



PILLAR CHURCH

OF KILLEEN

DESIRING TRANSFORMED LIVES IN FT CAVAZOS AND KILLEEN, TX

WHO WE ARE // LEADERSHIP



John Turner

John is an Air Force retiree and holds an MDiv from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as an associate pastor at Village Parkway Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX for over six years when God called him into church planting. He resigned from Village Parkway BC and joined Pillar Church of San Antonio a few months before the church launched in March 2023. However, in August 2023, God sent John and his wife, Angie, on a vision trip to Killeen, TX, and over the next six months, gave them a clear sense that Killeen was where He wanted them to plant a church. In obedience to God, John and Angie moved to Killeen in June 2024, settling in Harker Heights. They were married in 1997 and have three children: Georgia, Diego, and Caleb.



Jerimiah Walker

Jerimiah came to know the Lord at the age of 6 and enlisted in the US Army in 2000. He attended THE Ohio State University where he met his wife, Shelli, who he married after graduation in 2005. He served as an elder at Harmony Baptist Church in Waynesville, MO for 2 years. He has been in the Fort Cavazos area since 2019, and served as an elder at Christ Community Church in Harker Heights, TX for 4 years. Jerimiah and Shelli have 3 children: Madison, Alex, and Jace. They have a heart for military communities as he will finish 20 years of service in 2025.



WHO WE ARE // THE PRAETORIAN PROJECT

The Praetorian Project is a family of multiplying churches in military communities worldwide. 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 others in the surrounding communities where they can belong, serve, and be intentionally discipled.

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

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

CITY PROFILE // KILLEEN, TX



Population of Killeen: **157,000**.

Population of Bell County: **370,000**.

34,000 active duty military personnel.

11,000 civilians and contractors working on base.

Home to over **30,000** veterans.

Source: <https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/in-depth-overview/fort-cavazos>





WHY KILLEEN, TX?

1. Killeen is growing.

Like every city in Texas, Killeen is growing. Killeen's population has grown by 23.23% since 2010, and is expected to grow to 1.4% annually reaching 185,000 by 2034.

2. Killeen is home of the 3rd largest military installation in the US.

Ft. Cavazos (formerly Ft. Hood) is home of the US Army's III Armored Corps, which is the world's premier mounted force, deployable to anywhere in the world while regularly rotating to Europe and Asia.

3. Killeen has a need for healthy churches.

With the growing population and constant transition in this military community, there is a significant need for more Gospel preaching churches, especially those who are targeting the underserved military culture.

"According to the US Census Bureau, Killeen is the nation's most affordable and fastest growing city; with a 5 year growth rate of almost 10%. Even if every church in Killeen was orthodox, healthy, and growing there would not be enough churches to meet the growing demand of the city and the demand is great. Located next to Ft. Cavazos, one of America's largest military installations, the stresses of military life combined with America's epidemic of loneliness and isolation creates an environment of hopelessness. Killeen needs churches that proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, that create biblical and faithful communities, to bring hope to the darkness in which the city finds itself." - Stephen Watson, Pastor of Christ Community Church



FORT CAVAZOS

HERITAGE HEIGHTS

Killeen

WEISS ADDITION

TARGET AREA: Clear Creek Rd. is a major road right outside of Fort Cavazos and there is only one church in this area (Killeen New Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church).

DALLAS

KILLEEN

SAN ANTONIO

HOUSTON

Harker Heights

MISSION

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



VALUES // WE ARE COMMITTED TO...

Scripture-driven preaching - We value expositional preaching of the Scriptures.

Evangelistic Culture - Our members live on mission by sharing the Gospel as part of an ongoing way of life.

Intentional Discipleship - Every church member is known and shepherded towards Christlikeness.

Meaningful Church Membership - We are committed to our members knowing each other for the purpose of holding each other accountable in love and living a Gospel-centered life.

Generous hospitality - We want to welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, opening up our homes and our lives to each other and to those in need.

