

## Church Planting Emphasis



Jody sat solemnly on a Denver park bench, grappling with the need to deepen her faith and the lack of direction in how to start. Exhausted, she squeezed her eyes shut to say a quick prayer.

By the time she opened them again, Send Network Church

Planter Justin McKay was standing in front of her, asking if she knew Jesus or had a church home. After a hasty “yes,” Jody joined the core planting team for what would become The Local Church, where she has witnessed over 20 new believers come to know Christ since last year’s first service.

“God’s providence has brought us here to help people in the city who are far from God, who want to know God but don’t know how to,” McKay said. “Jody is just one of many people we’ve impacted.”

McKay and The Local Church represent one of the 745 churches planted by Southern Baptists in 2022, bringing the total number of church plants since 2010 up to more than 10,000—a massive mile marker for the denomination as a whole.

“Every church in the SBC—small, medium or large—has a part in church planting. Some of the largest givers to The Local Church are small, rural churches in Alabama,” said McKay. “I want to encourage every church to remember they have a part and a place in planting churches. Our church is a testimony of churches awaking to that opportunity.”

Learn more about how church planting is reaching people with the gospel at **[SendNetwork.com](https://SendNetwork.com)**.

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## CHURCH PLANTING EMPHASIS DAY



After they had preached  
the gospel in that town  
and made many disciples  
they returned to ... Antioch

ACTS 14:20-22 (CSB)



# SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Dickey

March 17, 2024

[www.sappony1773.org](http://www.sappony1773.org)

Invocation and Welcome

Hymn No. 202 "All Hail the Power"

Hymn No. 10 "How Great Thou Art"

Missionary Prayer Calendar Debbie Spiers

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn No. 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Doxology

Scripture Mark 15:1-15

Scripture Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"Crucify Him"

Invitation Hymn No. 275 "I Surrender All"

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be here with us.

The children will be collecting toothbrushes/combs/hair brushes for the month of March for The Shoe Box Ministry.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: On Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am Concord UMC will host the Community Easter Service. Pastor Mike will be preaching.

OYSTER/FISH DINNER: On Sat. April 6 from 4:30 to 6:30pm Newville Baptist Church will host a dinner fundraiser at Camp Kehukee. Proceeds will go to needed repairs at Camp Kehukee. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children and must be purchased in advance. Call 804-731-2812 or 804-733-2010 for tickets of information.

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PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: Mark 15:16-41