



Church Profile

**Prayerfully
moving forward together,
sharing the heart of Christ**

Greenville, North Carolina



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Contact Information

The Pastor Search Committee (PSC) wish to thank you for your interest in Hollywood Church, as we search for our next pastor. These are exciting times, and we are looking forward to the Lord's provision for this position.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Charles McGowan, of McGowan Global Institute, with whom we have partnered to aid in our pastoral search, at charles@mcgowanglobal.com or 615-330-0347.

Again, we are grateful for your participation in our search process. We promise to keep our interaction with you in absolute confidence, to move with all deliberate speed in the process, and to keep you abreast of our progress as it relates to you.

Thank you,

Pastor Search Committee

Collin Wiggs, Chair

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Introduction

This profile was written with the hope that you will sense our enthusiasm and be made aware of the movement of God's Spirit at Hollywood Church and consider the challenge of walking with us on our journey. Hollywood Church is on the cusp of revitalization and spiritual renewal. We hope this communication will fan flames of interest for what God is doing in our church.

The members at Hollywood Church give praise and thanks to Almighty God for the stirrings of awakening among us! Unity and singleness of vision characterize the forward looking perspective provided by Him!

"We genuinely acknowledge and affirm, from our heart, that from Him, through Him, and to Him are all things; to HIM be the glory forever. Amen". (Romans 11:36)

A People and a Place. A Past and a Plan



Church facility viewed from the southern parking lot. (current view)



A Word from The Church

God is up to something in our midst and what He is doing is bound to bring ongoing blessing to the church and to positively impact the community and region around us. This present church revitalization is owing to our Lord's design to bring about community transformation. "He has raised up the planter and waterer; He will give the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6, 7).

Our vision has given us the resolve to more effectively link with our neighbors and region in a missional, intentional way. Zealous for God in HIS mission in our community, we are seeing ourselves anew as "*ambassadors for Christ*" (2 Cor 5:20a). This understanding, and this directing principle, aligns us with the Great Commission to "*GO and as we are going, make disciples*" and it gives us the reassurance that: "*Behold, I am with you always.*" (Matt 28:19 – 20).

OUR COUNSEL, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND PRAYER

"O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forever more". (Psa 131:3)

"The Lord will fulfill His purpose for us". (Psa 138:8a).

"Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever; do not forsake the work of your hands". (Psa 138:8b).



Brief History



This church was strategically planted by God in this community on Mother's Day 79 years ago – May 9, 1943 – to glorify Him as a committed family of Jesus-followers. The picture on this page is the old two room public school house initially used to also accommodate the community Sunday School started in 1920. This was the seed that 23 years later would become Hollywood Church. Life was good here, but not easy. It was not easy anywhere in 1943. The nation had emerged from the depths of the depression and was shortly plunged into an even darker struggle--another world war. There were lots of hardships: tobacco barns burned; crops failed; polio struck, the men responded to the needs of far off lands, and another breakout of influenza hit eastern North Carolina. At home, faith and worship had taken on a much greater meaning and the establishment of Hollywood as a church was being planned.

SEASON OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Eastern North Carolina had few Sunday Schools in 1920, but there was a growing awareness of the need for children to be taught the word of God by competent teachers. On Thanksgiving eve (November 24) 1920 the community gathered for a "Box Party" (also know as box socials) at the local two room school house.



Attendees bid on dinners prepared by the women. This evening would be special for the events that followed the dinner. Reverend F. H. Scattergood had been recently hired by the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville as an evangelist. The intent was to start a Sunday School program throughout the community. That evening Rev Scattergood performed a wedding for a man he had led to Jesus while visiting the local farm fields and sharing the gospel. After the wedding Rev. Scattergood seized the opportunity to introduce the Sunday School proposal and he immediately began asking the folks for their commitment to participate. Before the end of the year a Sunday School had been formed and was underway. The Sunday School continued to meet in the school house for the next 2 decades.

SEASON OF SACRIFICE

"Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

Sir Winston Churchill 1940

World War II brought out a willingness in most people to live a sacrificial life for what was perceived to be the noblest of causes—bringing liberation from tyranny. In 1942, North Carolina was home to more servicemen and service-women than any other state in the Union.



More than 10 percent of the state's population served our country in uniform (source: www.ourstate.com/the-1940s). In so many ways, the story of our area during 1943 shows an 'all in for all people' attitude – likely because so much was deemed to be at stake. Patriotism was feverish, and amid the struggles of a wartime economy, there developed a common bond that made the time ripe for "church" – since church was itself such an important spiritual AND social institution. Men were going off to war and coming home in boxes or in telegrams relating their demise. It was in this climate that Hollywood Church was born.

SEASON OF CHANGE– CRITICAL RESET

Initially organized as a Presbyterian Church USA, Hollywood Church later began to feel a widening gap between its own conservative Biblical positions and that of the Presbyterian Church USA. Led by church elders with a vision for preserving the teachings of scripture, the church began to explore independence.

