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SMALL  
CHURCH WEEK





We will begin shortly!

While you're waiting, we'd love you to take a quick survey so we can learn more about our audience today.



# SMALL CHURCH WEEK

Practical Training for  
Everyday Churches



Monday

Theo  
Stanford



## “Small Church, New Tricks”

How to Try New Things Without  
Blowing Up Your Church

Tuesday

David  
Blackwell



## “Small Church, Deep Bench”

How a Small Rural Church is  
Reaching Across Their County

Wednesday

Shannon  
Kiser



## “Small Church, New Hope”

How Small Churches are Getting  
Out of the Rut of What’s Not Working

Thursday

Mary  
Jackson



## “Small Church, Big Table”

How 20 People Started a Dinner  
Church with 60 People

Friday

Jason  
Moore



## “Small Church, Powerful Tehcnology”

How Small Churches Use AI, Streaming and Other  
Technologies to Reach New People

NEW EPISODES DROPPING IN FEBRUARY

# SEASON TWO

Hosted By Chris & Kathleen Blackey



# Rural Renewal Podcast

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PRAYER

# The Chapel

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Transforming prayer that fuels and supports the mission and ministry of pioneering leaders



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MONDAY JANUARY 29TH

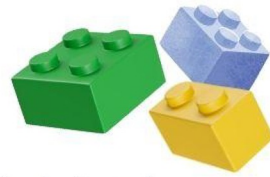


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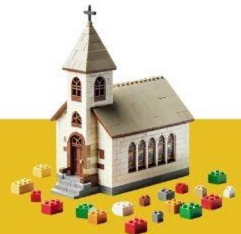
The Reverend Dr. Theophilus J. Stanford earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Industrial Management. He continued his studies at Gammon Theological Seminary at The Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, earning a Master of Divinity in Old Testament Studies and Worship. He later earned his Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Seminary in Church and Society.

As an accomplished musician, vocalist, and composer, Dr. Stanford released his first CD project in May 2015, entitled, *Not Your Battle*, with Word of Life, a community choir he founded and directs.

In 2019, Dr. Stanford was blessed to retire from Delta Airlines in order to pursue his dream of pastoring full-time. Dr. Stanford loves spending precious time with family and friends, tennis, working out, and traveling.

## Theophilus Stanford

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# How to Try New Things Without Blowing Up Your Church

*The Joy and Hope of the Small Church*

Text questions to 804-728-0284

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# My ministry journey...



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# Misnomer: MAJOR prophets VS MINOR PROPHETS

- Major – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel...
- Minor – Amos, Habakkuk, Joel...

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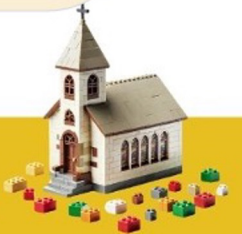
# Small does NOT mean insignificant

1) Embrace  
who we  
are

- What's your DNA?
- What's your Charism?
  - Special abilities/spiritual power given by the Holy Spirit to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people.

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# Small does NOT mean insignificant

2) Allow  
God to  
enlarge  
your  
territory

- **Jabez** - 1Chronicles 4:9-10 9 “Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez saying, “I gave birth to him in pain.” 10 Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.

- **Desire more**
- **Ask boldly**

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# How to try new things without...



## EXPLORE NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Adaptive Leadership Cohort** – Tod Bolsinger [*“Canoeing the Mountains”*] – 6 team members + pastor
  - i. Pioneers (entrepreneurs)
  - ii. Permission Givers (power)
  - iii. Supporters (those ready to move an org. forward)
- 1. Learning to lead in a world we weren't prepared for
- 2. Leadership in uncharted territory requires both learning and loss
- 3. Experimentation (*changed worship time/streamlined worship*). Simpler to convince church to experiment/try something for a stated period of time. If it works – great. If not, return to what you've done before.



# BUILD RELATIONSHIPS INSIDE & OUTSIDE YOUR LOCAL CONGREGATION

- I. **Internal** – *Have you built trust? Do members feel you have the best interest of the congregation at heart?*
  - i. **A greater reliance on lay leadership is a must since paid staff is limited**
- II. **External** – City leaders, schools, other churches



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## EXAMPLES:

- **Beyond Our Walls (B.O.W.) Ministry**
- **Collaborations with city officials and schools**
  - **City Council**
  - **Community Teen Coalition**
  - **Back to school events** – we took 2,000+ items to our 6 schools
    - Reduced need for church volunteers
    - Allow us to meet school staff and forge relationships





# BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

- **Media ministry**
  - **Streaming/YouTube** – for virtual worship
  - **Dr. Timothy Farmer (Farmer Group)** – Cascade UMC





## SEEK GRANT FUNDING



### **Barnes (B.E.A.T.) Evaluation and Administration Team - technology grant - \$25K**

- Hardware and software
- 2 student interns from congregation



### **Digital Resilience Grant (Faircount) - \$10K**

- Macbooks, iPads, choir mics, etc.

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# ENCOURAGE *INDIVIDUAL* GENEROUS GIVING

Keep your needs before your congregation



Computer and other equipment for  
sound booth



Drum shield for drum set

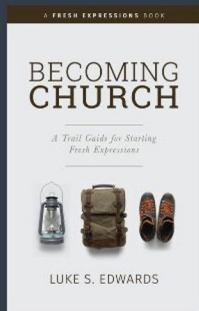
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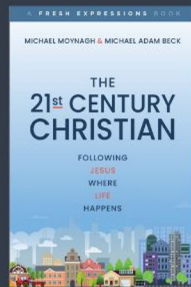
# Four Books Perfect for Small Churches

Inspiration for leaders and teams, practical and effective for small church contexts.



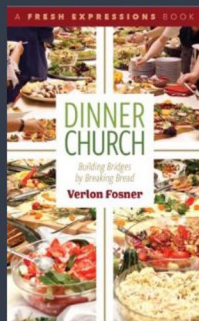
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