
FOR
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Canvas
CHURCH

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a message from *Pastor Kevin*



3 So Jesus told them this story: 4 “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. 6 When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!”

Luke 15:3-7

I'll never forget the look on his face.

I was in a commercial truck lot attempting to buy an old UPS truck, and I was explaining to the guy that I wanted to convert it into a snow cone truck. After talking to him at length about what we needed, he explained how I would make a lot of money - but he was very confused by my reply.

I told him, "Well, we are giving all of them away for free. We actually intend to lose a lot of money on this truck."
He stared at me very confused, and after scratching his head, he asked, "Why?"

Yet, the answer to that question was so easy.

Why are we doing this? It's for the one.

Over the last 5 years, our church has been growing tremendously, and we have seen God show up in awesome ways. What started in a backyard with a handful of people has now grown into multiple services averaging 300 people in attendance. We have seen addictions broken, families and marriages restored, and witness 164 people give their life to Jesus through baptism!

I am convinced that the reason that we have seen this growth is because, even after 5 years, the answer to the question "Why" is still the same today. Everything that we do today is simple for the one person who is far away from God; we are actively seeking out the one person that Jesus is head over heels for and pursuing relentless.

As our church grows, we believe God is calling us to start looking for a more permanent facility in order to do ministry throughout the week and reach more people for Jesus.

As we kick off the For The One Initiative, our goal is to prepare financially for the future so that when the right opportunity for a permanent facility comes, we can be ready to secure it. As you read through this brochure, I want to invite you to dream with us. Imagine the people who haven't walked through our doors yet. The marriages that will be restored. The kids who will grow up knowing Jesus. The addictions that will be broken. The baptisms we haven't celebrated yet. The stories that haven't even begun. Then prayerfully ask, "God, what would You have me do?"

Because this initiative isn't ultimately about a building. It's about being ready for whatever God wants to do next through Canvas Church.

We will pray. We will trust. We will give. We will sacrifice. We will take risks. We will prepare for the future. And we will keep doing whatever it takes to reach people who are far from God.

Why? The answer is still the same. **For The One**



Kevin Mcneil, Lead Pastor





















OUR STORY SO FAR

FIRST LAUNCH TEAM MEETING

A group of 12 people met in a back yard to discuss what it looks like to plant a church for people who don't like church.

Sept 2020

FIRST BAPTISM

After a special Christmas service for the community, Canvas witnessed it's very first baptism at the Home 2 Suites in Goldsboro late at night!

Dec 2020

MOVE TO MOVIE THEATER

After outgrowing a backyard with 35+ people, monthly meetings began to be held at the UEC Movie Theater in Goldsboro.

Jan 2021

GRAND OPENING

After a year of prayer, planning and preparing, Canvas Church had it's first official Sunday grand opening!

Sept 2021

ADDED SECOND SERVICE

Canvas continues to grow and moved from one service to two services on sunday mornings.

Mar 2024

MOVE TO YMCA

After running out of room at the movie theater, Canvas moved to the YCMA in order to create more space for people to discover Jesus.

Oct 2024

OFFICE SPACE

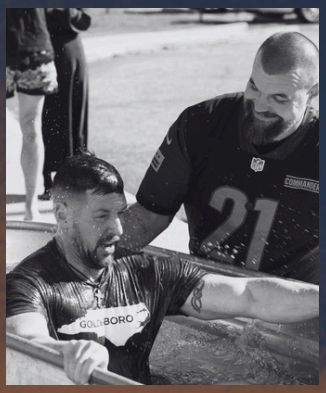
After four years of being mobile, Canvas officially rented it's first office space - a place for staff to work and for ministry to happen throughout the week.

Jan 2026

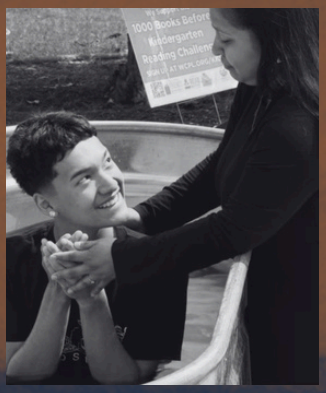
FOR THE ONE INITIATIVE

After five years of ministry, Canvas takes its first step to position itself for a permanent home.

