Update on Church Plant in Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Eric Davis (M.Div.’08) and Bryan Chassard (M.Div.’08) have been serving in Jackson Hole, Wyoming at a church plant established in 2008. Eric, on behalf of the team, recently sent us his testimony in a newsletter of the ministry and how God is growing and shaping their flock.

"Well, I didn't know if this day would ever come. But by God's great grace it has. It really has come!

From 2006 through early 2008, Cornerstone Church, a.k.a. the “Jackson Hole Church Plant,” was just a collection of ideas, nothing more. It was on paper, and that’s all. It was an exciting idea that the three, then five, then eleven, of us talked about as we met together at The Master’s College, Grace Community Church, and Placerita Baptist Church. None of us knew what would happen. Many people were skeptical (and with our inexperience in mind, appropriately so). None of us were sure about anything except for this little verse spoken by Jesus Christ: “I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it” (Matthew 16:18). We banked everything on those words of our great God and Savior.

Our conversations in the early years, the frenzied garage-sale fundraisers, the “Jackson Hole church plant” nights in the college dorms, those early support letters written with some uncertainty, the 27-hour U-Haul drive to move the church plant team from California to Wyoming, searching for jobs and housing – we entrusted everything to those words of God. And now we are thrilled to tell you that, by God’s grace Cornerstone Church is financially standing on its own. Please rejoice with us one final time as we highlight some of the recent fruit that our God has caused to grow in His 2008 church plant team, in Wilson (Jackson
Hole), Wyoming.

- Over the past several weeks, at least four people that I know of in their twenties have come to faith in Christ. It’s been incredible. I wish that you were here to see it.
- God, in his sovereign grace, has seen fit to blow through our community by his Spirit to give new life.
- We recently baptized two more at Cornerstone who wanted to be obedient to Jesus.
- The regular attendance at our weekly church gatherings now averages around 100 people.
- We are in the process of our first elder ordination. Matt Mumma is currently going through the process in preparation for this high calling. As many of you know, Matt has been with us since the beginning, faithfully serving through biblical counseling. His competence as a shepherd has been increasing over the past few years.
- This week, Bryan Chassard finished teaching through the first round of our “Fundamentals of the Faith” class. The response was actually greater than we anticipated, and we will certainly be doing more in the near future.
- Financially, we are at a point where we can fully support our needs. Again, I confess that I could not see this day coming, especially this early on.

Praise and thank God with us for His great love shown to us through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ for our sin. Christ is the reason churches are planted; He is worthy of all our efforts! (Romans 11:36)

For the fame of the Lord Jesus Christ,
Eric, on behalf of Cornerstone Church’s former church plant team: Leslie, Matt, Sera, Bryan, Ashley, Chris, Rebecca, Melissa, Neill, and Natalie

You can stay up to date on the Jackson Hole ministry through their website www.CornerstoneJH.com.

Yours for the Master,

Bob White
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