

## Mid-South PCA Church Planting Network

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For those who may not be familiar with the Mid-South PCA Church Planting Network, our vision is to be a catalyst and resource to churches and presbyteries regarding the planting of churches in our region. The Network is presently made up of twenty-five partner churches representing Covenant, Grace, Mississippi Valley and Southern Louisiana presbyteries. This encompasses the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, southern Missouri and western Tennessee (population of 12 million).

To explain my role as ministry coordinator, I thought I would provide a brief overview of the last few months. First, I attended the called meetings of all four presbyteries that make up the Mid-South Network. This took me to places like Metairie, Louisiana and Germantown, Tennessee and Hattiesburg, Mississippi. There, I was able to provide a quick update (written and/or oral) on the progress of the Network. Also, I was called on to visit several MNA/Missions committees to assist with future church planting plans.

Secondly, I visited many of the partner churches that make up the Network. These visits took several different forms. I spoke on Wednesday evening in several churches and to Sunday School classes in others. In some cases, I simply gave an update in the worship service. I was also able to participate in a few weekend conferences on missions. It is so rewarding to spend time talking about outreach and church planting and evangelism in PCA churches!

Thirdly, I spent a good bit of time visiting with pastors of Network churches and churches that are interested in partnering with us. These conversations took place typically over breakfast or lunch. It is a real blessing to be able to sit down with so many and break bread and discuss Kingdom expansion. Fourthly, I visited the planters the Network is supporting. I was able to spend time with Josh Kines (planting in Lafayette) and visit the services of Hope Church PCA (Rev. Chris Treat) in Bryant, Arkansas and Christ Fellowship (Rev. Mike Winebrenner) in Horn Lake, Mississippi. I plan to visit Christ Community (Rev. Hunter Bailey) in Fayetteville, Arkansas soon.

Fifthly, I was fortunate to talk with several churches considering planting and provided resources that might help in their decision making process. I also spent time with a few pastors who might be interested in planting in our

region. Sixthly, I devoted a whole lot of my time to doing administrative work. I will not bore you with the details! Trust me.

I am grateful my role affords me the opportunity to fill pulpits. I have been called on to proclaim the good news of God's gracious mercy in Jesus Christ at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenwood, Mississippi and Rainbow Presbyterian Church in Gadsden, Alabama and Southern Louisiana Presbytery at Plains Presbyterian Church in Zachary, Louisiana. Additionally, I was called on to assist with the twenty-fifth anniversary worship service at Lakeland Presbyterian Church.

If you are interested in staying up to date regarding the Mid-South Network, please feel free to email me in order to receive the monthly e-newsletter. We also have a page on Facebook and a Twitter account.

Grace & Peace,  
Rev. Hunter Townsend Brewer