Oct 2026



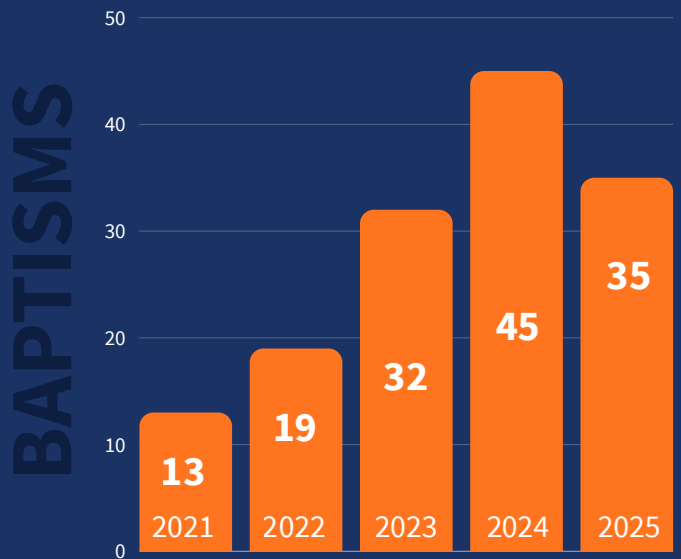






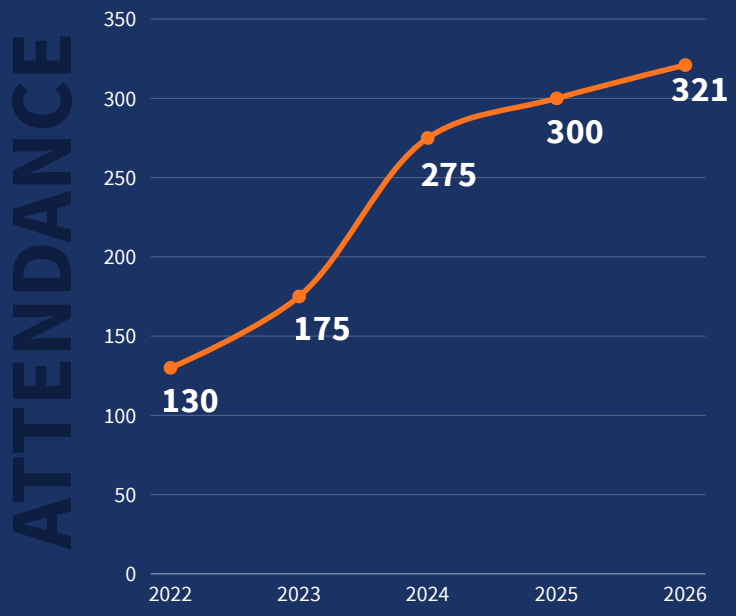


OUR CHURCH IS A GROWING CHURCH



so far in 2026--22 baptisms

"WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GET UP AND BE BAPTIZED. HAVE YOUR SINS WASHED AWAY BY CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD."
ACTS 22:16



