

Church Planters to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Introduction

My name is Jordan McDowell, I got saved at 17 years old when my Youth Pastor preached a message on waiting to get saved, that night I stopped waiting and put my faith and trust in Jesus Christ. I then dedicated my life to the Lord at 19 years old and spent the next 6 years at Pensacola Christian College, it was during the second year of my master's degree that God called me to start a church in an area that needed the gospel! I kept hearing that the West, Midwest, and Northeast were areas that desperately needed more gospel preaching churches. That is why I believe that God has called me to the Pittsburgh area to start churches!

The greater Pittsburgh area is home to about 2.5 million people! This area would include the city of Pittsburgh itself, and surrounding suburbs including Robinson Township where God has called me to plant a church. Robinson township is a thriving area for development and growth. It is in a key location where it borders 9 other townships or smaller cities. It is right off of a major highway and it is next door to the Pittsburgh International Airport. It is a hub for shopping, and Robert Morris University is close by as well. But most important of all, Robinson does not have a great gospel witness.

I have been able to serve under Pastor Nathan Snode at Lifeway Baptist in Cranberry Twp, PA since August of 2024. Lifeway Baptist is my sending church. Robinson Township is an area that Pastor Snode has been burdened about for some time now. Other local Pastors in the area have stated repeatedly that Robinson needs a good Bible believing church there. I am also partnering with Reseeding America Ministries which is the USA division of Baptist International Missions to assist in this church plant.

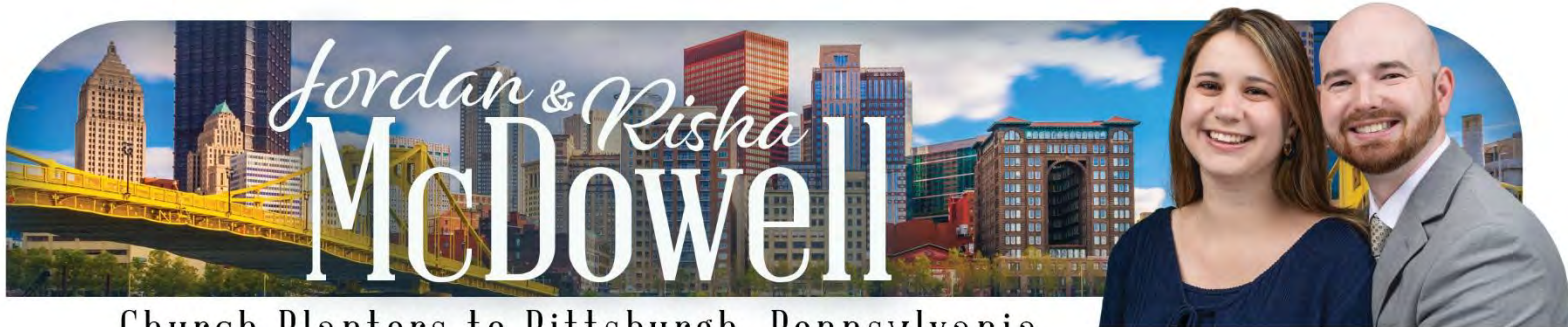
My goal is to be used of God to start His church in Robinson, I not only want to start a church here, but the long-term vision is to start a church that starts churches. I have been able to form great relationships and connections with local Pastor's in the area and I believe there is a revival for church planting not only in America right now, but especially in the Pittsburgh area. I have graciously been able to witness this first hand in Pittsburgh the area by seeing multiple churches started and being able to help out with a couple of these works. God is doing something special in the Pittsburgh area. Churches are planting churches, and I'm so thankful that I have the opportunity to part of what He is doing.

