

# highpoint



## ascending leaders

equipping churches for Christ-centered discipleship



## Co-lab Momentum Grows

Grants enable smaller churches to receive quality discipleship coaching

**#1: Kansas**  
2019–2021

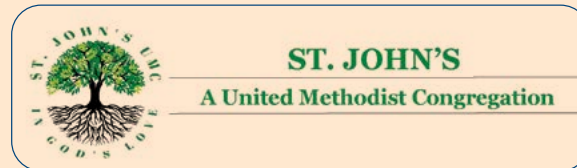


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF GREENSBURG, KS



Greensburg Christian Church

**#2: East Texas MCs**  
2021–2023



Linden Methodist  
Church

**#3: Kansas**  
2022–2024



**#4: Northeast Texas GMCs**  
2023–2025



First Methodist  
Diboll



First Methodist  
Gladewater



**#5: New Co-lab**  
2024–2026



## Co-lab #1 2019–2021

### Two Churches in Greensburg, Kansas

Pastor Jon Harrison of Greensburg Christian Church says:

- “The co-lab equipped our church with a clear vision for discipleship.
- We made many significant changes to our programs, practices, and worship services that produced better learning, engagement, and spiritual growth across our congregation.
- We have seen a marked improvement in spiritual disciplines as well as a sense of “ownership” and increased involvement in our ministries.
- Several congregants have made comments such as: ‘I’m learning so much;’ ‘The Bible makes sense now;’ and ‘I’m connecting with my children over Scripture.’
- We continue to see dividends and a changed church culture from this co-lab nearly 3 years later!”



Pastor Jon Harrison and coach Mike Johnson

## Co-lab #2 2021–2023

### Two Methodist Churches in East Texas

Pastor Stephanie Hughes of St. John's United Methodist Church says:

- “The co-lab made us ready to move forward into this season after COVID.
- Our RENOVO assessment at the end of the co-lab showed positive progress, which would have likely been more positive had it not been for the COVID hang ups.
- There is a renewed energy in our church for moving forward with discipleship.”



Pastors Cindy Riddick & Stephanie Hughes



# Co-lab #3 2022–2024

## Three Methodist Churches in Kansas

Pastor Jordan McFall of The Goddard Church says:

“Our participation in the co-lab has helped us so far in three big ways:

- The discipleship survey was invaluable in revealing a key starting point in helping people move past a significant wall of unforgiveness.
- Understanding and clearly communicating the faith stages has helped individuals identify where they are and how they might grow as disciples.
- The entire process has helped lay a solid foundation for us to launch off of as we move forward in building a clear discipleship pathway.”



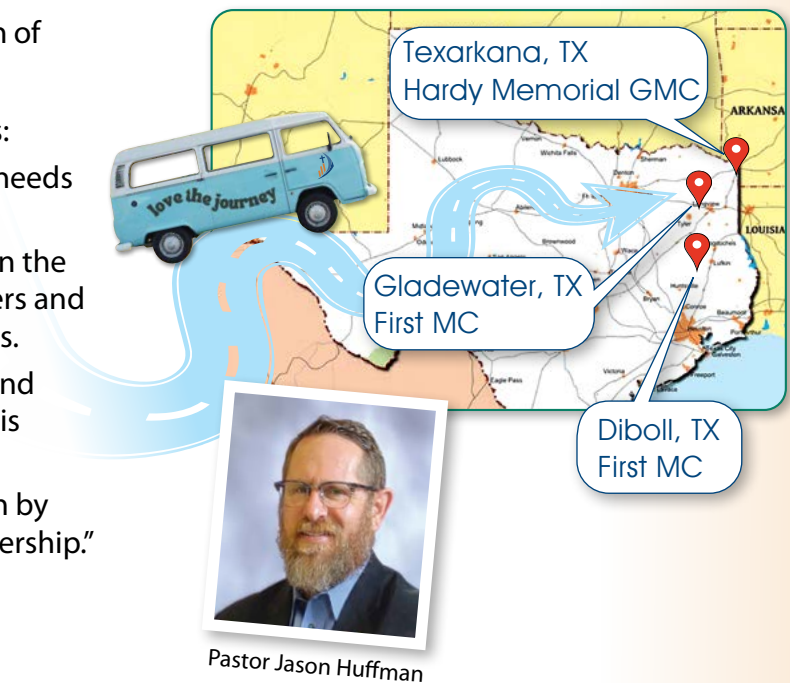
# Co-lab #4 2023–2025

## Three Global Methodist Churches in Northeast Texas – Beginning in September

Pastor Jason Huffman of First Methodist Church of Diboll says:

“I am looking forward to the co-lab helping us:

- To assess the spiritual and/or discipleship needs of the congregation.
- To help develop systematic ways to deepen the discipleship of our church, both as members and as a congregation, based on spiritual needs.
- To utilize connections with other pastors and churches in similar contexts to expedite this growth process.
- To increase the overall health of the church by increasing the spiritual health of its membership.”





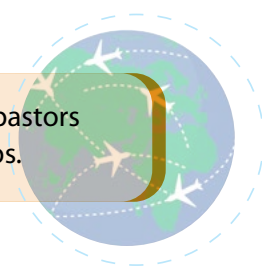
## AL is awarded grant for small churches

The Oldham Little Church Foundation granted Ascending Leaders \$12,000 earlier this year to underwrite the bulk of coaching for several small churches.



### For Prayer

Pray for the village churches of our international work where pastors are discipling new believers and beginning discipleship groups.



## Tues. Nov. 28 is **GI**NGTUESDAY

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2023

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