



## The Church at SKYE CANYON



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**O**ur family is so grateful for the commitment that the Dawson Family of Faith made in 2018 to become our “Sending Church.” The Church at Skye Canyon, our church plant, would likely not be possible without your family of faith. As we begin the second of a five-year partnership with Dawson, we are looking forward to serving alongside many of you over the next four years.

Kimberly and I are originally from Rolling Fork, Mississippi. We will have been married 20 years this June. We have three children: Hannah Beth (14), Alden (12) and Gabe (11). I have pastored churches in Mississippi and North Carolina over the past 20 years and Kimberly teaches middle school special education.

You may be wondering, “Why would a pastor from Mississippi move his family to Las Vegas, Nevada to plant a new church?” The story began when our church in Mississippi helped plant three churches in the Las Vegas area. Somewhere during that process God worked in our hearts and led us to understand that we were supposed to do more than just support others in Las Vegas; we were to be personally involved in what He wanted to do there. As a result, we were led to plant a church in the Northwest corner of Las Vegas in an area called Skye Canyon. Why plant a church in Skye Canyon? This massive, planned community is experiencing rapid growth due to an influx of new residents. In this area there are over 40,000 people who have had very little access to the Gospel. In the metro Las Vegas area there is only one Southern Baptist Church for every 23,000 residents.

One of our team members describes the spiritual needs of Skye Canyon well: “As our family began to survey needs within Las Vegas, the northwest part of the city really stuck out as a place that was truly in need of a local church presence. Now to clarify, there isn’t a spot in Las Vegas that doesn’t need more churches, but the northwest certainly is church lean. With that area being so new and so far from the center of the city, very few established churches have begun to move there.”

What can you do for us now to help us with our ministry? We would like to ask you to please pray for our first public worship service that will take place on Easter Sunday this April. Dawson will be sending a team to help us that weekend. Following that service we anticipate officially launching the church later in the year or early 2020.

I’m sure as our partner you will be hearing about the many ways you can be a part of what God is doing in Skye Canyon. We would love for you to consider serving on a short-term trip, but in addition to that we would also ask that you pray about moving to Las Vegas. I know that sounds crazy, right? Really, Las Vegas? But why not? Why not you? Maybe God is calling you and your family to come and live life in a non-Christian area of the country that is searching for what only Christ can offer. We need Jesus followers to come and be a part of our core team as we look forward to planting The Church at Skye Canyon. If you are interested in talking more, please email me at [greg@thechurchatskyecanyon.com](mailto:greg@thechurchatskyecanyon.com).

