

VICTORY

CHAPEL

*Your Launch Day Guide to  
Our Vision and Values*



**A CHURCH**

**ON A MISSION**



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## **WELCOME TO LAUNCH DAY!**

Every grand story has a beginning – and we believe that God is writing into the story of San Marcos the birth of a new church.

From this day forward, this city and this church will be eternally linked.

In the future, after many souls have been won, many families healed, and many destinies changed we will look back on April 20, 2019 and remember the day when Victory Chapel was born in a service full of faith, power, and promise.

Take this booklet as a memento and when you think of Victory Chapel, pray for us.

*Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin... Zechariah 4:10*



# WHY SAN MARCOS?

*From Paul's Perspective...*

In 2017, God began leading us into a season of transition. I served overseas as a teacher and then on the pastoral staff of a church in Central Louisiana before Alli and I were married. Not long into our marriage, we found ourselves speaking at a series of churches in the Austin area.

At the encouragement of a family member, we drove south to San Marcos and explored the city. It was described to us as a great target city for a church plant.

Before leaving the Austin metroplex later that week, I drove back to San Marcos early one morning, parked my vehicle close to the city's center, and began to pray. It wasn't long before I began to feel a divine burden for the many students and families that walked past my car.

In the weeks that followed, God continued to clarify his call to us and direct us to plant a new church in the heart of San Marcos. The more that we have prayed and fasted about the decision, the more we feel divine confirmation and encouragement to hammer a stake in the city's center, take spiritual dominion, and build a thriving apostolic church.

*From Alli's Perspective...*

When moving to Alexandria, Louisiana after we were married in June 2016, I felt that a ministry transition was soon to come. My husband and I had plans to travel overseas supporting various missions endeavors and soon

we began to realize that God had other plans. Through prayer and fasting, Paul and I began to feel a burden to pastor. We didn't know where or when, but we believed God would pave the way. At the recommendation of Paul's sister, we drove south to visit San Marcos while preaching in the Austin, TX area.

While visiting San Marcos, we discovered a church building for sale near Texas State University. As we parked our car in the parking lot, I began to feel a heavy burden for the city.

Later in the week, as we drove through the Austin metroplex, I saw a cross at a distance held up high and glowing in the night. In that moment, God spoke quietly and said, "These are my people." From that point on I knew God had called us to start a new church in San Marcos.





# THE BUILDER OF THE BROKEN

In Jeremiah 18:1-6, we step into the story of a man named Jeremiah who was discouraged by the events of his life. In the text, God speaks to Jeremiah and tells him to travel to the house of the potter. When Jeremiah arrives, he observes the potter busy in his shop with his hands covered in mud and water. As Jeremiah inches closer, the man begins to shape a ball of clay on the potter's wheel.

In time, the wheel stops and before the potter sits a freshly formed clay jar.

Though we are not told how or why, at this point in the story the clay jar falls and ends up broken. Yet, the potter, as a master creator and craftsman, takes the clay into his hands and begins to form it *again*. With tender love and care, the jar is restored and renewed with fresh purpose and design. All the while, Jeremiah is standing in the background watching and observing. Then, in that moment, the Lord speaks to his heart and says:

