

GO  
Life  
Church

The logo features the text 'GO Life Church' arranged in three lines. The word 'GO' is in a light green, sans-serif font. 'Life' is in a dark brown, sans-serif font. 'Church' is in a light green, sans-serif font. A stylized tree with a brown trunk and roots, and several light green leaves, is positioned between 'Life' and 'Church', with its trunk passing through the letter 'i' in 'Life' and its roots extending into the letter 'C' in 'Church'.

# WHY PLANT A NEW CHURCH ?

While there are a number of existing churches spread throughout the Jacksonville area, we believe we should devote our best effort to planting a new church for the following reasons:

- In a recent study, only 17.5 percent of Americans were in church on any given Sunday.
- In the last 15 years, church attendance has decreased by 36 million people nationwide; while the population of the United States has increased by more than 30 million people.
- No county in America has a greater percentage of churched persons today than a decade ago.
- Almost 4,000 churches close each year (10 per day, 72 per week); while only 1,200 churches are started each year (3 per day, 24 per week).
- In proportion to the population of the US, there are less than half as many churches in the United States today as in 1900.
- In 1900, there were 27 churches for every 10,000 people.
- In 1950, there were 17 churches for every 10,000 people.
- In 1996, there were 11 churches for every 10,000 people.
- The United States is now the number two mission receiving country in the world.
- The continual planting of new congregations is the most crucial strategy for the growth of the body of Christ. Tim Keller, Center Church
- The average new church gains 1/3 to 2/3 of its members from those not attending a worshipping body.
- The average new church will bring lost people into God's Kingdom at six to eight times the rate of an established church of the same size.
- Only 36% of the population of Jacksonville attends a mainline Christian church.
- There are roughly 540,000 people in Jacksonville that do not attend a church.
- Because The Lord told me to!



# ABOUT JACKSONVILLE

## Did you know?

- Jacksonville is the largest city in the U.S. by land mass\*
- Largest city in Florida by population\*
- The 12th largest city in the U.S. by population\*\*
- Total population of Jacksonville is 842,583\*
- Only 36% of the population attends a Christian church\*\*\*
- This means that there are close to 540,000 people that do not attend a church.
- Roughly 52% of the world's population is under 30-years-old.
- Of that percentage, the largest group is those 20-24 years of age.
- Jacksonville is home to 20 colleges and Universities that enroll over 48,000 students\*\*\*

\* U.S. Census Bureau, 2013    \*\* City Mayors Statistics    \*\*\*City-data.com/Jacksonville

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit; fruit that will last, and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. -John 15:16*

# STRATEGY

While our long term vision is to see multiple thriving congregations that have a missional heart for making disciples, this vision has to have a process. I have broken this process into a step by step strategy.

## Step One Infiltrate Summer 2016

In summer of 2016, we will move our family into the area of Jacksonville that The Lord has put on my heart. This area is known as Southside/Mandarin. Once we get settled into our home and acclimated to the area, we will begin purposeful but natural communication with locals, neighbors, and families we meet. I will also be meeting managers and owners of local businesses with the purpose of serving them and helping to meet any spiritual and/or physical needs they may have.

**Example:** The manager of a local fast-food restaurant is under a lot of stress with employees, finances, busy schedule, and so on. I have a heart to pray for these people and help connect them with our Lord Jesus. By doing this, the atmosphere of that business will start to change and it will bless all who are employed there, the patrons who visit, as well as the community. (Once favor and trust is established, these businesses will serve as an excellent meeting place for early morning or after hours classes, such as Mens Bible Study, Stronger Marriage, Over-coming Addiction, etc...) People who are not connected to a local church will attend a meeting that is in a public place before they will come to a home or to a church. We want to make it easy for people, and then The Lord will build them.



## **Step Two - Core**

### **Fall 2016-Fall 2017**

Starting in the fall of 2016, we will begin Friday night meetings in our home with the people we have met. These meetings will consist of cook-outs, games, movies, short bible lessons, family activities, and building a core group of believers. Fall will also be the time that we begin our work with The University of North Florida UNF. Twice a week, we will be on the campus of UNF meeting students, taking spiritual surveys, evangelism, and ultimately making more followers/disciples of Jesus. The students that we start working and going deeper with will begin to be invited to our Friday Night gatherings. Building a core group that lives and breathes a heart for sharing their faith, making more disciples, and living missional lives, will result in an expansion of what The Lord is doing in and through us. More people will be added every week. Starting in summer/fall 2017, we hope to have multiplied our gatherings into 2-3 more gatherings led by other people with leadership gifts. These Friday gatherings will also serve as the main place for us to cast the vision for a church launch and how we will all be part of the initial launch

## **Step Three - Launch**

### **November 2017**

In late November 2017, advertisement will begin. We will use local radio, billboards, car-wraps, mailings, hand-outs, door to door communication, website, posters, banners, and of course good ole-fashioned inviting and spreading the word.

