

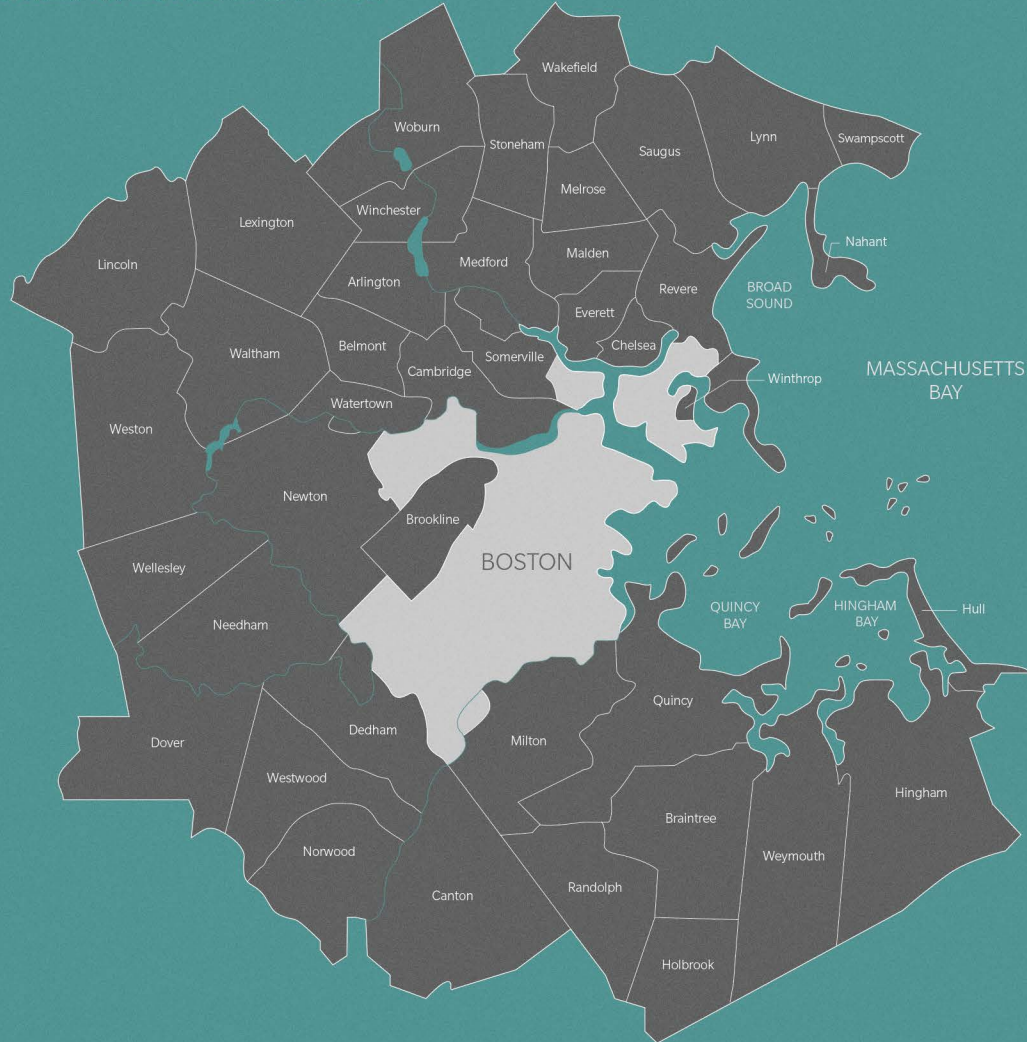


IMMANUEL C H U R C H

Church Plant *in* Greater Boston



GREATER BOSTON



ACTS 12:24

BUT THE WORD OF GOD
INCREASED AND MULTIPLIED.