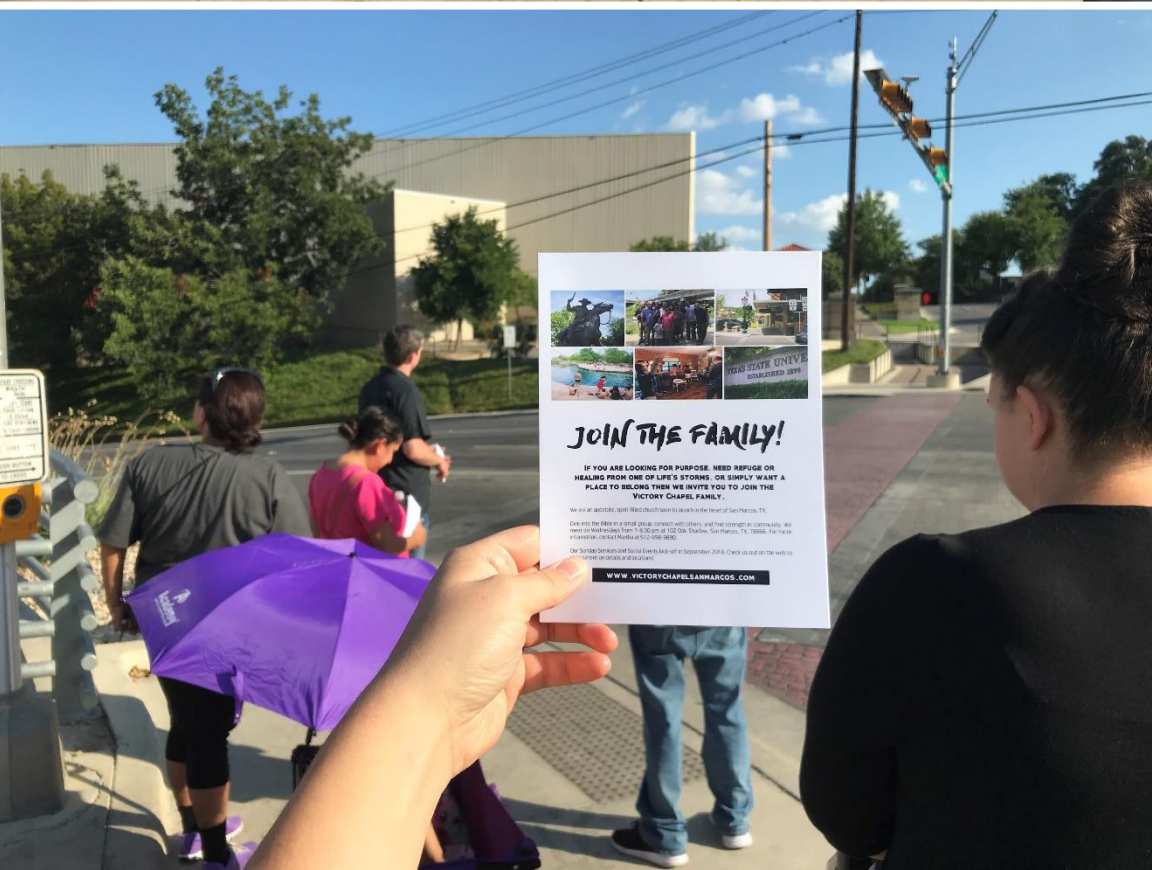
“Can I not do with you as this potter has done with the clay? Behold, as the clay is in the hands of the potter, so are you in my hands.”

You see, it's no mistake that God uses the symbol of the potter to renew Jeremiah's hopes. At this point in his life, he is questioning his calling. He is doubting that his efforts are even making a difference. He's tired, weary, and worn – and he's wondering what to do next.

It's at a time like this when God gives Jeremiah a visual illustration of his ability to fix what is broken in his life. He reassures Jeremiah that he is able to build *again* the parts of his life that did not turn out as he had hoped.

It is in this story that we see God's heart to build what is broken in us. Ultimately, that is the purpose of Victory Chapel. We are here to assure you that there is a God who is willing and able to restore your heart, your family relationships, your hopes, and your calling.





# **OUR CORE VALUES**

As a church, we strive to be:

**OUTREACH - FOCUSED**

**FAMILY - ORIENTED**

**SPIRIT - FILLED**

We hope to produce a church culture where people can experience redemption, heal and strengthen their family relationships, and live an overcoming life.

## **OUR FELLOWSHIP**

Victory Chapel is a church plant based out of New Life Austin ([www.newlifeaustin.com](http://www.newlifeaustin.com)) and is affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church International – a vibrant fellowship of mission-minded churches all over the world.

We look to New Life in Austin for support and accountability and have a number of seasoned pastors guiding us in the church planting process. We believe that we are better when connected to the larger family of Christ.



