



First Service at Liberty Reformed Presbyterian Church



Rev. Tim Phillips

Tell us about who you are?

I have been ordained as a minister in the ARP Church for more than 20 years. I have served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee, and I served for about 15 years as the Principal Clerk of Mississippi Valley

Presbytery. And now, at the age of 58, I am embarking on a new area of ministry. In April of 2025, I was called by the Providence Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, NC, to serve as their Associate Pastor with the goal of planting a new church in neighboring Hoke County (Raeford, NC).

In 2026, my wife Anna and I will have been married for 25 years. We have three daughters: Grace, Ruth, and Elizabeth. I am a 2024 graduate of Erskine Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and a 2010 graduate of Campbellsville University (M.Th.).

Describe your plans for planting a new church?

Liberty is a daughter church of Providence, and the financial and prayer support of the mother church has been invaluable. The worship services at Providence always include a time of prayer for the Liberty church plant. The session at Providence (which will also serve as the provisional session once we transition from exploratory status to mission status) is fully

committed to seeing this work go forward. One of the elders at Providence was present for our opening worship service and helped lead in the service; the other elders have committed to visiting Liberty once a month to attend worship and assist in the service. One of the members at Providence stepped up to help us when we could not get a booth for the local fall festival; she is a potter and was able to get a vendor booth, and she allowed us to use space so we could provide information about the new work in Raeford.

Our first worship service was on October 26. God has provided a wonderful facility on Main Street in downtown Raeford where we can gather for worship. We are still at the exploratory stage, but our hope is to be granted mission status early next year.

Prayer requests for the coming season?

Pray that the Lord would establish a new church in Raeford: Liberty Reformed Presbyterian Church and enable me to gather this new flock graciously and wisely.

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Sojourner Church



Tell us about who you are?

We are the Daugherty family. We are excited about the opportunity to plant a new church in Auburndale, FL. Patrick met his wife Libby at Valdosta state in 2007. Libby has her Master of Social Work (MSW) and currently works as an adoption worker for Lifeline Children Services. They are blessed with two beautiful kids, Madelyn (10) and Oliver (8).

Patrick was born in St. Augustine, FL but spent much of his childhood in Valdosta, GA. Patrick came to faith while at Valdosta State in 2003 through a ministry called Campus Outreach. This was the beginning of a growing passion for the Lord. He became very involved in Campus Outreach going on three summer leadership projects and a cross-cultural project to Thailand. After graduation, Patrick moved to Augusta, GA into the inner city for the purpose of evangelism and outreach. While ministering and serving the inner city through his church, Patrick perceived a call from the Lord to full-time ministry. This led him to serve as a pastoral intern at First Presbyterian Church of Augusta, GA while also pursuing a Master of Divinity from Erskine Theological Seminary.

The Lord saw fit to bring Patrick and his family to Bartow, FL in 2020 where he served as the Director of Youth and Family Ministries from 2020-2024. Throughout this time, God continued to grow a passion in the Daugherty's for evangelism and the planting of new churches. In October of 2023, Patrick was assessed and strongly encouraged to pursue

church planting by Florida Presbytery. He was later ordained and installed as the Associate Pastor of Church Planting in March of 2024 at Bartow.

Describe your plans for leading a new daughter church?

We moved our family to Auburndale, FL in late April to begin the work of planting a new church. There are currently several initiates I am working on as it relates to leading a new daughter church.

Core Team Building: We meet each week during the Sunday School hour at Bartow ARP. This class is all about growing together in our understanding of the gospel, church, and mission, and uniting our church planting team around a shared vision. This is an exciting step toward planting Sojourner Church!

Networking: Connecting with people in Auburndale through others.

Community Outings: Connecting with people at local parks, restaurants, and community events.

Prayer requests for the coming season?

- Pray to the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers.
- Pray for wisdom and organization of ministry teams. These teams will help us carry our vision and mission together in Auburndale.
- Pray for a location to meet in Auburndale.
- Pray for our outreach efforts. We want to be faithful in reaching our neighbors with the gospel.

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Hickory Presbyterian Church



Tripp Castell brings a deep love for Jesus Christ, his Church, and the people of Hickory, North Carolina. A Hickory native, Tripp is grateful to plant Hickory Presbyterian Church in the community where he and his wife, Amy, have raised their six children and now

enjoy two grandchildren. The Castells remain deeply connected to the community that has shaped their lives, and their long history in Hickory has built a foundation of trust and meaningful relationships that now support this new work of grace. Tripp now follows God's call to plant a Christ-centered, Reformed church with the vision of seeing daughter churches extend into the surrounding towns.

Describe your plans for the new church?

In January 2025, I began the process of planting without a core group from another church or an existing Bible study wanting to become a church. I met with everyone I knew to gauge their interest in joining the work. By the Lord's grace, twenty people, most of whom didn't know each other agreed to take part. On the first Sunday in February, those twenty gathered in our home for our first time of worship, prayer, and fellowship, and we have met every Sunday since.

We became an official mission church of First Presbytery in July. On August 3, we held our first public worship at Market on Main in downtown Hickory, a beautiful, rent-free space with room for over 200, complete with sound equipment, a baby grand piano, and tables for shared meals. This

fall, our congregation has grown to 35 committed individuals preparing for membership.

How to pray for you?

Pray for wisdom in the many decisions before us, for our people to be grounded in their faith, for unity in spirit with no divisiveness, and for a growing eagerness among our members to serve faithfully in the work God has called us to.

Ask the Lord to raise up new servants and future leaders who will help shepherd and sustain this young church. Pray also for the launch of our new men's and women's Bible studies, as well as discipleship and evangelism training beginning in January 2026. We pray that these would strengthen believers and equip them to share the gospel with confidence and compassion.

Pray that the Lord would open doors for evangelism throughout Hickory and the surrounding towns, and that many would come to know Christ through the witness of our church. Lift up our efforts to build meaningful relationships in the community and to be known for gospel faithfulness and love. Finally, pray for continued financial provision as we move into our second year of ministry, trusting the Lord to supply every need for the work He has begun.

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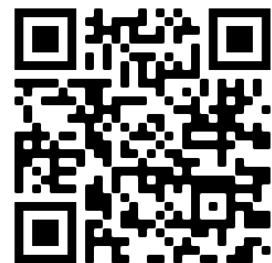
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