

● Our Gathering Place



...a place to begin again



Lead Planters



Gryn and Tia

In 1978 God called Gryn and Tia Phiri into full time ministry. Since then, they have served in district and national leadership as superintendent, college professor and new church planter. They have pastored 3 congregations of 46 to 600.

Gryn holds a Bachelor's degree in Pastoral Studies from North Central University, and Master's degree in Theological Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

He has a passion to reach every man, woman and child with the love of God and give them repeated opportunities to receive Christ. That's why God has called Gryn and Tia to plant FreshStart Church in Naples, Florida, especially in Golden Gate.

Tia works at Kane's Furniture as Customer Service Associate.

Gryn and Tia have been married since 1975 and have two children, Clara and Angel, and two grand children, Eli and Eden



Our Leadership Team



Gryn Phiri
Lead Pastor



Tia Phiri
Worship



Finance
Open



Dorothy Eyberg
Christian Education



Administration
Open



Youth Ministry
Open



Musicians
Open



Audio/Video
Open



Small Groups
Open



Communication
Open



Children's
Ministry
Open



Singers
Open



Evangelism
Open



Discipleship
Open



Hospitality
Open



Our Prayer Walk Group



● Our Name



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The journey to FreshStart Church in Naples began in 2001 long before they knew it. That year Gryn had an outpouring of God's presence upon his life. For the next 9 months the assessment of his life and ministry began. He read Gordon MacDonald's book "Mid-Course Correction." He set personal and ministry goals, one of which was to plant a new church in 5 years.

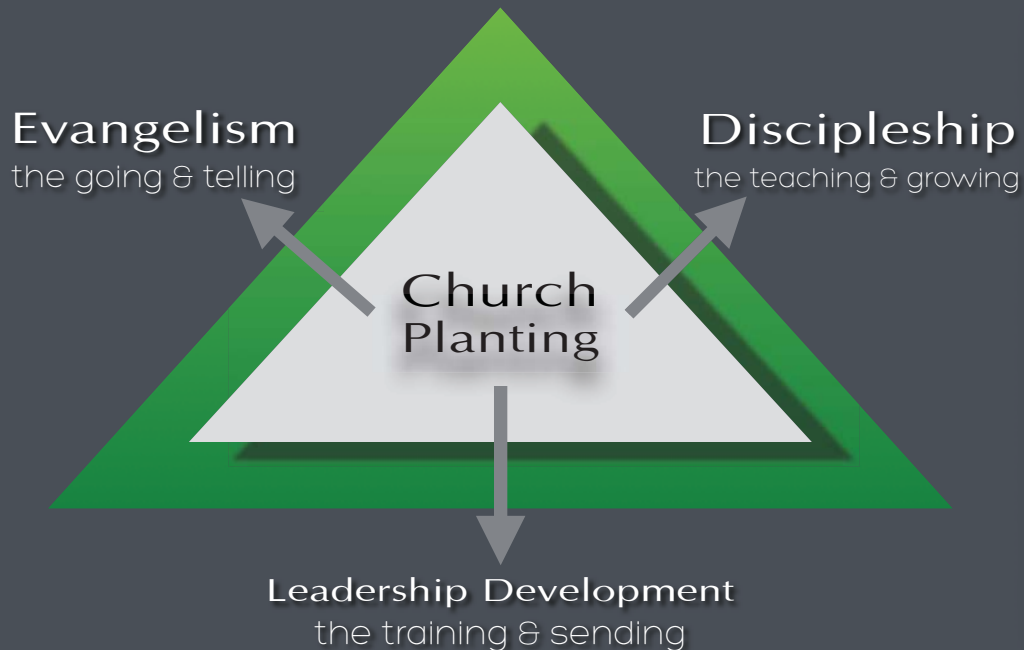
In 2010 God planted a desire in Gryn and Tia to a different direction in ministry. They did not know how it would work out and where or when this would take place, but knew God was leading them to a fresh start. And following years of waiting on God they realized that a fresh start involved a new church plant. After nearly 15 years of ministry in a wonderful and loving congregation, and without knowing what they would do for income or where they would live, Gryn and Tia decided to take a step of faith and resigned from their church in February, 2012 to prepare for what God was going to do next.

