



PILLAR CHURCH
OF TOPSAIL

REACHING THE MILITARY IN TOPSAIL, NORTH CAROLINA

WHO WE ARE // LEADERSHIP



Joshua Brown

Joshua and his wife Brittany have been married since 2003. Joshua has been in the Marine Corps since 2002 and has been a pastor within the Praetorian Project since 2018. Joshua has since planted Pillar Church of Topsail with Pillar Church of Jacksonville as the sending church. He currently serves as one of the pastors where he has been focused on reaching not only the military but also the local community in the Topsail, NC area. Joshua and Brittany are blessed with three wonderful children: Tatum, Elyssa, and Titus.



Paul Bailey

Paul currently serves as an active-duty Marine and loves serving in a military community. He leads a men's discipleship group, preaches regularly, and serves alongside Joshua in the leading of Pillar Church of Topsail as part of a plurality of elders. He has a passion for youth ministry, deeply studying the Bible, and following God's leading in the adventure of life. Paul and his wife, Aimee have been a part of churches in the Praetorian Project since 2014, and God has blessed the Bailey family with five children.



Bobby Gomez

Bobby is an active duty member of the United States Coast Guard currently stationed in Wilmington, NC. He has a passion for connection, fostering relationships, and seeing people grow in their faith and understanding of the Lord. He and his wife, Maura, have been married for eighteen years and have the blessing of raising four daughters: Victoria, Genavieve, Vivian, and Juliette.



WHO WE ARE // **THE PRAETORIAN PROJECT**

The Praetorian Project is a family of churches planting churches in military communities around the world. Because service members are frequently moved from one part of the world to the next, there is both a unique need AND a unique opportunity.

UNIQUE NEED:

A church home for highly transient service members and their families where they can belong, be equipped, and be intentionally discipled for global gospel impact.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY:

Global gospel impact as service members and their families are intentionally equipped to make disciples and then sent throughout the world for Kingdom service.

Learn more about the work and ministry of the Praetorian Project online at praetorianproject.org.

CITY PROFILE // TOPSAIL, NC AREA

47,000 active duty military with an unknown amount of dependents.

Home to over **25,000** veterans and **15,000** locals.

Roughly **80%** of the population is military, which is a largely underserved community when it comes to gospel access.





WHY TOPSAIL?

1. Topsail is growing. The Topsail, North Carolina area is one of the fastest growing areas within Onslow County. Recently, more units have moved to this side of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune causing such quick growth that we don't even have the full data on the area's size yet. This growth is creating a tremendous need for new churches to be planted to keep up with the expanding population.

2. Topsail is Hardcore Military. The Topsail area is right outside Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Over 47,000 active duty service members serve on this installation with gates on different sides of the base. The portion of the base that we serve houses the Marine Corps Special Operations, Reconnaissance, Amphibious Assault Units, and Engineers. These motivated and highly capable leaders are an untapped well of people that have a lot of similar attributes to a church planter/missionary.

