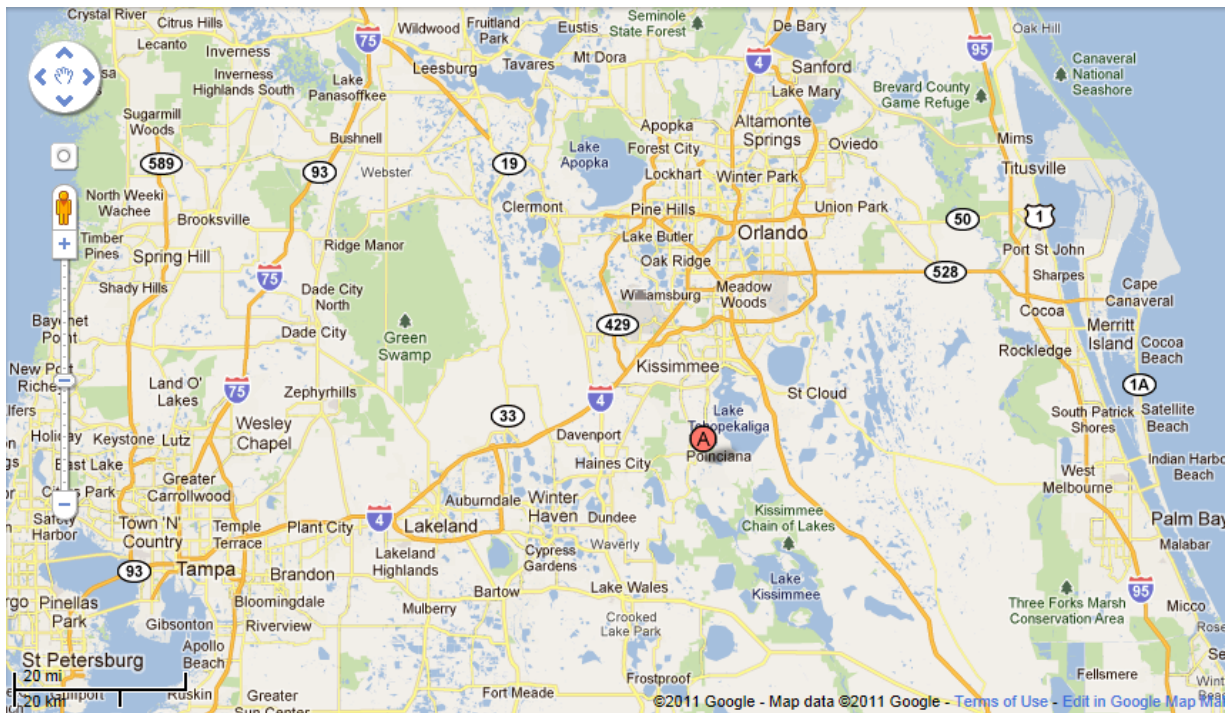


Proposal for Launching Church at the Point



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Where is Poinciana?

It is located right in the middle of the state of FL. It is 90 minutes away from Melbourne as well as 90 minutes from the Tampa/St. Pete area. It is easily accessible from I-4 and the Florida TurnPike. Poinciana is shared by two counties, Osceola to its east and Polk to its west. Poinciana is not a town or a city, it is a community that is a part of Kissimmee FL. In 2007, Poinciana was the second largest planned unit development in the Country. In the year 2000 the US Census discovered that the population of Poinciana was at 13,647 people. In 2010 that number ballooned to 53,193 people which means that in the past ten years it has grown by more than 289.8%.

What is Poinciana?

Poinciana is a melting pot of diversity. The population is 22.6% Caucasian, 51.2% Hispanic, 24.5% African American, and 1.7% Other. Most of the Spanish speaking families have little to no training in the English language, so there is a widespread need for bi-lingual ministry in this area. They are often transplanted from native homelands, such as Puerto Rico or the Dominican Republic, or move from New York City. Most families have two or more generations living at home with only the children who go to school having the ability to speak English. According to research conducted by www.thearda.com in 2000, 40% of the population in Polk County claim to be Evangelical Christians while 20% of Osceola County claim to be the same. Also Osceola County claims that 122,357 of its population do not declare themselves as a part of a congregation.