62 KIDS

N 2026 SO FAR, CANVAS KIDS HAS AVERAGED 62 KIDS

165 BAPTISMS

NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS SINCE OPENING

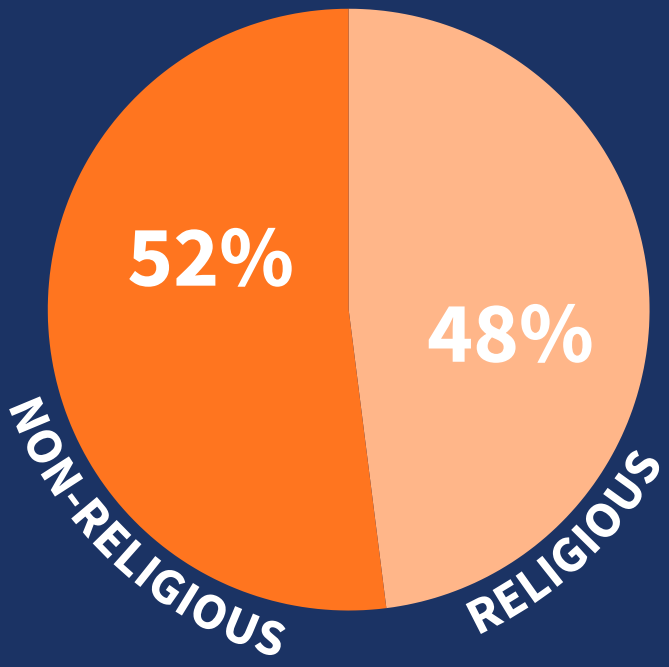
321 ATTENDANCE

IN 2026 SO FAR, ATTENDANCE HAS AVERAGED AT 321

OUR MISSION

helping people discover Jesus





Did you know that in 2020, Wayne County had 117,321 residents with 270 congregations? Among those stats, only about 57,000 of them considered themselves religious adherents.

That means over 50% of this county are not plugged into a church anywhere. That is roughly 60,000 people who likely do not follow Jesus.



HELPING PEOPLE DISCOVER JESUS

WHAT IS FOR THE ONE?

The For The One giving initiative is our church taking a next step to help more people discover Jesus. For the last five years, our church has been portable and we have setup in backyards, movie theaters and YMCA's. However, as we continue to grow, we believe we can reach more people and do more ministry if we had our own permanent space.

In order to buy land, build a building, or even just purchase and renovate a building, we need to have the funds to do so. We have faith that God has a perfect space out there for us, and we want to start preparing for that space now. This Initiative is about positioning ourselves financially in a place so that we can be able to act on any opportunities God sends our way.

Ultimately, For The One is just another way to stay true to our mission and help more people discover Jesus. Every person at Canvas should be praying for the ONE person who God is calling home and we want to do everything we can to reach them. Jesus thinks that one person is worth pursuing; and if they matter to Jesus, they matter to us.

JESUS CARES ABOUT THE ONE

IF THEY MATTER TO JESUS, THEY MATTER TO US

YOU HAVE A PART TO PLAY

1

Pray

Commit to praying regularly for this initiative. Pray for it to be exactly what God wants us to be doing at this time. Pray for people to come to know Jesus. Pray for your involvement in it. Take time to pray for your financial commitment to it.

2

Attend

Plan on attending all 5 weeks of the sermon series as well as one of our Vision Nights. You can choose from one of three dates - Oct. 21st, Oct. 28th, or Nov. 1st.
They all start at 6:30 PM. Each Vision Night will take place at the Boys and Girls Club where our leadership will share important details about the initiative and answer any questions you may have. Boys and Girls Club (1401 Royall Ave, Goldsboro, NC 27530)

3

Give

Take some time to pray about your commitment.
Take time to plan how you can make a commitment to For the One. Remember to give generously and sacrificially. There are three important ways that we are asking you to give.

“Not equal giving… but equal sacrifice”

3 WAYS TO GIVE

We challenge you to give in each of these ways

COURAGEOUS GIVING

Give the largest amount you have ever given on Commitment Sunday, November 8th

CONSISTENT GIVING

Weekly or monthly giving for the next 25 months

CREATIVE GIVING

Stocks/Properties/Asset Giving

FOR THE ONE *goal*

DREAM GOAL $600,000

CELEBRATION GOAL $350,000

The table below represents a projection of the number and kinds of gifts that will be necessary to reach our dream goal. No gift is too small, and no gift is too large. It's not about equal giving, but equal sacrifice.

