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*A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE BRANCHES COMMUNITY CHURCH
A CHURCH PLANT REACHING MONTPELIER, VT*





A PERMANENT HOME IN MONTPELIER

Today, we are excited to officially announce that The Branches has signed a 5 year lease for our permanent meeting space in downtown Montpelier at 16 Langdon Street.

This is a major milestone for our church plant! We will have a consistent downtown presence where we can gather, worship, disciple, serve our city, and continue reaching people with the Gospel week after week.

God has been incredibly faithful through every conversation, closed door, and unexpected turn along the way. There were moments when we honestly did not know where we would land, but the Lord continued opening doors at just the right time.

We truly believe this location places us in the heart of the community we are called to love and serve.

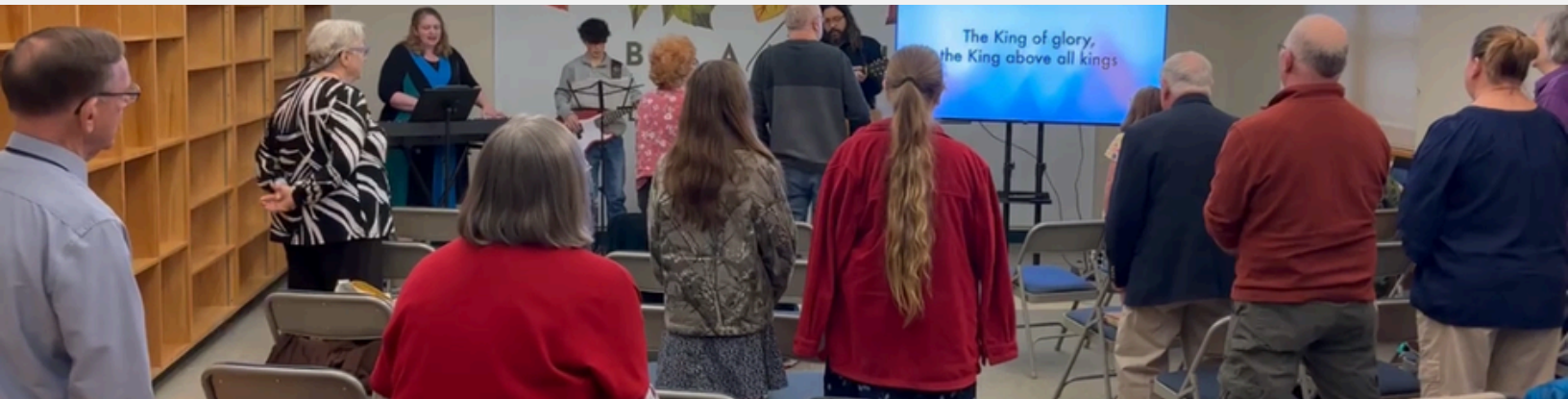
Construction is currently underway and our first official launch weekend in the new space will take place July 3-5. We cannot wait to welcome people into what God is building here in Montpelier!

“When doors don’t open, we’ll praise God in the hallway.”
And now, by God’s grace, a door has opened.



SIDE BY SIDE

“Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?” Amos 3:3



Over the last several months, God has been building something special between The Branches Community Church and Capital Community Church.

What started through shared meals, Thursday night Bible studies, conversations, prayer, and a combined worship service slowly revealed something deeper: we have the same heart.

We want to love people like Jesus loves them and we want to see His kingdom grow.

As we spent more time together, it became clear that we were not walking in different directions trying to accomplish different goals. We were already walking side by side.

And we realized something important: We are better together than we are apart.

Because of that, we are excited to officially announce that The Branches Community Church and Capital Community Church are merging together as one church family.

This has been a prayerful process filled with many conversations, meals, meetings, and moments of seeking the Lord's direction. We believe this partnership strengthens our Gospel witness in Montpelier and allows us to serve our city more effectively together than we ever could alone.

GO FORWARD

By: Jesse Bradley

There is a moment in Exodus 14 where the Israelites are standing at the edge of the Red Sea with absolutely no clear way forward. Behind them is Egypt. In front of them is water. And somewhere in the middle of all that fear and confusion, God tells them to move. Can you imagine how unreasonable that must have sounded?

The sea had not parted yet. The miracle had not happened yet. The path had not appeared yet. But God still said, "Go forward."

I think sometimes we assume faith means moving once everything feels safe and obvious. But throughout Scripture, God often asks people to take a step before they can fully see what He is doing. Noah built before it rained. Joshua marched before the walls fell. Peter stepped out before he stood on the water. And Israel had to start walking before the sea opened.

That is what makes faith difficult. We want clarity before obedience. God often asks for obedience before clarity.

As a church family, we are stepping into a season that feels a little like standing at the shoreline. There is excitement. There is anticipation. There are also unknowns and challenges we cannot fully see yet. But one thing we are learning is that God rarely reveals the entire path at once. He usually gives enough light for the next step and asks us to trust Him with the rest.

Maybe that is where you are personally right now too. Waiting for every fear to disappear before moving forward. Waiting for every answer before obeying. Waiting for certainty before trusting God.

But sometimes faith looks like taking one step toward the water and believing God knows how to part seas when His people are willing to walk.



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HELP US BUILD A GOSPEL PRESENCE IN DOWNTOWN MONTPELIER

Signing a downtown lease is exciting, but it is also a major faith step.

Over the last two weeks, God has already provided in incredible ways. **More than \$35,000 has been raised to cover the buildout currently taking place in preparation for our July launch.** Walls are coming down, bathrooms and kitchen space are being added, and the storefront is actively being transformed into a permanent home for The Branches Community Church.

Our monthly lease payment and utilities for the new storefront is approximately \$2,500 per month, and Jesse will be working to raise this support to cover 5 years of expenses while the church plant gets established and grows.

This is one of the largest commitments we have made as a church plant, but we know that a stable, visible downtown Gospel presence is worth the sacrifice.

This location places us exactly where we are called to be: in the heart of the city, building relationships, serving our neighbors, and creating a visible Gospel presence in downtown Montpelier for years to come.

Partner With Us

Goal: \$2,500/month for 5 years = **\$150,000**

Ways to Give:

- Monthly partnership through [Tithely](#).
- One-time gifts
- Sponsor a full or partial month of lease payments

Checks may be mailed to:

The Branches Community Church
22 Harrison Ave.
Montpelier, VT 05602

All donations go directly toward
The Branches Community Church startup fund.





MISSION TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for churches, mission teams, and volunteers to join us for our official launch weekend in Montpelier.

July 3: Montpelier Independence Day Parade

We will be participating in the city parade and helping with community cleanup efforts throughout the day.

July 4: Free Community BBQ

We will be serving a completely free BBQ meal to the community with a goal of feeding 1,000 people.

July 5: Launch Sunday

Our first official launch service in the new downtown space at 16 Langdon Street.

There are many ways teams can help:

- Outreach and canvassing
- Parade participation
- Setup and teardown
- Serving food
- Prayer walking

“Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts.” Ecclesiastes 4:9

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