



# Jacob Goble

ROOTED COMMUNITY CHURCH

## About the Family

Makenzie and I are high-school sweethearts and were married in May of 2017. Makenzie grew up in a Southern Baptist church while I was not raised in church.

I was saved at the age of 17, and the Lord called me to ministry when I was 22. As Makenzie grew up in the church, she was saved at an early age and truly surrendered to the Lord in high school.

## About My Church Plant

Lebanon, Ill., is a rural town of 4,500 people outside of St. Louis. From the first time Makenzie and I visited, we fell in love. The more we got to know Lebanon, we understood that it is a city in need of a true gospel-centered, missional church. On the city of Lebanon website, you will find 12 churches listed. To date, only six of those are active, which means there is currently one church for about every 750 to 1,000 residents (including college students).

Lebanon is home to McKendree University and students are from 41 states and 38 countries. Since our first conversation with a Lebanon resident that ended with her saying, "We need you here," we have continued to grow in knowledge of what the people of Lebanon really need. Lebanon needs a church who truly loves the city and provides a sense of belonging to isolated people.

Find out how you can  
**Pray.**  
**Participate.**  
**Provide.**

### PRAY.

Pray for my family as we work together in ministry.  
Pray the church will be established and will faithfully work to plant in other communities, too.  
Pray the Lord brings leaders who can help within the church.  
Pray for stamina and longevity for ministry amidst attacks from the enemy.

### PARTICIPATE

Build relationships with a church planter, team members and their families.  
Send notes of encouragement.  
Learn birthdays and anniversaries, so you can send gifts and cards.

### PROVIDE

Learn the church plant, its strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources.  
Support a church planter financially.