Canvas Gift Chart

GIFTS NEEDED	GIFT LEVEL	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL	ACCUMULATED TOTAL
1	$100,000	$4,000	$100,000	$100,000
1	$75,000	$3,000	$75,000	$175,000
1	$50,000	$2,000	$50,000	$225,000
4	$20,000	$800	$80,000	$305,000
8	$10,000	$400	$80,000	$385,000
10	$7,500	$300	$75,000	$460,000
14	$5,000	$200	$70,000	$530,000
20	$2,500	$100	$50,000	$580,000
11	Various	Various	$20,000	$600,000

70 COMMITMENTS = $600,000 OR 100% OF GOAL

FOR THE ONE

upcoming events

VISION NIGHTS

OCTOBER 21ST
OCTOBER 28TH
NOVEMBER 1ST

please pick one date to attend

6:30PM AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
1401 ROYALL AVE, GOLDSBORO, NC 27530

24 HOURS OF PRAYER

NOVEMBER 6TH/7TH

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 8TH

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22ND

COMMITMENT CARD

We've included a sample of the commitment card to help guide your prayers as you begin to consider your commitment towards For the One. Take time to reflect, discuss, and pray through this decision. A physical card will be provided for you to make your commitment on Commitment Sunday--November 8th



Q & A

1. How is this different than my tithe?

Your regular tithe/giving allows us to operate as a church and serve our community on a week to week basis. This commitment is different because these funds will be set aside specifically for finding a permanent home for Canvas.

2. How do I know how much to give?

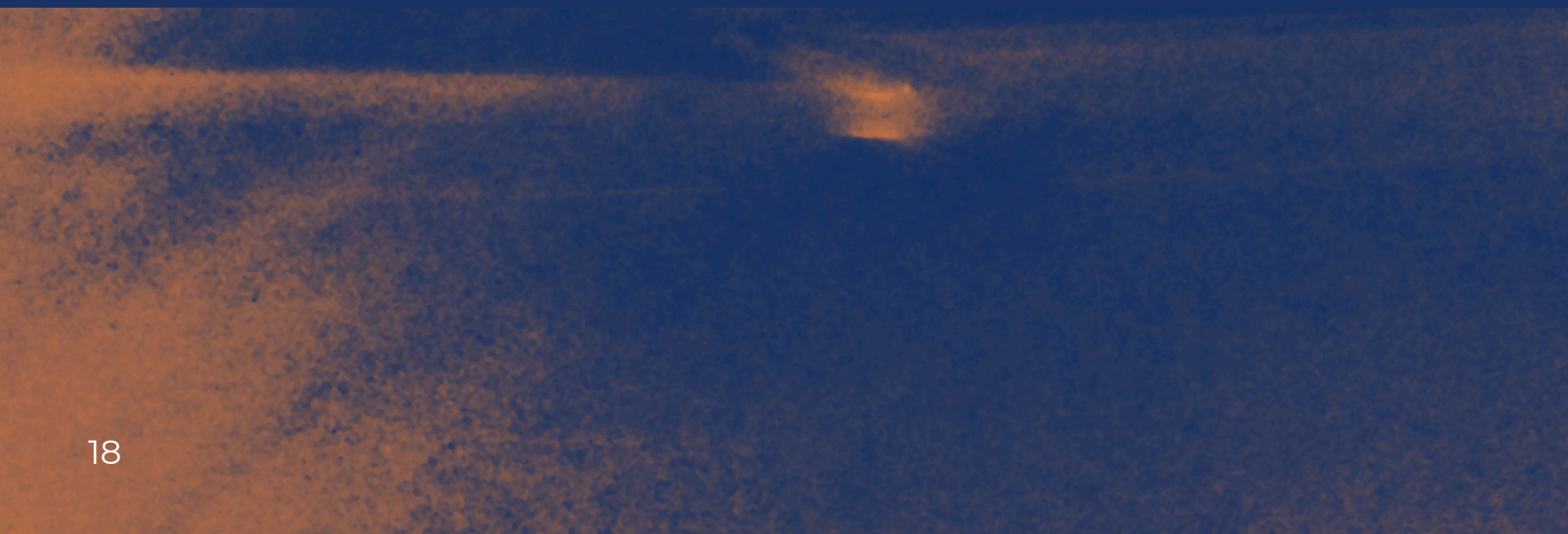
We invite you to pray as you consider your generosity to For the One. We are trusting God to move powerfully through this campaign, and prayer is essential. Take time to reflect on your own heart, and ask God how He is leading you in your generosity. We have a special prayer event scheduled prior to Commitment Sunday, and we invite you to be a part of it.