# OUR CORE BELIEFS

As a church, we are built upon the belief that the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God (Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

We believe the Bible should not only be read but applied to everyday living (Psalm 119:105).

We believe there is only one God in existence who is the creator of heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, John 10:1, 7-11).

We believe in water baptism by immersion in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and seek the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the initial sign of speaking in other tongues (Acts 4:12, Acts 22:16, Acts 2:4,38).

We believe the ultimate message of the cross is that every human being has value, purpose, and redemptive potential (2 Peter 3:9, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 4:10).

We believe in the great commission and are endeavoring to share Jesus with love and compassion to each of the 62,000+ people that live in the San Marcos city limits (Matthew 28:18-20).

We believe the church is at its best when all members are growing spiritually, discovering their gifts, and contributing to the Kingdom through service and ministry (Ephesians 4:7-13, Mark 10:45).

We believe in the prevailing power of prayer (James 5:13-18, Philippians 4:6-7, Luke 18:1-8).



# DEEP ROOTS

*A Discipleship Series  
for the New Christian*

# OUR ON -RAMP TO DISCIPLESHIP

Are you looking for a starting point in your journey to faith? Considering joining a *Deep Roots* class, where new members learn to...

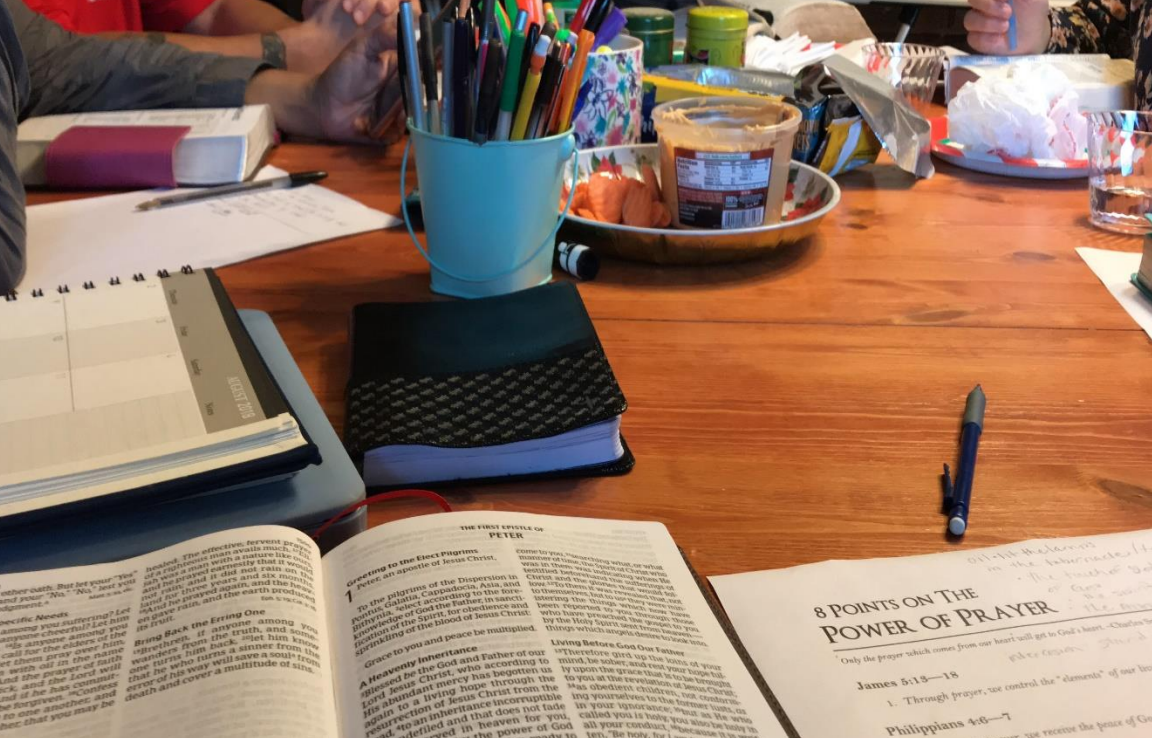
- GROW in faith.
- GROW in devotion.
- GROW in service.
- GROW in mission.

