



blue valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Planting Residency

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the hope of the world, and the local church is the most effective method of living out and sharing that hope. The book of Acts shows us that the gospel spreads as churches plant churches. This is the path that Jesus laid out for the transformation of the world. That's why the vision of Blue Valley is to become a multiplying church that establishes campuses locally, and plants autonomous churches locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Our Church Planting Residency is designed to equip church planters coming out of Blue Valley for the missionary task to which God has assigned them. Our process involves relational access, theological instruction, skill development, and pastoral preparation. Our desire is to see church planters become fluent in speaking, praying, applying, and living out the gospel. We desire to raise up gospel-centered missionaries who are prepared to reach the lost and shepherd God's people.

We structure our residency around the requirements of an elder found in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and 1 Peter 5. Developing the character of the planter is of paramount importance to us, as is theological formation. Thus, much time will be given to the cultivation of the church planter's character and calling; not just his competencies. Ministry is a glorious and dangerous thing, and our residency focuses on preparing the planter for the personal and professional rigors of pastoral leadership.

Church Planting Residents will immerse themselves into the Blue Valley culture. They will be given access to the staff, elders, leaders, and members for care and growth. Additionally, they will have access to our ministry friends and partners through Send KC and the larger Send Network.

Ultimately, the goal of the Church Planting Residency at Blue Valley is a vibrant and healthy campus or an autonomous church plant led by a man in whom Blue Valley has made a substantial ministry and monetary investment; populated with a core from Blue Valley who are infused with multiplication DNA and driven to make God's glory known through the conduct of their lives and the efforts of the church they have helped plant.

Soli Deo Gloria,
The Elders of Blue Valley

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM:

- \$35,000 annual stipend from Blue Valley, plus health insurance (provided none is available through spouse)
- \$12,000 annual stipend from NAMB
- Send Network Training
- Access to the elders, staff, and leaders at Blue Valley
- Opportunities to learn, grow, try, and fail in the Blue Valley family
- Freedom to fundraise, cast vision, and recruit from within Blue Valley
- Financial partnership (\$500 monthly) once your residency begins
- Ongoing care, coaching, and mentoring
- Connection with Send Network staff and leadership to assist encourage, and equip you as a church planter
- Assistance with fund raising
- Experiencing the joy and friendship found in a healthy church plant
- If establishing a campus of Blue Valley, equipping in Blue Valley culture, values, mission, and vision
- If planting an autonomous church, freedom and encouragement to pursue the style, method, and type of church plant God is calling you to establish
- Assistance in developing systems, fulfilling legal requirements, and affiliating with the Send Network

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Become a member of Blue Valley, if not one already, and function as a member would - attending, giving, serving, participating, and inviting.
2. Attend staff and elder meetings.
3. Preach every other month at Blue Valley.
4. Preach every other month at another Send Network church plant in the KC Metro or in another church if a Send Network plant cannot be arranged.
5. Keep up with all reading assignments. A one-page summary of any insights gleaned should be submitted to the pastor who assigned the book.
6. Raise funding to supplement your residency salary, with anything raised in excess of \$15,000 being set aside for the plant's needs.
7. Raise issues and concerns as quickly as possible with your residency supervisor.
8. Go through Send Network Training
9. Participate in Send KC Residency Cohort
10. Share the gospel each week
11. Spend one day each week in your local context once identified
12. Spend one weekend per quarter in your local context once identified
13. Spend one full week in your local context during the final quarter of your residency once identified
14. Commit to the entire residency process
15. Grow first and most importantly as a follower and lover of Jesus

REQUIRED READING LIST:

The Supremacy of God in Preaching – John Piper
Preaching – Tim Keller
Growing Up – Robby Gallaty
Foundations – Robby and Kandi Gallaty
Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life – Donald Whitney
Worship Matters – Bob Kauflin
Worship Where You're Planted – Dave Clark
Ministering to Problem People in Your Church – Marshall Shelley
Gaining by Losing – JD Greear
The Trellis and the Vine – Collin Marshall and Tony Payne

MONTHS 1-3: DISCOVERY

READING:

TBA

EXPERIENCES:

- 6 counseling sessions (recommendations provided, waiver must be signed to allow counselor to inform supervisor of any disqualifying concerns)
- Interview 3 church planters
- Interview one Blue Valley age-graded ministry staff member from each age-graded area.
- Preach once at Blue Valley
- Preach (at least) once at another Send KC church plant
- Begin missional overview of target city (demographic study, identify the idols of the city, identify
- Begin Send Network Training
- Weekly meetings with residency director
- Write out personal testimony (3 paragraphs: my life before Christ, how I met Christ, my life since becoming a Christ follower)
- 10 gospel conversations with a one paragraph written reflection on each experience
- Visit target community to prayer walk and share the gospel once a week
- Initiate meetings with area DOMs to begin process of affiliation and to solicit funding

MONTHS 4-6: DESIGN

READING:

* TBA

EXPERIENCES:

- Preach once at Blue Valley
- Preach 2-3 times at Send KC church plants
- Collect, read, and evaluate the bylaws of 6 Send KC church plants
- Continue Send Network Training
- Interview 3 established church pastors in KC
- Visit target community to prayer walk and share the gospel once a week
- Schedule meetings with the following groups in your target community: mayor, superintendent, police chief, fire department chief, and high school principal (residency director will help you prepare for these meetings)
- Identify and connect with existing church pastors in your target community. Write a one paragraph summary of your interaction with them with particular focus on how you see their church reaching the lost in the community
- Design a core team/launch team strategy & begin recruiting

MONTHS 7-9: DEVELOPMENT

READING:

TBA

EXPERIENCES:

- Preach once at Blue Valley
- Preach 2-3 times at Send KC church plants
- Begin core team meetings
- Spend 1-3 days each week in your target community to meet, pray, and share the gospel
- Identify potential meeting spaces for worship gatherings
- Fundraise, and then fundraise some more
- Interview the lay elders at Blue Valley
- Discuss fears, concerns, and questions with the residency director
- Go on a two-day prayer retreat
- Take a vacation with your family (minimum two nights away)
- Meet with Blue Valley Director of Marketing and Communications to begin work on promotional plan, logo design, web design and social media, etc..
- Begin legal documents for your church plant
- Determine status of local/state denominational affiliations
- Begin process of searching for a home in your target community
- Articulate plan for preview gatherings and target launch date

MONTHS 10-12: DEPLOY

READING:

TBA

EXPERIENCES:

- Work with your core/launch team
- Fundraise, and then fundraise some more
- Move to your target community
- Share the gospel 2-3 times every week
- Identify additional key leaders in your community to meet and schedule meetings with them
- Public launch of social media and marketing for your church plant
- Commissioning service at Blue Valley
- Write thank you letters to everyone you interviewed, and invite them to your launch service
- Complete Send Network Training
- Write bylaws for your church plant
- Define membership process for your church plant
- Define eldership process for your church plant
- Identify all items needed for your launch gathering (location, signage, promotional materials, sound equipment, chairs, and etc)
- Submit grant requests for launch materials to all major supporters (Send Network, KNCSB, local association, and other large donors)
- Pray. Never stop praying.
- Assign areas of responsibility to your core/launch team members
- Go plant your church!