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Statement of Faith

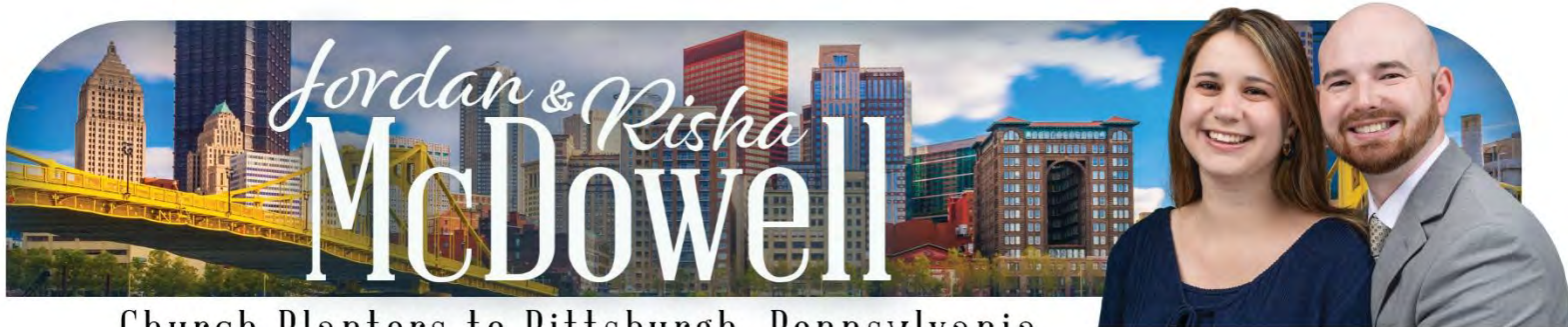
- **The Scriptures:** I believe that the Bible is the Word of God; that it was written by men who were moved by the Holy Spirit so that their writings, in the original, were supernaturally and verbally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be. They are the complete and final revelation of the will of God to man, and so are the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. For doctrinal purity and unity, all preaching and teaching at New Life Baptist will be out of the KJV. (II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:19-21, John 17:17, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 12:6-7).
- **The Godhead:** I believe that there is one triune God, eternally existent in the persons of Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit; these three are one in essence, but distinct in person and function (Matt. 28:19, 1 John 5:7-8).
- **God the Father** - I believe in God the Father, perfect in holiness, boundless in love, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power. I believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ, His son. (I Corinthians 8:6, Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-3, Ephesians 4:3-6, Matthew 28:19).
- **God the Son:** I believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son, preexistent with the Father, begotten by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary; sinless in His nature and life, infallible in His teaching, making atonement for the sins of the world by His substitutionary death on the cross. I believe in His bodily resurrection, His ascension into Heaven, His perpetual intercession for His people and His glorious second advent according to promise. I believe that the promise of His second coming includes first, "The Blessed Hope" of the believer, namely, the personal, premillennial, and pretribulation return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to rapture His church according to I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Second, His return with His saints to set up His millennial reign. (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18, John 1:1; 14:4, Luke 1:35, I Thessalonians 4:16, I Peter 2:22; 3:18).
- **God the Holy Spirit:** I believe in the deity and personality of the Holy Spirit. I believe that He came from God to convince and convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and to regenerate, sanctify, indwell, comfort, and empower those who believe in Jesus Christ. I am opposed to the charismatic movement and its sign manifestations, such as speaking in tongues. I believe the sign gifts were foundational for the early church and have since ceased. (Romans 8:9, John 14:16-17; 16:8, I Corinthians 3:16, Acts 5:3-4, Ephesians 1:13, 14).