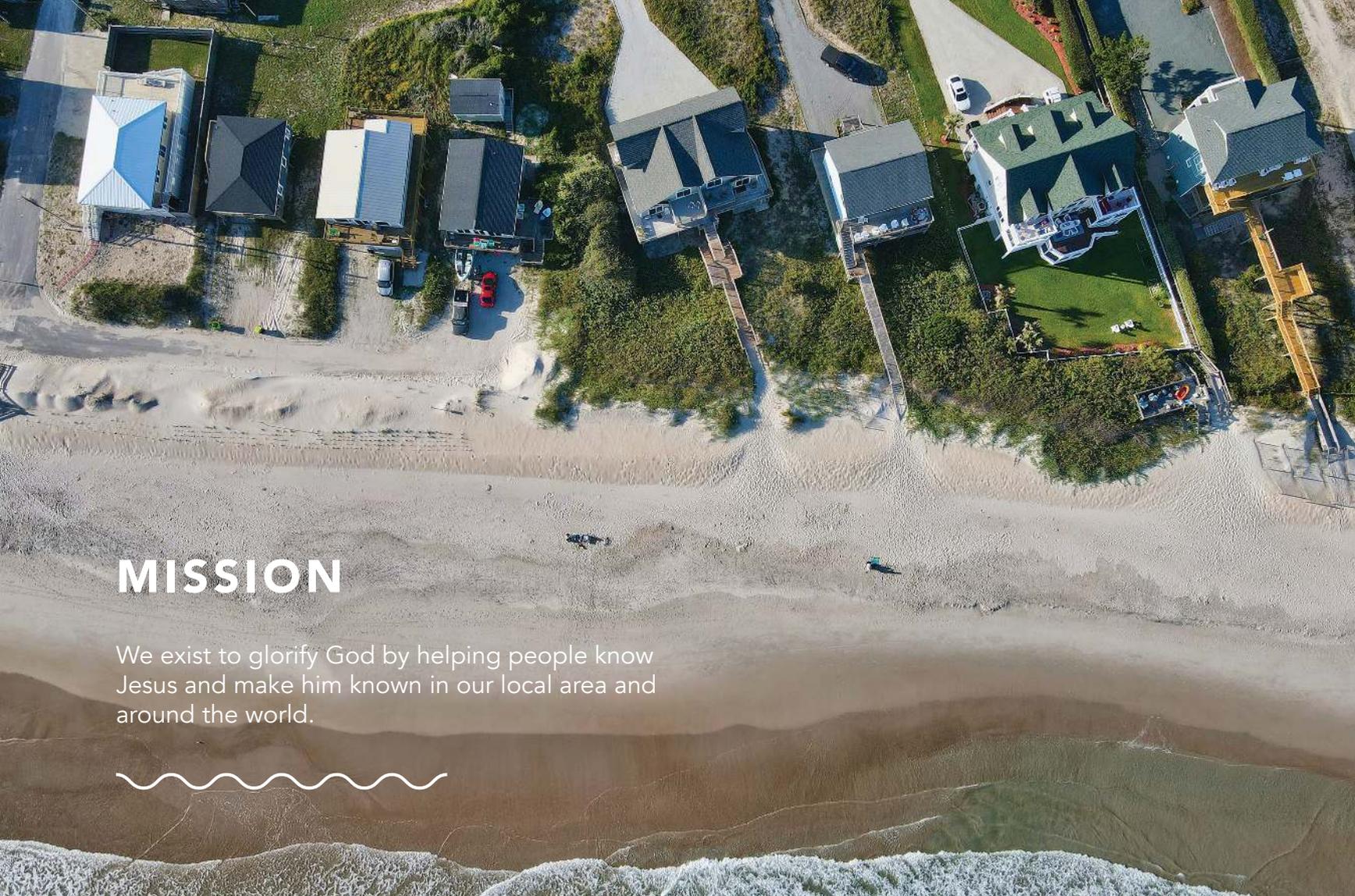
3. Topsail is a natural church planting hub. We envision planting multiple churches around the world, starting with Topsail as the hub. We want to train and equip military leaders to plant multiplying churches focused on reaching the military and the communities they are in. And that is just the beginning! Upon completion of service, many veterans will continue to travel all across the world.



CAMP LEJEUNE

TOPSAIL

TARGET AREA: The Topsail, NC area is outside of one of the main gates for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

An aerial photograph of a coastal residential neighborhood. The top half of the image shows several houses with various roof colors (blue, grey, green) and driveways. A paved road runs through the houses. Below the houses is a wide, sandy beach. In the foreground, the ocean waves are breaking onto the shore. The text 'MISSION' is overlaid on the left side of the image, and a decorative wavy line is at the bottom left.

MISSION

We exist to glorify God by helping people know Jesus and make him known in our local area and around the world.

VALUES AND STRATEGY //



WE ARE COMMITTED TO...

Corporate Worship - We gather the church body together on Sunday mornings to worship God and fellowship with one another. We also gather the church body for members' meetings, public baptisms, and other times that are beneficial to the church.

Family Gatherings - We desire that each family is regularly meeting and discussing God and the Scriptures together. We desire that men (when able) lead this time with their family and disciple their families well.

Making Disciples - We desire that each member of the church be actively making disciples in their workplace, neighborhood, etc. This often happens in Life Groups or 1-on-1 discipleship.

Life Groups - Most weeks, we gather together in intimate groups to spend time together, pray together, and discuss scripture together.

Needs-Based Ministry - From time to time there will arise a need in our community that we as a church will be able to meet with a particular ministry. These needs-based ministries allow us to continue to be a light to our community. Most of these ministries will be temporary in nature to meet the specific need.





A close-up photograph of a person wearing military camouflage clothing, holding an open book. The person's hands are visible, and they are wearing a ring on their left hand. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting. A dark teal triangle is in the top right corner.

