







Ecclesiastes 7:10

Do not say, “Why were the old days better than these?”
For it is not wise to ask such questions.



HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH CHURCH PLANTING & LOCATIONS



HOPE
LOWERTOWN
ST. PAUL

Today's Message:
Vision for Lowertown, St. Paul

Where:
Lower...wha?



MINNESOTA

Minneapolis

Minneapolis

St. Paul

WISCONSIN

MICHIGAN

Chequamegon National Forest

Ottawa National Forest

Hiawatha National Forest

Nicolet National Forest

Huron National Forest

Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness

Duluth

Saint Cloud

Brooklyn Park

Saint Paul

Eau Claire

Green Bay

Barrie

Toronto

Mississauga

Kitchener

Flint

London

Grand Rapids

Detroit

Warren

Buffalo

Erie

Ann Arbor

Toledo

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Waterloo

Dubuque

Rockford

Clinton

Chicago

Aurora

Naperville

Joliet

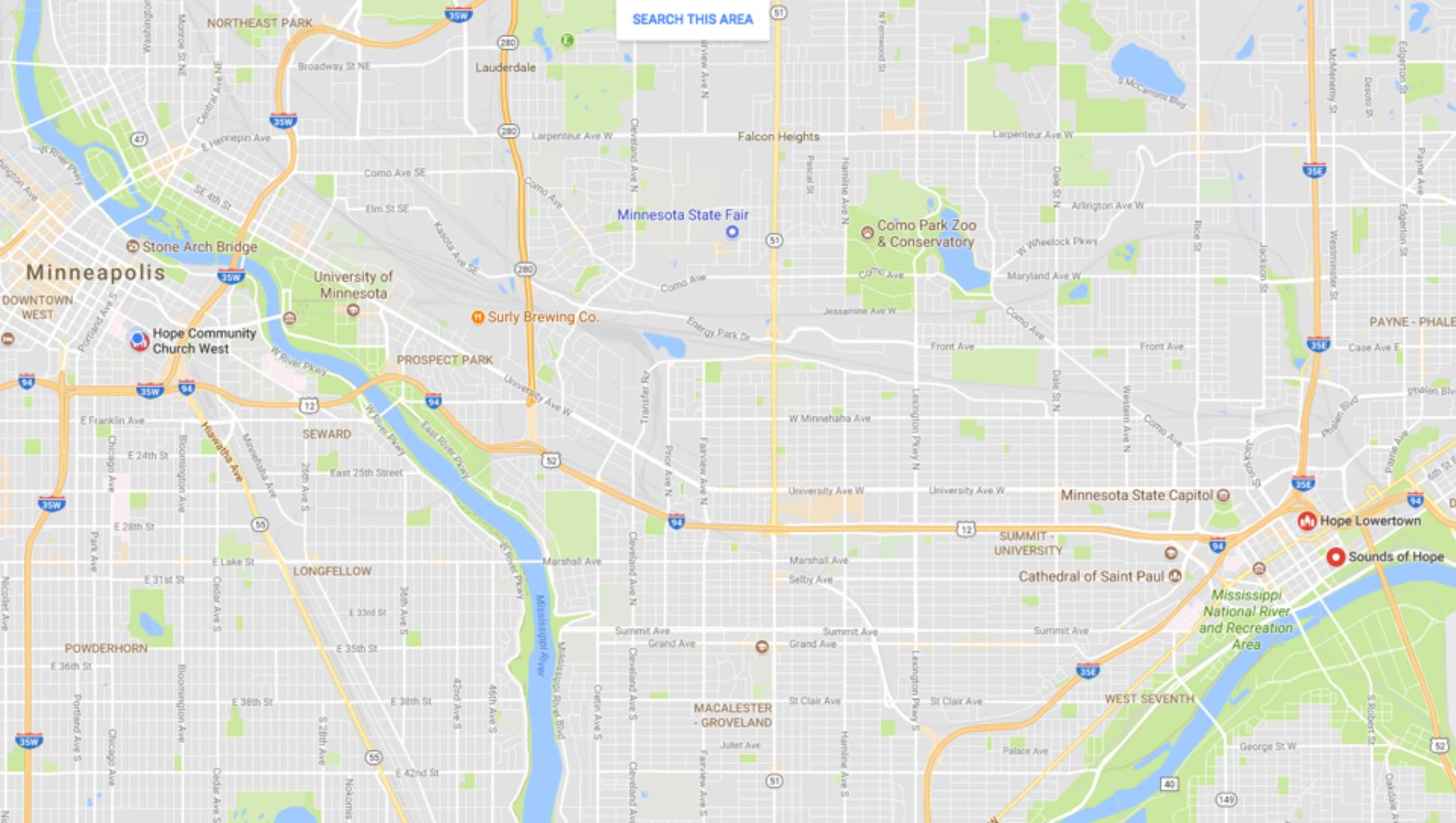
South Bend

Des Moines

Ottumwa

Amesbury

Davenport



SEARCH THIS AREA

Minneapolis

Minnesota State Fair

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

Surly Brewing Co.