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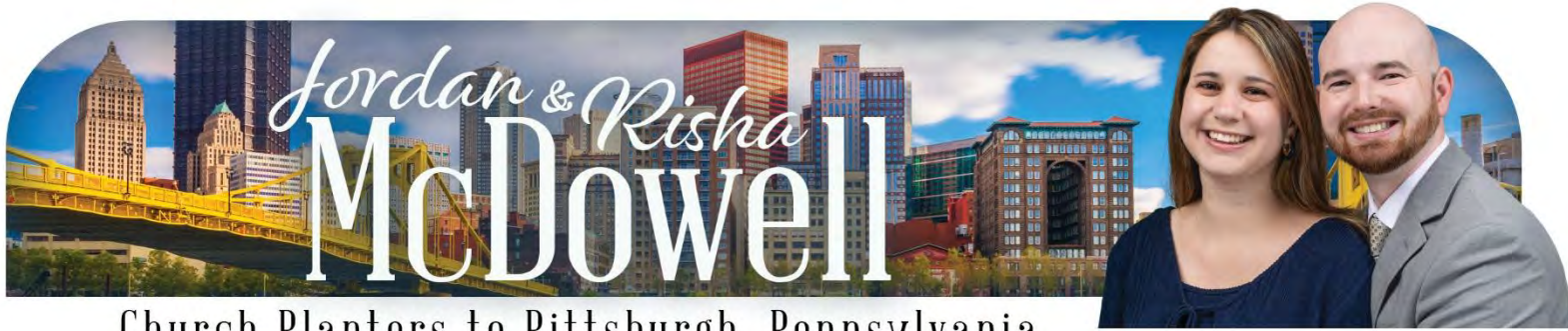
- **Creation:** I believe that God created the heavens and the earth in six literal 24-hour days, and that God created all life (Gen. 1). I reject the man-made theory of evolution occurring over millions of years and believe that the earth is approximately 6,000 years old (Gen. 5, 11).
- **Man:** I believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God for eternity with the end result being spending an eternity in the Lake of Fire without salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. I believe that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought and deed by choice. (Genesis 1:27, Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:23; 5:12-19, Ephesians 2:1-3, Revelation 20:13-14).
- **Biblical Morality:** I believe that God created man and woman in His image and instituted marriage between one who is genetically male and one who is genetically female (Gen. 2:18-24). Marriage is a sacred, exclusive union between a man and woman and serves as a picture of Christ's relationship with the church (Matt. 19:3-12, Eph. 5:22-33). I believe that God has commanded that sexual activity be exclusively reserved to a man and a woman who are legally married to each other; and that Scripture forbids any form of sexual immorality including adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography (Matt. 5:27-28, 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-11 & 18, 7:1-5; Heb. 13:4).
- **Salvation:** I believe that Christ's blood, shed on Calvary, is the only Atonement for man's sin (John 14:6, 1 Pet. 1:18-19, 1 John 1:9). I believe that salvation is a free gift of God for "*whosoever will*"; it is by grace, through faith, plus nothing, and believers are eternally secure (John 10:27-28, Eph. 2:8-10). Salvation is received only by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work. "*Whosoever will*" may come to Christ; God does not pre-elect persons to heaven or hell (Rom. 10:13, Rev. 22:17).
- **The Church:** I believe in the spiritual unity of the body of Christ, called the Church. It is composed of all born-again believers who have by faith accepted Jesus Christ as Savior (Eph. 2:8-22, 3:1-21, 4:4-16, 5:23-32). God has ordained the local church for the perpetuation of His truth and work in the world (1 Tim. 3:15). The two ordinances of the local church are baptism by immersion and a regular observance of the Lord's Supper by believers (Matt. 28:19, 1 Cor. 11:23-28). The church is distinct from Israel in the Old Testament, autonomous, with Christ as its head.

