

STARTING POINT



WELCOME TO STARTING POINT!

Whether you're new to Long Hollow or have been here for a while, you've come to the right place. We believe that church isn't just a place to spend an hour on Sunday mornings; church is a family of believers where every person matters and every person plays a role.

We believe that God is calling everyone at Long Hollow to take part in the life-changing mission of the Gospel. That's why we created Starting Point — we want to help you find and take the next step on your own journey. Maybe you're looking for a place to connect at Long Hollow. maybe you want to find out how God has wired you and find ways to use those gifts. It may be that you want to know more about Christianity in the first place. No matter what your next step is, this is the place to start.

During the two sessions of Starting Point, you'll discover:

- What it means to be a Spirit-led follower of Jesus
- How to find a regular connection point at Long Hollow
- Tools to discover your calling and use your gifts
- How to spread the Good News in your own circle of impact

Each session consists of a quick video and some meaningful questions to think through your own journey. You can take part in person or online and start wherever you like, but we recommend starting with Session 1 for the best experience.

No matter how you join us, we encourage you to complete both sessions and prayerfully consider what your next step is. We can't wait to see how God works in and through you at Long Hollow!

OUR MISSION

Living
out our
God-given
calling as we
follow Jesus
and make
disciples
every day.

It's a simple mission, but one that drives everything we do as a body of believers. Through our gatherings as a church family and the individual callings of our people, our goal is to disciple everyone we meet to a thriving and vibrant relationship with Jesus.

WHAT SHOULD A DISCIPLE LOOK LIKE?

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When you look to the scriptures, we think there are 4 key traits that are reflected in every healthy disciple: They're a Spirit-led follower, an intentional friend, a humble guide, and a force for good.

We'll discuss these traits in detail in Session 1 of Starting Point. Use the questions below as a guide to help identify the areas where you need to grow personally.



SPIRIT-LED FOLLOWER What scripture is currently shaping me? What has my attention, thoughts, and energy?



INTENTIONAL FRIEND Who feels like they can call me at 2 a.m.? Which relationships am I currently investing in?



HUMBLE GUIDE Who am I helping take one step closer to Jesus? Who am I discipling?



FORCE FOR GOOD How am I living out my God-given calling? How am I leaving a legacy that matters?

WHO IS LONG HOLLOW?

Long Hollow is one church that gathers weekly in Hendersonville and online across the globe. From a small group of committed believers to the thousands that gather to worship every weekend, our story is filled with examples of God moving among ordinary people to do an unimaginable work in an unlikely place.

It's hard to summarize all of the ways God has moved in our midst throughout the years, but the following is a brief timeline of our past.



1977

LONG HOLLOW BEGINS - Pastor W.W. Harrison launches Long Hollow Baptist Church with a deep heart for evangelism.



1979

WE BUILD OUR FIRST BUILDING - Long Hollow purchases 33 acres on a sleepy country road and builds its first building, seating 250 people.



1986

GERRY CLAYBROOK BECOMES OUR SECOND PASTOR - God expands our faith family as we strive to be salt and light in our local community.



1988

WE BUILD IN RESPONSE TO GROWTH - Our church continues to grow, and we respond by building a new space that can hold four times as many families as the previous building.



1996

A SEASON OF CHANGE - The church begins a new season with no staff and many financial challenges. We earnestly pray as Gene Mims serves as the Interim Pastor.



1997

LONG HOLLOW WELCOMES DAVID LANDRITH - God brings David Landrith to serve as our third pastor in what will become an amazing new season of life change and growth.



2005

GOD MOVES AMONG US - God ushers in an unprecedented season of growth as we undertake new initiatives to expand our reach and more than 3,000 people join us each week.



2009

A CALL TO RADICAL COMPASSION - God continues to move in our church family as more than 5,000 join us each week and we build orphanages in Haiti and Uganda.

