

Robbins presentation

I would like to say **thank you** all for having us here today.

We were given the opportunity to come in and **propose an idea** of *what it would look like* to establish a ministry in the old police station.

First of all its an **honor** to be considered and we are not taking it lightly that you are inviting us into this, and we are **not assuming** that everyone on the board and decision makers are as welcoming to the idea of us coming in. **Some are for it and some may not be**, I *understand*.

I *represent* our **church**, our **elders**, and our **staff** – **Our hope today** is not to *sway* you, *motivate* you or *win* you over. Its to be *honest* about who we are, and discuss in **conversation**, not monologue how we can **partner together** for a better Robbins.

I want to communicate our heart, its not to come in and take over, nor to come in with an agenda. Our posture before is the same as today, we love Robbins, perhaps not as much as you, but we are a church that has a deep desire to see cities renewed, flourishing, for people to come fully alive. Not just now, but long term. We desire to **partner** with you in **moving forward together**.

This presentation has 3 parts. (SLIDE)

History – talk about ‘grace in the park’ and its effects on Robbins.

The **research** – we have entered into a few relationships and conversations with others who have done what we are talking about doing.

The **Idea** – this is our proposal moving forward base on our history, our research, and spending time with you hearing what would be best for Robbins.

Before first off, I want to talk about our **history** with Robbins.

We have been present in the city with our local missions with a heart for this town.

Presentation SLIDES of impact.

In **July** we met with **City Manager Clint Mack** for a while, and later met up with **Mayor Cameron Dockery** that day. Our meeting was filled with asking questions, taking notes and listening.

Primarily asking - ***what does Robbins need and how can we partner with you*** to accomplish what you guys see when you look in the future. (SLIDE)

We have done our homework.

I have been in conversation with **2 individuals** that have done this in other cities. Come into support and serve a city. One has been in muslims countries for 29 years and is now living in **Colorado** teaching at a university what they have done in opening businesses for city impact and for the good news of Gods kingdom to work through the businesses.

The other is in **Aldin** (ILL) and he has written a book about the impact they have made in a low income city where they opened a similar idea that we are proposing which was a community gathering place. A coffee shop that is now _____ (share stats and business plan, difference they make, jobs provided money made, etc.)

The Idea (SLIDE)

After **listening to you**, and hearing from **two parties** who have done something similar.

A two story, two fold idea.

First floor – for profit

Second floor – no profit.

We would like to propose a **for-profit** business of a gathering place called The Living Room.

It's a coffee shop, smoothie, wraps that are healthy but not expensive. gathering place that would be the living room of the city. A central hub of communication for the city, where the town council could meet, families could come for a break, small businesses could hold meetings, remote workers.

Rented spaces where people can come lead classes on health, fitness, and overall well-being.

And a **non-profit** that supplies an after school program. Medical attention, training areas to help train the city for job placement, interview training, and skills like language and even technical skills to teach for potential jobs. We have someone in the church who is leading a adoption and foster ministry that is beginning to launch and they could possibly be present here in this building.

As well as open spaces for weekly meetings like city hall, town council meetings, anyone working remote, or just a quiet space of a change in scenery.

See the architectural plans. **(these can be changed and modified** but this was a start.

We are invested, and interested in partnering with you for the future of Robbins (MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER)



Economic & Community Impact Statement

Proposed by [Grace Church]

Proposed for [Robbins] | 9,583 sq. ft. Redevelopment of Police Station

◆ Executive Summary

Our church is honored to bring forward a vision for the **redevelopment of a currently vacant, city-owned, 9,500 sq. ft. Police station building** located in the heart of downtown. This two-story structure will be transformed into a dual-purpose facility that serves both economic and social needs of our growing community:

- **First floor:** Gathering space with a **locally operated coffee shop**, open 6 days a week
- **Second floor:** A **nonprofit center** offering **medical support, job and language training, family/adoption counseling**.



1. Capital Investment & Job Creation



Renovation Phase

- **\$1,000,000 renovation** (materials, labor, services)

- Funded through **grants and loans**
- **100% of contractors and suppliers** to be sourced **locally**
- Estimated **\$1.5M–\$1.7M** indirect economic impact (multiplier effect)



Construction Impact

- ~25–35 local jobs created during the build phase (short-term)
 - Boost to local suppliers: electrical, HVAC, flooring, paint, design
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2. Ongoing Jobs & Economic Activity



Coffee Shop (For-Profit, Ground Floor)

- Open **6 days/week**, full-service café
 - **4–6 local jobs** created (baristas, café manager, cleaners)
 - Food trucks invited **monthly or quarterly**, including:
 - Partnerships with **local and regional vendors**
 - Revenue generation for **other small businesses**
 - Space available for **community gatherings, local entrepreneurs, and public events**
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3. Nonprofit Services (Second Floor)



Community-Focused Services (Volunteer-Driven)

- **Medical triage & support** (basic services)
- **Language + job training rooms** (by appointment/as-needed)
- **Marriage, family, adoption, and parenting classes**
- **Part-time admin role** funded by grants/donations
- Launch phase: **~200–300 clients served in first 6 months**, scaling over time



Key Community Partnerships

- Local schools (family mentoring, education support)
 - Local businesses (job readiness, referrals)
 - Civic and law enforcement collaboration on family strengthening
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4. Site-Specific Community Development

- Currently **vacant, abandoned** structure: an eyesore in central downtown
- Transfer of ownership from city to church
- Renovation will **revitalize a dead zone** and activate foot traffic
- Creates a **gathering and healing space** for underserved families and youth

5. Projected Long-Term Value

- Local employment, community education, and health outcomes
- Reduction in isolation, at-risk youth behavior, and family stress
- **Catalyst site** for broader downtown development
- Brings **public-private-faith synergy** into the heart of the city

What We Are Asking:

- Support from the city for **property transfer**
- Possible **infrastructure assistance** (plumbing, parking, inspections)
- Partnership for **shared community goals** in education, family, and economic health

summary

1-2 million in economic impact

Around 10 jobs created.

200 clients served in the first year.

20-30 temp construction jobs.

Community and family impact to support partnership with Robbins for the long-term future.