



**N.C. CHURCH PLANTING HIGHLIGHT: AUGUST 2, 2020**

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GRACE HILL CHURCH | PITTSBORO, N.C.

In the heart of the Piedmont, the town of Pittsboro in Chatham County sits about midway between Raleigh and Asheboro. Drive down the main street there and you might think you're in TV's Mayberry, where Andy and Barney used to live. Stroll along the sidewalk and window shop its row of lively stores, then grab a soda at the old-time drug store or meet a friend for a bite to eat in a hometown restaurant. It's southern small town charm at its best.

But talk to Lee Callicutt and he will tell you another side to the story: this area, in the middle of North Carolina, is one of the top pockets of lostness in our state. That means there's a large concentration of people who are not involved in any church. In fact, the county's experienced a steady decline in the number of professing Christians over the last decade. That sad reality, coupled with an expected significant population growth over the next several years, has prompted Lee to help plant a new church called Grace Hill Church.

The Grace Hill Church worshipers meet in an old agriculture building near the middle of Pittsboro, where they seek the glory of God and the good of their neighbors by sharing the gospel in the heart of the community. Our church is supporting Lee and this new church through our Cooperative Program giving. That's also how we support the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which has provided training and support to Lee through their Church Planting Team.

As we pray now for Lee and this new church, let's ask God to help us see lostness as He does.