



## Chad Nelson

JOURNEY CHURCH MTC (MOUNT CLEMENS)

### About the Family

Jennifer and I just celebrated our 20th anniversary, but we aren't as old as that makes us sound. ;) We have three children. Our daughter, Quinn, is 14. Our daughter, Marin, is 11, and our son, Reade, is 7. Jen teaches special education, Quinn is active in youth group, Marin loves to perform in school plays, and Reade is a busy first grader. We have a mutt who is named after our favorite college mascot, "Sparty" (MSU Spartans).

We became active in ministry about 15 years ago, and I left sales to become a full-time pastor in 2005. I was on staff at two churches in children's and youth ministries. I was the lead pastor at a church near Joplin, Mo., for five years and recently returned to our home state of Michigan to plant a church in the Detroit area. Our entire family is invested in serving the community, which means our kids don't bat an eye when a homeless person stops by our house to get a bottle of water. We want everyone to feel the love of Jesus through us as salt and light.

### About the Church Plant

We have dreamed of planting a church in the Mt. Clemens area since 2009. We knew the community had a large homeless population and that there was a need for life-giving churches there. We hoped to plant in 2011, but God opened a door for us to lead a church in Missouri. That opportunity paved the way for us to plant here in 2017.

We had our eye on a historic theatre for some time. It had just been bought out of foreclosure and was being renovated. After several meetings with the owner, he agreed to rent the space to us on Sundays. The theatre is located downtown and was a concert venue for years. Our mission: to be a place where people BELONG, come to BELIEVE in Christ, and BECOME who God designed them to be.

Find out how you can

- Pray.
- Participate.
- Provide.

**PRAY.**

- Pray that the Holy Spirit be so present and irresistible that people are drawn to the church.
- Pray for provision of people who are gifted in serving in the church, especially nursery, kids and music.
- Pray as we begin a homeless ministry here.

**PARTICIPATE.**

Pray for us as leaders and for our city. We need people who are willing to distribute information about the church face-to-face on the street. We need creative, artistic people who can help us make our kids' class and nurseries attractive. We can also use help sorting clothing donations to be given to the homeless.

**PROVIDE.**

There are numerous ways to help a church plant. Please visit [sendnetwork.com/planterfunding](http://sendnetwork.com/planterfunding) for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.

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