



SKYLINE

— BAPTIST CHURCH —

FOR THE CITY. FOR THE GOSPEL. FOR HIS GLORY.

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ACTS 18:10

CHURCH-PLANTING MINISTRY PRESENTATION

Pastor Daniel & Christina McDonald

Sent by Bible Baptist Church • Highland, Indiana

Pastor Andy Huffman

THE BURDEN To establish an independent, Bible-preaching, soul-winning Baptist church on the South Side of Chicago—reaching the city with the Gospel, discipling believers, strengthening families, and reproducing churches for the glory of God.

“For I have much people in this city.”

— Acts 18:10, KJV

Target Grand Opening • September 12, 2027



A Personal Word to Pastors

A Gospel work for the heart of Chicago

Dear Pastor,

Thank you for taking a few moments to consider the burden God has placed upon our family. Chicago is a city of tremendous influence, remarkable diversity, and urgent spiritual need. While millions live throughout the metropolitan area, many South Side communities remain in need of faithful, Bible-believing churches that will proclaim the Gospel, teach sound doctrine, and reach people personally.

After much prayer and counsel, the Lord has clearly directed our family to plant Skyline Baptist Church in Chicago. We desire to establish a strong local church that will preach the King James Bible without apology, win souls, disciple converts, strengthen homes, and train believers to serve Christ.

We are not going alone or independently of local-church authority. Bible Baptist Church of Highland, Indiana, under Pastor Andy Huffman, is our sending church. We are grateful for their counsel, accountability, prayers, and encouragement as we take this step of faith.

We are asking like-minded pastors and churches to prayerfully consider partnering with us. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support will help us devote ourselves to evangelism, build relationships throughout the community, secure a meeting place, and establish a lasting Gospel witness in Chicago.

Our confidence is not in a program, a personality, or the promise of an easy field. Our confidence is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in the Lord of the harvest. We believe God is already working in hearts, and we are eager to labor where He has called us.

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Pastor Daniel McDonald

Skyline Baptist Church



The McDonald Family

Called, prepared, and sent



Daniel and Christina McDonald with Henry, Haddon, Hudson, and Charlotte

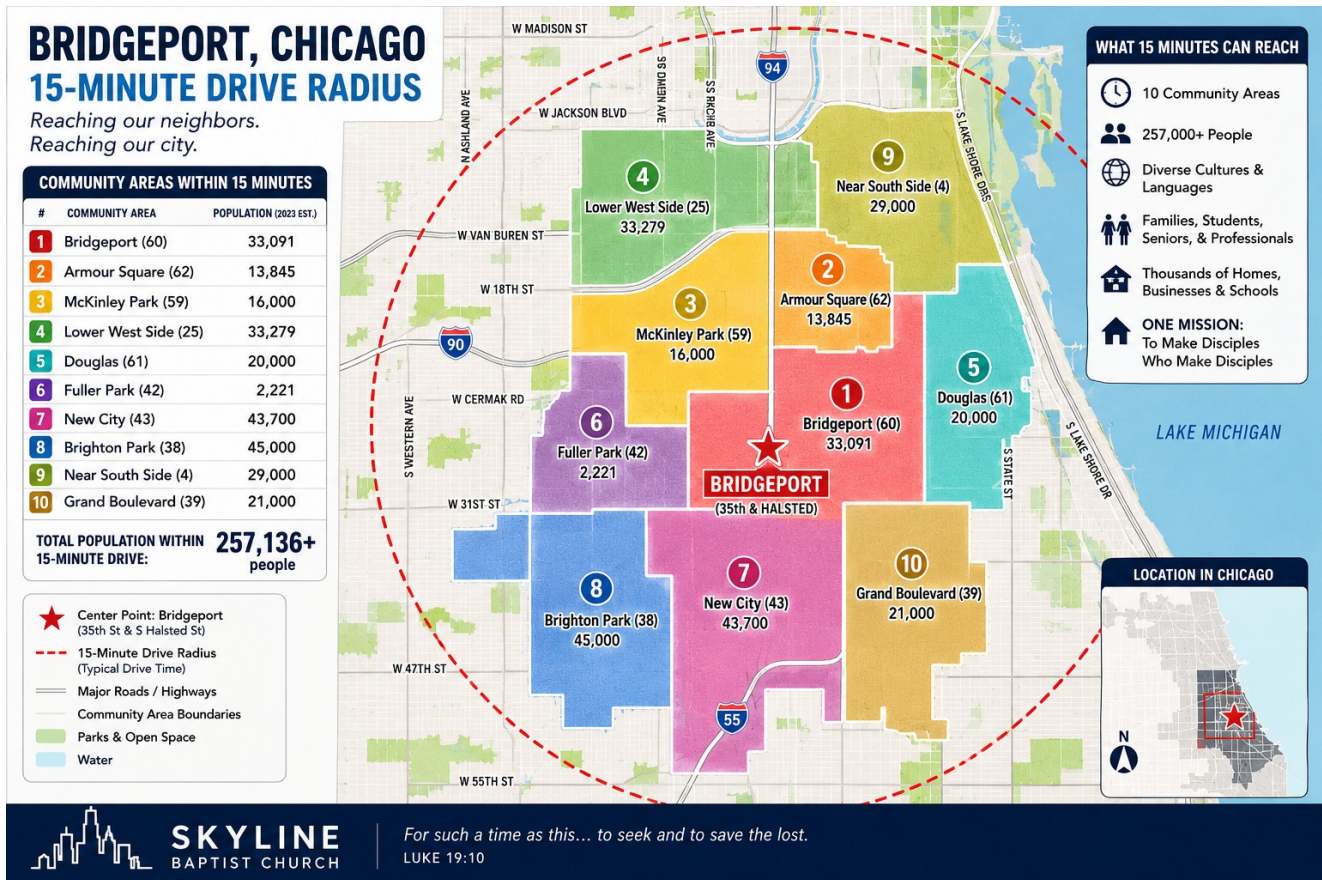
Daniel was saved at five years old after hearing Dr. Roger Voegtlin preach on hell. Convicted by the Holy Spirit, he spoke with his father when the family returned home. His father opened the Scriptures and showed him how to be saved, and Daniel trusted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. At thirteen, while hearing Evangelist Phil Shuler preach, Daniel surrendered to God's call to preach—a settled conviction that the Lord had placed His hand upon his life for Gospel ministry.