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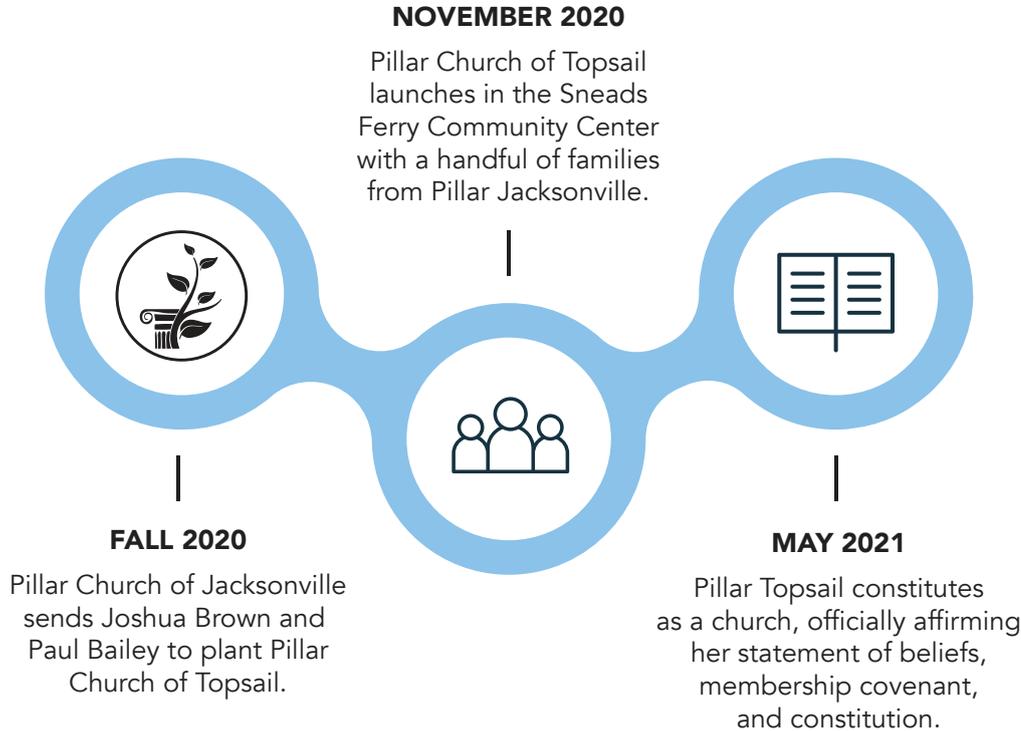
**Baptist State Convention of
North Carolina**
ncbaptist.org



**New River Baptist
Association**
newriverba.com



TIMELINE / INITIAL SUCCESS



In our first year we tripled in size and continue to have new visitors each week. We have celebrated multiple salvations and baptisms.

As of April 2022, Joshua is finished serving in the Marine Corps after 20 years and is dedicated to redeeming the time to serve the Church full time.



BUDGET



By supporting our annual budget, you are helping us live, gather, and send in Topsail and beyond.

We are a giving and generous church that is already giving and desires to grow in it. We currently have internal tithes supplying about \$48,000 annually. Our path to becoming self sustaining requires some help getting over the hump of bringing on a full time pastor and securing larger meeting spaces.



HELP US LIVE

 Salary + Benefits: \$50,000 (34% of budget)

