

ATHENS CHURCH HISTORY

As God continued to bless North Point Ministries in Alpharetta, Georgia, the leadership began to sense God leading them to extend their influence to other communities. This began with the establishment of campuses in the greater Atlanta area and grew to include the idea of strategic partnerships. During this same time, people from the Athens area regularly contacted North Point to request help in starting a North Point style of church in this area. They were praying for a relevant place to invite their non-Christian friends.

In the spring of 2004, Sean Seay (at that time the Director of Equipping at North Point) felt led to explore the Athens area. For the previous 6 years, Sean and his wife Bonnie had prayed about the idea of church planting. After spending some time in Athens and talking to people who wanted to be a part of this type of church, they became convinced of God's leadership in this direction. He decided God was opening the door for him to plant a church that was a strategic partner with North Point. Convinced that this would take a team to accomplish, he began recruiting staff members and decided to start with a staff team of four families committed to the mission.

In the fall of 2004, Athens Church held informational meetings and strategic service trainings to build leadership for the launch. The first service was January 23, 2005. With God's clear leadership thus far, we are excited to see what He decides to do through Athens Church to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.