



Matthew Mills

MIDDECROSS CHURCH OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY

About the Family

I was born and raised in Polk County, N.C. I graduated from Polk Central High School in 1984. I served in the USMC Reserve (1985–92). In 1987, I married the love of my life, Donna. On October 09, 1988, I surrendered to the Lord's call to ministry, and in March 1991, I took my first pastoral position.

I graduated from Fruitland Baptist Bible College and Andersonville Baptist Seminary. Prior to planting MiddleCross Church in November 2023, I led four different congregations, and I have been privileged to preach and teach the gospel in nine different countries around the world, while simultaneously leading over 200 people on short term missions.

In 2000, the Lord blessed us with the first of three adopted children (Jonathan, Michael and Brittany). In 2023, we welcomed Emersyn Kaye (granddaughter) into the family.

About My Church Plant

Church planting is an "adventure" I said I would never embark on; however, the Lord in His sovereign will allowed a series of events to move us into a new ministry that He is using to grow and stretch our faith. Rutherford County (pop. 65,000) has more than 200 churches, but for a number of reasons, many are struggling to reach their unchurched communities. Statics indicate that less than 15,000 people attend each week.

Nationally, 2.3 million people leave the church every year (equal to 44,000 a week!). We need new witnesses in every community in the form of new churches. Today, God's vision for MiddleCross Church is way bigger than myself, and I am excited to see what He accomplishes in this work as we seek to be His hands, His feet and His voice in Rutherford County and the uttermost parts of the world!

Find out how you can
Pray.
Participate.
Provide.

PRAY.
Planting a church is WAY different from leading a legacy church; it requires the "traditional" pastor to unlearn a lot of what he knows, to look at new ministry methods and opportunities, and to think outside the box. Pray that we have wisdom, discernment, a teachable and willing spirit, courage and boldness. Pray that through this ministry, more people will come to saving faith and would learn to live on mission. Pray for stamina and longevity for ministry amidst attacks from the enemy. Pray the Lord will provide the place, the facilities, the resources and the workers to positively impact our community and the world with the gospel.

PARTICIPATE
Build relationships with missionaries and their families.
Send notes of encouragement.
Learn birthdays and anniversaries, so you can send gifts and cards.

PROVIDE
Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources.
Support a missionary financially.