Daniel received ministry training through Fairhaven Baptist College. He and Christina later served in Idaho for nine years, gaining practical experience in preaching, soul winning, discipleship, family ministry, leadership, and caring for a local church. After returning to Northwest Indiana, the McDonalds joined Bible Baptist Church and have served faithfully there for approximately a year and a half.



The Mission Field

Bridgeport and the surrounding South Side communities



A 15-minute drive from Bridgeport reaches an estimated 257,000+ residents across ten community areas.

Bridgeport provides a strategic center point with access to Armour Square, McKinley Park, the Lower West Side, Douglas, Fuller Park, New City, Brighton Park, the Near South Side, and Grand Boulevard. These neighborhoods contain thousands of homes, businesses, schools, and people from many cultural and language backgrounds.

ONE MISSION To make disciples who make disciples—through personal evangelism, faithful Bible preaching, practical discipleship, and the ministry of a New Testament local church.



The Church-Planting Plan

A deliberate path toward a healthy, self-supporting local church

Mission

To establish an independent Baptist church in Chicago that reaches the city with the Gospel, disciples believers, strengthens families, and reproduces churches for the glory of God.

1

Deputation & Partnership Development | 2026–2027

- Present the church-planting vision to pastors and churches.
- Raise prayer and financial support for relocation, outreach, and launch.
- Build a committed prayer team and network of ministry partners.
- Prepare ministry materials, administrative foundations, and launch resources.

2

Community Engagement & Launch Preparation | 2027

- Conduct neighborhood Bible studies and personal evangelism.
- Build relationships through visitation and consistent community presence.
- Develop a launch team of volunteers and ministry helpers.
- Secure a dependable meeting location.
- Distribute Gospel literature and 50,000 grand-opening invitations with assisting church groups and local outreach.

3

Church Launch & Early Growth | 2027–2028

- Begin weekly services with a target grand opening of September 12, 2027.
- Establish discipleship, Bible study, children's ministry, and organized soul winning.
- Reach families, young adults, children, and seniors with the Gospel.
- Train members for meaningful service and future leadership.



Ministry Commitments

The convictions that will shape Skyline Baptist Church

Biblical authority: The Bible will be the final authority for faith and practice. Skyline Baptist Church will preach and teach from the King James Version.

The Gospel: The death, burial, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ will remain central. Salvation is by grace through faith, apart from works.

The local church: We believe the local church is a congregation of baptized believers, accountable to Christ as its Head, carrying out the Great Commission.

Expository preaching: Services and ministries will be built around clear, faithful, practical preaching and teaching of God's Word.

Personal evangelism: Soul winning, visitation, Gospel literature, and neighborhood Bible studies will be active priorities—not occasional programs.

Discipleship: New believers will be taught Bible doctrine, Christian living, prayer, stewardship, service, and faithfulness to the local church.

