



Most of the population of Scotland County
is within 10 minutes of Laurinburg

By the Numbers (City/County)

2017 Estimates (factfinder.census.gov)

Population:	2010
15,320 / 36,157	17.3%
Median family income:	
\$28,187 / \$32,739	
Median home value:	
\$98,300 / \$85,200	
Poverty Rate:	
33.8% / 29.8%	



2018
6.9%

Racial Demographics

Black.....	46.7% / 38.7%
White.....	41.1% / 44.9%
American Indian....	6.9% / 11.2%

Education (population over age 25)

81.5% High School Graduate or higher
20.5% Bachelor's Degree or higher

Age Demographics

Median age: 37.5	
Under 18.....	25.9%
18-24.....	10.4%
25-44.....	21.9%
45-64.....	24.5%
Over 64.....	17.3%



The **first** PCA church in Laurinburg, Scotland County, NC!

The Central Carolina Presbytery is committed to planting a gospel-centered, reformed church in Scotland County. As the population center, Laurinburg provides a great location from which to reach the entire County with the gospel.

This church will be started from scratch with the support of other church planters and established PCA churches in the presbytery.

Laurinburg is located along major four-lane highways and less than 30 minutes away from

Interstate 95 which runs from Maine to Florida. Although the economy has taken an upward turn,

this rural area suffers from a substance abuse epidemic, low school performance grades, and high rates of unemployment, poverty and crime.



While there are about 120 churches in Laurinburg, 60% of the population of Scotland County does not claim any religious affiliation. There is little to no reformed presence and the nearest PCA church is about 30 minutes away.

Believing the gospel's influence in a culture is an unparalleled agent of change, this new church will be able to not only transform individual lives, but also come alongside the existing organizations that have been working toward the health of the community to both encourage and assist them.

Local Highlights

30 miles to the famous Pinehurst golf courses

Mountains, beaches, and the amenities of the city of Raleigh are less than 2 hours away

Average temp is 63 degrees

Home of Scotland Correctional Institution, a men's prison

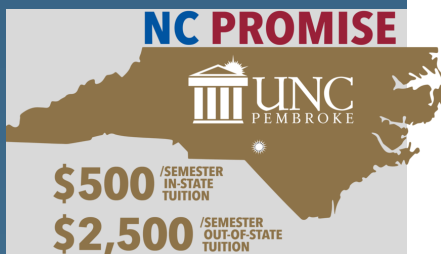
Home to St. Andrews University



St. Andrews University Bell Tower

Richmond Community College offers an early college program for high school students on the St. Andrews campus

20 miles to UNC Pembroke




Commerce/Employment

Top employers are in the areas of healthcare, education, and government

Fort Bragg, about 45 miles NE, highest populated US Army base



Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and connects with unbelievers
- Great perseverance and desire to put down roots
- Strong desire to work in a racially diverse community 
- Open to bi-vocational ministry
- A strong preacher - effective communicator - able to preach Christ crucified

Support

- Coaching available from experienced church planters and collaboration with pastors from area
- Presbytery committed to church planting
- Close proximity to The Center for Church Planting on the nearby campus of RTS/Charlotte

Imagine

Picture God actively calling a people to himself throughout Scotland County.

Picture a church plant freely offering God's grace and making disciples by baptizing them and teaching them to observe what Christ commanded.

Picture a church plant that preserves the poor and the wealthy, marriages and families, relationships and neighborhoods through the grace of Christ.

Picture a church plant where 'all the believers have all things in common' (Acts 2:44)... where mercy and grace transform polarity into unity.

Picture a gospel saturated, missional church plant in Laurinburg, NC that joins hands with a presbytery committed to planting more churches.

Can you see it?

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Wayfinding signs were a recent Community Development improvement