20,655	7,068	19,031	3,382	122,357	
Evangelical Protestant	Mainline Protestant	Orthodox	Catholic	Other	Unclaimed

This number jumps when we look at Polk County which claims that 281,348 people are not active in a congregation.

127,043	33,525	87	37,589	4,332	281,348
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There is a big need for Jesus to be brought to these people in a real, authentic way that will draw them into a more intimate relationship with Him.

Our Purpose

To help people establish a healthy relationship with Jesus Christ and equip them to impact their community for Him.

Vision

We desire to be a multi-ethnic community pursuing life as one family transforming the world through Jesus Christ.

Values

We desire to lead our people in the following ways:

1. **To Live Graciously:** Every person matters, and all people need to belong to something greater than their own life. We all come from a life that is lost and broken, but God calls all people to life found in Him through Jesus.
2. **To Love Authentically:** Loving relationships are the evidence of the reality of God. Our love for God shows in the way we love others. The highest honor of love is to love and be loved from an authentically pure life.
3. **To Learn Continually:** Life is best learned together. God has written His story through the Bible. By studying His word and living it out together, we continue to live out the message of God as family.
4. **To Lead Sacrificially:** Jesus exemplified our model for leadership, and the church today shares that model in serving the world. Therefore, sacrificial leadership first in the home and then in the world.

Priorities

Everything we do as a family will find its foundation in these priorities. These core priorities are the pillars for the direction and legacy of our family.

Bible Based: The Bible will serve as the basis for how we will live as a community.

Jesus Centered: To be like Jesus is the goal of every follower of Christ.

Family Emphasis: The family is the foundation of the church.

Neighborhood Network: Our surrounding neighborhood will drive the context of our church's mission.

Group Growth: We grow better in community than by ourselves, in study and in ministry.

Servant Leaders: Leadership without personal sacrifice is self-serving.

Church Planting: We want to be a church that creates churches that create churches.

Simple Strategies: Simplicity makes room for growth and flexibility.

Strategic Growth

We will be a church that has a purpose. We will encourage and challenge our members to grow in these areas...

Knowing Jesus

Have a committed growing relationship with Christ that has been identified in baptism.

Attend a New Members class.

Grow in Jesus

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Regularly attend a core group.

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Set apart personal time with God.

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Be a good steward of your resources. (Financial, Time, Etc.)

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Serve in Christ

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Participate in a ministry.

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Mentor someone who desires to be a leader.

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Share In Christ

Be active in your community.

Be transparent in your relationships.

Share your story with people you come in contact with.

Invite family, Invite neighbors, Invite friends to worship.

Beliefs

We believe in one God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:1,26,27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14*)

We believe Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man. Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, arose bodily from the grave and ascended to heaven where He is our Advocate. (*Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14,15; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14,15; Titus 2:13*)

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity and he exists to convict people of sin, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, instruct, and empower the believer for Godly living and service. (*2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:1*)

We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God, without error in the original writings, and is the final authority for all Christians. (*2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105,160, 12:6*)

We believe in that Salvation is a gift from God. It is God's saving grace that calls all people to respond in faith through repentance, confession, baptism, and a new life and ministry through the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1*)

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all humankind: the believer in Christ into everlasting joy, and the unbeliever into everlasting punishment. (*Matthew 22:29-32, Acts 4:1-3, Acts 24:14-16, Romans 6:4-6, 1 Corinthians 15:11-13*)

Implementation of the Church

Since I grew up in this community, I have a lot of relationships already built with the people there . We desire to be active in the community by doing multiple gatherings. We will hand out water bottles at local supermarkets and tell the people who we are. Then we would like to have several barbecues at area parks, and meet more of the community in this way. We will then have a movie night in the park, as well as other community gatherings on various weekends throughout the initial outreach process. We can then move into having home Bible studies while beginning to target our audience and meet the needs of the community. This will be an 8-12 month process of heavy investment into the people before launching the church.

We will also launch our marketing campaign that will send out mailers to every home within the community to let them know about these events as well as our launch date. We will meet with city officials and begin building relationships with them. We pray that through our bible studies with the people that we can then move forth with developing key leaders that we will need to have in place for the launch.