

Irondale, Alabama is probably best known for the Irondale Café, a historic restaurant which served as the inspiration for the Whistle Stop Cafe in the novel and film “Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe.”

It is a suburb of Birmingham in Jefferson County, Alabama and is located about 300 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico.

The city’s website communicates

their desire to build community through their “e” plan: environment, education, eco-tourism, economic development, and employee empowerment.

Providence Presbytery and the Alabama Church Planting Network hope to build community through evangelism. Working together they hope to extend the gospel’s reach and will provide support to a church plant in the form of people,

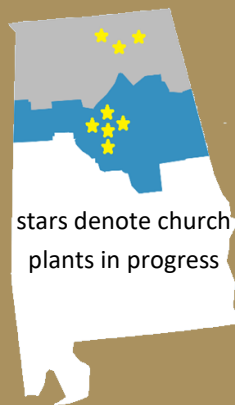
prayer, finances, mentoring, and logistics.

By the grace of God, this church plant will bring spiritual growth to this area that is hungry for community.

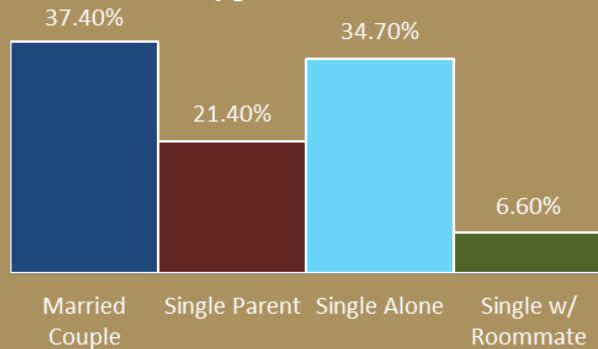


By the Numbers (Zip 35210)

Population:	13,569
Median Family Income:	\$44,975
Poverty Rate:	15.7%
Median Home Value:	\$132,300
Crime index for Huntsville:	311
(US Average 236.5)	



Household Type

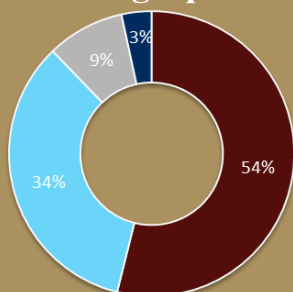


Education

(population over age 25)

- 88.5% High School Graduate or Higher
- 21.3% Bachelor’s Degree
- 11.6% Advanced Degree

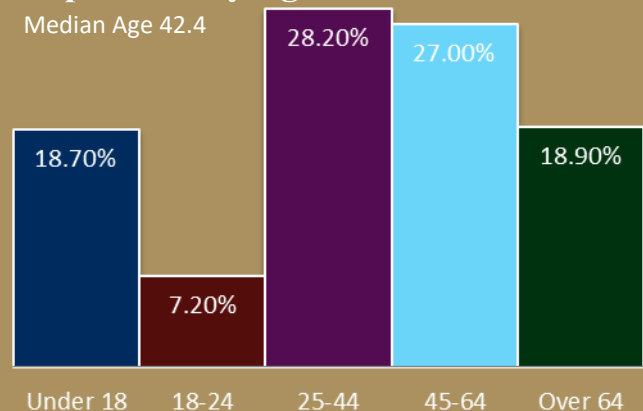
Racial Demographics



White Black Hispanic Other

Population by Age

Median Age 42.4



2017 statistics from US Census and city-data.com



Cahaba Landing Park



Irondale Train Watching Platform

Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and connects with unbelievers
- Effective communicator - able to communicate the gospel to a secular community

Support Network

- Presbytery committed and mobilized for church planting
- Encouragement from other church planters through the Alabama Church Planting Network

Vision

The kingdom of God expanding in Irondale
 A committed, reformed, confessional church
 A church plant that displays the love of Christ throughout its neighborhood and the world
 A gospel saturated, missional church plant in northeast Irondale that joins hands with a presbytery committed to planting more churches.



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Local Highlights	Jefferson County Employers	Estimated # of Employees
Located about 300 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico.	University of AL at Birmingham	23,000
Home of Eternal Word Television Network, EWTN, a media network which presents around-the-clock Catholic-themed programming.	Regions Financial Corp.	9,000
Cahaba Landing Park, 1 of 6 local parks, located along the Cahaba River offers a 1.5 mile nature trail, canoe launch pad, fishing spots and several picnic areas.	St. Vincent's Health System	5,100
Jefferson County School District Grade: C	Children's of Alabama	5,000
Jefferson County International Baccalaureate (a middle school in Irondale) Grade: A	AT&T	4,517
	Brookwood Baptist Health	4,459
	Jefferson Co. Board of Education	4,400
	City of Birmingham	4,200
	BC/BS of Alabama	3,100
	Alabama Power Co.	3,092