

# SANFORD

## NORTH CAROLINA

Central Carolina Presbytery Church Plant      Presbyterian Church in America

Most of the population of Lee County is within 20 minutes of Sanford

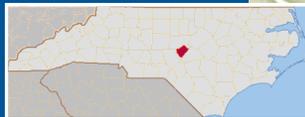
### By the Numbers (City/County)

2017 Estimates (factfinder.census.gov)

Population: 29,051 / 57,866  
 Median family income: \$45,417 / \$49,272  
 Median home value: \$137,400 / \$138,400  
 Poverty Rate: 20% / 17.5%

### Age Demographics

Median age: 34.8  
 Under 18.....27.1%  
 18-24.....8.9%  
 25-44.....26.9%  
 45-64.....25.6%  
 Over 64.....11.5%



2010  
14.8%



2018  
4.1%

### Racial Demographics

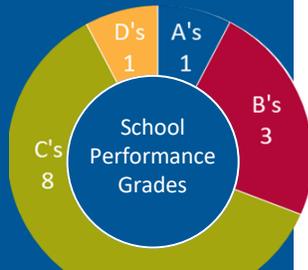
White.....45.3%  
 Black.....26.2%  
 Hispanic/Latino...24.8%

### Education (population over age 25)

79.5% High School Graduate or higher  
 23.2% Bachelor's Degree or higher

### Language Spoken

at home  
 English...76.3%  
 Spanish...22.3%



### The first PCA church in Sanford, Lee County, NC!

Sanford is the Lee County seat & the geographic center of the state. Their tagline boasts:

"Well centered—an ideal location, a rewarding lifestyle, a community where people come first: get centered in Sanford-Lee."



The Central Carolina Presbytery is committed to planting a gospel-centered, reformed church that will help people see their need to "get centered" on Christ in Sanford-Lee.

This church will be started from scratch with the support of other church planters and established PCA churches in the presbytery.

While there are over 100 churches in the city, there is little to no reformed presence and nearly half of the population of Lee County does not claim any religious affiliation. Many of the older congregations have been in steady decline for years.

Even with its continued growth, Sanford retains a low cost of living and a small-town feel, which can be easily experienced by taking a walk through its revitalized downtown area. This working class, racially diverse community that struggles with poverty in the midst of its growth, is in need of a covenant community that is meeting spiritual and physical needs.



Pictured is downtown Sanford's historic Railroad House Museum & steam locomotive



## Local Highlights

Central Carolina Community College  
Campus features high school on campus to earn associate degree with high school diploma

35 miles to UNC Chapel Hill, 40 miles to NC State, and 45 miles to Duke

Temple Theatre

Hiking, mountain biking, camping, picnicking, lake activities, and kids nature programs at various parks

Home of Tobacco Road Golf Club (rated #50 on the top 100 courses in the world) and quick access to the famous Pinehurst Golf courses

Both mountains and beaches are only an afternoon's drive away and the amenities of the city of Raleigh about 45 minutes

Sister City relationship with Yixing, China

## Commerce/Employment

Job growth over the next 10 years predicted at 44%

Top employers: Caterpillar, Coty, Duke LifePoint, Lee County PS, Moen, Pfizer, Tyson, and more

Largest industry - manufacturing - is poised to grow even more with the development of the Central Carolina Enterprise Park and proximity (about 15 minutes) to the Moncure Megasite

Fort Bragg, about 30 miles SE, highest populated US Army base

Raleigh and the Research Triangle, about 40 miles

## Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and connects with unbelievers
- Great perseverance and desire to put down roots
- Strong desire to work in racially diverse community
- Open to bi-vocational ministry
- A strong preacher - effective communicator - able to preach Christ crucified



## Support

- Coaching available from experienced church planters and collaboration with pastors from area
- Presbytery committed to church planting
- Close proximity to The Center for Church Planting on the nearby campus of RTS/Charlotte
- Active LAMP seminary in Raleigh about 45 minutes away

## Imagine

Picture God actively calling a people to himself throughout Lee County.

Picture a church plant freely offering God's grace and making disciples by baptizing them and teaching them to observe what Christ commanded.

Picture a church plant where the gospel is reconciling people to God and reconciling neighbors and races to one another.

Picture a gospel saturated, missional church plant in Sanford, NC that joins hands with a presbytery committed to planting more churches.

Can you see it?

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