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GREAT  
JOY  
IN OUR  
CITY

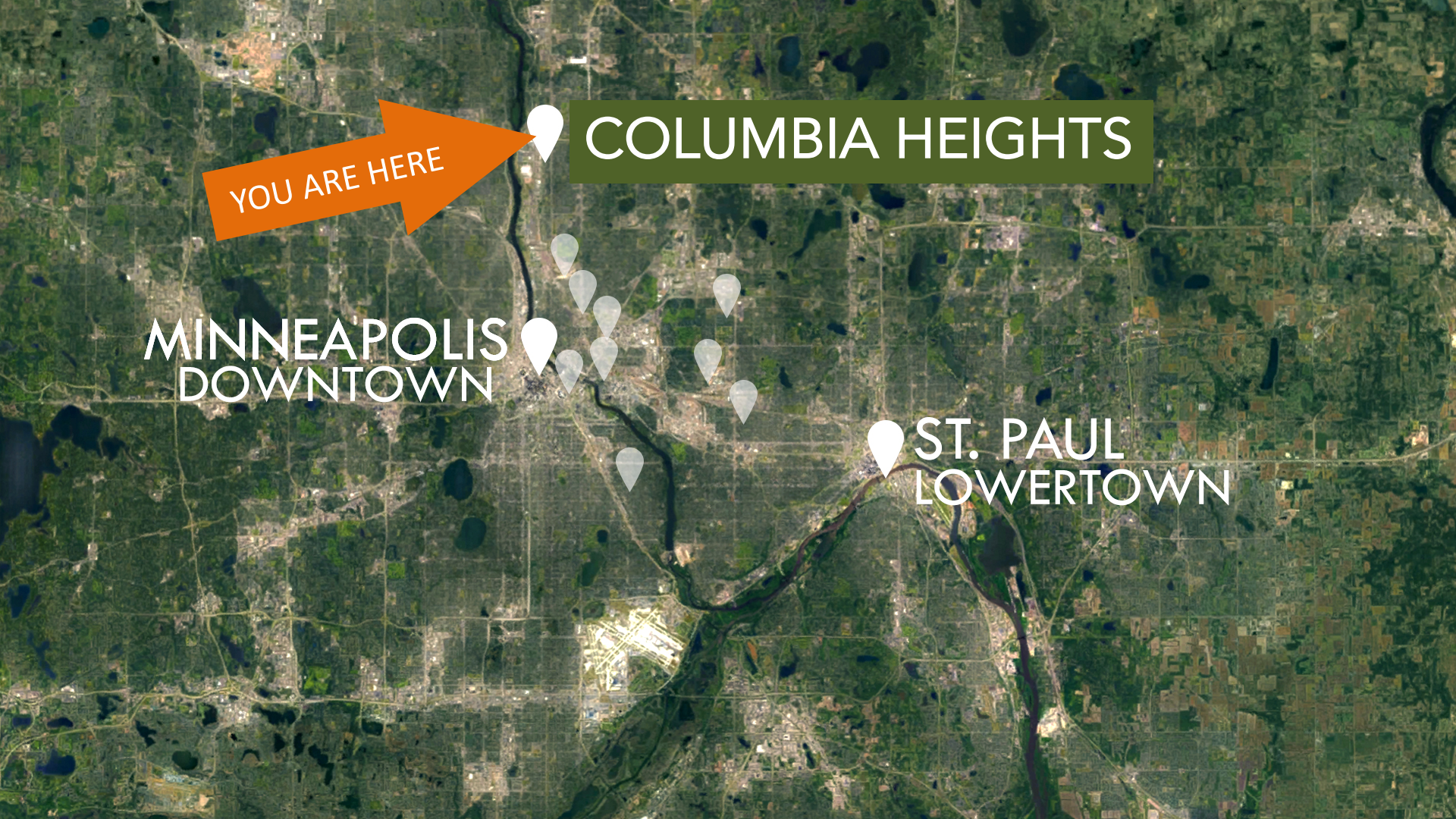


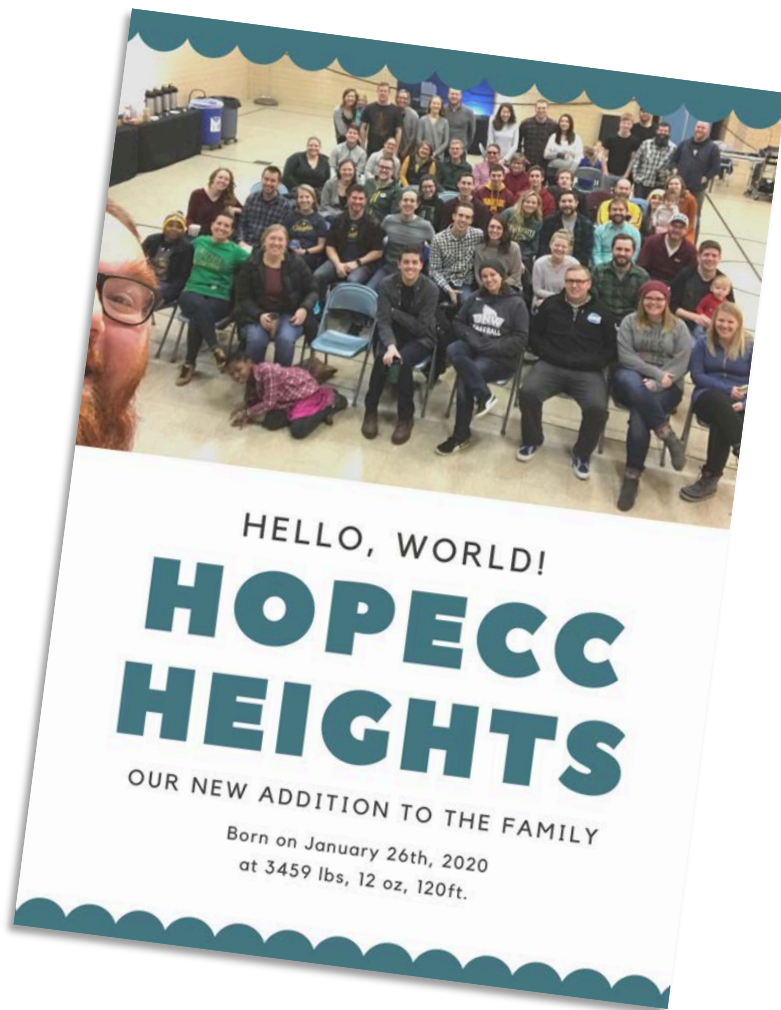
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COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

MINNEAPOLIS  
DOWNTOWN

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LOWERTOWN





***It's a  
Church!***

## **Acts 8:4-8**

<sup>4</sup> Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. <sup>5</sup> Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. <sup>6</sup> When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. <sup>7</sup> For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed, or lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> So there was great joy in that city.



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With JOY comes  
*contentment*



# MASLOW'S NEW HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

Self-Transcendence

Sense of Meaning

Self-Actualization

Achieving one's full potential

Esteem

Feeling of Accomplishment

Love/Belonging

Intimate Relationships, Friends

Safety

Security

Physiological

Food, Water, Rest



## Phillipians 4

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



"We have much to learn from him. As individuals, we experience gain and loss; communally we experience social upheaval, epidemics, poverty, natural disasters, and both internal and external strife. To live contentedly in the good times as well as the bad times, we need the Lord who always remains the same and continually gives us his strength"

Adeyemo, Tokunboh  
Africa Bible Commentary

With JOY comes  
*Rejoicing with Others*



## Phillipians 2

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With JOY comes  
*Comfort in pain*



## **Hebrews 12:2**

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



"While other worldviews lead us to sit in the midst of life's joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world's sorrows, tasting the coming joy."

Tim Keller

With JOY comes  
*Rest*

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<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.







**Let go.**

Watch  
Out for  
Joy  
Thieves





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## Further Reflection

Do you know the One who brings JOY?

If so, do you cling to him?

What area of life are you in need of Joy? What do you need to turn away from so that you can turn to Jesus?

Who do you need to rejoice with today?

Who do you know who needs to hear the Great News that brings Great Joy?