In January 2018, we will have our official launch. Studies show that the best time to start a new church is at the start of a new year, due to people wanting to make a change in their lives and begin new things. Go Life Church will begin meeting in a local high school. Our group from the house church gatherings will be the team that puts this together. From our groups we will have the set-up/break-down crew, nursery/children's workers, parking assistants, sound team, worship team, pastors, and so on.

Our house church gatherings will not stop once the Sunday morning church meetings start. We will actually use the Sunday mornings as a time to really push the house churches. Go Life Church will be a place that has and keeps the focus of reproducing disciples.

# ABOUT US



Zakk Cumbess was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on May 15, 1972. One year later he and his family moved to Valdosta, Georgia. At the age of five years old, his parents were divorced and he and his mom moved to Jacksonville Beach, Florida. After the next several years of moving all over the state, Zakk had a strong desire to move back to Georgia and live with his father. At the age 13 years old, while living in Cocoa Beach, Florida, Zakk left to live with his father in South Georgia.

At the age of 24, Zakk made a commitment to surrender his life to Jesus Christ. This came after a few years of living the party lifestyle, and many lost relationships. In September of 1996, Zakk made the commitment that would forever begin a new life in Christ.

In 1998 and 1999 Zakk served as a youth minister in Lake Park, Georgia. Soon after, he started attending New Covenant Church in Valdosta, Georgia where he served under the youth pastor for 4 years. During that time, Zakk helped lead a mission trip to Romania in 2002. In 2003, Zakk had the privilege of leading another missions group back into Romania where they ministered at a camp for orphaned children. He served with Azalea City Prison Ministries in the Lowndes County Jail system for two years, where he would go into the jail system and minister the love of Jesus Christ to the prisoners, every Sunday morning. In 2005, Zakk became a staff pastor over the youth at New Covenant Church and was ordained under Christian Alliance of Ministries in 2007.

Since that time, he has organized and helped to lead many short term mission trips into Guatemala, the Amazon jungle of Peru, and into Haiti. As well as many local mission trips to food shelters, migrant farm communities, homeless shelters, juvenile detention centers, and more. Zakk also put together youth camps, ski trips, and conferences. The Elevation Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, TN, pulled together 8 different churches and over 200 youth from Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi. With a strong passion and desire for reaching the lost, making disciples, and networking believers and churches together, Zakk realized that he was called to be heavily involved in church planting and leadership training.

In 2012, while meeting with a few youth pastors in Jacksonville, a new chapter for Zakk's life was beginning. As he was leaving the area, to head back to Valdosta, his heart was overcome with a divine love, passion, and desire for that area.

2014 was a year of a great move of faith for the Cumbess Family. An opportunity arose for them to move to Miami, Florida and help with a church plant that was taking place at Florida International University. This time in Miami served to be a great training ground for both Zakk and his wife Tiffany. They both served on the FIU campus for almost 2 years, making disciples, serving as team pastors, and raising up future leaders.

In early December 2015, Zakk knew that he had a 'release' from The Lord to pursue the work that was put on his heart for Jacksonville. While walking through the right channels and seeking counsel from Pastors, Elders, friends, and family, the move began.

## Family Matters:

Zakk and Tiffany Cumbess met each other on February 15, 1998. They quickly became friends, which soon led to them realizing that they were meant to be together. On April 30, 2000, Zakk and Tiffany were married. After being told by a doctor, more than once, that they would never be able to have children, they kept on believing. While in Romania together on a mission trip in the Summer of 2003 Zakk and Tiffany started discussing the possibility of adoption. While praying together they told the Lord that whatever He wanted to do in their lives was fine with them. Shortly after the Romania trip, while at the doctor's office, the doctor told Tiffany that situations had changed and it would be fine for them to have babies. In November of 2004, they had their first child, Isaiah. Another 3 years later, they had their second son, Samuel. And then, another two years later they became the proud parents of twin girls, Rachel and Rebekah.

