



ANCHOR
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Annual Report

2019

WE HAVE THIS HOPE AS AN *anchor*
FOR THE SOUL, **FIRM** AND **SECURE**.
HEBREWS 6:19a

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REFLECTIONS

on 2019

Hebrews 6:19 says, “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” 2019 was an unpredictable voyage, filled with strong winds, unexpected currents, strange tides, rising swells and pounding waves. Many in our church were tested with health problems, broken relationships, loved ones passing away, and parenting struggles. Our church grieved as several trusted network Pastors disqualified themselves and promising partnerships came to an end. It was fitting that we rebranded as “Anchor Church” when we most needed an anchor tethering us to Christ.

Despite the challenges, 2019 was a year filled with evidence of God’s goodness. We celebrated our 10th Anniversary---a wonderful milestone for a congregation that began with 23 people! We spent a month commemorating our launch with special events like Food Truck Sunday, a church picnic, and a testimony banquet. We even had a donut wall!

In 2019, we welcomed 21 new members, baptized 9 people, had 59 attend Step 1, added 42 people to small groups, assigned people to Work for Christ positions on 23 ministry teams, sent 60 teams to the Ronald McDonald House, the Cook County Jail, Breakthrough Urban Ministries, and Naomi’s House, took 74 people through Freedom Groups, and hosted 200 kids during VBS---In the Wild---thanks to 100 volunteers!

We finished our series on “Romans: Nail it Down,” the students studied Proverbs and “Heroes of the Old Testament,” we offered 5 different Women’s Bible studies, and the men studied Judges. We continued our “Nail it Down” theme for Easter, and our Advent theme was “A Thrill of Hope.” We enjoyed fellowship with the Croslands (Wycliffe partners) and the Dawsons (Venezuela partners) at SBR Family Camp, hosted Pastor Alex (Vertical Kiev) in October, and invited Dave Harvey (GCC) to preach. We sent mission teams to Kiev and Bucharest, supported NSP (National School Project) as they reached 16,508 high school students with the Gospel, and collected 100% of our budget needed to fuel all these activities.

2019 humbled us, made us stronger, wiser, and more dependent on Christ. He is our *anchor*, and He holds us firmly through every storm!

Serving Jesus,
Pastor Ryan



Personal HIGHLIGHTS

Lauren and I joined our European mission teams and visited Kiev, Cluj and Bucharest.
The Croslands came to Silver Birch Ranch.
We brought Pastor Alex to the Museum of Science and Industry.
Jared got baptized.
We camped in Michigan.
I ran a Tough Mudder.

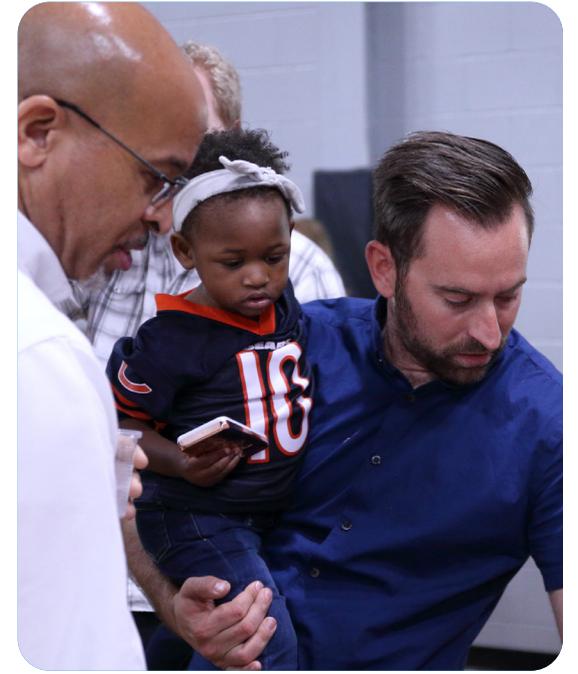


10TH ANNIVERSARY



2019 was a big year in the life of our church. We turned **10 years old!** We spent the entire month of September celebrating all that God has done with food trucks, special birthday services, an all-church picnic complete with Pastor Ryan being dunked in a dunk tank, a Baptism choir, launch team testimonies, and a banquet.





CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF *God's* FAITHFULNESS



AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

463

Easter

ADULTS 582

KIDS 104

686

21 | NEW MEMBERS



celebrated 10 YEARS



*a year anchored
in Christ*



116 | WORSHIP SONGS SUNG

23 NEW SONGS INTRODUCED

52 | VOLUNTEERS

30 CHOIR MEMBERS



Worship

EASTER

Our Good Friday and Easter services helped us celebrate the most important moment in human history - the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Good Friday, we gathered to remember the death of Christ. We took time to listen to the story of His arrest, trial, and execution. We celebrated communion at the foot of the cross and took tokens of remembrance from the communion table - nails tied with red ribbon.

On Easter morning, we celebrated with great joy the truth that Jesus is alive and victorious over sin and death. Together with a full choir we joined our voices to sing, "Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!" A highlight of the morning was hearing the choir sing the song, "Is He Worthy?"

The creative team researched, designed, and built an art gallery celebrating the five-hundredth anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The gallery highlighted the historical and religious contexts in which the Reformation occurred. Our church was invited to walk through the gallery and discover the timeline of events, important people, beautiful artwork, and even lesser-known events. It was clear walking through the gallery how God used the people, technology, and events of the time to spread the Gospel in powerful ways. And He is still doing the same in our time.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

This Advent season we focused on the coming of Jesus, and what He did for the weary world. How did a world blanketed in darkness suddenly see the light of the glory of Jesus Christ? The world was filled with "A Thrill of Hope," and we took time each week during Advent to see Jesus as the light of the world. Advent is also a time to look ahead to the coming of Christ while acknowledging the darkness and pain of life. Each of us experiences difficulty, temptations, trials, confusion, and fear, and it is in these places that Jesus shines His everlasting light. Isaiah 9:2 says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone." One highlight of Advent was hearing testimonies from Norma O'Connell and Christie Fetzer. They described how they have joy in Jesus in the midst of battles with cancer.

It was a blessing to have Andrew Holmes design the stage for Advent this year. Sarah Ly helped lead an adult choir to declare the peace of Christ. It was a blessing to have Mackenzie Paschen play violin with the worship team this year. Heidi Jasien and Lauren Hall coordinated the Anchor Kids choir, and Charlton Young worked with a few children to write music for our first-ever kids' band! The children did an amazing job singing and playing. After they performed, Pastor Ryan shared a children's sermon. How fitting to have children on stage celebrating the birth of the King who came humbly as a child.

Our Christmas Eve service was a beautiful and holy celebration of the birth of Christ. Readers shared scriptures about the coming of Jesus, and we sang "O Holy Night." One of our favorite moments of the year was when we lit candles and sang "Silent Night" together. It was a wonderful culmination of the Advent season, and we were filled with "A Thrill of Hope."



BAPTISMS



ANGELA BERNAT

"I want to be baptized not for the show, but to show God that He is my leader. I'm his worshiper and his follower."



NATHANIEL STANKO

"I was raised in a Christian home, have attended Anchor Church for the last 9.5 years, and go to a Christian school but I know that none of those things can save me. In John 14:6, Jesus said to Thomas, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me,' so today I am taking the next step in my walk with Christ by being baptized."



ISABELLA MARRERO

"I accepted Christ in my life when I was about 9 years old at my church's summer camp for children. From that moment on I knew what God had in store for me which is spreading His word. Throughout the years of my youth, I went through ups and downs, but God was always there no matter what. I want to get baptized because in Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says he wants us to baptize others and make people His disciples. Jesus is my Savior, and I want to follow that request."

JARED HALL

"I was born into a Christian family. My parents let me read the Bible and participate in events like Awana, VBS and now Youth Group. I got saved when I was 9. I realized that I was a sinner, and I had to repent and get saved. I'm getting baptized now to tell people Jesus saved me."



LILY VAN DYKE

"I got saved in VBS when Pastor Ryan asked for anyone who wanted Jesus to be their Savior to stand and pray with him. I stood up. I was 7. For 4 years I've been wanting to get baptized to show I love Jesus, I am saved, and I am going to Heaven."



SCOTT SWANSON

"I've basically known about God and Jesus but never understood the real meaning of being saved. After struggling with addiction for many years, and then attending Anchor Church for my wife's baptism, I knew I needed to learn more and truly turn my life over to Christ. Attending Anchor Church has helped me see why I need Jesus in my everyday life. I made the decision to publicly declare Jesus as my Lord and Savior."