Through good friends God provided a place for them to live. Tia remained at her job until God opened a door for them to serve as interim pastors for one year at a promising church. After talking to Patrick Styers and hearing his vision to plant churches in Florida they sensed this could be what God had in mind for them.

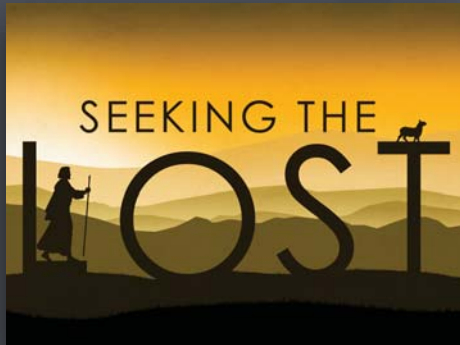
VISION

REACH EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD

Imagine what God could do in our community, town or city if every man, woman and child, including high-ranking officials, the fringes of society and everyone in between who lived here was given the repeated opportunity to see and hear the gospel of Jesus Christ - Matthew 24:14



PURPOSE



REACH

This material will explain what Fresh-Start Church stands for. It will help those attending discover what makes FSC a special family and place to serve God. It will take you on a spiritual voyage, touching on four biblical pillars of: What God has done for us, Why we exist as a church, How we fulfill our purpose at the church. When and where we fulfill our purpose.



TRAIN

The purpose of this material can be found in Colossians 4:12b (Phillips Version), "...That you may become mature Christians and may fulfill God's will for you" and Ephesians 4:14-15, "We are not meant to remain as children... but to grow up in every way like Christ..." Our focus here is on five basic habits that every Christian needs to develop in their movement towards spiritual growth. Our aim is to help you better understand and implement these five habits: (a) Time with God; (b) Time in the Bible; (c) Time in Prayer; (d) Time for Stewardship of our talents, time and treasure; and (e) Time with God's Family.

PURPOSE



EQUIP

The work of equipping is summed up in Ephesians 4: 11-12 “(God) has given... pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of ministry, so the body of Christ may be built up.” We will seek to prepare you for the work of ministry at FSC and beyond. Each of us is uniquely gifted for ministry in the church as well as the world. At FSC we focus on an individual approach to ministry. There are five Personal Factors that have combined to shape the “real” you. Once you identify the specific traits you possess in each of these areas, the ministry for which God has shaped and designed you will become crystal clear: (a) Your Spiritual Gift, (b) Your Heart, (c) Your Natural Abilities, (d) Your Personality, and (e) Your Life Experiences.



SEND

Discovering and responding to God’s plan is what changes our lives from an intermission to a mission. God has created us for a purpose. He wants to include us in His plan of the ages and the expansion and enrichment of His Kingdom, which maybe as close as across the street in your neighborhood and community, and as far as the furthest reaches of the world. We want everyone to be a part of God’s mission in this world. If you will, we want to help you: (a) Discover your mission in life, (b) Know how to share the message of the Gospel, (c) Identify and impact your sphere of influence, and (d) Become a world-class Christian.

OUR CORE VALUES

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Our values are the core of our existence in an ever-changing world. Who we are, what we think, and how we act are all driven by the values we accept and project on a daily basis. From childhood, we learned our behaviors, good and bad, from our family, our community, our teachers; and everything we were able to observe from television, to read in magazines and books or online, and to listen to on radio; to talking with strangers, friends and family, in person, on the internet-it all made an impact on our lives.

As believers our values were re-oriented and re-shaped by our faith in the Almighty God, the infallible Scriptures, the precarious condition of fallen humanity and the provision of salvation through the sacrificial death on the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Earliest memories of our salvation created the basis of the underlying foundation that has since developed our ability to decide between right and wrong, and what have become the guiding principles of our life and informed our world view and confirmed our values.

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Prayer: Prayer is the primary work of God people. Pray first. Pray always (Philippians 4:6-7). Have you ever noticed how much time and energy Jesus expended communicating with His Father in heaven? Jesus was “all about” prayer—and every person who has made a big impact for God has also become “addicted” to the practice of prayer. When we learn how to pray the way Jesus prayed, then we will change the world—just as he did!

