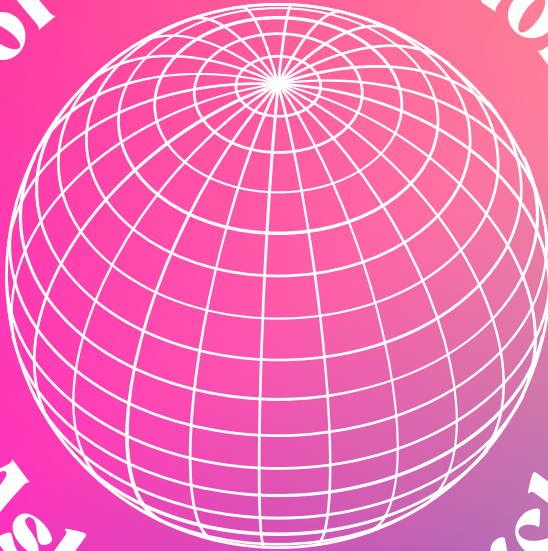




For The Kingdom



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**A STRATEGY TO CATALYZE A CHURCH PLANTING
MOVEMENT ACROSS CHICAGO & AROUND THE WORLD**



FOR THE KINGDOM

Over the last few years, we have been leading our church through an intentional season of refocusing on our mission and values with a desire to see our church experience spiritual renewal and health. We believe this is Jesus' preferred future for Ashburn.

Last year our vision included **Moving Forward** in 3 areas: 1) Creating unity, both missionally and relationally, 2) Developing leaders, both to serve and to send, and 3) Serving our community, both our neighbor and our neighborhood. Among the amazing things God enabled us to accomplish this past year, was fulfilling our vision of developing leaders through the launch of our church planting residencies, in partnership with Send Network and Send Network Espanol. We now have two residency programs (English and Spanish) with three residents who are currently preparing to plant churches in Chicago within the next 2 years. This is amazing, and nothing short of the hand of God. As you are also aware, God opened the door for us to replant the Lighthouse Fellowship as Ashburn Church-Frankfort this past Easter, by His grace.

None of these things were in my heart or mind when I first came to Ashburn five years ago, but all of these opportunities from God have firmly convinced me, beyond all doubt, that God is strategically using Ashburn to catalyze a church planting movement across Chicago, for His glory. God continues to miraculously open door after door, equipping us to follow Him by faith **FOR THE KINGDOM**.

As we begin a new fiscal year, our vision is to



Clearly communicate our kingdom strategy to plant churches and create a culture of generosity that will fuel the mission of God through Ashburn.

CHURCH PLANTING IS IN OUR DNA!

Whether you know it or not, planting churches has always been a part of Ashburn's DNA. Historically, Ashburn has helped start many churches across Chicago, and the truth is, it's a biblical mandate! Jesus commanded it and the Apostle Paul modeled it. Churches start churches, and we believe that this kingdom mindset is essential to fulfilling our Gospel mission.

Chicago needs more churches to be started. The government cannot save Chicago. More funds cannot save Chicago. Education cannot save Chicago. **ONLY JESUS CAN SAVE CHICAGO!**

A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

Ashburn is a generous church. Generosity is one of our core values after all. We believe that generosity is our privilege, and when we give our tithes and offerings, we honor God who gives all things richly to us, and it fuels the mission of God.

Our desire this year is to continue to cultivate our culture of generosity by bringing greater clarity to our kingdom mission by clearly communicating WHAT our mission is, and WHY each of us should engage missional giving.

The following pages will hopefully offer both clarity as well as a challenge to be directly engaged in what God is doing through our church in this generation. I invite you to join me as we engage in the work of the kingdom together.

Dr. Tommy Thompson
Lead Pastor

LEARN MORE ONLINE AT:
www.ashburn.church/kingdom



OUR MISSION

The mission of Ashburn is to help people find new life in Jesus, and that mission is carried out by local churches. **Our vision is to catalyze a church planting movement across Chicagoland.** This has been the heart of ministry at Ashburn for 72 years, and we believe it is our future to be a multiplying church **FOR THE KINGDOM.**

1951

Ashburn Baptist Church holds it's first service in January and organizes in October 1951.



1989

Ashburn expands with a second campus in Orland Park. It expands again with an addition in 1993.



1997

Ashburn launches Ashburn Church - Espanol at our Chicago location.



2019

Ashburn Church – Arabic launches at our Orland Park campus under the leadership of Dr. Wael and Jaqueline Dawahir.



2020

Ashburn Church – Chicago is replanted under the leadership of Josh and Cara Burks.



2023

Ashburn Church merges with Lighthouse Fellowship and replants Ashburn Church – Frankfort on Easter Sunday. Ashburn also launched church planting residency programs in English & Espanol in partnership with Send Network.



2024

Tim & Rose Eborda will plant another Ashburn multisite once they complete residency in early 2024.



OUR MISSIONS PROGRAM

Our focus is to bring clarity to our mission efforts, rather than it simply being a sub-item in our budget that is never mentioned or emphasized. Our mission program is unique and diverse in its outreach. It reflects Jesus' command to take the gospel from Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

1. **Missionaries** – We directly support missionaries in Ukraine, France, and the Philippines.
2. **Cooperative Giving** – We support the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board through the cooperative program of the Southern Baptist Convention.
3. **Residency** – A portion of our mission budget is designated to help support our residents in our church planting residency.
4. **Church Planters** – A portion of our mission budget is also designated to support our current church planters.

OUR CHALLENGE TO YOU

We challenge every congregation to take ownership of generosity in 3 ways:

1. **Embrace biblical generosity.** Every believer is commanded to give the tithe joyfully and with gratitude to the mission work of God's kingdom through the local church.
2. **Engage missional giving.** We encourage you to give a designated offering **weekly or monthly** to Missions to strengthen our ability to lean into our vision to be a multiplying church across Chicago and the world. A little can make a HUGE difference together.
3. **Get Equipped through stewardship training.** Many would love to engage generosity, but are limited by debt and other factors. We will offer Financial Peace University to help teach biblical principles of good stewardship. **You can sign up for classes online at www.ashburn.church.**

PRAYERFULLY COMPLETE THE MISSIONS COMMITMENT CARD AND TURN IT IN. WE WILL SHARE THE TOTAL COMMITMENTS TO MISSIONS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH.

OUR GOAL

Our goal is simple...**100% participation.**

1. Every member embracing biblical generosity through giving tithes to God.
2. Every member engaging missional giving through a designated offering.

Will you see beyond yourself in order to make a difference FOR THE KINGDOM?

2Co 8:1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,

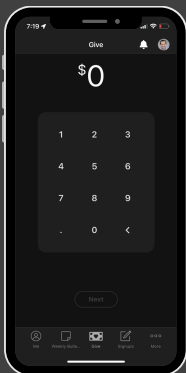
2Co 8:2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

2Co 8:7 But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

GIVING GUIDE

It is amazing what we can accomplish together. Even the slightest gift compounded, can help us reach our goal. What could the price of one cup of coffee per week accomplish, given to God's kingdom work?

<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>ANNUALLY</u>	<u>x200 PEOPLE</u>
\$5	\$20	\$240	\$48,000
\$10	\$40	\$480	\$96,000
\$20	\$80	\$960	\$192,000
\$40	\$160	1,920	\$384,000



WAYS TO GIVE



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2. **Church Center App** – Download the app on your mobile device. You can give, monitor your donations, sign up for events, and much more.
3. **By envelope** – You can give using an envelope during any service.
4. **By Mail** – You can mail your donation to:
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