CELEBRATING NEW *life*

AVA GREENE

"I started coming to Anchor Church when I was 3 and asked Jesus into my heart. I thought at the time Jesus would help me cope with my suffering of the loss of my Papa but I didn't truly understand anything about Jesus or what it meant to be saved. So I prayed and asked Jesus into my heart again at the age of 5. After I got saved, I developed enough courage to talk to one of my best friends about Jesus and how He helped me with my pain and suffering."



CHRIS PETITGOUT

"I was transformed and have grown so much in the past 12 years as a man of faith. I am choosing to get baptized to show my obedience to the Lord and start the next chapter in my faith."



MEG MCCULLOUGH

"About a year and a half ago, I was praying for a good friend who had open heart surgery. I started crying and I couldn't stop. I believe that is when I realized I needed saving. I asked God to forgive me for my sins. I want to be a disciple of Christ, worshipping, walking and working for Him."



9 STORIES OF GOD *at work*



Walk

2019 included fruitful connection with God and His Word in a variety of areas. Parent Night and the Weekend To Remember marriage conference were engaging and brought hope and direction to marriages and families. Celebrate the highlights below!

249 TOTAL SMALL GROUP MEMBERS

42 NEW IN SMALL GROUPS

150 MEN ATTENDED 3 RALLIES

25 ATTENDED THE JUDGES BIBLE STUDY

59 STEP 1 **35** STEP 2

9 COMPLETED 20 HOURS OF SOUL CARE TRAINING

25 DIVORCE CARE

18 FINANCIAL PEACE

74 FREEDOM GROUPS

58 PARENT NIGHT **20** WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

94 ATTENDED CLASSES | WELCOME TO LEADERSHIP | FOUNDATIONS | CATHOLIC OUTREACH | TRANSFORMED | EVANGELISM 101

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

DAVID LEE

FREEDOM GROUP TABLE LEADER, NEW SMALL GROUP LEADER

I've been a table leader for Freedom Groups four times. Every time I've done it, God has done amazing things in my life and in the men in my group. Three weeks into my first session as a table leader, I couldn't see myself being able to help anyone. But, I had the opportunity to lead a young man to Jesus. I can honestly say that few things in my life compare to the purposeful joy and meaning of that.

David has now added "small group leader" to his name, having started a men's small group on Saturday mornings as of December 2019. Thank you for your faithful leadership!

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

WTR was an intense but very practical marriage boost for the 20 people that went last March. Attendees were energized by the fact that God loves marriage and He is for marriage. The weekend included sessions to help couples take the next step towards thriving, as well as sessions that gave hope and direction for those who were stalled or going backward in their relationship. One attendee commented, "I'm not alone. There are others who have gone through tremendous struggles, and have come out victorious." Everyone who attended walked away with hope, carrying the tools necessary to pursue lasting transformation in their marriages.

ANCHOR STORE

We sold 967 items in the store this year, including over 225 books and Bibles! The purpose of the store is to help stimulate discipleship growth by making resources readily available to everyone. Through resources purchased at the store, a growing number of our people are loving the Lord with all of their mind!

SMALL GROUPS

After visiting a small group, one of our flock leaders noted how the members' prayer requests reflected their genuine desire to grow. Every one of them had invested themselves in the group and remained faithful even when they didn't feel like it. The small group leader shared how one of her group members had become less argumentative with her husband, and has experienced more peace. Another group member felt hopeless about a situation with her child, but God used some assigned Scripture to change her thinking about the situation. She was further encouraged when she went up for prayer after a Sunday service. God is at work in small groups!

PRAYER

Intercessory Prayer Team: 50 people have been praying weekly for the needs of the church body based on the requests written in the Connection Book each Sunday. This prayer team doubled in 2019. We also have a monthly "prayer huddle" team that prays during the Sunday morning services.

Prayercast.com: Prayercast is a website that features 3-minute videos and 3 ways to pray for each of the over 200 nations around the world. Over the course of the Fall and Winter, our small groups have prayed for the entire world with the help of this resource.