Hope Community Church West

Minnesota State Capitol

SUMMIT - UNIVERSITY

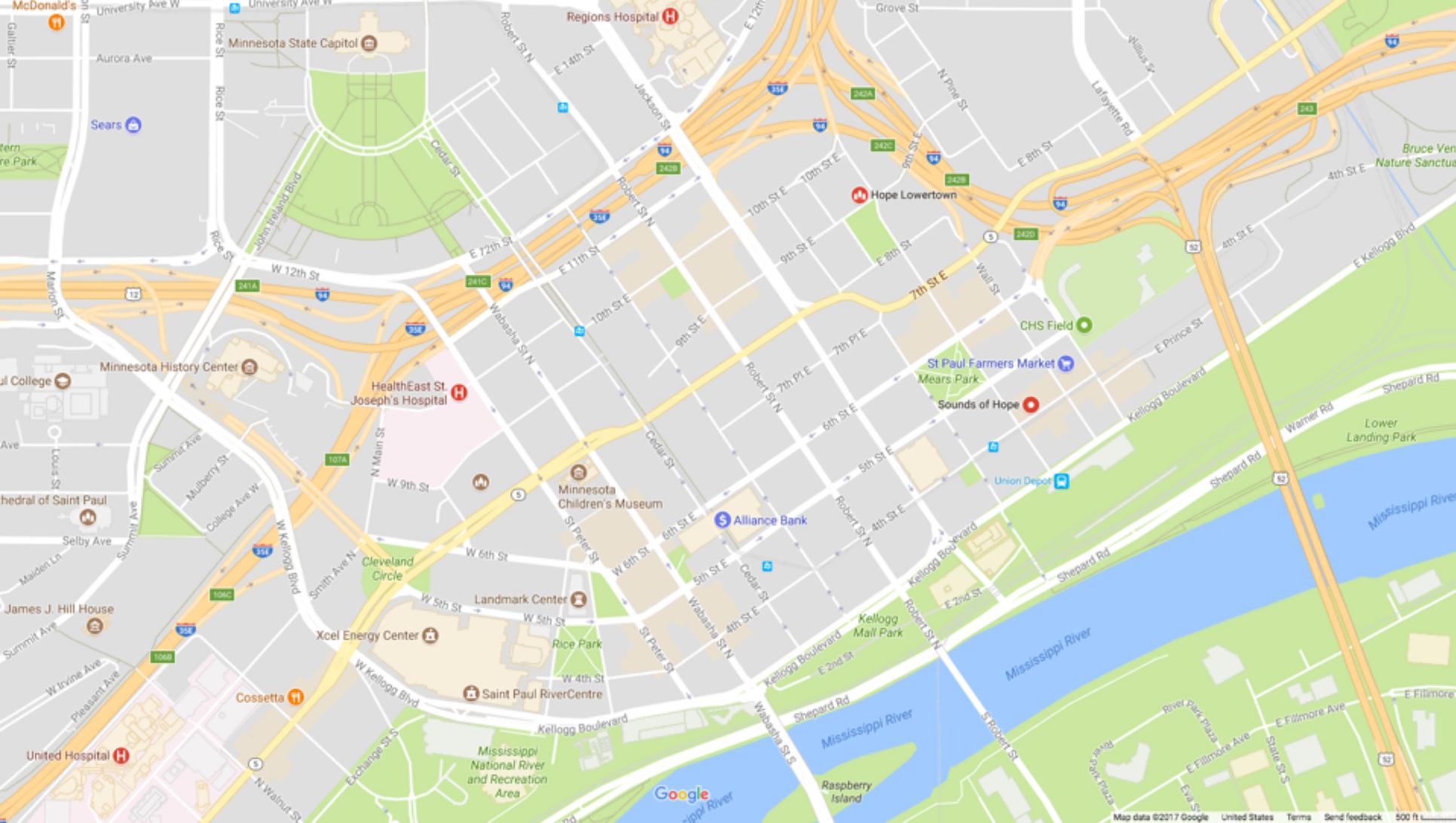
Cathedral of Saint Paul

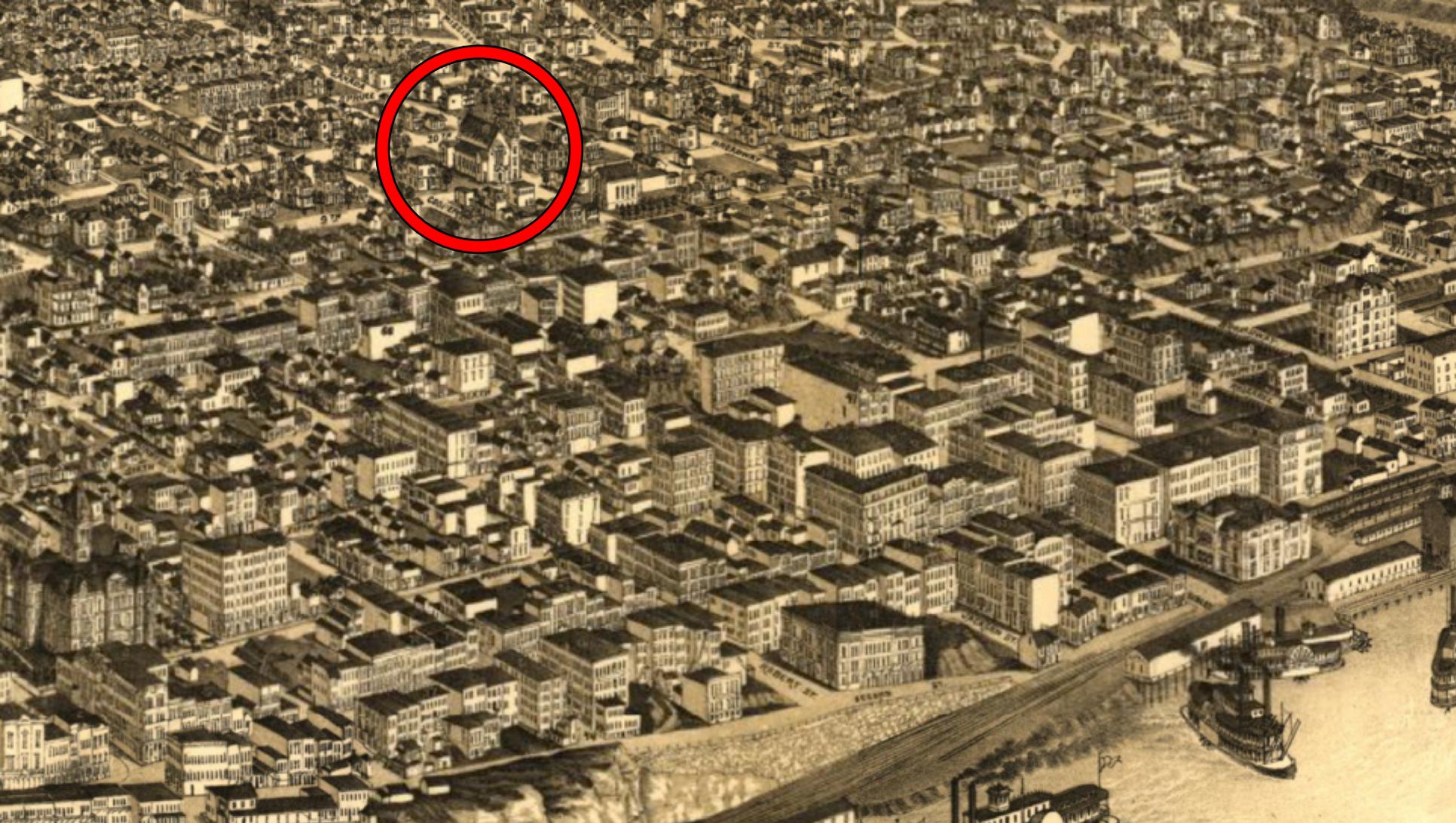
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

Sounds of Hope

MACALESTER - GROVELAND

WEST SEVENTH









The old city of Saint Paul has been dubbed, “the Arts and Culture Capital of the Midwest.” At any given moment the theaters within the city limits could hold 52,000 people which is almost a fifth of the cities total population.

~ City of Saint Paul, <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=58>
(accessed November 15, 2013).

