

# BETTER TOGETHER



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I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your *partnership in the gospel* from the first day until now.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-5, NIV

**E**vergrace Church launched public services on Easter Sunday at Crestwood Elementary School in Bon Air, Virginia. Adam Nuckols, one of the pastors shared, “The Metro Richmond area is one of the fastest-growing areas in the country and needs a Gospel-centered church.”

Nuckols was sent to Bon Air by **Staples Mill Road Baptist Church** in Glen Allen. While working in the city, he connected with another church planter, Jonathan Bowell. The two quickly became friends and after much prayer and guidance, decided to plant a church together. Both are now serving as pastors at Evergrace.

Before planting the new church, Pastors Nuckols and Bowell recognized the need for local support. Cliff Jordan, pastor of **Movement Church**,

a church plant now 15 years old, welcomed the two church planters and walked alongside them during a one-year residency.

According to Jordan, “*The dream has always been to plant churches. It is something that was implanted in us as a church from the beginning.*”

“*Movement Church has been through many different seasons and has taken on a variety of forms throughout the years. We have met in homes, city parks, other church buildings, and rented spaces. We have been through good times and very difficult times. I have seen the church shaped throughout the years by both difficult days and growing days.*”

“*I believe we are at an opportune time in the life of our church to turn around and to help*

*others along the journey we have been on. We have learned from successes and failures and are poised to pour into others.*”

“*I believe our best is yet to come, and I believe it will be through those we invest in to send out.*”

Before Evergrace Church launched at Crestwood Elementary, the team met in Movement Church’s chapel to prepare for what was ahead. On March 23, Bowell, Nuckols, and their core team were officially sent out to plant in Bon Air. They were joined by 20 members of Movement Church.

The power of cooperation becomes evident when churches in the same city embrace church planters, resource them, and send them out with a blessing for the Kingdom of God. ■