

## **Citylight Reston Vision and FAQ**

By the grace of God we have the opportunity to reach more souls for Jesus and start a second location in Reston VA!

It is quite the miracle to think about how just in the last few years God has worked amongst us to start a church that now runs 5 services in 4 languages locally as well as 4 international centers where people are meeting Jesus, orphans are being cared for, street children are being educated and disciplined, prostitutes are being rescued out of that life and brought into the kingdom of God, young adults are meeting Jesus in a coffee shop, and the gospel is being preached and churches are being planted.

As we say often, we are a launching pad not a landing place. May the Lord continue to multiply His work in and through us so as many people can meet Jesus as possible.

Before we talk about what is to come it's important to remember our mission/vision and how this all got started:

### **What is Citylight Church all about?**

Our passion is to shine the light of Christ in dark and hard places to bring real hope and help to all people. Our vision is to bring light to the world by planting community center churches who bless communities spiritually and physically.

Our story is that Citylight officially launched September 15th 2019. That very first day God showed up big and He has continued to do more than we ever could have imagined. We started with a commitment to bring light to the darkness and to do so by planting community center churches. We wanted to model the holistic ministry of Jesus in Luke 4 and Isaiah 61 to serve the soul and the body. Within 6 months God opened the door for an amazing building where we could live this vision out and bless our community with spiritual and physical help. We have seen souls saved from everlasting darkness, families have received necessary support in a time of urgent need, and we have built partnerships locally and globally to support ministry work in so many other places. From one committed group starting Citylight, there is now a Citylight family of churches in multiple languages and places. One seed of commitment has led to an abundant harvest. The Spirit of God is moving in a powerful way!

### **Why a family of churches?**

Citylight is structured as a family of churches so that it can be a movement of people all over the world working together to bring real hope and help to all people. We share an identity, resources, executive leadership structure, and ministry philosophy. Each location lives out these shared realities through local leadership, local teaching, and local ministry contextualization. This allows us to stay very focused on local communities while utilizing the resources, leadership capacity, and momentum of a larger organization.

### **Why Reston?**

We believe a Citylight every 20 minutes or so would provide the opportunity to focus on specific communities and establish deep Gospel work in people's lives. Saturation leads to transformation so we want to do a lot of work in focused areas so we can prayerfully see the greatest results.

Reston and other nearby places west of DC are where many families move to settle down and build their lives. It is in great need of many churches to serve this community and help people establish their lives on the foundation of the Gospel. We also already have many families that live in the nearby areas who can provide a core group from which we can start strong. It has a similar community to our first location in the Falls Church area and the lessons we have learned there about effective ministry can quickly apply here.

We believe that by adding this to our falls church location we can place a Citylight along the track of people's lives as they generally move from DC outward. Lord willing one day we will have locations in and outside of the City doing deep gospel work in local communities!

### **Why now?**

The vision has always been to multiply and reach other communities. God has been working in such a powerful way here at Falls Church that we needed to begin making plans for more space. One of the things we have always said is we don't just want to build up but to spread out, so as we grow we find ways to multiply. Considering the vision of the church, as well as the practical problems of a growing congregation, and after much prayer and discussions with leadership we began to look through options for potential locations. As we were looking, God provided direction and generous financial support to make it all possible. Now that the Lord has opened the door for one and his favor and hand seems evident on it, we are confident now is the right time to move forward.

### **FAQ Sheet**

#### **When is the first service?**

Lord willing it will launch the first Sunday of the new year, January 4, 2026 (this is dependent on renovation going according to plan).

#### **Where is the location?**

1985 Isaac Newton Square Reston VA 20190

#### **Who is the pastor?**

When we launch, Nate will continue to serve as the lead pastor at both locations. We will also continue to rely on our current elder group and teaching team (Nate, John, Luis, and Dale) to provide Sunday messages and oversee daily leadership at both locations. Over time, we will seek God's wisdom with the elders and the board regarding expanded leadership roles as we pursue a path of having location pastors and a teaching team providing the messages.

#### **Who is the staff team?**

The staff team at Falls Church will remain in place as we launch, and we are excited about opportunities to expand leadership roles at both locations. We are praying specifically for team leads to join us in Reston in areas such as kids, worship, youth, tech, operations, lighthouse leadership, and outreach. If you feel the Lord guiding you and are interested in exploring these opportunities, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [grace@wearecitylight.org](mailto:grace@wearecitylight.org).

**What time is service?**

We will start with one service at 10am with a plan to go to two services at 9am and 11am whenever the one service fills up consistently.

**Will there be Citylight Kids?**

Yes! Over the next several months we will be recruiting and training a team for this so the ministry can be ready from day one.

**Will there be Citylight Youth?**

Yes! Over the next several months we will be recruiting and training a team for this. We hope to launch a weekly youth meeting and some great monthly events soon after launch day.

**Will there be Citylight Young Adults?**

Yes! The start date is to be determined. Our prayer is to get this started within the first few months of launch and we will be recruiting a leader/team for this. More information to come.

**Will there be lighthouses right away?**

Yes! We already have a few leaders who live in those areas ready to start groups and also will be looking to train and start some more as we see who is involved at the beginning. One of the primary reasons to start new Citylight locations is to keep ministry and community as geographically local as possible. Therefore it is a big priority to build this out for those in Reston and the surrounding areas like it is in Falls Church. If you would like to lead one, let us know!

**What kind of outreach ministry will we do?**

The plan is to keep the model of ministry very similar across all potential locations by running the same big outreach events, camps, working with local schools and partners, doing deliveries and meeting needs in our community, and building out the community center model where people come to the church for a variety of reasons but hopefully have an encounter with Jesus!

**Will this change anything at the Falls Church location?**

No! Other than increasing the blessing of God on it as we live with open hands to be a generous and sending church! We have said from the beginning that God gives seeds to sowers and firmly believe that if we keep sowing and giving away what God has given us then He will continue to fill our hands with more to give to bless the world around us.

In terms of Sunday service experience, kids/youth/young adults, outreach, lighthouses, and everything else we do will remain the same. The pastoral leadership will also remain the same team just now rotating to lead two locations instead of one.

**Will there be Ciudad Luz at Reston?**

Yes! Our hope and desire is to have a Ciudad Luz at every Citylight location as we expand. We won't be able to start one right away on launch day, but as Ciudad Luz grows and builds out more leadership teams we hope to launch within the first year in 2026.

**Will there be times the multiple locations meet together?**

Yes! We would hope over time to do camps, celebratory services, big evangelistic outreaches and other things together to impact the DMV. We dream of a world where Citylight locations are doing deep work in their local communities but then can come together at times in an effort to reach more people at one time and also enjoy fellowship.

**How can I help?**

By getting involved and using your time, talents, and treasures to get this work off the ground. We are raising funds and building out teams to run Sunday services, begin lighthouses, and help do outreach ministry in our communities. You can give to Citylight Reston on the giving page on our website, you can serve on a light team to help run Sunday services (tech, hospitality, worship, or kids), and you can begin to participate in our core meetings and pre launch activity to see where the needs might be and how the Lord wants to use you in this new church.

**What is the schedule for meetings and events to prepare for launch?**

September 21 - Interest meeting after church at 1pm in the sanctuary. Lunch provided.

Potential Core Team Meeting days (will be in the afternoon/evenings, days are subject to change, location and time TBD)

October 19

Nov 2

Nov 16

Dec 14

Thanksgiving and Christmas outreaches will be planned but time and location is TBD

January 3 - Final walkthrough and prayer meeting

January 4 launch day!

**Who do I reach out to if I have other questions?**

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