



# CHURCH PLANTER RESIDENCY

## Grace Fellowship Church

### Vision

Our vision is to see God work through Grace Fellowship Church to plant 10 churches in 10 years (Vision 2020) by equipping residents to make disciples, plant healthy churches, and seek the good of the cities/towns throughout North Carolina, to the glory of God.

### Program Description

Grace Fellowship Church is congregation of 350 located in the heart of Eastern North Carolina in a small town called Kinston. Here at Grace, we believe one of the most exciting and encouraging ways God is working is through church planting. Finding its roots and practice in scripture, and with an eye towards God's mission, it's also one of the most effective ways to draw others into life in Christ.

*Our Church Planter in Residence program is Grace's means of joining God in His mission to reconcile all things to Himself and make disciples of all nations.*

Our residency program is designed to be a post-graduate school. It's a place to cultivate your previous theological education, and/or life experience, by growing in three main areas: Personal, Pastoral, and Planting. At Grace, we believe ministry is both caught *and* taught – you will be doing the work of ministry while also being trained/taught.

Over the course of 12 months, each resident will gain intensive training, encouragement, and experience in each of these areas while being a part of the vibrant and growing body at Grace, serving on staff, and ultimately be sent out to plant a church.

At Grace, you will receive multi-faceted, practical training with an emphasis on planting churches that reflect Grace's DNA (essentials):

**Theologically-thoughtful**  
**Word-focused**  
**Elder-led**  
**Missional**  
**Kingdom-minded**  
**Relational**  
**Grace-oriented**

### Target

North Carolina is our home. Eastern North Carolina is our heartbeat. Our desire is to plant healthy, Christ-exalting, reproducing churches throughout NC, to God's glory.





## Program Focus

The entire residency integrates three main areas of your life: Personal, Pastoral, and Planting. Partnership Development will begin when the program begins. We will touch on all of the following areas, tailoring the focus to the needs of each planter:

### Personal

- Rule of Life
- Marriage
- Parenting
- Prayer
- Finances
- Self-Awareness

### Pastoral

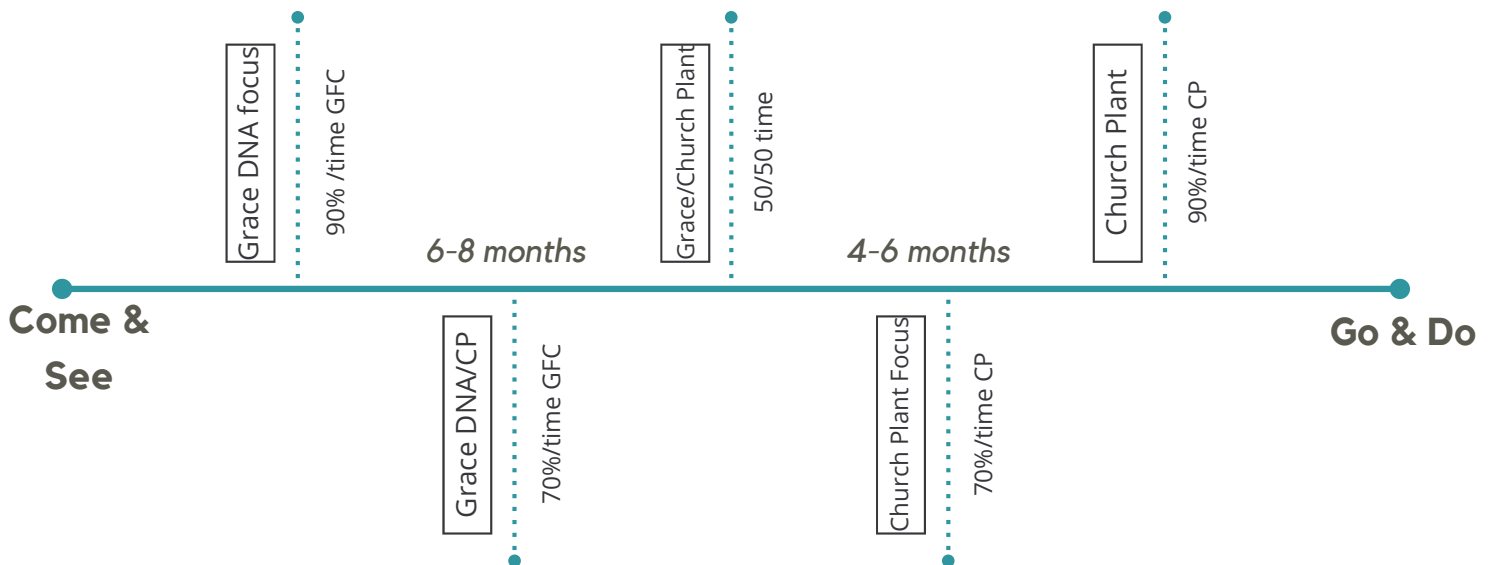
- Preaching
- Doctrine/Theology
- Philosophy of Ministry
- Worship/Liturgy
- Administration
- Leadership/Vision
- Counseling/Care
- Culture & Structures

### Planting

- Partnership Development
- Contextualization
- Location
- Launch Practicalities
- Vision Development/Casting
- Strategy/Plant Plan
- Finding/Leading Leaders

## Timeline

**12 months** (progressive integration)  
**6-8 months** (Grace DNA)  
**4-6 months** (Church Planting)



## Finances

- CP Stipend (Grace)
- CP Partnership Development (coaching from Grace)