OUR CONTEXT

If you looked out the window of Redeemer Fellowship Church in Watertown, MA, you would see the historic First Baptist Church of Watertown across the street. It's a beautiful Neo-Gothic style building constructed in 1899 for the worship and witness of Jesus Christ. Now it is eight luxury condominiums. If we walked a few blocks down, we would find another former church building converted into luxury condos. This is the story of one street in Watertown but a story that's replayed in town after town in Greater Boston.

- **GREATER BOSTON IS A CHURCH GRAVEYARD. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.**

For generations after its founding in 1620, New England had been the epicenter for Biblical Christianity and missions in the Western Hemisphere. But times have changed. What once was a mission launching pad is now a mission field. Colleges such as Harvard (1636), Yale (1701), and Brown (1764), founded to train ministers of the gospel, now train people to oppose it. The picturesque churches at the center of our villages and towns that once proclaimed the good news of Jesus have been teaching universalism, liberalism, and postmodernism for decades.

- **BUT THE LORD IS AT WORK.**

Over the past several years many have come to this mission field to plant churches focusing primarily on the city of Boston. The city is crowded with students, upwardly mobile professionals, and transplants from all over the world. This makes Boston, as a global and transient city, a strategic place to plant churches.

The native New Englanders, however, live in the smaller suburbs around the city that make up Greater Boston. These communities consist of a high percentage of locals with multi-generational roots in their communities. Here Christians confront not only spiritually hard soil but also relationally hard soil, especially for newcomers to New England. So having roots here has many advantages for not only understanding the culture but also reaching the people.

- **WE ARE MULTI-GENERATIONAL NEW ENGLANDERS. IT IS THE ONLY HOME WE HAVE EVER KNOWN.**

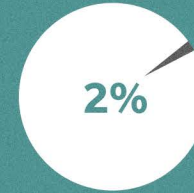
Our desire is to plant a church among native New Englanders and those who now call the region their home.



WILL YOU HELP US REVIVE THE LEAST REACHED PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY?



WILL YOU PARTNER WITH US IN PLANTING A CHURCH AMONG THEM?



EVANGELICAL

Surveys show that Boston's evangelical population hovers around 2%, which makes it one of the most post-Christian cities in America.

38%

Of Massachusetts residents **identify as Catholic.**

33%

Of Massachusetts residents **identify as Unaffiliated or Religious "Nones"**

80%



OF MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS LIVE IN GREATER BOSTON.



