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Saddleback's Pastor Rick Warren wrote *The Purpose Driven Church* in 1995 with the sole intention of shifting the pastoral paradigm for leaders. Today, the Purpose Driven model is reaching a new generation of pastors around the world. Local pastor, Dr. Stacy L. Spencer is one. In fact, the team at Warren's *Purpose Driven Church Conference* was so taken by Spencer's story of urban ministry that they selected him out of thousands of pastors to be featured on the home page of their website, pd.church, this week.

During a once in a lifetime encounter at Warren's church this summer, Spencer decided to shift his entire perspective on ministry after 16 years of pastoring. Using Warren's model for church leadership structure, Spencer selected 5 pastors to help him shoulder the load of magnifying God, welcoming members, introducing believers to ministry, maturing followers of Christ and preparing disciples for missions.

These 5 M's of magnification, membership, ministry, maturity and missions are now the anchors of Spencer's church and the blueprint for all activity that he oversees. Since launching the new approach, Spencer has seen an increase in engagement from his members in their connect groups, financial empowerment classes and large fellowship activities like the church picnic. To further this new vision, Spencer is gearing up to launch worship services that better meet the needs of people near his church in Hickory Hill and it's sister campus in Collierville. Spencer is doing this while also launching an additional experience that offers a fresh approach to worship on Saturday nights for one hour beginning January 6, 2018.

To learn more about Dr. Spencer and New Direction Christian Church or to join in on their **40 Days of Prayer** initiative, head to n2newdirection.org. To read the article written by Rick Warren's team about him, head to pd.church.

Dr. Stacy L. Spencer founded New Direction Christian Church 16 years ago in Memphis, TN. To date, the church has launched a campus in Holly Springs, MS & Idutwya, South Africa along with campuses in Memphis & Collierville, TN. Over 22,000 souls have been transformed under Spencer's leadership and as 2018 approaches, he is setting out to reach thousands more.

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