2013

AN UNEXPECTED CHALLENGE - Even in the midst of his serious cancer diagnosis, Pastor David Landrith leads Long Hollow to reach more people than ever with the hope of the Gospel.

2014

GOD IS FAITHFUL - Our church mourns the loss of Pastor David Landrith, but not as those without hope. God is faithful to our church family.

2015

LONG HOLLOW LOOKS FORWARD - Kevin Ezell serves as our Interim Pastor until the church enthusiastically calls Robby Gallaty to serve as our fourth pastor.

2016

A HEART FOR DISCIPLESHIP - Long Hollow combines its DNA of outreach and evangelism with Pastor Robby's heart for discipleship, launching hundreds of new Discipleship Groups.

2020

EXPANDING OUR REACH - As the COVID-19 pandemic brings the world to a halt, we launch a new Online Campus that allows us to reach more people than ever before.

2021

PURSUING GOD'S FACE - God shows up in a powerful way as Pastor Robby calls us to radical prayer and more than 700 people get baptized in only three months.

2022

STARTING A NEW LEGACY - Long Hollow breaks ground on the Legacy Park Project in an effort to open our campus to families in the community 7 days a week.

MEET PASTOR ROBBY



Robby has served as Long Hollow's Senior Pastor since 2015. He wasn't always a pastor, though. For three years, he battled a drug addiction that ravaged his life. A \$180 a day heroin and cocaine addiction forced him to steal \$15,000 from his parents. After living without gas, electricity, and water for months, losing eight of his friends to drug related deaths, watching six friends arrested, and completing two rehab treatments, Robby remembered the gospel that was shared with him by a friend in college and was radically saved on November 12, 2002.

Eight months later, David Platt, a seminary student and church member at the time, asked Robby to meet weekly for accountability, prayer, and Bible study. For the next two years, David installed a passion for missions, expository preaching, and disciple-making in his life. He also encouraged Robby to go back to school to pursue theological education.

Robby completed his Masters of Divinity Degree in Expository Preaching in 2007 and his Ph.D. in Preaching in 2011 from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Today, Robby's gospel conviction and evangelistic zeal drive him to passionately "make disciples who make disciples."

In addition to his leadership at Long Hollow, Robby is also the founder of Replicate Ministries and the author of several books, including *Growing Up*, *Rediscovering Discipleship*, and *Recovered*.

Robby and his beautiful wife, Kandi, have two sons, Rig and Ryder.

WHAT WE BELIEVE



Long Hollow is part of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Tennessee Baptist Convention. You can find a detailed overview of our beliefs (and the scriptures that inform them) on our website.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/BELIEFS](https://longhollow.com/beliefs)

WHO IS JESUS?

Everything we do as a church, and the reason we exist in the first place, is because of God's gift of forgiveness through his son Jesus. More than anything else, we want you to know that God loves you and has a plan for your life!

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/JESUS](https://longhollow.com/jesus)



OUR MINISTRY PLAN



When you give at Long Hollow, you're supporting the ministry that takes place every day in and through our church. Each year we publish a detailed ministry plan explaining the vital ministries your gifts support. You can find this year's ministry plan on our website.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/MINISTRYPLAN](https://longhollow.com/ministryplan)

OUR MISSION AND GETTING CONNECTED

Our Mission

Living out our God-given _____

as we _____ and _____

_____ every day.

What Should a Disciple Look Like?

