

Church of the Cross

San Marcos, Texas

*"But far be it from me to boast except in the **cross** of our Lord, Jesus Christ"*



*"The church of the dropouts, the losers, the sinners, the failures, & the fools"
A Beautiful Letdown, Switchfoot*

Poignant words. Nothing pretty about this crowd - they are the needy, the spiritually bankrupt, the downtrodden, the ones who have looked to false idols to fill their longings of peace, prosperity, self-worth, and meaning in this life. They aren't hard to find - look in the mirror, look in the Church, look at work or school, look under the bridge or across the tracks, look to spiritualists and nominalists and those of other faiths, look to those who claim to worship nothing. Is it possible to worship nothing? Hardly.

Everyone worships something be it the false idols of money, power, looks, prestige, love and belonging; false gods like rocks and rivers, Buddas, and christs without crosses; or the one true God as found in Christ Jesus.

Why begin a new church in San Marcos? Simply because these people can be found here, both those who need Christ and those who desire to continue growing in his grace and mercy. Who will Church of the Cross serve in San Marcos? Any who are in sin and despair, any who have false idols, any who struggle with faith, any who mean to mature in Christ, *any* who seek the True God. By God's provision the Church of the Cross will mirror the words above and be a church full of redeemed sinners who have found their life in Christ.

San Marcos:

- Population: 45,000
- Over 200,000 people live within 10 miles of San Marcos
- County seat of burgeoning Hays County
- Conveniently located 30 minutes south of Austin and 45 minutes north of San Antonio on I-35
- 50% of the population is unchurched
- Estimated population growth of San Marcos is 50% over the next 5-7 year
- Home of Texas State University, the 6th largest college campus in Texas boasting over 36,000 students



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1. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

The 6th largest university in Texas, expected to grow by at least 1,000 students per year over the next four years. Part of the long term vision is to begin an RUF Campus Ministry at Texas State.

2. OUTLET MALL

Almost everyone knows that San Marcos has an outlet mall. Did you know that there are over 140 stores and a gondola ride? Over 8 million people visit the mall each year.

3. CLEAR BLUE WATERS

The Blanco and San Marcos Rivers converge in San Marcos. They provide opportunities for canoeing, rafting and floating to locals and visitors alike. On any given day during the warm months, most of the time here in Texas, the river will be littered with families and students cooling off in the river.

4. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Numerous outdoor activities take place year-round such as races, festivals, live music jams, Fiesta Days and parades.

OUR FOCUS

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 & Colossians 1:28-29

WORSHIP - We were created by God to worship. Worship is standing in awe of our holy God and bowing before the King. Through individual, family and corporate worship one is renewed. We must, as Christ's church, be honest about our sin and constantly be reminded about the transformation that takes place through the grace of God whom we worship in spirit and truth.

COMMUNITY - "Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. First, a Christian needs others because of Jesus Christ. Second, a Christian comes to others only through Jesus Christ. Third, in Jesus Christ we have been chosen from eternity, accepted in time, and united for eternity." (Bonhoeffer) We are not our own. Christ's people need one another. Real relationships take time, and we aim to build these relationships upon Christ our sure foundation.

SHEPHERDING - We emulate our Good Shepherd. In keeping with Colossians 1 we seek to "present every man and woman complete (mature) in Christ". We understand that we are pilgrims on the journey of sanctification. Along the way we bear one another's burdens and encourage each to carry his cross daily.

MERCY - We are merciful because Christ first gave us, sinners, his mercy. We seek to meet the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of those in our community. We hope to have corporate outreach in our city and beyond and individual outreach among our neighbors, friends, and coworkers.

We have been saved and redeemed for His glory. It is He who is working in his bride for His own glory.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Spring 2006 - Begin support raising for Church of the Cross
 Summer 2006 - Monthly community gatherings
 Late Fall 2006 - Weekly gatherings for Bible Study and prayer
 Spring 2007 - Community Groups
 Fall 2007 - Launch public ministry

***"Fall upon this Rock and you will be broken;
 let it fall on you and you will be crushed."***

LEADERSHIP



Pastor Aaron Scott, his wife Angie, Barrett & Ainsley.

Church Planter

Aaron is an MNA-approved church planter and graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary (M. Div.) in Dallas, Texas. Past ministry experience includes staffing the Katy PCA church plant in 2000 and serving on the ministerial staff at Park Cities Presbyterian Church from 2001-2004. He is currently serving on the pastoral staff at Christ Presbyterian Church in New Braunfels. In addition to his responsibilities of shepherding, preaching, and teaching, Aaron is also praying and preparing diligently to begin a new work of the PCA in San Marcos. As a sixth generation Texan, Aaron is delighted to be called to serve Central Texas.

Aaron and his wife, Angie, have been married for nine years. They have two children, Barrett (3) and Ainsley (1). Angie has spent the last seven years coaching and teaching in the public schools and is currently investing her time as a full-time mom and teacher to their children. As a family, they enjoy taking advantage of the many outdoor recreational activities and festivals the area has to offer. Aaron and Angie are excited to see the mercies of the Lord at work in their lives, the lives of fellow Christians, and especially the lives and hearts of those who do not know Christ in San Marcos.

Sending & Shepherding Church

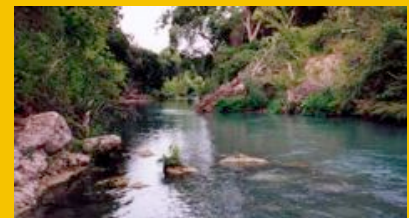
Christ Presbyterian Church of New Braunfels has been instrumental in laying a firm foundation of prayer and financial support for a work in San Marcos for some time. One might characterize the relationship between CPC and the San Marcos church plant as a mother/daughter relationship. The new church will be firmly planted with the guidance, wisdom, resources and support of this established PCA church in the area. Church of the Cross is thankful for CPC's commitment to the advancement of the gospel in San Marcos through church planting.

THE PCA



The Presbyterian Church
in America

Formed in 1973, the Presbyterian Church in America has a strong commitment to evangelism, missionary work at home and abroad, and to Christian education. From its inception, the church has determined its purpose to be "faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission." We seek to begin a church that is Gospel-driven and God-centered. A PCA church is typically a church where expository, contextually relevant and Christ-centered preaching is found. Our worship is both historically and Biblically formed, yet also authentic to our time and place. We realize the need to turn from our sin and cling to the cross of Christ.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

PRAYER TEAM

Without God's leading and provision for His church, this project is doomed. Please partner with us in prayer for the glory of God and the advancement of the gospel through church planting in San Marcos. Let us know that you want to be included on regular e-mail updates.



"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

-1 Corinthians 1:18

CONTACTS & REFERRALS

If you have any friends or family in the San Marcos area please get us their information so that we can contact them in the coming months.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Planting a church takes prayer and people as well as financial support. It typically takes approximately three years for a church to become self-supporting. Financial support must be raised to cover costs until that time. The estimated financial resources necessary for the launch of the San Marcos Church plant is \$350,000 over three years.

We are praying for God's provision through the following partnerships:

4 churches or individuals giving \$30,000 over three years	\$120,000
20 churches or individuals giving \$5,000 over three years	\$100,000
Southwest Church Planting Network	\$100,000
Other monthly or one-time gifts	<u>\$30,000</u>
Total	\$350,000

Would you prayerfully consider generously investing in the work of Gospel?

Please make checks payable and mail to:

Christ Presbyterian Church - San Marcos Project
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