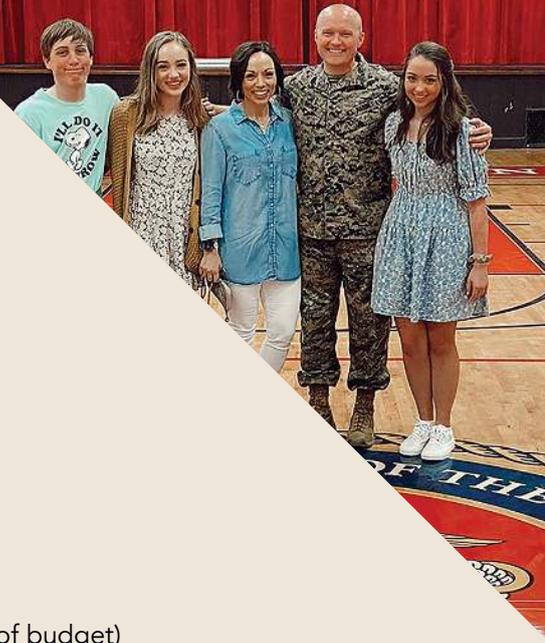
HELP US GATHER

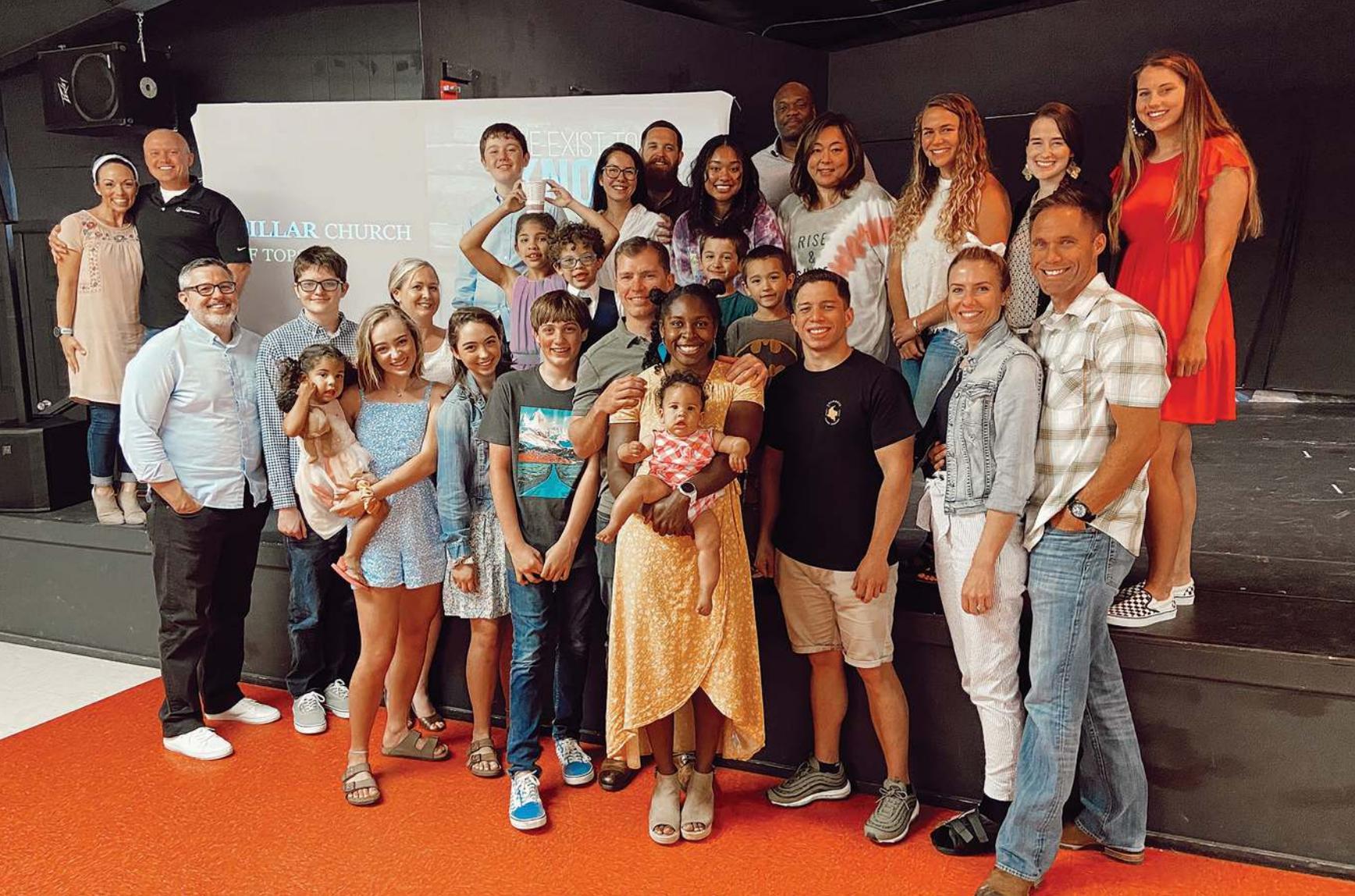
 Operations: \$60,000 (41% of budget)

HELP US SEND

 Missions & Church Planting: \$24,000 (17% of budget)

 Local Outreach: \$12,000 (8% of budget)





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SUPPORT US

If you'd like to support this work financially, you can give at the following link: pillartopsail.com/giving

All gifts are tax-deductible and 100% of your gift will go directly towards the work of planting Pillar Church of Topsail.

Checks can be made out to "Pillar Church of Topsail" and mailed to:

Pillar Church of Topsail
112 Old Millstone Landing
Sneads Ferry, NC 28460

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