3. What if I have never given to Canvas before?

We encourage everyone to participate in the spiritual discipline of regular giving as Jesus teaches. If you have never given, this could be your chance to take the next step in your spiritual journey of trusting Jesus. For The One is for everyone to surrender and be more generous

4. What happens if I'm unable to complete my giving commitment?

We understand circumstances may arise that could prevent you from completing your 25-month commitment. Life happens and we care about you!




Growing




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STORIES

ISELA SANCHEZ

"If You're so good, why are You letting me go through this? What about my family? Where's Dad? Why is he never here?"
Those were some of the biggest questions I carried my whole life. I grew up in a broken home, watching my single mom struggle just to put food on the table. I wondered, If You're so good, why are You letting this sweet woman suffer? Why is it so hard for You to provide for us? Maybe You weren't real. So I decided I'd handle my pain my way.

I poured the alcohol, hoping it would numb everything. Party after party. Late night after late night. Years of calling it fun. Then, I guess You did bless me after all. I became a mom. I finally had the family I never had growing up. Except… I was miserable.

My dad treated my mom this way, so maybe this was just normal. My mom waited until I was eight to leave. Should I wait too? No. I left.

But I was still hurting. I had a one-year-old, and I still didn't believe I could count on God to help me through the pain. So I kept reaching for the bottle. My son was four when he looked at me and said:
"Mommy, you drink a lot…"
And suddenly, I couldn't ignore it anymore. What do I do next?

My bestie, Carina Aguilar, had this thing she called "praying." I guess I had never really tried that. She was also helping launch a new church, so I figured I'd go support her. Maybe I should give this Jesus thing another try. I'm so glad I did.

The pastor complimented my tattoos—that was a first at church! Maybe this wasn't so bad after all. Everyone was so welcoming. I didn't feel judged. I felt loved.

One year later, in 2022, I was sober. And I celebrated by being born again. My heart wasn't carrying that same pain anymore. I had friends who supported me and my son. My mom could finally worry less and sleep at night. I woke up thankful. And my son? He is now nine, full of gratitude instead of growing up asking God the same question I once did: "If You're real, why am I suffering?" The cycle was broken.

Thank you, Canvas, for welcoming the broken and restoring families and individuals. You showed me that God wasn't absent in my pain—He was waiting for me to let Him into it. And I'm so grateful I did.



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
2 Corinthians 5:17

DONALD HENDERSON

Growing up, we went to a pretty traditional church. We got dressed up, went to church, and did what I thought Christians were supposed to do. But around 11 or 12 years old, I started noticing something.
From the little I knew about Christianity, I knew Christians were supposed to love their neighbors and treat people with kindness and respect. But sometimes, what I saw outside of church didn't match what I heard inside of church. I would watch people leave a church service and then go to a restaurant and treat the waitstaff terribly. I saw people who claimed to follow Jesus judge others because of how they looked or the choices they made.

I was never personally hurt by a church. I just couldn't understand the disconnect. If this is what being a Christian looks like, why would I want to be one? By the time I was 15 or 16, I had made up my mind.I would just be a good person. I didn't need the label "Christian." I figured if I treated people well and tried to do the right thing, God would see that. Surely being a good person was enough.

Then I met my wife. She had grown up in church and eventually told me she wanted to get back into her faith. Around that same time, we heard about a new church called Canvas so we decided to give it a shot. Almost immediately, Canvas felt different. There wasn't a building. There wasn't a dress code. Nobody expected me to pretend I had everything figured out. The invitation was simple: Come as you are and discover Jesus.

So I started asking questions. Instead of giving me generic answers, Kevin encouraged me to actually read the Bible for myself. When I had questions, he didn't pretend they weren't difficult. Sometimes he would simply say, "That's a good question. Let me look into it and get back to you." For the first time, I felt like I was being given permission to own my faith instead of simply being told what to believe.

Then I started reading the Gospel of John and I discovered something I didn't expect--Jesus had a problem with religious hypocrisy too.
I saw how Jesus confronted people who claimed to know God but treated others as if they were beneath them. I began to realize that the things that had bothered me about Christianity growing up weren't reasons to reject Jesus.
They were the very things Jesus confronted.
Following Jesus wasn't about believing I was better than everyone else. Having a relationship with Jesus should change the way I love and serve the people around me. And slowly, my perspective began to change.