SUFFERING *well*



JOEL & ASHLEY FAJARDO

Looking back, to say the last few years had their fair share of unexpected turns doesn't seem to do it justice. As some probably know, I was shot in the leg while driving home from work in January of 2018. I ended up on the news, in the hospital for 4 separate surgeries, a stint in the ICU, and endured months upon months of physical therapy. Through it all, God was right alongside us. Thinking it was all behind us, we were excited earlier this year to learn Ashley was pregnant with our 3rd baby. Shortly after, we learned I needed yet another procedure to fix my femur that just didn't want to heal. Two weeks after the surgery, at Ashley's 20 week fetal scan, we learned our daughter had spina bifida along with other complications. Ashley was a candidate for in-utero surgery, and after praying for weeks, we felt it was the right decision to make. She went for the procedure on Nov. 13th. It didn't go as planned, and our daughter Ella was born that day at 25 weeks.

She continues to fight in the NICU since then, and has been the source of many tears, and yet so many more smiles. So far, her fight has included 3 brain surgeries, 2 abdominal surgeries, several seizures, portions of her gut removed, more blood transfusions than I can even try to count, and the list goes on from there.

As I wrote out the list of trials the past two years held, it looked overwhelming, and by itself, it is. Yet as I read this back to myself, I can point at every turn and every hurdle and say God was present and active throughout it all. He saw all these things before anyone did, and had already set things in motion to provide. God saw my initial incident and placed police less than a mile away to get there faster than they normally would have. Some first responders were related to people in our church. He saw the aneurism hidden deep in my leg, and He made sure I was in an operating room with medical staff at the ready when it burst. When I thought I was going to be using a walker for eight weeks after my last surgery, and it ended up being only one, He knew I'd need to be walking with my wife to her doctor appointments.



When I was expecting to be in a hospital waiting room alone while my wife and unborn daughter were in surgery, He made sure I had company to pray and laugh with to calm my nerves. Even now, when I leave the hospital not knowing if I've seen our Ella for the last time, He fills my phone and heart with verses, songs, and words of encouragement from friends as reminders of His faithfulness and love. When I don't know how we'd handle our pile of medical bills, the funds are somehow there. If there is one thing to take from these past few years, it's this – What you hear and read about Christ's love and faithfulness – know it's all true. It's so easy, yet so short-sighted to focus on the negative parts of our story. Our God is not one to abandon us in times of struggle, and I can say this with conviction because I'm continuing to live it.



NORMA O'CONNELL

On October 27th I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. It all started early in the spring when I was praying that God would give me self-control with my eating. I started losing weight and I thought that was wonderful. Except that it was coming off way too easily. I was also losing energy, and I was not able to eat. We started to seek out answers. I kept getting weaker and weaker. My husband finally put his foot down and said, "I'm taking you to the emergency room." It was there that the doctors discovered the mass on my pancreas. The theme for my life has been to reflect the glory of Christ to the world around me and to teach others the glory of knowing Him. He is the hope of glory. I have never experienced any fear. There is this peace that truly is incomprehensible. My faith is like a rock. It's like steel. It's holding me up. And it's flowing through me. My hope and prayer is that everyone would experience the joy of knowing the glory of Jesus Christ.

Norma went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 17, 2020.



CHRISTIE FETZER

Last December I was admitted to the hospital for contractable back pain. After an MRI, they discovered what they believed to be cancer. We found out that I had stage 4 breast cancer that had metastasized to my bones. When I first heard I had cancer, my first thought was, 'It's going to be ok. It is well with my soul.' That helped set me on the right path. My second thought was, 'Wow, God is going to do something big here.' I didn't know what that was, but I knew he was going to do a big work not only in me, but in my marriage and my family. I was right. He is doing a big work. I thought, 'God wants me to be a part of this.' And I was cool with that. As we started to walk through the process, I committed myself to glorify God through it even though I didn't know what it was going to look like. Looking back, I had no idea what I was in for. It has been a rollercoaster at times. I've certainly had times of lamenting before God; not so much, 'Why is this happening?' but 'When is this going to end?' I've tried really hard not to look at the end game because it's just too far away. I take a lot of things one day at a time. Time has become very urgent for me. Throughout this journey I have purposed to glorify God as best I could through this and to give people hope in dark times.

