



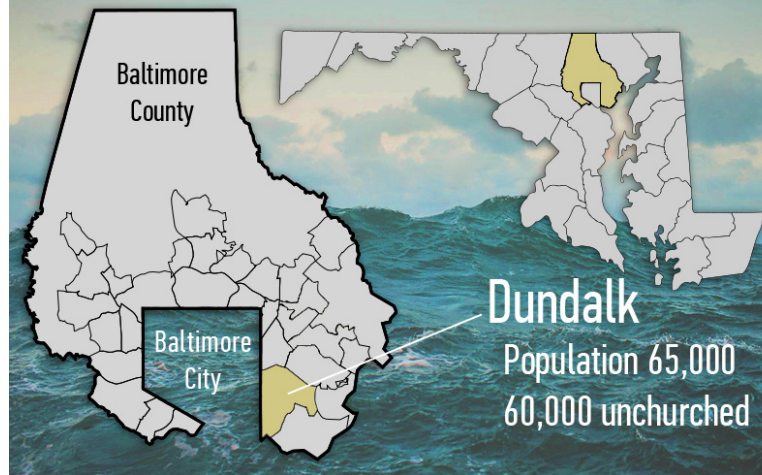
## OUR CITY

**BALTIMORE** was founded in 1729 as a port city for the tobacco trade and is still today the second largest port on the central east coast.

Today, it's a beautiful city in many regards, as home to magnificent athletics venues, a robust medical field, and with a rich history; it's where Francis Scott Key penned our national anthem, and is home to Edgar Allan Poe and Babe Ruth. However, Baltimore also faces many difficulties, as follows: 1) well over 90% of the 2.7 million people in the Baltimore area are spiritually lost and millions of people have NO EXPOSURE TO THE GOSPEL! 2) There are over 4,000 homeless. 3) 70% of students

drop out between 9th and 10th grade. 4) Over 1/4 of the total population and 40% of children live in poverty. 5) There are 70,000 known heroin addicts (more than evangelical Christians). Baltimore is one of NAMB's 32 grossly underchurched "Send Cities". The time to reach these people is today!

**DUNDALK** is a community located on the eastern edge of Baltimore city, and is CoH's primary area of focus. With 65,000 people, and 40% of homes with children, the CoH Team, given our background and experiences, feel called to reach these families. Dundalk is an ethnically diverse community, and although it has experienced decline due to the loss of manufacturing jobs (including the GM plant closure in 2005) and is an area of relatively high crime and poverty, we're excited to serve the many, many people who need the Gospel.



## OUR STORY

I was raised in a home with parents who were dedicated to the church and to serving God. After having spent the first seventeen years of my life in athletics, my family moved

from rural Alabama to Birmingham, where I opted to join the school choir instead of continuing in sports. This proved to be a work of God in my life...less than a year later I found myself as a scholarship musician at the University of Alabama and leading worship for multiple campus and church ministry groups. The Lord expanded my opportunities and this soon grew to my leading worship full-time in a worship band, during which I experienced a call to vocational ministry. Within two years, I had the opportunity to serve at Hunter Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL, where I grew tremendously, both personally and ministerially. As an Assistant Student Minister, I led worship for the 500+ member student ministry and oversaw the Student Discipleship Ministry. After four and a half years at Hunter Street, I again pursued an opportunity to lead worship travelling, and earned an MA in Counseling from Liberty University. During this season, I had my first taste as staff at a church plant. I served as Worship Pastor for four years with a young church plant in Cullman, AL on a part-time basis. Later, I accepted the position as Worship Pastor at another church plant, Harvest Bible Chapel in Kansas City, where I grew tremendously in my understanding and capacities in regard to church planting. I began my ministry as a fairly young believer with a deep desire to play music and lead people in worship. Over time, the Lord has cultivated in my heart a passion to proclaim His Word and to affect as many people as possible with the truth of His gospel.



## OUR VISION

# The MISSION of Church of the Harbor is to Declare TRUTH & Display LOVE that people would be Devoted Followers of JESUS.

God is glorified when people who have lived opposed to Him are transformed and become followers. We believe the most effective way to see this happen is to establish as our first priority the preaching of the Gospel. We are committed to sharing God's TRUTH with anyone who would listen. Further, we understand that, although people's greatest need is a spiritual one, God hates the temporal effects of sin and desires that we would do good, alleviating suffering as much as it's in our power. Displaying LOVE in this way not only meets real needs of people in our community, but also softens hearts to God's message. As people are transformed into Christ-Followers, we desire to see them grow in maturity, learning more and more of God's character and becoming wholeheartedly devoted to JESUS.

**PIER** : {pi(ə)r} noun - *an upright shaft or structure, designed to sustain vertical pressure, as in support of a building or bridge.*

The **Harbor PIERS** are scriptural principles we believe necessary for establishing a healthy church. The way these are born out in our community of believers uniquely mark our church, characterize mature disciples, and guide us in the pursuit of our vision.

**Pier 1. SCRIPTURE** : We will pursue God in His Word, collectively and individually, and will communicate His truth with integrity and authority that people would know Christ and grow in maturity.

**Pier 2. PRAYER**

**Pier 3. WORSHIP**

**Pier 4. EVANGELISM** : We envision a church in which each member has been affected so deeply by a relationship with God that there's no helping sharing it with others.

**Pier 5. COMMUNITY**   **Pier 6. SERVICE**   **Pier 7. STEWARDSHIP**

## Envisioning a Reality

CoH is planting churches in and around Baltimore in the areas where we do life. Pastor Jeff oversees our work in Dundalk, which grew out of a Missional Community in SE Baltimore City, and we are seeing evidence of God's blessing. Further, we're establishing other Communities overseen by our team members, Wes, Tyler, & Tom. Wes plans to formally begin a new work in the summer of 2017. We are compelled to be a church which starts churches, and the Lord is making a way for us to pursue this from the outset.

## OUR PARTNERS

**How will this vision become reality?** The Harbor team are working with Send Baltimore and we are MISSIONARIES to this lost city. This means we are giving up the security of a more traditional ministry and depend highly on the support of PARTNERS who will:

**PRAY** : You can partner with the Harbor team by committing to PRAY every day for our church. Prayer is key to the health and effectiveness of our ministry.

**PROVIDE** : We need partners who will PROVIDE. You may choose to "adopt" us by becoming a Supporting Church. One thought...please don't focus primarily on our need as you consider supporting; focus on OUR VISION. We believe so strongly in this that we're dedicating our lives to it.

**PARTICIPATE** : We are looking forward to building relationships with churches who partner with us, and we would love to have you VISIT for short term mission trips. Baltimore is highly unchurched and we need people to come alongside us to help reach our city.

**THANK YOU** so much for your prayers and consideration!

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