

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Fort Mill SDA Church is to proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel in the context of the Three Angel's messages of Revelation 12:6-12. The commission of Jesus Christ compels us to lead others to accept Jesus as their personal savior and to unite with His church, and nurture them in preparation for His soon return. This is at the heart of the church's mission and is accomplished through preaching, teaching, and healing ministries.

**Goal:** Let's go home!

**Focus:** IOU (Inreach, Outreach, Upreach)

**History:** Began meeting as small group Bible study in the Fort Mill area 2 years ago. We restarted the Bible study group in August of 2012 with purpose to start a church plant. Have met twice weekly for Bible study and church planning since that time as well as one Sabbath afternoon per month for fellowship. We started with four core families with 8 baptized adults, 5 baptized children, and 4 unbaptized children. We now stand at 17 baptized adults, 5 baptized children, and 8 soon to be 9 unbaptized children.

**Location:** We chose the Fort Mill, SC area for several reasons. It is home to many of us. It is at least a 35 minute drive from the nearest SDA church. As a bedroom community of Charlotte, there is a significant population to reach for Christ. The Fort Mill population is about 12,000. The surrounding area adds another 65,000-70,000 souls.

**Year 2013 Growth Plan:**

- 1) Continued weekly Bible study and weekly church planning meetings
- 2) Mailing of interest cards in our area in preparation for Charlotte4Christ meetings
- 3) Local advertisement of "new" church in community prior to public launch
- 4) Scheduled Launch of public Sabbath meetings on August 3, 2013
- 5) Support for Charlotte4Christ in our community
- 6) Split large group weekly Bible study groups into 3 small regional groups to allow for further growth
- 7) Change weekly church planning meeting into group-wide prayer meeting (mid-week service)
- 8) Monthly Sabbath afternoon evangelism mini-seminars
- 9) Two full evangelistic series in first year
- 10) Leverage Medical background of group for yearly community health fair, quarterly "dinner with the Doctor", and quarterly cooking schools
- 11) Double membership in first year (22 baptized members to 44)

**Year 2014 Growth Plan:**

- 1) Continue regional small group Bible study splitting as necessary to keep groups effective**
- 2) Continue interest cards and Bible study request cards in local area**
- 3) Continue monthly Sabbath afternoon evangelism mini-seminars**
- 4) Four full evangelistic series per year**
- 5) Continue Health Ministry focus**
- 6) Double membership in second year (44 baptized members to 88)**
- 7) Evaluate areas for additional plant(s) (Lake Wylie/ Steele Creek area, Ballantyne/Pineville/Waxhaw area)**