- _____ - _____ follower
- Intentional _____
- _____ guide
- Force for _____

We want everyone at Long Hollow to participate in 3 ways:

- By joining us in a _____
- By finding a _____
- By spreading the Gospel in your unique _____

The 2 most common connection points are:

- _____
- _____



LEARN MORE ABOUT LIFE GROUPS

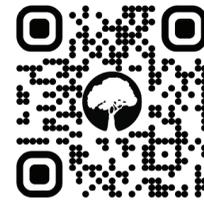
Life Groups meet in locations all around our community in groups of 8-12 throughout the week. You can learn more about Life Groups on our website.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/LIFEGROUPS](https://longhollow.com/lifegroups)

FIND WAYS TO CONNECT FOR KIDS AND STUDENTS

LH Kids and LH Students offer opportunities for kids and students to connect and grow with their peers in groups on a weekly basis. You can learn more on our website.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM](https://longhollow.com)



CONNECT WITH OTHERS THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

Serving at Long Hollow is a great way to connect with others as you use your gifts to make a difference. You can learn more about volunteering on our website.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/VOLUNTEERING](https://longhollow.com/volunteering)

LEARN MORE ABOUT BAPTISM

Whether you were saved this week or even 20 years ago, baptism is an important step of obedience in your spiritual journey. You can learn more about baptism and schedule your own on our website.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/BAPTISM](https://longhollow.com/baptism)



BECOME A MEMBER AT LONG HOLLOW

As you work through this course, don't miss one of the important commitments you can make with your church family: becoming a member! You can learn more about membership on our website.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/MEMBER](https://longhollow.com/member)

YOUR CALLING AND IMPACT

Scripture describes the Church as one _____ with many _____.

God has given each of us unique _____ to help build up _____ and spread the Gospel.



Take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Visit this link to take the quick spiritual gifts quiz that's mentioned in Session 2. You can use the results to help you find a place to serve at Long Hollow or in the community.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/GIFTS](https://longhollow.com/gifts)

Write down your dominant spiritual gifts:

We want everyone at Long Hollow to make disciples

within their _____ .

Your circle of impact includes God's unique _____ on your life, your

unique _____, and the unique _____ you have to reach people that maybe no one else does.

3 common ways to engage your circle of impact:

- Lead a _____ Group, _____ Group, or _____ Team.
- Make _____ a part of your lifestyle.
- Start a _____ using your passions and convictions.



DISCOVER YOUR CALLING

Attend our next Discover Your Calling course to take a deep dive into God's design for your life. Courses are available multiple times a year. Find the schedule for the next course on our website.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/DISCOVER](https://longhollow.com/discover)

LEARN MORE ABOUT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

D-Groups are gender-specific groups of 3-5 that form organically and typically meet for about a year. You can learn more about D-Groups on our website.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/DGROUPS](https://longhollow.com/dgroups)



TRY OUT SERVING AT SERVE LINK

Would you like to see what volunteering looks like in a specific ministry for a weekend? Sign up to be a part of our next Serve Link Sunday. You can learn more and save your spot on our website..

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/SERVELINK](https://longhollow.com/serveLink)

LEARN MORE ABOUT CHURCH PLANTING, MISSION TRIPS, AND LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of ways you can join God where He's working to make a difference here and around the world. You can learn more about current opportunities on our website.

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/MISSIONS](https://longhollow.com/missions)



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[LONGHOLLOW.COM/GIVE](https://longhollow.com/give)

BECOME A MEMBER

Many of the “next steps” we’ve discussed throughout Starting Point are obvious. After all, it’s easy to see the need to grow with others in a group or find a place where you can use your gifts. As you wrap up this course, don’t miss one of the important commitments you can make with your church family: becoming a member!

Once you see all God wants to do in and through you here, you can’t help but want to get off the sidelines and be a part of this family. Becoming a member means you’re committed to being an active part of the work God is doing here, and giving us the opportunity to commit to care for you. Being a church member is one of the best ways you can put your gifts to work and make a difference at Long Hollow and in our community.

We have only a few simple requirements for membership:

- You have entered into a saving relationship with Jesus
(The most important thing!)
- You have been biblically baptized by immersion
- You have completed both sessions of Starting point
- You have completed an interview with a church deacon
(We want to hear your story!)



Ready to become a member? Simply check the box when you complete either Starting Point session, or fill out the quick form at [LONGHOLLOW.COM/NEXT](https://longhollow.com/next)

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