

Warrior Presbytery (Alabama)

Church Planting Opportunity in Tuscaloosa, AL

We believe...

- ✦ That God intends for His Kingdom to grow.
- ✦ That the Church is the primary means established by God for the fulfilling both The Great Commission and The Great Commandment.
- ✦ That the Church is for people who don't have it all together—in fact they have come precisely because they can't get it together.
- ✦ The Gospel is the power of God for salvation and the Gospel changes everything.
- ✦ That the Church is to be a place where God is exalted, His Word is proclaimed and where People are pointed to Christ as the only source of lasting joy and satisfaction.

In light of these beliefs it is our desire to see another church planted in the city of Tuscaloosa, AL as a part of the Warrior Presbytery. Tuscaloosa is a university town of approximately 100,000 people. It is located one hour from Birmingham, AL and 3 hours west of Atlanta. It is home to the University of Alabama and the Crimson Tide. Tuscaloosa is a town with a strong economy fueled by Education, a strong Medical community, and Industry all of which contribute to a strong community that remains very stable and continues to draw people to our city.

Currently there are two PCA churches in the city of Tuscaloosa. Tuscaloosa is an Indian word meaning, "Black Warrior." Black Warrior is the also the name of the river that divides the city of Tuscaloosa. Currently both churches are located on the northern side of the river. It is our desire to see a church planted "south of the river" in order to extend the influence of the gospel into the southern part of Tuscaloosa. This would include the downtown community with a hope of reaching south of 20/59. This is one of the fastest growing areas in Tuscaloosa.

There are many churches in Tuscaloosa, but few who believe and proclaim the gospel and the doctrines of grace. There is no reformed and covenantal presence in South Tuscaloosa. When Trinity Presbyterian, the younger of the two churches, was started several leaders in our denomination believed that there could be 4 to 5 PCA churches in Tuscaloosa. We strongly believe that a church plant on the south side of the river is not only viable, but ready for the taking.

In Warrior Presbytery, this is the most strategic place to plant a church. Our presbytery has committed the following funding toward this work.

WARRIOR PRESBYTERY FINANCIAL FUNDING CONCEPT

SOUTH TUSCALOOSA - A Highway 69 South Church Plant

The following was approved by the Church Plant Commission, and presented to and agreed upon by Warrior Presbytery

\$400,000 Budget – 3 year Plan

- Budget Based on Core Group of 3 to 5 Families
- Without Core Group Budget Increases to \$500,000 with 1 Year to Form Group

Based On Assumption: There will be 3 to 5 Families as a Core Group

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Presbytery Funding	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$120,000
Planter Raised Funds	\$55,000	\$20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 80,000
Tithing from Church	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
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TOTAL	\$140,000	\$135,000	\$125,000	\$400,000

- Without A Core Group, The Planter Would Be Responsible To Raise Any Additional Amount Deemed Appropriate and Necessary for the Church Plant Outreach Endeavor