

FAQs about Vineyard Finneytown

1. What is the timeline for the church plant?

- a. We plan to hold Interest Meetings in February which will be the first time people are officially invited to join the church plant. Small gatherings will start to happen soon afterward. The goal is to have the first preview service on a Sunday morning in June, and then move to a weekly Sunday service on September 12, 2021.

2. How is the church going to be led?

- a. Sarah Anderson will be the senior pastor of the church. Her husband, Grant, will keep his job in the education field, but he will be supporting the church plant in many ways. The goal is to hire a worship leader and a children's director when the budget allows as we approach launch day. Additionally, the church will have a trustee board and a pastoral advisory council to round out the governance. Van will serve as one of the corporate trustees for Vineyard Finneytown, along with Grant, Sarah, and Orlando Sonza.

3. Why Finneytown?

Although Finneytown is relatively close to Vineyard Northwest, it is a unique and diverse community with pockets of people from different ethnic and national backgrounds. We believe there is the need for a church that will specifically target and minister to the people in the Finneytown area. Further, we believe a Vineyard in Finneytown itself will be much more effective in reaching the community than we could ever be at our location in Colerain.

4. Who's going?

Sarah, Grant, and their boys feel called by God to minister to the people in the Finneytown area and they're eager to connect with others who have the same call and vision. If this strikes a cord in your heart then please read this document carefully and prayerfully. Attend one of the information meetings in early 2021. Ask God to show you if He is calling you to be part of this exciting new church. The rest is simple, do what He tells you.

5. What's going to happen with NWKids?

- a. The transition plan is already in place. We are opening applications for the NWKids director position on Sunday, December 13. We will accept applications through the end of January 2021. The Senior Leadership Team and the PAC will oversee the hiring process. The goal will be to have the new director start several weeks before Sarah leaves staff at the end of March to ease the transition. Sarah will continue to be available to the new director for as long as necessary.

6. How is it going to be financed?

- a. Vineyard Finneytown will be financed purely through donations. We will have a Launch Day Fund for one time donors and outside donors to contribute to. This fund will allow the church to make all of the one time purchases that they will need to set up a mobile church site, and to host outreach/gathering events.
- b. There will also be tithes and offerings gathered from the people that are joining the launch team. Families from Vineyard Northwest that choose to join Vineyard Finneytown will contribute financially.

- c. There will be a one day giving opportunity at Vineyard Northwest to help fund the church plant. The date will be May 8, 2020, at the concluding event of Vineyard Northwest's 20 Year Celebration.
7. What's the purpose behind church planting?
- a. More people are saved. It's a proven fact that more people come to faith in Jesus in the first few years of a new church plant than at any other time in the life of the church.
 - b. Multiply Vineyard Vision: Healthy Vineyard churches in every town and city. The Vineyard is a movement of 550+ congregations in the U.S. and 2400+ churches around the globe. The Vineyard Movement was birthed 40 years ago with a dream to follow Jesus, embrace his kingdom, and reproduce healthy local churches that engage our communities with hope and healing.
8. What's the Vineyard process for church planting?
- a. [Multiply Vineyard](#) is a community of Vineyard church leaders committed to helping our churches multiply through church plants.
 - b. Their website has a ton of information about the formal process of planting a Vineyard church.
 - i. Discernment Process with friends, current church leaders, and others from the Vineyard.
 - ii. Testing--Campion Barrow, Lifeway evaluates emotional maturity, spiritual gifting, leadership experience and stage of life.
 - iii. Interviews help the prospective church planter more fully consider their call and preparation to church plant, as well as to seriously consider the challenges and struggles of church planting, as well as the blessings.
 - iv. Application Process formalizes everything that's happened up to that point and provides a time to clarify and hone call, vision, and mission.
 - v. Legal Releases validate that the church planter is approved to use the Vineyard name in her church plant and that the church plant will be a legal non-profit organisation.
9. Where will the church plant be meeting?
- a. At the beginning, Vineyard Finneytown will host some meetings and gatherings in homes or at Vineyard Northwest. Eventually, (as COVID subsides) our Sunday morning location will be the Performing Arts Center at Finneytown High School.
10. When did this process start/When do you feel you received the call?
- a. I believe I received the call 5 years ago. The process started almost immediately afterward. I began to look into the requirements and started investigating seminary.
 - b. I also began processing my desire and call with the senior leadership of Vineyard Northwest, as well as other friends and leaders from the Vineyard Movement at large.
11. How has Sarah prepared to lead a church? What are her qualifications?
- a. I attended the Vineyard Institute from 2016-2018. I received my Advanced Certificate of Biblical Leadership at the end of 2018. This included 25 courses on theology, ministry, the bible, praxis courses, and credit for the two years of School of Kingdom Ministry I completed.
 - b. I have served as the Children's Ministry Director at Vineyard Northwest since 2015.
 - c. I became a licensed pastor in 2017.
 - d. I have served on the Vineyard Kids USA team since 2016.

- e. I entered into a season of preparation with the Senior Leadership team at Vineyard Northwest. Together, we created a comprehensive list of skills and experience that I would need to have before planting. We have worked through that list over several years.
- f. I have served on the Senior Leadership Team at Vineyard Northwest for a season of time.

12. How will you grow the church from the start? Strategy and values.

- a. The goal is to take a small group of people from Vineyard Northwest and then begin to gather people slowly. We will press into organic growth of new believers, people who haven't been connected to a church home, and even some believers that are newly awakened to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- b. We plan to draw on Grant and Sarah's deep roots in the community and their connection to families. We plan to serve the schools--students and staff alike, and grow from their attendance as well.
 - i. Inviting kids to Summer Camp and supplementing their cost.
- c. We will do a variety of outreach activities. From servant evangelism (i.e. free bottled water), to power evangelism, to free fun events (dinners, parties, backyard events) to gather people.
- d. We will start slowly with intercessory prayer meetings, small groups (or bible studies), and worship nights. There will always be an event to invite someone to. Then, we will start with a preview service on one Sunday morning in June, July, and August. Our goal is to move to a weekly service on September 12, 2021.
- e. Values- Our values share deep roots with the values of Vineyard Northwest, since Sarah has been a part of the family for 14 years.
 - i. Prioritizing His Presence. Living with Expectancy. Watching for His Redemption.
 - ii. Access to real, true life. A people equipped to be the light — to minister, serve, love, prophesy, heal, encourage, display radical kindness, and join with the work of the Kingdom of God wherever they go. They are drawn deeper into relationship with the trinity and continually have deeper revelations of who they are in the Kingdom of God.
 - iii. Worship, intergenerational equipping, solid biblical teaching, a community built on honor, firm rooting in identity, Kingdom theology.

13. What will Vineyard Finneytown and Vineyard Northwest's connection be? Will there be an ongoing connection?

- a. The relationship between the sending church, Vineyard Northwest, and the church plant, Vineyard Finneytown, will be organic and collegial. There will be no structural or oversight relationship. Vineyard Finneytown will be an independently functioning church accountable to the Association of Vineyard Churches USA. When we say "organic and relational" that means we will have relationship and that Vineyard Northwest will do everything in its power to bless, encourage, and help this new church plant succeed.