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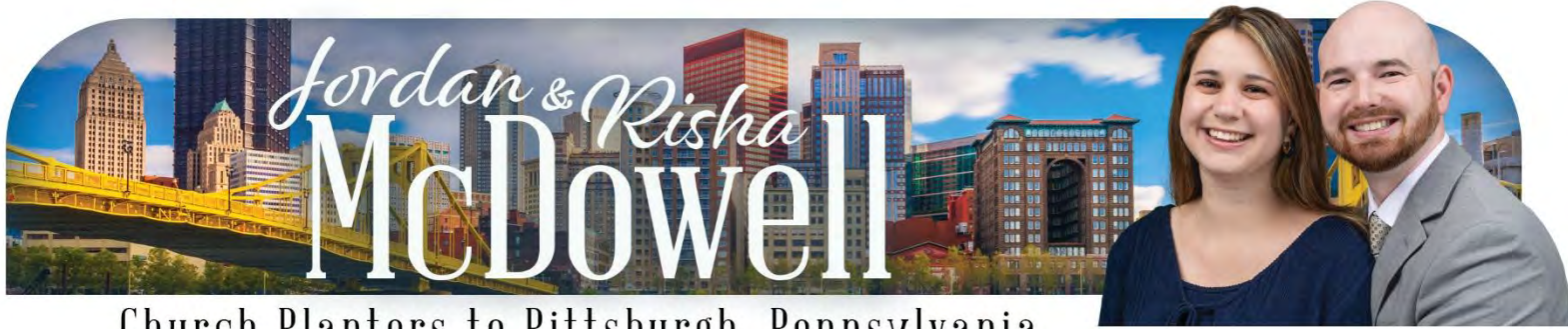
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- **Security Of The Believer:** I believe that those who receive Jesus Christ as Savior are eternally secure. The security of the believer is not conditioned upon his circumstances, nor emotional experiences, nor strength, but our security rests on the finished work of Jesus Christ. The believer is secure because God has taken that responsibility for His own. (John 10:27-30, Romans 8:31-34, 38-39, I John 2:1-2).
- **Satan:** I believe the Scripture regarding Satan, who rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven with a host of angels who followed him (Isa. 14:13–15). He introduced sin to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden (Gen. 3:1–13). He continues to turn people from truth and against God (1 Pet. 5:8). Eternal hell was created for Satan, his demons, and people who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation (Matt. 25:41, John 3:16, Rev. 20:15).
- **Sanctification:** I believe that the believer is called to a life of consecration which requires increasing in the knowledge of Christ and growing in grace (John 15:4–5, Col. 1:10, 2 Pet. 3:18). I believe that the will of God for all believers is to give evidence of sanctification through being honorable in all relations with others (Rom. 12:1–2, 1 Thess. 4:3, James 1:27).
- **Last Things:** I believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: those that are saved unto the resurrection of eternal life in heaven, and those that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal damnation in a literal lake of fire (John 5:28–29; 1 Cor. 15:12–20, 35–58; Rev. 20:10, 15). I believe in the imminent, pre-Tribulation return of Jesus Christ for all believers (1 Thess. 4:13–17). The Rapture of the saints will be followed by a seven-year Tribulation, after which Christ will return in glory to judge the world and set up His millennial reign on earth (Rev. 20:1–3, 21:1–5).

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Pastoral Recommendation

It is with great joy that I recommend to you the ministry of Jordan McDowell. God connected me with Jordan four years ago. Our church was praying about starting another church here in the Pittsburgh area, and God providentially led us together. After completing college, seminary, and a pastoral residency program, Jordan packed up his belongings and moved to western Pennsylvania in the fall of 2024. He served a one-year internship here at Lifeway Baptist Church, after which we hired him as a temporary assistant to the pastor.

Jordan has partnered with Baptist International Missions Incorporated and is being sent out of our church. He plans to raise prayer and financial support over the next year and a half and launch New Life Baptist Church in Robinson Township, Pennsylvania in the spring of 2027. Robinson is a commerce center located ten miles northwest of the city of Pittsburgh. It is a hub for shopping and eating and is conveniently located near the Pittsburgh International airport. We have had our eye on this location for many years now and believe it is a prime location for a new plant.

Our church is placing our full support behind Jordan. We believe he is the right man for this job. We have confidence that God is going to use him in a mighty way to bring the gospel to the people in Robinson and beyond. We are asking you to prayerfully consider supporting Jordan in the work God has called him to do.

God Bless,

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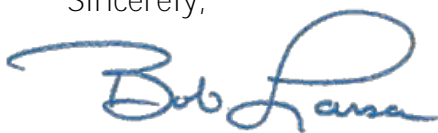
Dear Pastor,

It is my absolute joy to recommend BIMI Missionary Jordan McDowell, church planter to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I had the opportunity to meet Jordan several years ago when he was a student in Bible College. Later, he was an intern at my church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It is obvious that God has called him to Pittsburgh and that he is serious about answering that call upon his life. He came to our June 2025 BIMI Candidate School and he was approved as a BIMI USA missionary. I am convinced God will use Jordan to plant a solid New Testament church in Pittsburgh.

I always enjoy hearing the testimonies of younger Christian men who are serious about serving God. Jordan will encourage your congregation for missions and church planting. It is my prayer God will use him to impact the lives of other young men around the country who are praying about seriously serving God.

May I urge you to invite Brother McDowell to present his burden for metropolitan church planting at your church? He believes deputation is a ministry and I know he will be a blessing and an encouragement to your people. After he presents his ministry, I trust you will determine to partner with him as he goes to this needy mission field in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Bob Larson
USA Director
Baptist International Missions, Inc.