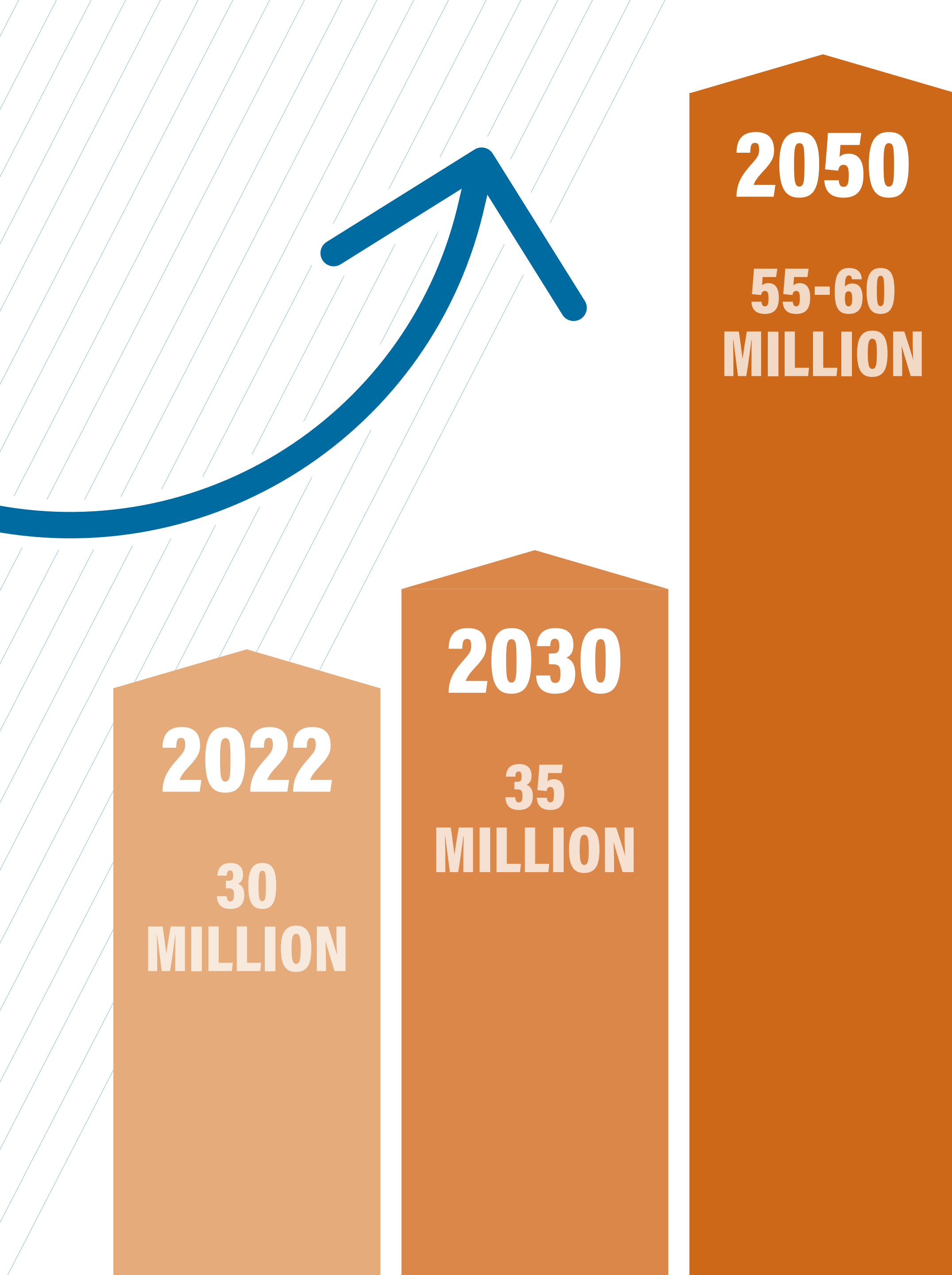


# WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS

Center for Missional Engagement

**CHURCH STARTING**

*Presentation Accompanies: Adult Study Guide  
Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions*



# TEXAS IS BOOMING!

## REASONS FOR RAPID GROWTH

- Major companies relocating to Texas – Caterpillar, Tesla, Oracle, Chevron, and others
- Texas ports of entry are preferred because of lower taxes and prime location in middle of country
- Lower taxes, no state income tax, are bringing more families to Texas

# THE NEED FOR NEW CHURCHES IS GREAT!

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**APPROXIMATELY 20 MILLION PEOPLE IN TEXAS ARE CURRENTLY NOT IN A CHURCH OF ANY KIND.**

That number will increase as our population increases.