Church Planting - We are continuously identifying and training Biblically-qualified pastors and sending them out to plant churches around the world.

OUR STRATEGY // HOW WE DO IT



EQUIP

Teach disciples to obey all that Jesus commanded.

- Corporate preaching & teaching of God's Word.
- Community Groups.
- Stages Discipleship.



SERVE

Selflessly serve the neediest among us.

- "Serve in" among those in the church.
- "Serve out" in the community around us.



PRAY

Devote ourselves to desperate, confident prayer.

- Moment by moment personal prayer.
- Corporate Prayer & Fasting.




GO

Send and support church planters & missionaries.

- Identify and train church planters
- Send and support church planters & missionaries



A close-up photograph of a person wearing military camouflage clothing, holding an open book with both hands. The person is wearing a ring on their left hand. The background is a blurred, natural outdoor setting. A dark teal triangle is in the top right corner.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We submit to the authority of the Bible as the final arbiter on all issues. At the same time, we affirm the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 which is a summary statement of what we believe and not an exhaustive statement of all doctrine. Anyone seeking membership will be asked to affirm this statement of faith.



ENDORSEMENTS



“Having served alongside of John Turner as a fellow elder at Pillar Church of San Antonio, I can attest that John is a godly, humble man who has been gifted by God to preach the Word of God. He has years of faithful pastoral experience and he continues to be hungry to grow as a pastor and preacher. He’s a strong leader, he takes initiative, and he is a man of deep conviction. John Turner is the kind of man I look for when praying that God would raise up faithful men who will plant new churches.

Jared Huntley

Pastor of Pillar Church of San Antonio and Director of Development for SEND Network Military



“I commend John Turner as a man who loves Jesus and loves teaching the Bible. I’ve enjoyed getting to know him and praying for this new church in Killeen!

Dave McMurry

Senior Pastor of Grace Bible Church



“The need for more healthy churches in Killeen, Texas making disciples among the military community is significant. We at Praetorian Project are excited to continue our expansion into US Army Communities and in the central US. John and Jeremiah along with their wives are the team for this job. Both couples have lived the military life for 2 decades each. They know this unique sub-culture and God has called them to this work. We are proud of them and we lock arms with them in this important mission. I invite you to join us!

Brian O'Day

Executive Director of The Praetorian Project



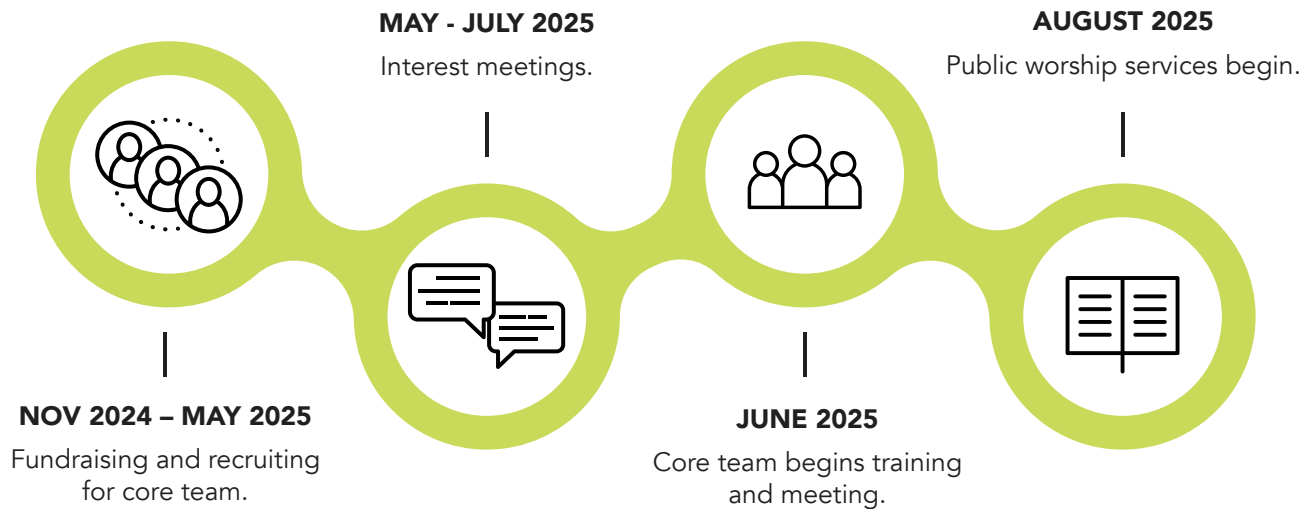
“In Acts 13 the church in Antioch sent out two of their best. In sending the Turners and Walkers out, we are doing the same. John and Angie have been at CCC a short time but are delightful servants of our church. Jeremiah and Shelli have been faithful servants of CCC since its inception. We are saddened, but also joyful because God is using them to plant another healthy church in our community.

