# **Grace Brevard Update November 2018**

#### "Localized" Church

In the next few months we will become a "particular" church which will allow us to take in members and essentially be "out of the nest". To do this, we need to be **Financially Self-Sustained** and have **Trained Elders**. Once we do, we will have a short "membership class" (and explain what membership even means and why it is important).

### **Moving Forward**

#### "To Know, Live and Extend the Hope of Jesus to the Brevard Community"

Matthew 5:14-16
"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your

Father who is in heaven.

To Be a Catalyst for Transformation in Brevard: Physical, Community and Spiritual Needs

The Church's ultimate goal is to Know Jesus and Make Him Known. As we see in (and empowered through) the life of Jesus, our lives are designed to love and serve the "least" and the "lost"; the hungry and oppressed; the insider as well as the outsider; the younger and elder son.

Our goal is not to be a country club for the saints but a rehabilitation house for us all.

# John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Means we believe that we are called to use and be is INCARNATIONAL MINISTRY.

Our desire, in an effort to be a catalyst for transformation, is to honestly, deeply and relationally engage with the whole of Brevard; treating others as people, not projects; meeting them in "their world" rather than expecting them to come into ours. This real-life engagement is how God brought transformation to us: he became a real man in our real world in order to bring about real change.

2 Corinthians 5
Therefore, we are
ambassadors for
Christ, God making
his appeal through
us. We implore you
on behalf of Christ, be
reconciled to God.

One of the ways we want to be *Honestly Incarnational* is through a multi-use facility that will intentionally address the needs of Brevard while fostering relationships and conversations with people that would never enter a "traditional church" but are open to honest community and love.

In December we will get access to the building and can begin to use it for basic things like offices, small groups and church services. From there we can begin renovations, determined by the amount we can afford.

We have 6-7 organizations that will join us in the facility to serve Brevard. Some are able to use the facilities as-is while others will require renovations. Some potential partners are:

- 1) Daycare "Silly Goose"
  - 2) Fitness and Nutrition
- 3) J.A.M. Youth Music Lessons (zero tuition)
  - 4) Boys and Girls Club
  - 5) Brevard Little Theatre
  - 6) Art Studios and Gallery
  - 7) Restaurant and/or Coffee Shop

A "natural" gathering place in Brevard that meets various local needs and fosters diverse community; all while finding common ground through beauty, truth and goodness.

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## Preliminary Design

(this is the current SylvanSport building on Commerce - 2 blocks West of the Lumberyard by the DMV)