Starting on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, we will transition to a new Sunday schedule. Discipleship classes, for adults and kids, will begin at **5 pm**. Worship service will begin at **6 pm**.

Join us, grab a snack, and let's grow together!







## JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

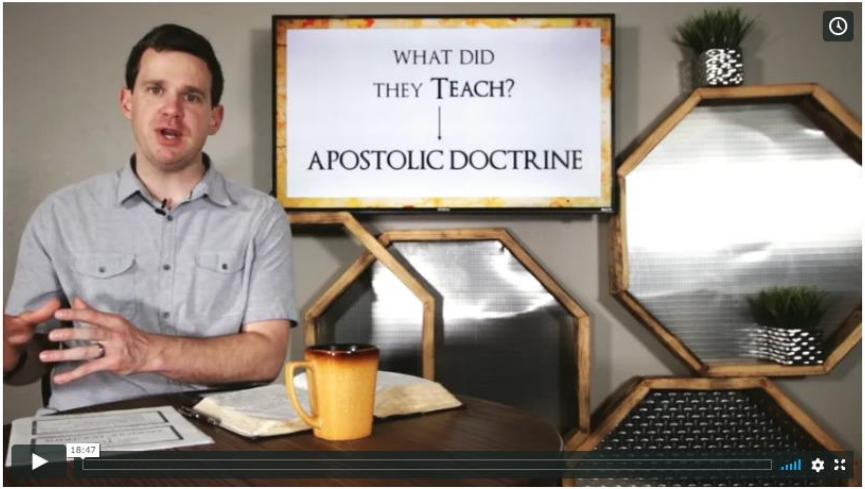
On **Wednesdays** at **7pm**, our church family gathers in a series of homes in Hays County for a time of food, prayer, and group Bible study.

To discover the location of the next midweek small group, check out our online calendar at [victorychapelsanmarcos.com](http://victorychapelsanmarcos.com).

These are causal environments where people are encouraged with a warm meal such as lasagna, nachos, chili, or our favorite – tacos!

So, grab your Bible, bring the kids, and join a group. We're saving a seat for you!





# DO YOU WANT TO GROW IN LEADERSHIP AND GET INVOLVED?

Jump start your leadership journey with Victory Labs, an online learning platform for personal, spiritual, and leadership development. With these Labs, our goal is to fulfill the admonition of the Apostle Paul in Colossians 2:6-7,

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught...*

As you jump into the Victory Labs video courses, we encourage you to do so in order starting with *Lab 1 - The Dream Team*. Each Lab contains four 20-30 min video sessions with downloadable study guides to maximize retention.

Every six months, we will add new topics and feature guest teachers to help you grow as a leader and excel in ministry!

Throughout your journey, share your progress by posting on social media with the hashtag *#victorylabs*

Check out the labs today by visiting us on the web:

***[www.victorychapelsanmarcos.com](http://www.victorychapelsanmarcos.com)***

# **WE HEAR THE SOUND OF THE ABUNDANCE OF RAIN**

Following our big launch today, we will be gathering for church every Sunday at **103 Harmons Way, San Marcos, TX, 78666**. This is a temporary facility and we are praying and preparing for the next step in our growth process. We believe God will open the right opportunity at the right time to sustain the increase that is to come.

Early on, a word of faith was spoken over Victory Chapel. A spiritual leader that we respect encouraged us by saying that if we focused on loving and reaching people, then God would provide the finances and the right facility as we needed it.

Since that time, we have walked by faith and have strived to keep people first on our list of priorities. That's why we have developed the following mission statement:

*We are a church on a mission to declare and demonstrate Christ in the San Marcos community.*

As the prophet Elijah looked on the horizon and foresaw “the coming of the rain” in 1 Kings 18:41, we see a bright future and a great outpouring of God’s Spirit in San Marcos. The best is yet to come!





**THANK  
YOU FOR  
JOINING US  
ON OUR  
LAUNCH  
DAY!**

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*We can't wait to meet you!*