BOSTON HAS 7TH HIGHEST HOUSING COSTS IN THE WORLD

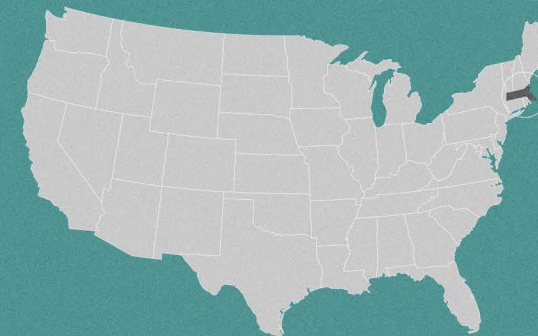
POPULATION: BOSTON VS GREATER BOSTON

700,000

CITY OF BOSTON

5,000,000

GREATER BOSTON



MASSACHUSETTS 3RD LEAST RELIGIOUS STATE



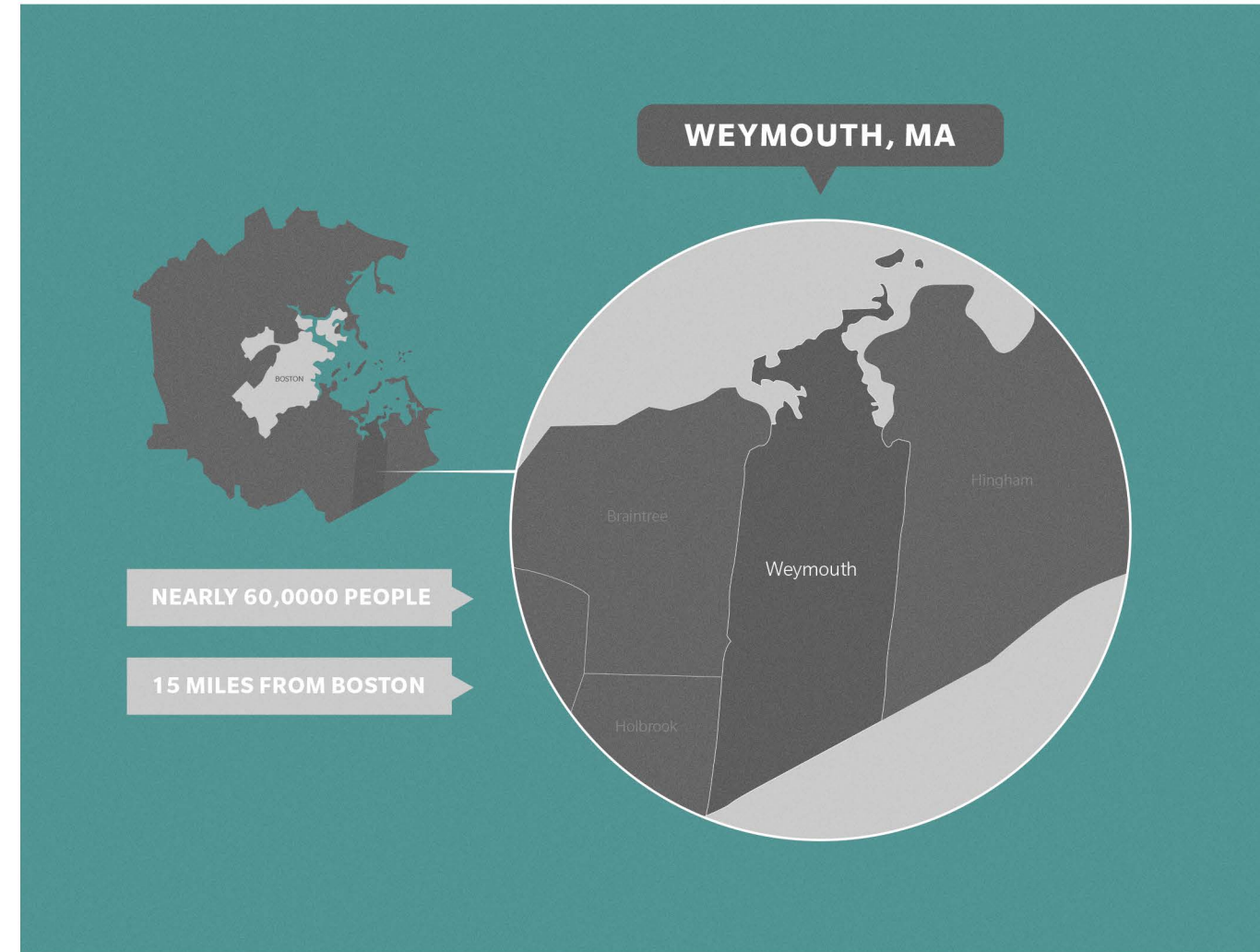
BOSTON 2ND LEAST BIBLE-MINDED CITY

OUR CITY

WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS is a city 15 miles south of Boston surrounded by other towns that make up the South Shore. Weymouth is home to nearly 60,000 people, most of whom are lifelong New Englanders. Weymouth faces the same challenges shared by the rest of Greater Boston. This includes nominal Catholicism, rapid secularization, few Christians, disinterest in or resistance to the gospel, and high cost of living.

However, those challenges come with opportunities as the light always shines brighter in the darkness. We pray Immanuel Church's gospel proclamation, corporate worship, holy lives, and love for one another draw many from these different belief systems to Christ.