- There are 5,200 Texas Baptist churches. If each church added 200 new believers, not members, a year, the increase would be 1,040,000 with 95% of the new Texans unreached.
- If 500 new Texas Baptist churches also add 200 new believers, the increase would be 100,000.

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- People are coming to Texas from all countries as well as from across the nation.
- Our churches need to reflect the multilingual and multicultural identities of the new people arriving.
- In 25 years, there will be few thriving churches that are not multicultural.

*We as Texas Baptists need to adapt to the changing circumstances in Texas!*



# WHAT ARE WE DOING TO MEET THE NEED?

The Center for Missional Engagement has committed to start 50-60 new churches a year.

- The Center works to strategically locate and assess new leaders across the state and then equip them to start new churches.
- The Mary Hill Davis Offering® provides funding for this strategic leadership development.
- The goal is a self-sustaining church in 3 to 5 years.

# MEET THE TEXAS BAPTISTS CHURCH STARTING STRATEGISTS



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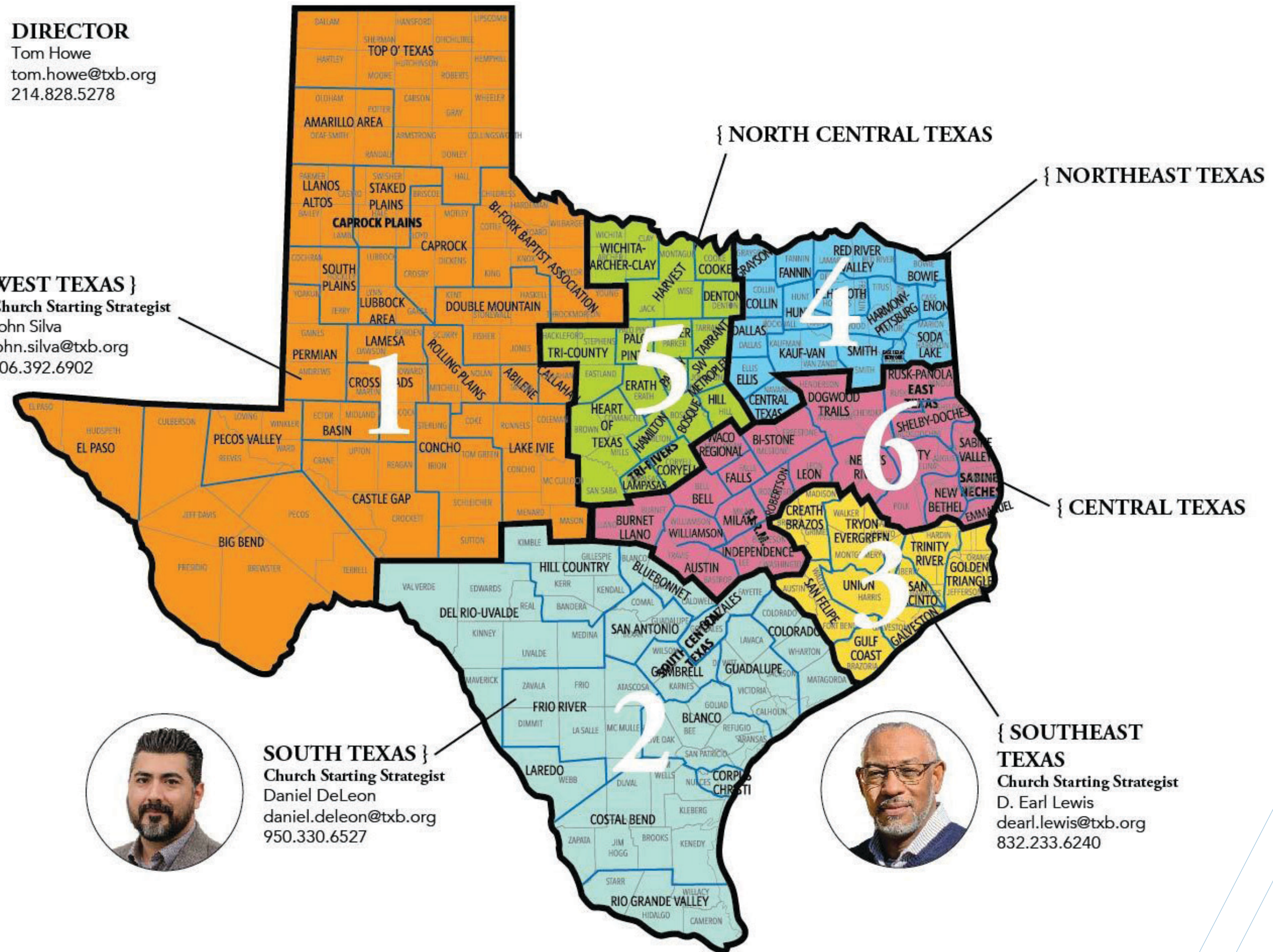
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# WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A CHURCH PLANT?

