



**N.C. CHURCH PLANTING HIGHLIGHT: DECEMBER 20, 2020**

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## **BRANDON MEADOWS**

VERTICAL CHURCH BLADEN | ELIZABETHTOWN, N.C.

If you drive down Highway 87 from Fayetteville, you will find yourself in Elizabethtown, North Carolina, in Bladen County. Then, if you turn onto West Broad street, you'll see an old car showroom — while you can't upgrade your vehicle here anymore, you might just find a whole new perspective for your life.

This converted building that once housed shiny new cars is now home to Vertical Church Bladen. The passion of this body of believers is to encourage people to look vertically to God in the midst of their own cluttered lives and ask Him to transform them.

Today, let's pray for Brandon Meadows, who planted Vertical Church Bladen. Brandon is one of the church planters our church supports here in North Carolina through our Cooperative Program giving. As we lift up Brandon and his family, we can also thank God for blessing Vertical Church and its community. Attendance there has grown so quickly, they had to start having two Sunday services soon after they moved in — the best kind of problem for a church to have.

Brandon's church in Bladen County is one of several church plants that have blossomed from Vertical Church in Lumberton, a church started by Mike Pittman. Mike now heads the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's church planting team and helps lead the effort to establish new churches.

New churches are needed in other communities around Elizabethtown and Brandon is eager to see new churches planted by the Baptist State Convention in those pockets of lostness. Today, let's thank God for Brandon and Vertical Church and ask for His help in starting more churches like it.