Stewardship: Everything we have belong to God - we are his stewards (1 Chronicles 29:14, 1 Corinthians 4:2). Jesus didn't just tell us how to live; He modeled it by showing us. And if we learn what A. W. Tozer has called “the blessedness of possessing nothing,” we will experience a freedom most of us have never known. We will seek to honor Him with our talent, time, and treasure!

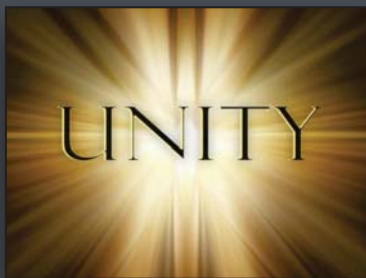
Scriptures: Knowing and obeying God's Word is fundamental to all true success (Joshua 1:8). When challenged by the devil, Jesus “defeated” His tempter with Scripture: “Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord” (Deut. 8:3). And to His disciples He said, “My food and drink is to do the will of him who sent me” (John 4:34). To us He says, “If you know my commands, you will be happy if you do them.” This core value was the secret of Jesus' success, and it is the promise of our happiness and success as well!

Great Commission: Completing the Great Commission requires the mobilization of every fully devoted disciple (Matthew 28:19). Why do you think that instead of spending every moment and every ounce of energy doing miracles, healing the sick and preaching to the crowds, Jesus devoted so much of His life to training His disciples? It was because the goal was so big, so astonishing and so far reaching that, in His infinite wisdom, God determined to involve all of His people in its accomplishment. It falls to us to take the good news of God's redeeming love to every man, woman and child and give them repeated opportunities to receive Christ. How can we do it? By using all the gifts and resources that God has given each of us.

Holy Spirit: Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we can accomplish nothing (1 Corinthians 2:4). Even a casual reading of the Gospels reveals that Jesus relied heavily upon the Holy Spirit. That is one of the main points made by the accounts of His baptism, his anointing and his ministry. And when He breathed on the disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit,” telling them to wait in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come upon them, He made it clear that we can only expect to accomplish His work in exactly the same way.

God's Purposes: Achieving God's purposes means taking faith filled risks (Hebrews 11:6). This always involves change. The Lord Jesus was the world's greatest taker of faith-filled risks. He came into the world as a baby from heaven trusting people would believe in him for their salvation! He went to the cross believing that God would raise Him from the dead! Faith is all about believing God when everything else says, “This is impossible.” We are resistant to change, but God never called anyone to go anywhere to leave things the way they were. He is always prodding us toward change-to get up and move forward to the Promised Land! If we are going to “bring back the King,” we're going to have to take some faith-filled risks!

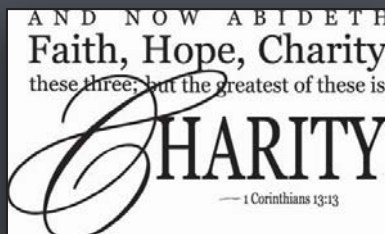
Our Beliefs



- **In essential beliefs** - we have unity. "There is one body and one Spirit... There is one Lord Jesus, one living faith... and one God-the Father over all who is above all, through all, and in all." (Ephesians 4:4-6)

- **In non-essential beliefs** - we have liberty. "Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do... If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help..." (Romans 14:1, 4)

LIBERTY



- **In all our beliefs** - we show charity. "If I have the gift of foretelling the future and hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but the very secrets of God, and if I also have that absolute faith which can move mountains, but have no love, I amount to nothing at all. If I dispose of all that I possess, yes, even if I give my own body to be burned, but have no love, I achieve precisely nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:2-3)

Our Partnership



Fresh-Start - a Wesleyan Church Naples, New Church Plant

Fresh-Start is a new church plant in East Naples located in Golden Gate affiliated with the Florida District of The Wesleyan Church and serves under their spiritual authority - www.fscnaples.com

The Wesleyan Church World Headquarters and Resources

The Wesleyan Church is a movement of over 5,000 churches in almost 100 countries world-wide. Meet our denominational leaders, find news and information, take part in uplifting devotionals, discover useful resources for your spiritual development - www.wesleyan.org

