



# DIGITAL PROGRAM

## CHURCH STARTING PROJECT

FOR CHURCH PLANTERS BY CHURCH PLANTERS

September 24-26, 2023

*Menger Hotel  
204 Alamo Plaza  
San Antonio, TX*



***The Church Starting Project  
is an event for church  
planters by church planters.  
Church planters and their  
wives are invited to join us  
as we encourage, equip, and  
engage current and new  
TXB/GC2 Church Planters.***

# SCHEDULE

**Sunday** 9.24.2023

**4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

*Registration*

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

*Dinner & Welcome*

**Monday** 9.25.2023

**10:00 a.m.**

*Worship*

*David & Miranda Wall*

**11:00 a.m.**

*Session 1: Encourage*  
*Chris Gaynor*

**1:00 p.m.**

*Lunch Provided*

**2:00 p.m.**

*Session 2: Equip*  
*Jonathan Dodson &*  
*Ivan Montenegro*

**5:00 p.m.**

*Sessions End - Free Evening*

**Tuesday** 9.26.2023

**9:00 a.m.**

*Session 3: Engage*  
*Robert White*

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*Worship*  
*David & Miranda Wall*

# BIOS



## AUSTIN *Ryan*

Austin Ryan is the founder and director of Worship Catalyst. He has been serving in ministry as a worship leader and co-pastor for over 30 years. He and his wife, Cami, director of operations, started WC over 16 years ago with a mission to train, mentor and develop worship leaders, primarily for churches just starting. After serving in a larger church in Houston, TX for many years, they decided to move to Tucson, AZ and then Las Vegas, NV where they immediately began helping several churches as well as planting two churches along the way. As of 2021, WC is headquartered in Florida and has hubs in over 18 cities across the country and is just beginning to expand its influence internationally as well. With hundreds of churches of all sizes impacted, Austin's ultimate goal remains reaching more people with the gospel of Jesus.



# DAVID & MIRANDA *Wall*

David and Miranda Wall have been married since 2011 and have been leading worship together for over 17 years. David currently serves as the Creative Arts Pastor at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Austin, while Miranda serves at the Longhorn BSM as the Ministry Assistant. David and Miranda are both Go Now alumni, and have been a part of Discovery Weekend for many ears as students, servant team members and worship leaders. Their other passions include Tex-Mex and raising their two future Go Now missionaries, Marley and Foster.



# JONATHAN *Dodson*

Jonathan Dodson is the founding pastor of City Life Church in Austin, TX and the founder of Gospel-Centered Discipleship.com, which produces resources to help make, mature and multiply disciples of Jesus. He is also the author of a number of books including: “The Unwavering Pastor”, “Our Good Crisis”, “Here in Spirit”, “The Unbelievable Gospel: Say Something Worth Believing” and “Gospel-Centered Discipleship.” He enjoys mentoring pastors, teaching, writing, watching sci-fi, playing tennis and going for walks.



# IVAN *Montenegro*

Ivan Montenegro is a native of Central America where he was introduced to the gospel message when he was hired as a Spanish translator for a group of missionaries from California. The power of the message changed his life. At 12 years old, he was appointed and served as a pastor of a newly formed church in a remote area of Central America. In this capacity, he witnessed the birth of a new church that was planted, and this inspired him to become a missionary. Montenegro received a degree in theology, which prepared him to function in various roles, including as a bivocational missionary, church planter and pastor. He planted several Hispanic and bilingual churches in the state of Washington and British Columbia with support from the Northwest Baptist Convention. He also assisted in sending and supporting missionaries to Canada, Mexico, Uruguay and Central America. He launched two Bible training institutes that have been instrumental in equipping new leaders from the United States and Canada to fulfill the Great Commission as new church planters. Montenegro married his wife in 1983, the same year he was ordained in ministry, and has four children.



# ROBERT *White*

Robert White is a pastor, public speaker, motivational coach and organizational leadership strategist. Robert is passionate about individuals understanding and living out their God given purpose. His passion for individual's to know and understand the gospel is seen in his passionate delivery of scripture and his strategic approach to evangelism and community engagement. Robert serves as the lead pastor of Freedom Church in Bedford, TX, a growing, diverse and multi-generational church. Prior to planting Freedom Church, Robert served as the Youth and Young Adult pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington, TX. Robert also serves as the associate director of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Robert studied Business Administration with a Finance concentration at California State University Dominguez Hills in Carson, CA. Robert is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity from Baylor University's George W. Truett Seminary. Robert is married to Marisha White and is the proud father of two daughters, Makenzie and Makayla.



# CHRIS *Gaynor*

Chris Gaynor is the pastor for prayer and worship at the Summit Church in Raleigh, NC, where he has served for the last 37 years. In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, Chris is one of the directional elders. As a part of the Summit Collaborative, a network of church plants, Chris enjoys the opportunity to support and encourage church planters around the U.S. He is married to Michelle and they have 2 sons, Hudson, 16, and Haddon, 14. As a family, they all love music, food, basketball and roller coasters.



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