Not long after coming to Canvas, I decided to be baptized. That was about four years ago. Today, I'm still learning, asking questions, and owning my growth. But now I'm also helping other people discover the same Jesus I almost walked away from without ever really knowing.
I serve at Canvas with video, photography, and sometimes with the sound team. As a kid who wanted nothing to do with the label "Christian," I never imagined church would become such an important part of my life.

I'm thankful Canvas gave me somewhere to question, somewhere to grow, and somewhere to belong. Because Canvas didn't just give me a different picture of church. It helped me discover Jesus for myself.



I have men in my life that hold me accountable on all levels of my life. I call them the men that will carry me to Jesus when I cannot walk on my own.

Canvas is full of real people, with real lives, and real problems, all just trying to follow Jesus.

I love Canvas because its helped me closer to God and made me realize how great God is. I came back because of the people. We're all trying to grow into the people God wants us to be and this is first church where I feel accepted for who I am.

Worship team is amazing and I love worshipping with my family every week

What I love about Canvas is how laid back and real the people are.

the church instantly wrapped its arms around me and I felt instant community.

What does Canvas Church mean to me? Honestly, it means one than I could ever put into words.

I love Canvas Church because of how welcoming it feels. When you walk into the doors for the first time you get a sense of community.

Canvas has reminded me that faith isn't about having all the answers. It's about trusting the One who does.

My husband and I were saved at Canvas. Our marriage was restored because of the guidance and love extended from Canvas which caused us to get closer to God

I love Canvas church because it's a doer of what Christians are supposed to not just sayers.

I love Canvas because it truly feels like home away from home, a place filled with Jesus, love, compassion, and an overwhelming sense of support that makes me feel seen, accepted, and cared for.

Canvas has challenged me to pray more, to trust God more, to serve more, and to keep growing in my faith

Canvas has become a place where I feel welcomed and connected and that's what keeps bringing me back.

I love our church because it feels like more than just a place to worship.

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One of my favorite aspects is that one of our main focuses is on helping other people meet Jesus– not just with our words but also with our actions!

I am forever grateful for the sense of community that I found at Canvas, new friendships...the consistent reminders that I do not have to do life alone.

I LOVE THAT MY KIDS LOOK FORWARD TO CANVAS KIDS EACH WEEK AND WILL ASK "IS IT SUNDAY YET?"

Really easy to get involved with serve teams and community groups.

I really enjoy the close knit, friendly atmosphere where no one is viewed as a stranger, but better yet- Canvas is not just Church, it's a family. Once you really commit to get involved, the Lord truly blesses you with the most loving & supportive community.

Canvas is where I learned that following Jesus is so much more than going to church–it's allowing Him to transform how I love, forgive, grow, and live. I came looking for a church, but I found a relationship with Jesus, a new foundation for my family, and a future where my past no longer defines me.

I am forever grateful that God led me to Canvas. Because somewhere along the way, I didn't just find a church. I found my people. I found purpose. I found healing. And I found a deeper faith in the Lord. And for that, I will always be grateful.

Canvas church means endless second chances. I keep coming back because I know it's where I belong.

I love canvas because I learn random pop culture slang that I didn't know before

THIS IS THE ONLY CHURCH WHERE I'VE FELT LIKE I TRULY BELONG. HARD TO EXPLAIN, BUT YOU KNOW IT WHEN YOU FEEL IT. WOULD PROBABLY HAVE POSTPONED MY BAPTISM INDEFINITELY IF NOT FOR CANVAS.

I love the action oriented steps of your sermons, the message is good but the how to implement this is better.

Canvas brought my family and I back to Jesus.

MY KIDS LOVE CANVAS! THE KIDS STAFF ARE LIFE GIVING AND CHANGING PEOPLE.

Seeing people discover Jesus, take the step of getting baptized, grow in their faith, and make new friends are some of my favorite things about being part of Canvas.

I love Canvas because it's the church you can go to when you're not even sure you wanna be at church


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