- ✓ Theological agreement
- ✓ Sponsorship by a Texas Baptist church
- ✓ Clear calling to church planting
- ✓ Church planting vision and understanding
- ✓ Passion for outreach
- ✓ Core group
- ✓ Assessment



# WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS FOR A CHURCH PLANT?

- ✓ Be a cooperating Texas Baptist partner
- ✓ Secure primary Texas Baptists sponsor church and other partners
- ✓ Complete monthly reporting
- ✓ Fulfill covenantal giving





# WHAT RESOURCES DO TEXAS BAPTISTS PROVIDE NEW CHURCH PLANTS?


- ✓ Funding
- ✓ Strategy and planning
- ✓ Soul care for planter and planter's family
- ✓ Retirement contributions
- ✓ Administrative assistance
- ✓ Facilities use and management assistance
- ✓ Media
- ✓ Worship Catalyst
- ✓ Retreats and conferences
- ✓ In-person training
- ✓ Missions opportunities
- ✓ Coaching and mentoring
- ✓ Demographic Study

# WHO HAS BENEFITTED FROM MHDO RESOURCES?

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**Tony Canady – Pastor T – started Triumphal Christian Fellowship in Waxahachie with assistance from Texas Baptists. It launched its first service on September 22, 2021.**



A photograph of a pastor performing a baptism. The pastor, a man with a grey beard and glasses wearing a light blue shirt, is leaning over a baptismal font. He is holding the hands of a young woman who is sitting in the water. The woman is wearing a dark blue t-shirt with the word "STRONG" visible. The water in the font is splashing around her. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and a church interior.

**"I WOULD LOVE FOR PEOPLE TO PRAY THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO GROW IN A HEALTHY WAY AND THAT WE NEVER FORGET THAT THIS IS HIS CHURCH. I AM JUST THE FOREMAN OF HIS PROJECT FOR THE CHURCH HE IS BUILDING."**

*- Tony Canady, Pastor*



# EVERY CHURCH START HAS A UNIQUE STORY.

Here are a few churches from across the state that have been helped by Texas Baptists Church Starting Ministry.

# CORNERSTONE CHURCH MID COUNTY

NEDERLAND, TEXAS

**RYAN THOMPSON**

Lead Pastor / Church Planter





# NEW DAY CHURCH

SCHERTZ, TEXAS

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**DUSTIN WOOTEN**  
Pastor

# ENCOUNTER CITY CHURCH

KILLEEN, TEXAS

**LOUIS CROOKS**  
Pastor





# LUBBOCK CHURCH UNIFIED

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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**FERMIN SIFUENTES**  
Pastor



# PRAYER REQUESTS FROM CHURCH PLANTERS

- Pray for the mental and physical health of each Church Planter.
- Pray for the church starts to be effective and help win souls for the kingdom.
- Pray for the ministries to have favor in the communities they are starting churches.





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