



# **Acts 29 US Southeast**

Strategic Plan 2016-2017

200X2020

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## Why do we exist?

The Southeastern US is a growing, distinct region in the midst of considerable cultural shift. Once known as the “Bible Belt,” the Southeast is now more aptly described as “Christ haunted” as the number of those who are unchurched or dechurched continues to rise. Once known primarily as rural, over 92% of the metropolitan areas of the Southeast are growing including three of the fastest growing cities in the US. Some projections suggest that by 2050 over 81.7 million people who do not know Jesus will live in the Southeast US. With this cultural shift comes tremendous opportunity for mission to both the dechurched and the unchurched.

The goal of Acts 29 US Southeast is to grow to 200 churches planting churches by 2020. To do this, we want to provide enough structure so that we create a culture where churches can plant churches. The following document communicates something of where we have been, where we are going, and what will be required of us.

## Where have we been?

By God’s grace, we have established leaders, provided structure, developed a SE Network process for assessments, and provided events to help church planters thrive and grow. We have seen nine churches planted, eight planters assessed, and we currently have eight more in the process who are candidates. As we move from Acts 29 SE 1.0 to 1.1, we want to build on what we have accomplished.

## Quality Leadership

God has blessed us with a great team of leaders who have sacrificed time and energy to launch Acts 29 Southeast. Our hope is to grow this leadership team into 2017 as we grow as a network.

## Network Leadership Team

Brian Lowe, Chan Kilgore, Joby Martin, Dwayne Bond, Greg Gibson, Tyler Jones, Paul Whaley

REGION	REGIONAL DIRECTOR	AREA LEADS
Georgia	Matt Adair	Ryan Lyons, Anson McMahon
Mid-South	Greg Gibson	Rob Wilton, Justin Burkhead, Greg Gibson
Florida	Chan Kilgore	Larry Kirk, Eric Jaffe, Jamin Stinziano, Aaron Proffitt, Joby Martin, Adam Flynt, Renaut van der Riet
Alabama & Middle Tennessee	Paul Whaley	Jeremy Rose, David Thew
Carolinas & Eastern Tennessee	Brian Lowe	James Walden, Bryan Robbins, Nate Akin, David Keen

## Structure

We want our churches to be healthy and growing - this is integral to the mission of planting church planting churches that endure. We started with the following structure to create space where culture can be created..

- **Area Cohorts** - Monthly meetings (roughly) geared toward gospel centered encouragement, practical training for ministry leaders and relational connection to foster a sense of brotherhood. Area Leads oversee these meetings.
- **Regional Training Events** - Meetings that happen 1-2 times per year and focus on a specific area of ministry or service in the local church. Regional Directors oversee these events.

In addition, Our **Advance the Church: Acts 29 Southeast Conference on November 1-2, 2016** will give exposure to our network, highlight our residency programs, and serve to surface planters and pastors to be involved in Acts 29.

## Strategic Visibility

Acts 29 Southeast will continue to have a visible, intentional presence at strategic events as well as an active Web/Social Media Presence with content generated by Acts 29 SE Members. We are also working on a quarterly communication tool for our member churches to highlight the Network in their churches. You can receive updates by visiting our website at Acts29SE.com, following us on twitter @Acts29SE, and making sure you're subscribed to receive our regular emails we send out to the Network.

## Assessments

We have made serious strides in Assessments. We hosted our first Assessor Training, hired an Assessment Coordinator and hosted our first Assessment Conference in May 2016. We will build on these in the future. We have Assessment Conferences planned for September 2016, March 2017, and May 2017. Our goal is to provide three of these Conferences in 2017.

Here are some testimonials regarding our new assessment process:

*"I am deeply encouraged and very much impressed with the new Acts 29 assessment process. It is immensely practical, carefully pastoral, and undoubtedly life changing not only for those being assessed but for those assessing."*

Pastor Jeremy Rose

*"Mary Jo and I have had the honor of conducting assessments for the past 4 years and we were blown away by the new process. The new format was so caring and gave us time to genuinely get to know the candidates in both formal and informal settings. It gave us a much better feel of their readiness for planting and should provide A29 with exponentially better planters who are ready to hit the ground running."*

Pastor Eric Jaffe

<b>Applicants Assessed</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Applicants in the Pipeline</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>New Members &amp; Candidates</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total Members &amp; Candidates</b>	<b>105</b>

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## Where are we going?

