

Church Planting Thresholds: Prepare

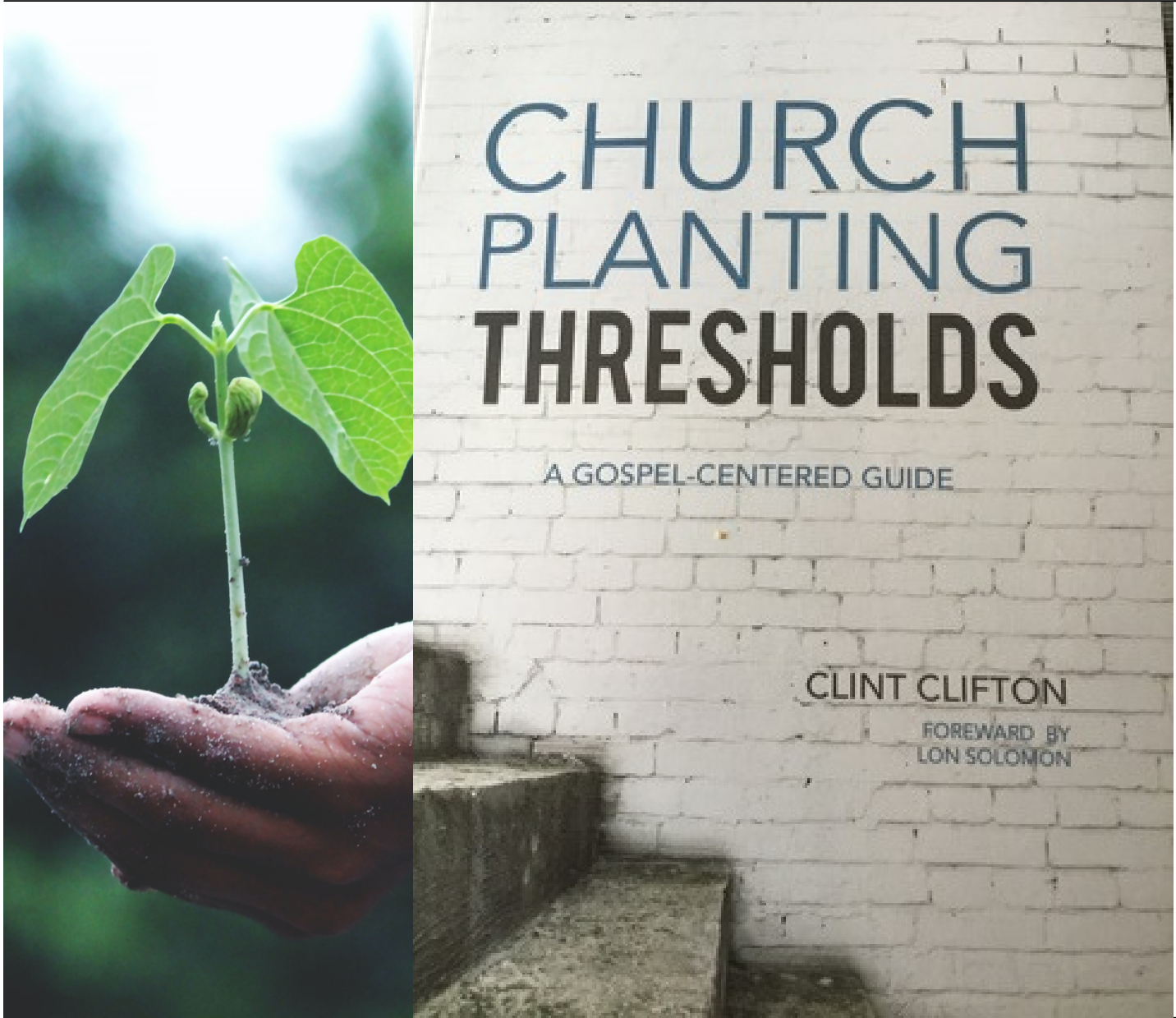




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Introduction

On March 29, 2022 the LBBA New Work group met to pray, discuss, and learn about church planting; particularly in the context of Hopkins and Webster Counties. Attending were AMS Bill Egbert, Pastors Nick Duvall, Tony Lipford, Lee Davis, Jonathan Lail, JD Holt, Shawn Thurby, and KBC Church Planting Assoc. Toby DeHay

The group looked at some demographics in the Hopkins County area.

The team was split into the three smaller groups previously established and were encouraged to prayer walk specific areas in Hopkins County.

The group then spent the remainder of the evening reviewing chapter two of Church Planting Thresholds by Clint Clifton. The next meeting was set for April 12, 2022, at 630p at the LBBA office.

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Chapter Two: Prepare

What did we learn about preparation?

We talked about soul searching-you need to do it! Is the planter really called by the Lord? Has he counted the cost of planting? What does his wife and family think? Have they prayed together and do they both feel the call to plant a church?

- More praying, reading, asking. The planter needs to spend more time praying and discovering his call. Reading books, talking to godly pastors and friends, and interviewing planters, associational leaders, and others is extremely helpful.

- Dichotomy of pastor and dad/husband-one affects the other. We spent much time talking about Clifton's idea of blended ministry. We loved the idea!

- Godliness in how you treat your family. We spent time asking ourselves hard questions and listening as a brother asked his wife, "Have I been a good husband? Do I treat you well and in a godly manner?" What a humble spirit! We were blessed to listen and learn from this brother.

With which statements/thoughts in this chapter did you resonate or agree?

- Awareness of the work of Satan.
- The spiritual element of leadership and church planting
- Danger in the extremes of spiritual warfare.
- Satan has no ultimate authority over the believer.
- Build a group of accountability

What do we struggle with based on this chapter?

- Blend over balance. We need to do a better job blending our ministry instead of trying to find a balance.
- Involve family in ministry with joy. Some in the group felt they have not done a great job at involving family and would encourage other leaders to involve their family in a healthy way that highlights their gifts and talents.
- We should shelter our family from some of the hurts of ministry. Sometimes ministry work comes with hurts and pain. Our kids don't need to hear all, but they don't need to be completely sheltered as well.

What are your thoughts on ministry calendaring?

- Build the ministry calendar around the family calendar. Be careful to not neglect your family OR ministry at the expense of always needing to do something with family.
- Don't let other people dictate your calendar or ministry/family needs. When you have something planned, don't allow someone else to force you to change your calendar due to bullying, guilt trips, or a perceived emergency. Protect your own calendar with wisdom and use it as you schedule future events.

Resources

•Hoover's *Church Planting Wife* book: https://www.amazon.com/Church-Planting-Wife-Help-Heart/dp/0802406386/ref=sr_1_1?crid=141JRYR078I4U&keywords=church+planting+wife&qid=1648580019&srefix=church+planting+wife%2Caps%2C111&sr=8-1

•Multiply West KY April 21: Please come share, learn, and fellowship!
<https://kbc.regfox.com/multiplywestkyapril2022>

•Wellbeing Webinar-free registration: Topic-Social Intimacy with others.
<https://kbc.regfox.com/wellbeingwebinar-social>

Planter Portal list of planters: <https://tinyurl.com/mryfatsb>