In 2014, Hollywood made the decision to withdraw from the Presbyterian Church USA. The congregation, led by the Session and an appointed committee, developed a plan to become an Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). The transition was finalized on February 28, 2015. Through God's leading the church called, as its first EPC Pastor, a man with vision for cementing the denominational shift and for charting the way forward.



Hollywood Church embraced the EPC and its Vision Statement:

To the glory of God, the EPC family aspires to embody and proclaim Jesus' love as a global movement of the congregations engaged together in God's mission through transformation, multiplication, and effective biblical leadership.

Planted here by the Lord Jesus, the Messiah, to represent His interests and to share His heart, we cherish our history. Looking to the future, we are prayerfully moving forward together with a "Servant's Heart" making disciples of men and women in the Hollywood community.

From Hollywood Community School to Hollywood Church, EPC, we have a rich heritage, and many wonderful people have helped make it a reality.



Hollywood Church E.P.C. 75th Homecoming



Church And Community Ministries

The leadership of Hollywood Church realized that we should become more intentional and deliberate to join Jesus Christ on His mission to make disciples and thus adopted the new Vision Statement:

Prayerfully moving forward together, sharing the heart of Christ.

Driven by this vision, we began with a simple model: to focus on areas of perceived church and community needs, such as music, parents of young children (mamas), and a baby pantry.

Music. Our music program utilizes music students from East Carolina University. Their talents and skills bring much reverence, worship and diversity to our worship services. This is a ministry we hope to grow.



Mamas. God's kindness to Hollywood Church has been evident especially through our outreach to serving the children in our congregation and in reaching out to mothers in need in our community.



Baby Pantry. The “Lifetime of Joy Baby Pantry” was established in November 2017. Through it, we offer supplies and support to families in need. This ministry has proven to meet a real need.



Other ministry efforts:

- Support Our Troops, an effort to let deployed service members know their service is appreciated.
- Hosted Scouts BSA Cub Scout Pack 39 for 21 years and counting
- Small group bible studies
- Samaritan’s Purse providing gift boxes for children
- Missionary ministry
- Backpacks for the homeless
- A counseling program to address individual, family, parenting, career, relationship, debt, crisis and non-crisis issues and other needs that do not require medical intervention or direct contact with the pastor or session

Our mission is to make fully committed, biblically literate, spiritually mature and culturally-informed followers of Jesus Christ who find their identity and joy in Him.



Strategic Future Plan

The Session serves as the strategic and tactical leadership arm of the church by resourcing, equipping, training, and empowering, the friends and family of Hollywood Church to commit to mobilizing their faith as a lifestyle and enlisting them to participate in bringing the kingdom of Christ, to our community-at-large. To do this we:

- Emphasize the need for personal witness and testimony
- Proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous kingdom
- Forge intentional relationships with un-churched and de-churched persons in our neighborhoods
- Practice hospitality

We have taken essential steps to hold ourselves accountable to goals and directives established by these commitments. We depend not upon 'the arm of flesh, for it will surely fail us', but we wholly lean on the power of God to achieve His work in and through our frailties. Originally a farm community, the Hollywood area has basically become a bedroom suburb of Greenville.



Summary

Throughout the history of Hollywood Church, God has provided men and women of vision to establish a faith path for our future. From the establishment of the Sunday School to the founding of the church, through building renovations and finally to the fight for scriptural purity, men and women of faith and vision have lead Hollywood. It is to such a person we now turn to lead us through the next visionary challenge.



Church and Community Demographics

Pitt County as of the 2020 census

The 2020 population was 170,243. There were 70,926 households, and 41,427 families residing in the county; 23.6% under the age of 18, 17.5% from 18 to 24, 29.9% from 25 to 44, 19.4% from 45 to 64, and 9.6% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 30 years. The median family income was \$43,971.

There are 13 private schools and 30 public schools in Pitt County, 16 elementary, 7 middle, 6 high schools and 1 alternative school. Hollywood Church is located just a few miles outside Greenville city limits in the fastest growing area of the county. This area also boasts the best schools in Pitt County for elementary, middle and high school.

Pitt County Population Demographics		
RACE	NUMBER	PERCENT
White	86,837	51.01%
Black	59,813	35.13%
Native American	494	0.29%
Asian	3,056	1.8%
Pacific Islander	94	0.06%
Hispanic or Latino	12,968	7.62%
Other/Mixed Race	6,981	4.1%



Greenville, NC is the county seat and also the home of East Carolina University, a 1600 acre campus with 21,589 undergraduate and 5,797 graduate students. ECU is home to nine undergraduate colleges, a graduate school, and four professional schools. The university offers 16 doctoral degree programs, 4 first professional degree programs, 85 master's degree programs, and 102 bachelor's degree programs. One of ECU's newest programs is a bachelor's degree in engineering. ECU is a Division 1 school that has been earning quite a power reputation in football, baseball, and track and field events.

