



## **Backgrounder**

Seacoast Church is a non-denominational Christian church with locations throughout South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. With a variety of church campuses and worship services, Seacoast ministers to over 7500 people each weekend.

Founded in 1988 by Greg Surratt, Seacoast Church began with sixty-five people meeting in an apartment clubhouse in Mount Pleasant, SC. In April of the same year the first public meetings were held in a rented theater with a vision for reaching out to people not involved in church. In an effort to reach those not interested in traditional church settings, Seacoast set out to approach the historical Christian teachings in a contemporary, unconventional way.

After using several buildings for worship and children's activities, in 1989 the church bought 14 acres of property near the intersection of Interstate 526 in Mount Pleasant, a site that continues to be home for the Seacoast's original and largest campus. The first auditorium was opened in November of 1991 and multiple services were added. Additional auditorium space was added in 1999, and 2006 saw the opening of significantly expanded children's facilities and worship space at the Mount Pleasant location.

In 2002, Seacoast began to expand its reach to multiple locations, all with a dedicated campus pastor yet served and supported by the full Seacoast staff. Each week attendees in the various locations experience live music and contemporary worship complemented by a relevant message delivered by Seacoast's senior pastor, Greg Surratt. Ministries and programs of Seacoast reach across church campuses to serve all members and visitors.

Seacoast Church now includes locations in Mount Pleasant, West Ashley, Summerville, Columbia, Irmo and Greenville as well as Savannah, GA, Asheville, NC, and Greensboro, NC.

Seacoast was recently named among the fifty most influential churches in America by "Church Growth Today." Based on the results of a survey of over 2000 church leaders in the nation, the rankings listed Seacoast at number 15.

For more information about Seacoast church, individual locations and service times, please visit [www.seacoast.org](http://www.seacoast.org).

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