The Christian home: We will strengthen marriages, equip parents, reach children, and uphold God's design for the family.

Leadership development: Members will be trained to serve, teach, lead, and help advance the Gospel beyond one congregation.

LONG-TERM VISION A thriving, self-supporting independent Baptist church with strong discipleship, trained leadership, continued citywide outreach, and the ability to help plant additional churches.



An Invitation to Partner

Pray with us. Stand with us. Help us carry the Gospel to Chicago.

We are seeking churches that will take a genuine part in this work through prayer, financial support, and hands-on outreach. Every partnership represents more than a line in a budget; it helps place a Gospel witness in neighborhoods where people need Christ and a faithful local church.

How Your Church Can Help

- Pray regularly for the McDonald family and the people of Chicago.
- Consider monthly financial support during deputation, launch, and the early years of the church plant.
- Schedule Pastor McDonald to present the ministry to your congregation.
- Send an outreach team to help distribute grand-opening invitations and Gospel literature.
- Connect us with other like-minded pastors who may share the burden for Chicago.

Specific Prayer Requests

- Laborers for the harvest and a strong launch team.
- Open doors and favor throughout Bridgeport and surrounding communities.
- The right long-term meeting place.
- Full financial provision for relocation, outreach, and ministry needs.
- Wisdom, spiritual protection, family strength, and unity.
- Souls saved, believers disciplined, and lives transformed through the Gospel.

NEXT STEP Please contact Pastor Daniel McDonald to schedule a meeting, request additional information, or discuss prayer and financial partnership.

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Recommendation from the Sending Pastor

Bible Baptist Church • Highland, Indiana

Dear Pastor,

It is my privilege as pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Highland, Indiana, to commend Pastor Daniel McDonald, his wife Christina, and their children—Henry, Haddon, Hudson, and Charlotte—as they follow the Lord's leading to start a church in the city of Chicago.

The McDonald family faithfully served in ministry in the state of Idaho for nine years before the Lord led them back to Northwest Indiana. During those years, Daniel and Christina demonstrated a consistent love for the Lord, a heart for people, and a strong commitment to the work of the local church. Their children were raised in the midst of faithful ministry, and the family's unity and dedication have been a testimony in every place they have served.

After returning to our area, the McDonald family united with Bible Baptist Church and have now been faithful members for the past year and a half. During this time they have proven themselves to be a tremendous blessing to our church family. Daniel's leadership, Christina's gracious spirit, and the character of their children have all been a consistent encouragement to our congregation. Their faithfulness in attendance, service, and Christian testimony has been evident to all.

Brother McDonald has a sincere burden to reach people with the Gospel and to establish a strong Bible-preaching church. Through prayer and counsel, it has become clear that the Lord is directing him to plant a church in Chicago. Our church is gladly sending the McDonald family with our full blessing, confidence, and support.

We believe Chicago is a city that greatly needs more Gospel-preaching churches, and we are thankful for families like the McDonalds who are willing to go and labor in this important mission field.

I would ask you to prayerfully consider partnering with Pastor McDonald and his family through prayer and financial support as they begin this church-planting work. Your partnership will help establish a Gospel witness in a city where many still need to hear the message of salvation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

In Christ,

Pastor Andy Huffman

Bible Baptist Church
Highland, Indiana



Statement of Faith

A concise summary of core doctrinal convictions

The Scriptures

We believe in the plenary, verbal, divine inspiration of the sixty-six canonical books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe God has preserved His Word and that the King James Version is the true, faithful, and accurate Word of God for English-speaking people.

The Triune God

We believe there is one living and true God, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Creation and Man

We believe the material universe, including man, came into being by the direct creation of God and not by evolution. Man was created sinless but voluntarily fell; therefore all people are sinners and must be born again.

Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary. He is fully God and fully man, lived without sin, died vicariously upon the cross, rose bodily from the dead, and is coming again personally and visibly.

Salvation

We believe the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Salvation is apart from human works. The believer is justified, receives eternal life, and is eternally secure in Christ.

Heaven and Hell

We believe in a literal heaven and a literal hell. The saved will dwell eternally with the Lord, and the unsaved will spend eternity in conscious punishment.

The Local Church

We believe the local church is a congregation of immersed believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel. The church is accountable to God and to Jesus Christ, its Head, and is responsible to carry out the Great Commission.

The Ordinances

We believe there are two ordinances of the local church: believer's baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper.

The Christian Home

We believe marriage is a lifelong covenant between one man and one woman and that the home is a divine institution to be governed according to Scripture. We believe Christians are called to personal holiness and purity.

Last Things

We believe in the personal, visible, premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the resurrection of the saved and the unsaved.



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