

July 15, 2020

Dear Spring Run Family,

Your **Church Plant Initiatives Team** continues to be at work and prayer throughout the COVID pandemic. So far, we have identified three target areas in which we could see planting a church. If you have not yet read our paper then we highly encourage you to read it now (<https://www.springrunpc.org/cpit>)

Target areas for church planting in central Virginia are determined by various factors. Some factors are:

- Where is the Holy Spirit leading?
- Need for new churches in the area. What percent of people are unchurched?
- Strategic centers of influence. Paul planted churches in influential areas for spreading the gospel.
- Member families who are outreach oriented and might make up a core group in the area
- Church Planter vision and gifts
- Potential for affinity in a church planting network and movement
- Opportunities and resources God presents to us.

At this time (June 2020), these seem to be the places (in alphabetical order) rising to the surface in which we could plant churches.

- Amelia County – we have a number of families in Amelia and support Young Life which has made a big impact in the county across ethnic lines. Young Life’s oversight committee and the club of high school kids is demographically representative of the county. We have several families and an active and growing community group here.
- Chester – located on the eastern side of the county and near I-95, this area could draw from changing demographics in the county and could be a combined effort of a few churches. It could also be a step toward churches in Colonial Heights and Petersburg.
- Farmville – located in the counties of Prince Edward and Cumberland, it also is the home to Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College (with enrollments of 4,911 and 1,072 students respectively). We currently have two families living there who are meeting with others in that area to pray about a church being started.

How can you help? Let us know if...

- you live in one of these areas and are interested in being part of a church plant.
- you know people living in these areas who may be interested in a church plant.
- you have other potential resources for those areas (facility usage, business connections, etc.)

You can contact Pastor Andrew at the church office (804-412-8112) or andrew@springrunpc.org, or any member of the Church Plant Initiatives Team.

In Him,

Your Church Plant Initiative Team