Building on this foundation, we will continue building out Acts 29 US Southeast. There are some key additions as we move from 1.0 to 1.1.

### ➤ **Global Partnership - Acts 29 Latin America**

A primary goal for Acts 29 Southeast 1.1 is for every Acts 29 Southeast Church to be engaged in International Church Planting and embody the vision of being a diverse, global family of church-planting churches. Our Partnership with Acts 29 Latin America will create opportunities to accomplish this goal. Mosaic Church in Orlando is leading this effort. Contact Gabe Forsyth for more information at [gabef@thisismosaic.org](mailto:gabef@thisismosaic.org).

### ➤ **Assessment**

We have our second Assessment Conference planned for September 14-17, 2016. Additionally, we have planned three Assessment Conferences for 2017. See calendar for details.. As we've built out our assessment process, our pre-assessment track is set to go live on July 1, 2016 for those considering planting a church-planting church.

### ➤ **Coaching - January 2018**

In 2017, we will be working to build out a Healthy Church Coaching Initiative to launch in January of 2018. Coaching will be our primary new initiative in 2018.

### ➤ **Training - January 2017**

Beginning in 2017, Acts 29 US Southeast will launch two training tracks for church planters. In January, we will begin 2 **Finishing Schools** where Acts 29 Candidates can receive practical training for the first 12-18 months of their plant. In the Fall of 2016, we will launch a beta **Developing School** where men who are members of Acts 29 churches can receive specialized training to help them further explore ministry.

### ➤ **Support - February 2017**

We want to make sure that we are caring well for our Pastors. In February 2017, we will host a Pastor's Gathering for our Acts 29 SE Pastors and their Wives to provide space for our pastors and wives to be encouraged and rejuvenated. See our calendar for more information.

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## How Can I Be Involved?

- Pray for the leaders and churches of Acts 29 Southeast US.
- Establish your church so that we can see more disciples made and churches planted across the Southeast US
- Participate in area and regional events as you are able.
- Help your church catch a vision for what God is doing in Acts 29 Southeast.
- Give to support the work of the Southeast US and to those who are planting in our Network. Every church in Acts 29 Southeast is expected to give to support the work of our Network.

Send checks to:

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# What is planned?

## 2016

July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>Lead Pastors Retreat</b> Long Beach, CA July 11-13 (Southeast Gathering on July 10)	<b>The Gathering</b> Charlotte, NC August 16-17 (For Regional Directors and Area Leads)	<b>Georgia Regional Event</b> Atlanta, GA September 1  <b>Assessment Conference</b> Charlotte, NC September 14-17  <b>Florida Regional Event</b> Jacksonville, FL September 17  <b>AL/Middle TN Regional Event</b> Huntsville, AL September 22  <b>Carolinas Regional Event</b> Charlotte, NC September 29	<b>Covenant Renewal Begins</b> October 1  <b>Carolinas Regional Event</b> Charlotte, NC October 13	<b>Advance the Church</b> Southeast Network Conference Event, CrossPointe Church, Orlando, FL November 1-2, \$49 for A29 Members	<b>Covenant Renewal Deadline</b> December 1

## 2017

January	February	March	May	July	August	September	November
<b>CP Cohorts Begins</b>	<b>Pastors &amp; Wives Retreat</b> New Orleans, LA February 8-10	<b>Assessment Conference</b> Charlotte, NC March 1-4	<b>Assessment Conference</b> Charlotte, NC May 24-27	<b>Global Gathering</b> Nashville, TN July 17-19	<b>The Gathering</b> Charlotte, NC August 15-16 (For Regional Directors and Area Leads)	<b>Assessment Conference</b> Charlotte, NC September 13-16	<b>Advance the Church</b> Memphis, TN November 9-10



# What is needed to fund this vision?

Projected Spending		Projected Funding	
People	\$174,500	Central	\$80,000
Running Costs	\$85,800	Southeast Churches	\$240,000
Travel	\$14,700	Fees	\$23,000
Events	\$25,000		
External Funding	\$51,000		
Projected Expenses	351,000	Projected Income	\$343,000

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