Zakk and Tiffany live every day sharing with their 4 children the reality of a personal relationship with our heavenly Father. One of the main things they always teach their children is, "Whatever we do as a family, we will always do because we prayed and heard the Lord tell us to do it."

### Some of Zakk's favorite quotes:

*"Always write your address in pencil."*

*"The devil had a plot, God has a plan."*

*"Follow The Leader, lead the follower."*

*"Surround yourself with those on the same mission as you."*

*"Every small act of obedience will result in a supernatural move of God in your life."*

*"Your victory is in your yes!"*

*"Compassion without action is just some kind thoughts!"*

*"If you are a child of God and have a pulse, your title is 'Missionary!'"*

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

*-1 John 3:1*



# HOW CAN YOU HELP GO LIFE?

## Pray

Without the prayers of men and women who love Jesus and love His church, this church plant will fail. We truly believe that apart from Jesus, we can do nothing (John 15). This makes our dependence on the grace of God through prayer the biggest need of our church planting efforts. In order to keep you informed of how you can specifically pray for us over the coming months, we have an email set up for the purpose of providing bi-weekly updates from the team of Go Life Church as to how you can pray for us, our family, and our community. To join, simply go to [www.golifemissions.net](http://www.golifemissions.net) and click on the prayer team email.

## Give

Establishing a church does not happen without people freely giving of the multitude of blessings that they have been given by God. We are in need of individuals, churches, and businesses to partner with us financially in order to make Go Life Church happen. Due to the fact that Go Life Missions is incorporated and a recognized non-profit, your tax deductible gift can be given online at [www.golifemissions.net](http://www.golifemissions.net). Simply click on the *Partnership* tab, follow the step by step directions, and voila...Or, you can make checks payable to: **Go Life Missions**

**Mail checks to: Go Life Missions, 2097 SW State Rd. 247 Lake City, FL. 32024**

## Go

1. Relocate with us - We would love for you to partner with us by going. We recognize and believe the God may be calling various individuals and families to partner with us in establishing this church. If you have a desire to be a part of the core team that helps to plant Go Life Church, please contact Zakk directly (229)834-1331 or [zakkandtiffany@gmail.com](mailto:zakkandtiffany@gmail.com)

2. Connect us - You can also help by connecting us with people you may know in the Jacksonville area. Many of you have friends or family members in that area that may not know Jesus or are not integrated into the life of a Bible believing church. Simply passing along our information to these individuals or giving us their contact information will allow us to connect with those that we are going to serve.

3. Intern with us - If you are a college student, we will be setting up internships by January 2017. You will have the opportunity to be part of what The Lord is doing and learn about: missions, evangelism, discipleship, team building, and more. If you would like more information and may possibly want to be part of an internship please contact Zakk directly (229)834-1331 or [zakkandtiffany@gmail.com](mailto:zakkandtiffany@gmail.com).

# GOLIFE CHURCH PROJECTED LAUNCH BUDGET

## 3-year projected start-up budget

1.	Pre-move*	\$923
2.	Moving cost/Set-up**	3,600
3.	Facilities Rental	48,000
4.	Equipment	23,550
5.	Grand Launch Cost	17,500
6.	Outreach programs & events	25,950
7.	Printing & postage	15,000
8.	Launch team development	10,000

**3-year total** **\$144,523**

\*3 pre-move trips to establish location, prayer walks, networking, house searching

