God Stories from the Waterfront

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Zack Randles, Church Planter, Waterfront Church

If you know anything about Washington, DC, you know it’s a very expensive place to live. Church planter Zack Randles and his wife, Autumn, know this firsthand. They prayed long and hard when trying to find an apartment. And through a tremendous answer to those prayers, they were able to secure an apartment very near where they wanted to plant Waterfront Church. And believe it or not—for $1,200 a month less than the average lease price!

Waterfront Church is a reality in Washington, DC today thanks to so many other “God” stories, including Courtyard Marriott Navy Yard granting permission to use its building. This SBCV church plant meets in the shadow of the US Capitol building and Nationals Park, home of the Washington Nationals baseball team. You only need to talk to Zack and Autumn for a few minutes to know that God has been working to bring this new church to this specific part of DC.

On launch Sunday, 84 local residents along with a mission team from Texas filled the third floor of the Courtyard Marriott. Zack and Autum will tell you that everything that’s happened has been due to God’s grace and mercy. They have had their share of trials, including Zack’s dad, Pastor John Randles, being diagnosed with cancer just before Waterfront’s launch. But God has been faithful.

“We, along with mission teams from all over the country, worked tirelessly to let people know that Waterfront Church exists and that we are preaching the message of Christ in Washington, DC,” says Zack. “We had done all we knew to do with promotion, personal connections, and guerrilla marketing, but [we] knew in the end that the success of Waterfront Church rested in the hands of the Lord. The most exciting part of [launch Sunday] happened that night at our first church fellowship. Of the 84 DC residents who attended Sunday morning, more than 50 came back to the Sunday Night Supper Club.

“The Lord is building a church! Keep praying for us and continue in your financial support! We are grateful to be a part of the SBCV! Come see what God is doing.”

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Where is Waterfront?

To get to Waterfront Church (Courtyard Marriott Navy Yard, 140 L Street SE, Washington, DC 20003): Take the metro (green line) to the Navy Yard metro stop. Once you exit the Navy Yard metro station, you are standing in the middle of Waterfront’s mission field! Look for the Courtyard Marriott, go to the third floor, and join the mission.