.project2pillars.com/values

Funding Sources*

Source	Amount
Strategic Partners	\$64,000
Individual/Organizational	\$154,600
2PC Launch Team	\$200,000

- **Strategic Partners** include Coram Deo and Summit Community Church. These two bodies are acting as mother churches for 2 Pillars Church. See their websites listed on the back of this booklet for more information.
- **Individual/Organizational** support will come primarily through generous persons like yourself as well as other sponsoring churches and organizations.
- **The 2PC Launch Team** is the group of charter members who will dedicate their time, energy, and resources to helping get 2 Pillars Church off the ground in Lincoln.

If you would like additional details regarding the budget and fundraising plan, please contact us at the information provided on the back of this booklet and we'll be happy to share that information with you.

**For an up-to-date status of the funding of this project, visit www.project2pillars.com/funding-status*

In order to fulfill the mission and vision of Project 2 Pillars, we need people who will partner with us in prayer, provision, and participation. During our start-up phase, we will rely heavily upon donor contributions while moving steadily toward becoming a self-supporting church by mid 2012.

- *Included with this booklet, you should have received a Project 2 Pillars Commitment Card. Please take some time to prayerfully consider how God might lead you in partnering with us in this project.*
- *Completed cards can be returned by mail via the included addressed envelope.*



*He (King Solomon) set up the pillars at the vestibule of the temple. He set up the pillar on the south and called its name Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the north and called its name Boaz. And on the tops of the pillars was lily-work. Thus the work of the pillars was finished.
1 Kings 7:21-22 (ESV)*

*He set up the pillars in front of the temple, one on the south, the other on the north; that on the south he called Jachin, and that on the north Boaz.
2 Chronicles 3:17 (ESV)*

The name, 2 Pillars, spawns out of two Old Testament passages which describe the same event: 1 Kings 7:15-22 and 2 Chronicles 3:15-17. These two passage recount the two pillars that King Solomon constructed in front of the temple, naming them Jachin and Boaz. The name *Jachin* means “**He** establishes.” The name *Boaz* means “in **Him** is strength.”

2 Pillars Church will only exist if God establishes it. As God establishes 2 Pillars Church, this name will serve as a reminder that it was brought forth by Him alone. As 2 Pillars Church grows and as we grow as individuals, we must always remember that our strength is in Him who created us.

Giving Levels:

(and number of givers needed at each)

All donations are tax deductible and all donors will receive appropriate year-end tax documentation.

Donations of any amount can be made by check at anytime:

**Payable to: Coram Deo
(Designate “Project 2 Pillars”)**

Mail to: Project 2 Pillars
c/o Coram Deo Church
2805 S. 87th Street
Omaha, NE 68124

**2 @ \$10k sum
One-time**

**3 @ \$5k sum
One-time**

**8 @ \$1k sum
One-time**

**7 @ \$250/mo
Two years**

**16 @ \$100/mo
Two-years**

**26 @ \$50/mo
Two-years**

Note: During this phase of the project, all funds are being raised under Coram Deo.

The Vision of 2 Pillars Church

The vision of 2 Pillars Church is deeply rooted in the mission to reach the unreached for Christ and thereby bring glory to God. The only way to do this is to hold loving God and loving people in the perfect tension that Jesus intended us to. That perfect tension consists of proclaiming the unchanging gospel of Christ to an always-changing cultural landscape (via appropriate contextualization) for specific, ecclesial consequences.

With that in mind, the vision of 2 Pillars Church is to create a community of missionally-focused disciples motivated to love Jesus, worship Jesus, and serve Jesus while also growing in relationship with Jesus as well as loving and serving one another and the city. In doing so, our vision is to be a city within the city as Jeremiah describes to the exiles in Babylon.

For a more detailed description of the vision of 2 Pillars Church, visit: www.project2pillars.com/vision.

If you have any further questions regarding Project 2 Pillars, our mission, vision, budget, etc, we would be happy to speak with you personally. Please do not hesitate to contact us via the following information:

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