In addition ECU also boasts a medical school and a dental school. The Brody School of Medicine consists of seven graduate majors, plus the Doctor of Medicine, all located on the Health Sciences Campus. The medical school is one of five in North Carolina.

Youth athletics have quite the presence in Pitt County. One Little League baseball team has competed in the Little League World Series. Greenville hosts one of the girls softball age group world series championship each year. Volleyball, softball and baseball are offered practically year round for a variety of age groups.



Hollywood Church Demographics

Year founded: 1943

EPC Presbytery: Mid-Atlantic –
Coastal Division

Annual Budget: Approx. \$240,000

Total Staff: 1 full-time
8 part-time

Sunday Morning Schedule:

8:30 AM Breakfast Small Group

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

Membership: 118

Family Units: 57

Age Range of
Congregation:

0 – 18	10.3 %
19 – 24	4.4 %
25 – 34	1.5 %
35 – 49	8.8 %
50 – 64	17.7 %
65+	57.4 %

Facilities:

Property: 3.34 acres

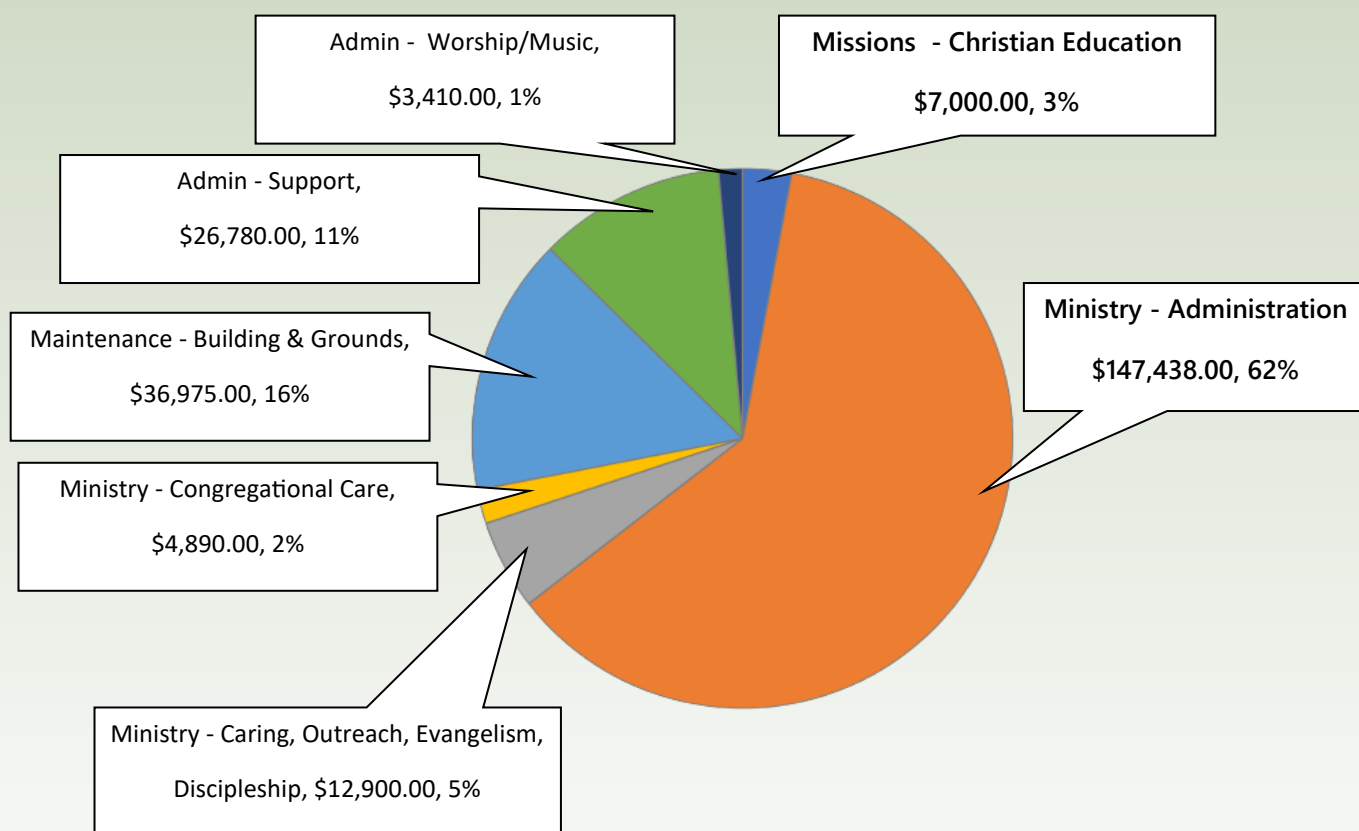
Church building: 11,200 square feet

(Upstairs youth room, fellowship hall,
kitchen, classrooms, nursery, pastor
office and secretary office)

Grounds: Two paved parking lots, play-
ground, baseball field, and a community
garden



2022 Budget \$239,393





Celebrating the Past



Enjoying the Present





Building a Future