Dave and Stacey have been living in Weymouth since 2013. The Lord has given them a fruitful ministry of evangelism and discipleship. Over the years, they have witnessed the great need for healthy churches in Weymouth and the rest of the South Shore.



OUR STORY

Our names are Dave and Stacey Comeau. We have spent our entire lives in Massachusetts and come from several generations of New Englanders. We met in our early twenties before we were Christians. Dave was an atheist at the time but started visiting South Shore Baptist Church (SSBC) with Stacey in Hingham, MA in 2008. During that year the Lord slowly opened our eyes to the glory and grace of Jesus Christ through the regular preaching ministry of SSBC and the faithful prayers of parents.

We were discipled in SSBC and a few years later Dave began an internship to explore pastoral ministry. After the internship, Dave began his M.Div at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and served as a pastoral assistant at SSBC until he completed his program in 2014. Dave received his call to ministry while at SSBC and was encouraged by the pastors to consider church planting. During this time, Dave's burden to reach New Englanders deepened alongside his aspirations to plant a church on Boston's South Shore.

After completing seminary, Dave served as a pastor at SSBC and Tremont Temple Baptist in Downtown Boston. Throughout this time, Dave's desire to plant a church on Boston's South Shore continued to grow. In January 2020, the Lord opened up a door to do just that. Dave now serves as a church planting resident and elder at Redeemer Fellowship Church (RFC) in Watertown, MA. Dave, Stacey, and their two children, Liza and Jesse, live in Weymouth, MA where they will plant the church, Lord willing.



OUR PARTNERS

Redeemer Fellowship Church began Sunday morning services on September 27, 2009 in Watertown, MA, which borders the city of Boston. When RFC was planted, its purpose and mission was, and still is, to plant and strengthen healthy churches in the greater Boston area and beyond. RFC is dedicated to training pastors for long and faithful ministry in New England generally and Greater Boston specifically.

Immanuel Church will partner with the SEND Network and the Pillar Network.

 SEND Network

 PILLAR NETWORK

 REDEEMER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Immanuel Church will be an autonomous church but not an isolated church. It will be supported by and commissioned from Redeemer Fellowship Church. The partnership with RFC will continue as the new church stabilizes. This partnership with RFC, as well as other faithful churches in the area, will help us join in other opportunities for church multiplication in Greater Boston.

OUR NAME



IMMANUEL

— C H U R C H —

IMMANUEL CHURCH

Almost 700 years before the birth of Jesus, God made a promise to deliver his people through a son called Immanuel. He would be no ordinary human son. When this son arrived, the people would be able to say “God is with us” (Isaiah 8:8-10). Seven centuries later, the people were finally able to look at a Son and say “God is with us” (Matt. 1:21-25). Jesus is Immanuel. He is God with us. And he came “to save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). This is good news.

It was good news then and it is still good news today. Jesus is still with us. As Matthew’s gospel comes to a close, we hear the good news of Immanuel on Jesus’s lips. He says to his church, “I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:20). He was with us to save us and he is with us as he sends us to make disciples and plant churches.

OUR MISSION

IT IS OUR DESIRE TO PLANT A HEALTHY CHURCH IN WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS GATHERED AROUND JESUS AND HIS WORD THAT EQUIPS PEOPLE TO KNOW, ENJOY, AND FOLLOW HIM TOGETHER FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- 1 We are committed to the authority and sufficiency of the Bible.
- 2 We are committed to the centrality of Jesus Christ and His Gospel.
- 3 We are committed to the gathering of the local church for the proclamation of the Word.
- 4 We are committed to a Great Commission culture that prioritizes making and training disciples.
- 5 We are committed to see more healthy churches in Greater Boston.