Stephen Watson

Pastor of Christ Community Church

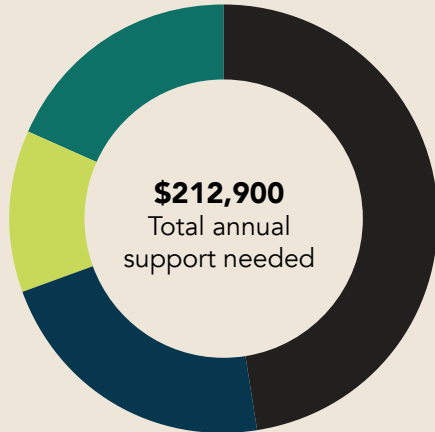


★ PROJECTED **TIMELINE** ★



BUDGET

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



HELP US LIVE

Salary + Benefits: \$101,400 (47% of budget)

HELP US GATHER

Operations: \$47,000 (22% of budget)

HELP US SEND

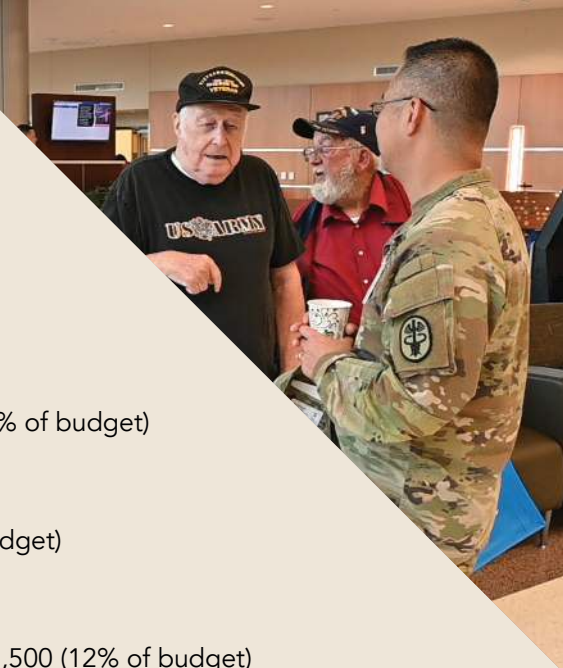
Missions & Church Planting: \$25,500 (12% of budget)

HELP US SHEPHERD

Internal Ministry: \$39,000 (19% of budget)

Start-up Costs: \$71,150 to cover first 4 months of budget

One-time expenses: In addition to ongoing support, we need to raise **\$15,000** in gifts to cover one-time expenses such as A/V equipment, a trailer, signage, and moving costs.



PARTNERSHIPS



The Praetorian Project
praetorianproject.org



SEND Network
namb.net



**Pillar Church of
San Antonio**
pillarsanantonio.com



**Southern Baptists of Texas
Convention**
sbtexas.com



**Christ Community Church
of Harker Heights**
www.christ.community

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SUPPORT US

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www.pillarkilleen.com/give

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

Scan this QR code to go to our giving page:



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Email info@pillarkilleen.com to sign up for our prayer team. We will put you on our newsletter list so you can get prayer updates.





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