Florida District of The Wesleyan Church ARC - Association of Related Churches

Florida District is an association of related churches. News and information about sister Wesleyan churches across the state of Florida and cooperative ministries we share can be found at www.floridawesleyan.com

Our City - Naples, FL



NAPLES · FLORIDA

Collier County



POPULATION

332,427



MEDIAN AGE

46



TOP INDUSTRY

Education · Healthcare ·
Hospitality · Government

Picture a seven mile stretch of sparkling white sand and pristine blue water. Add an abundance of activities such as hiking, boating, snorkeling, canoeing, fishing, parasailing, jet pack flights, cycling, sight-seeing and shopping. You are imagining Naples of Southwest Florida voted best beach in America in 2005 (Travel Channel).

Naples is one of the wealthiest cities in America with 6th highest per capita income and 2nd highest proportion of millionaires per capita in America. It is the self titled "Golf Capital of the World" with 80 Championship gold courses (Wikipedia).

Although the per capita income in 2010 was \$82,316 and an annual income of \$329,264 for a family of 4, Naples contains both very wealthy and poor people as well.

Naples is a city of sales and office workers, managers and professionals: management (23.35%), sales jobs (21.13%), office and administrative support (10.62%), knowledge-based and white-collar 17.05%, average commute 18.06 minutes, and low pollution levels.

49.23% of adults have a bachelor's degree or advanced degree compared to the average US City of 21.84% holding at least a bachelor's degree.

Naples residents belong to a variety of racial and ethnic groups: the greatest number are White, AfricanAmerican followed by those of Hispanic heritage.

Naples Ancestry

German 18%
English 17%
Irish 14%
Italian 6%
African/American 5%
Scottish 4%
French 4%
Swedish 3%
Polish 3%
Dutch 2%
Norwegian 2%
Welsh 1%
Hungarian 1%
West Indian 1%
British 1%
Haitian 1%
Russian 1%
Swiss 1%
Cuban 1%
Danish 1%
European 1%
Canadian 2%
Greek 1%
Australian 1%
Hispanic/Latino 1%



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ON-SITE PREPARATION

JULY, 2013

- Family Moved to Naples
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- Employment Secured
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- Church Name Registered
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- Tax Exemption Obtained
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- Bank Account Opened
-
- Church Vision Determined
-
- Church Logo Created
-
- Church Stationary Printed
-
- Ministry Area Profile Done
-
- Church Web-Site Launched
-
- Core-Group Ministry Leaders Recruitment Began
-
- Small-Group Meeting Began

PRE-LAUNCH

MAY, 2014

- Survey Leaders/Community
-
- Demographics Assessed
-
- Neighbors Relations Built
-
- Evangelism Strategy Set
-
- Bulk Mail Permit Obtained
-
- Prayer Walks Began
-
- Training Materials Developed
-
- Ministry Job Description Done
-
- Church Budget Established
-
- Ministry Leaders Trained
-
- One-Year Messages/PP Done
-
- Church Marketing Done
-
- Church Vision Cast

LAUNCH

APRIL, 2015

- 50 New People Expected
-
- 110 People Attended
-
- 4-6 Small Groups Started
-
- 40 Greeters, Ushers, Altar Workers, Counselors, Musicians, Worship Leaders & A/V Technicians Set
-
- Power Point, A/V Equipment & Software Set
-
- Bulletins, Stewardship Envelops & Church Profile Handed Out
-
- Team Spirit, Worship Atmosphere & Sanctuary Ambiance Set
-
- Pre-Service Prayer Held
-
- Launch Service Held

POST-LAUNCH

NOVEMBER, 2015

- 6 Months Evaluation Done
-
- 2nd-Year Messages & Bible Study Materials Prepared
-
- Christmas Sermon Series, Play & Musical Planned
-
- New Year Service Planned
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- Easter Sermon Series, Play & Musical Planned
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- Pastor & Family Vacation Planned
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- Evangelism & Spiritual Emphasis Planned
-
- Stewardship Training & Leaders Retreat Planned
-
- Church-Wide Vision Casting Weekend Planned

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