OUR TIMELINE



APRIL - AUGUST 2021

**Communication
Stage**



SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2021

**Plant Team Meetings
PHASE 1**



JANUARY - MARCH 2022

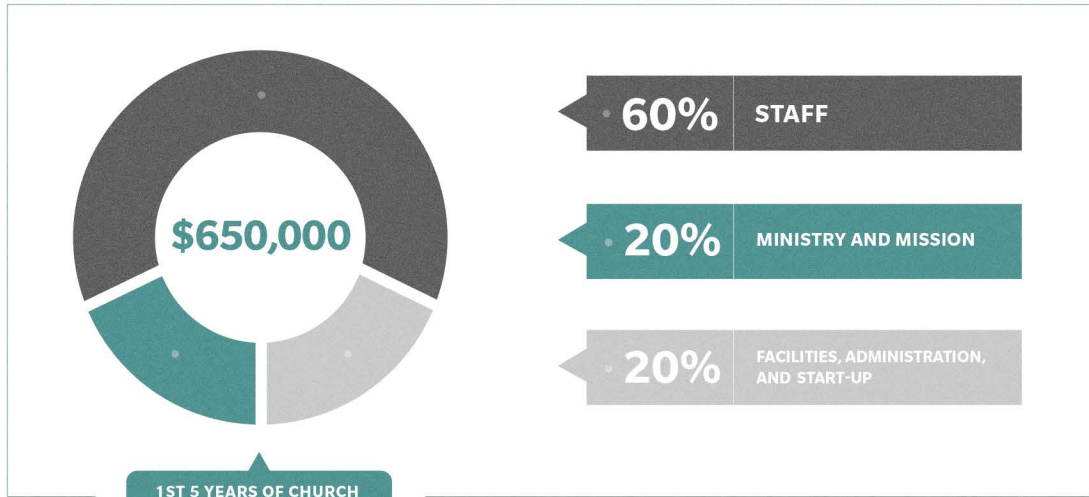
**Plant Team Meetings
PHASE 2**



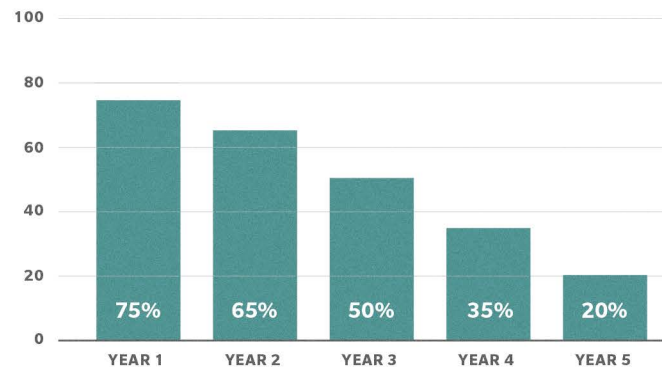
APRIL 2022

**First Worship
Service**

OUR NEED



PERCENTAGE OF OUTSIDE SUPPORT



HOW CAN YOU PARTNER WITH US?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL DAVE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING. PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US IN PLANTING A CHURCH IN GREATER BOSTON.



PRAY

Commenting on Jesus's ministry, Charles Bridges observes that "nothing important was done without prayer." If this was true for Jesus, how much more so for us? Would you please join us in praying for this church plant? Please email dave@immanuelweymouth.com to receive our quarterly newsletter and prayer requests.



GIVE

This work cannot go forward without financial partners. We are seeking individuals, organizations, and churches to partner with us. To give online go to www.redeemerfellowshipchurch.org/give. Select the fund that says "church plant" and follow the instructions on that page to give to Immanuel Church. Checks can be mailed and payable to: Redeemer Fellowship Church, 111 Mt. Auburn St. Watertown, MA 02472 with "Church Plant/Comeau" in the memo.



JOIN

Our proximity to Boston provides opportunities for a variety of careers. We would be delighted to speak with you about relocating to be part of the mission in Greater Boston. Please email or call Dave to start the conversation.



CONNECT

If you know of other people, organizations or churches that might be interested in partnering with us, please help us by making the connection.



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