

Longview Point Baptist Church Church Profile:

Longview Point is a Southern Baptist church located in Hernando, Mississippi. We're a part of the X-tended Missions Network which serves churches in Desoto and Tate Counties, Mississippi.

History:

In the spring of 2002, Dr. Wayne Marshall and Jerry Fuqua from Longview Heights Baptist Church began to sense the need to plant a church in the Hernando area. Longview Heights voted to provide the financial and people resources to start a brand-new church in Hernando. Northwest Baptist Association and the Mississippi Baptist Convention also contributed financial resources. Pastor Wade Humphries was called by Longview Heights Church to be the pastor of the church plant. He faithfully led Longview Point until August 26, 2018 when God called him to a new ministry.

The old Kaptol Hardware building on the Hernando Square was selected and leased as the meeting place for the new church. Renovations began by volunteers to clean and prepare the building. Longview Heights Baptist Church sent out a core group of 37 people to become Longview Point Baptist Church.

On September 8, 2002 Longview Point Baptist Church held its first service with 124 people in attendance. The church immediately began to grow and look for additional space for Sunday Connect Group classes. Classes met at coffee shops, Hernando Funeral Home, a monument shop, office space and the offices of the Northwest Baptist Association. Church leadership began searching for land to relocate and build.

Sixteen years later we have a membership of over 1300 and an average attendance in worship of over 800. We have 9 pastoral staff and ministry directors and 4 administrative support staff. Our staff is as follows: Frank Pevey, Associate Pastor; Travis Blye, Worship Pastor; Jason Ford, Missions Pastor; Trey Clenney, Discipleship Pastor; Derek Fortenberry, Pastor to Families with Students; Kevin Earnest, Pastor to Families with Children; James Cheatham, Church Planting Intern; Angela Cason, Preschool & Parents' Day Out Director; Patti Allen, Special Needs Ministry; Kathryn Mayo, Administrative Assistant; Rhonda Brooks, Media & Ministry Assistant, Cathy Newton, Ministry Assistant; Kristi Bowling, Preschool Ministry Assistant.

God has blessed in so many ways. We believe God has blessed due to a commitment to the authority of the Word of God, discipleship, church planting and missions. God has led Longview Point to plant five new churches and be involved with multiple other plants. We have an intern program for training, equipping and nurturing those that God has called to plant a church. God has called out hundreds of members to go on on mission in North America and internationally during these first sixteen years.

Our desire is to cultivate a culture of disciple making to reach the next one and continue to plant churches and engage in strategic mission partnerships to expand His kingdom.

Vision Statement

Expanding His Kingdom, Across the Street and Around the World

Kingdom Vision:

- Kingdom Citizens
- Kingdom Families – want families to have a Kingdom perspective
- Kingdom Connections – mission – make disciples
- Kingdom Advance
 - Impact our community
 - Plant churches
 - Strategic partnerships using short term volunteers
 - Long term missionaries
 - Raise up Christian Leaders
 - Engage unreached people groups

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to make disciples of Christ through Bible-based, relational small groups.

Based on Matthew 4:19, a disciple of Christ is someone who...

“Follow Me”

Knows and follows Jesus

“and I will make you to be”

Is being changed by Jesus

“fishers of men”

Is committed to the mission of Jesus

Core Values:

The Glory of God	Psalm 96:3; Eph. 3:20-21; Matt. 22:37-38
Biblical Authority	2 Timothy 3:16
Prayer	Colossians 4:2
Disciple-Making	Matthew 28:18-20
Small Groups	Acts 2:46

Longview Point seeks to impact our community in various ways. We believe that the primary disciple making should take place in the context of our small group ministry

called Connect. Our desire is to see these groups investing in each other and reaching beyond themselves to reach the community.

The Path family ministry is designed to partner with families with children of all ages to raise, disciple and launch their children. In addition, we are seeking to grow our ministry to families with special needs. This ministry is known as Hidden Treasures and hosts a monthly parent's night out and an annual "Night to Shine" (prom for people with special needs). The Celebrate Recovery ministry is really growing as we seek to serve people with all types of hurts, hang-ups and habits. Financial Peace is an ongoing ministry of Longview Point designed to help members and the community become faithful stewards of the resources God has entrusted to them.

We have various outreach events and celebrations throughout the year. We engage our community by feeding the teachers at the beginning of the semester and the football team. We have a Fall Festival for the community. We host an annual Global Impact Missions conference and a Church Planters conference. We minister to foster families in northwest MS through our Fostering Hope ministry. In addition, we seek to share the gospel through Center Shot (an archery ministry) and by hosting an annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament for the community.

We look forward with great anticipation to see what God will do in and through the local body of Christ known as Longview Point as we prayerfully look for God's next man to lead us. Our desire is to continue to grow locally as we reach the lost of Hernando and the surrounding area with the gospel. Our desire is to multiply and expand the Kingdom nationally and globally by planting churches and sending out workers into the harvest.