Why



More Than Multisite

Inside Today's Methods and Models for Launching New Congregations

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Average size of multisite campus: 361

More Than Multisite

“Multisite churches grow faster, have more lay participation and reach more new believers than single-site churches.”

When members are activated to launch a new campus or church, they often feel a new sense of ownership and mission.



~ *More Than Multisite*, (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishing) 2016, 33.

Genesis 1:28

²⁸ God *blessed* them and said be *fruitful* and *multiply*...

How

How

Only with God's Help

Acts 1:1-8

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:1-8

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The verb 'you will be' is in the indicative mood. It is the mood of assertion. It portrays something as being actual. So Jesus is not suggesting this as a career option for His apostles. He was not raising the mere possibility of it happening. He was not saying that it might happen if everything worked out. It is not, 'You might be my witnesses' or 'You can be my witnesses if you choose.'

Jesus was saying that this new identity would be the direct consequence of the Holy Spirit coming upon them in power. The power of the Holy Spirit would be primarily evident in them being His witnesses to the ends of the earth.



Steve Timmis, *Multiplying Churches: Exploring God's Mission Strategy*,
(Christian Focus Publications: Rose-shire, Great Britain, 2016), 65.

How

As God's People

Jeremiah 28:4-9

4 This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. 7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

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Who were the Babylonians?

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God is at work on our cities

What will be remembered about the twenty-first century...is the great, and final, shift of human populations out of rural, agricultural life and into cities. We will end this century as a wholly urban species.

Doug Sanders, *Arrival City: How the Largest Migration in History is Reshaping the Our World* (New York: Pantheon, 2010), 1.

2017 Urban Church Plants

Planter	Church	Neighborhood	City	Meeting Location	Launch Date	Network
Paul Reichman	Risen Church	South Mpls	Mpls		Fall 2017	Converge
		South Mpls	Mpls		Sep-17	Covenant
Aaron Freer		Mpls	Mpls		12/1/17	Covenant
		N Mpls	Mpls			Covenant
Jose & Jenna Perez	One Reason Church	Waite Park	Mpls	2305 NE 37th Ave, Minneapolis	9/3/17	Assembly of God
Matt & Amanda VanWinkle		Midtown Phillips	Mpls		Late 2017; maybe 2018	Assembly of God
Chris & Jordan Joseph		NE Mpls	Mpls		Late 2017; maybe 2018	Assembly of God
Justin & Robyn Mederich	Corner Church Camden	Victory	Mpls	4155 Thomas Ave, Minneapolis	1/22/17	Assembly of God
Blake & Sara Lathrop	Resonate Church	Lowry Hill East	Mpls		Fall 2017	Open Bible
Roni & Joyce Mugaki	Harvest Bible Chapel Downtown Minneapolis	Bryn Mawr	Mpls	Anwatin Middle School, 256 Upton Ave S, Minneapolis	2/12/17	SBC
Trent & Laura Senske	Immanuel Fellowship	South Mpls	Mpls		Late 2017; maybe 2018	Acts 29
John & Robin Steger	Grace in the City	Elliot Park	Mpls	Segue Coffee, 609 S 10th St, Minneapolis	4/16/17	SBC
Drew Stevenson	Salt City Church	University	Mpls	300 Washington Ave SE, Minneapolis	Aug-17	SBC
Carlos Espinoza		Webber-Camden	Mpls	3931 Aldrich Ave N, Minneapolis		SBC
Ramel Williams		Shingle Creek	Mpls	1607 51st Ave N, Minneapolis		SBC
Rick & Molly Stawarz	Restoration Anglican Church	Keewaydin	Mpls	Nokomis Community Center	Fall 2017	Anglican
Brian & Angela Silver	Hope Community Church - Lowertown	Downtown: Lowertown	St Paul	First Baptist, 499 Wacouta St, St Paul	9/3/17	Converge
Dan Lukas		East St Paul	St Paul		6/1/17	Covenant
		St Paul	St Paul			Covenant
Carl & Melanie Johnson	Faith to the Nations	Dayton's Bluff	St Paul		Fall 2017	Assembly of God
Jim & Vanessa Peterson	Highland Fellowship	Highland	St Paul	1890 Randolph Ave, St Paul		SBC
Kevin Yi Chen		Outside St Paul boundary	St Paul	2017 Buford Ave St, Falcon Heights		SBC

Gospel Application

Are you living intentionally for the Bride of Christ?

*What steps are you taking to seek the welfare of the
city?*