- Hotel stay \$433.33
- Gas 240.00
- Meals 250.04

\*\*Moving cost/Set-up

- Rental truck and movers \$3,000
- Gas 300
- Meals for family and helpers 300



# GOLIFE CHURCH PROJECTED LAUNCH BUDGET

## Launch expenses

### Equipment

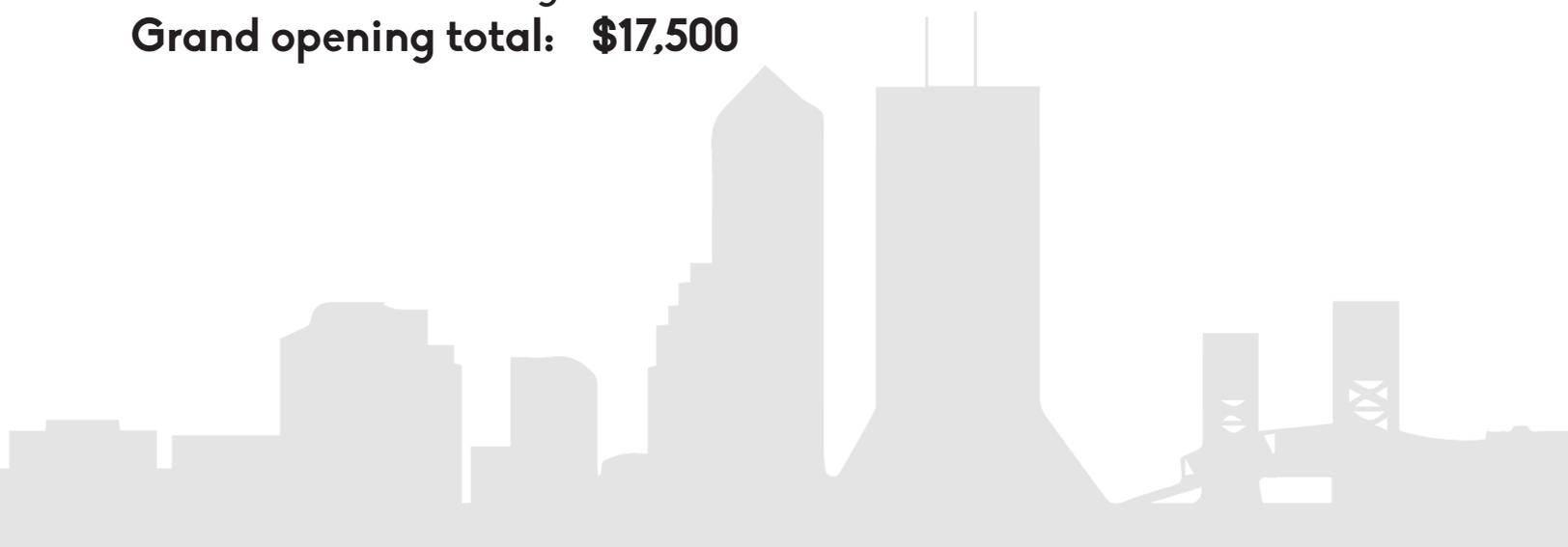
1.	Portable Sound System	\$8,000
2.	Computer & printer	2,500
3.	Video projector & AV cart	1,500
4.	Software	1,200
5.	Musical Instruments	1,500
6.	Large screen	600
7.	Nursery equipment	750
8.	Banners & signage	1,000
9.	Pipe & drape	2,000
10.	Children's ministry equipment	500
11.	Podium and music stands	400
12.	Lobby tables	300
13.	Bibles and offering baskets	300
14.	Equipment trailer	3,000

**Equipment needs total \$23,550**

### Grand opening or Launch

1.	Preview services mailings	\$6,000
2.	Color brochures & mailings	2,000
3.	Radio, billboards, etc...	8,000
4.	First time visitor gifts	1,500

**Grand opening total: \$17,500**



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## Vision Statement

Our vision is to make disciples that make disciples and plant a church that will plant future churches. We believe that neighborhoods, businesses, schools, and homes will begin to be transformed into gospel centered communities when people see and are taught about their identity in Christ.

We exist to be a church that focuses on making followers of Jesus, of all people, all places, all the time.

## Mission Statement

**Awaken** – Preach the Good News to the lost, the hurt, disconnected, prodigals, etc...  
(Matt. 24:14, James 5:19-20 NKJV)

**Connect** – Getting people connected with the local church, home groups, and personal discipleship, where they will be able to learn more about the Christian life, ie. Discipleship!  
(Acts 2:40-47 NKJV)

**Train** – Training and equipping the believers to do the work of the ministry.  
(Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV)

**Send** – Sending the believers into their world to make more disciples. This could mean helping to send a missionary across the world to plant a church, or simply helping a person reach their local neighborhood, school, work-place, etc... If you have a pulse and you are a follower of Jesus, your title is missionary. You are part of a BIG mission.  
(Ephesians 4:11-12, Rom 10:12-15, Matt. 28:19-20 NKJV)

## GO Life Board Members

- Zachory A. Cumbess (President/Pastor)
- William Meli (Chief Financial Officer)
- Eric Shelton (Officer)
- Terry Shiver (Officer)

A row of five green seedlings of varying heights and stages of growth, emerging from a layer of dark brown soil. The seedlings are arranged from left to right, showing a progression from a small sprout to a more developed plant with two leaves.

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