THIS HOPE AS AN *anchor*



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women

God has been so faithful this past year of ministry! We continue to be in awe of how He is growing the women in our body of believers. First of all, we have a new name: Anchor Church Women! Excited about reflecting our new church name, we are intentionally anchoring ourselves to our Savior as we grow in God's Word.

Last winter, our theme was "Image Bearers," where we had a very timely look into how God has created us in His image, male and female, and the tremendous value that we hold in the eyes of our Creator. With a variety of women in mind, we began expanding our scope of Bible studies, both in Biblical topics and in the amount of daily work.

In March, we had our first Women's Night Of Worship. The women experienced a powerful evening of worship led by Rochelle Burlock including intimate times of prayer in various rooms throughout the church. It is a very special evening when women gather together and lift high the name of Jesus!

In the fall, we launched our new theme, "Living Boldly," with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Bold One who came to Earth as our Good Shepherd, and also the Resurrection and the Life! Our theme verse is 2 Cor. 3:12, "Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold." Anchor Women also enjoyed a Precept Upon Precept study, delving into 1, 2 and 3 John. Lastly, we initiated a study for moms, which met not only on Wednesday mornings, but also during Awana on Wednesday evening!

In the fall, we enjoyed a Women's Game Night, including a tournament of blind beach volleyball. So many laughs and great fellowship marked this memorable evening along with a beautiful devotional led by Heidi Sebestyen.

Mom's Night Out (MNO) is a branch of Women's Ministry that meets every other month and serves to encourage and support moms. In 2019, moms met to pray together, do various crafts and activities, and walk with each other through the joys and challenges of mothering. We want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Kresson Gruthusen for her faithful shepherding and guidance of the MNO team these past years.

Like Mom's Night Out, Single Women's Gathering (SWG) meets regularly to serve the single women of our church by offering a place for friendships to flourish, faith to deepen, and hearts to be encouraged. We praise God for all the impactful ministry that occurred under the leadership of Norma O'Connell. Norma had a relentless passion to see women learn the Word of God within the context of christian fellowship. She impacted so many women at Anchor Church, and we trust Women's Ministry will reflect her faithful diligence as we continue to serve women.

Women's ministry has been growing and changing for 10 years. As we start a new decade, may God continue to bless His women as we grow in the Word and in community for the glory of God.



INTENTIONALLY *anchored*



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KIDS

This was a year of maintaining and maturing on the Anchor Kids team. We welcomed some new faces to the team, and a couple of existing volunteers stepped up into teaching and leading roles. Seeing volunteers challenge themselves to give more to Christ is always a blessing, and that was a highlight of this year. The kids continue to be curious and excited about the Bible as we lead them through The Gospel Project curriculum, which takes them chronologically through the whole Bible over three years. The kids spent 2019 in the Old Testament and finished the year learning about the prophets, who shared important messages of repentance and protection with God's people. God's word tells us that even the youngest of children can comprehend and be changed by the truth of Scripture. The team prays each week that by God's grace "it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." We trust that God's word is changing hearts, and that the children understand the depth of God's love for them through the lessons they learn each week.

It's a privilege to walk alongside parents in ministry, and one way we were able to do that in 2019 was through a Parent Night in March. We focused on what it means to parent with grace while offering practical wisdom and tools for everyday challenges. After the event, parents read books according to the season of parenting they're in to reinforce the concepts discussed at Parent Night. We held follow-up book meetings and discussions that helped build relationships and encourage parents.



75 | AVG. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

10 NEW TEAM MEMBERS

73 VOLUNTEERS

12 CHECK-IN TEAM



VBS *200 ATTENDED* | *100 VOLUNTEERS*

VBS 2019 was "In the Wild," and we had a blast bringing the theme to life! The design team, led by our awesome Creative Director Cass Becker, transformed our building into a vivid variety of landscapes and habitats for all the wild animals that the kids learned about during the week. The kids learned that God made them, loves them, and provided a way to save them through His Son. Several kids prayed to accept Jesus as their Savior in response to the gospel messages that were shared at the closing rally each night.

Each year, we are so blessed by the volunteers who give their time to serve at VBS, some of them taking precious vacation days in order to be there. This is an event that requires a village, and we had 100 volunteers step up in a variety of ways to make VBS happen. The team leaders especially raised the bar to a new level, bringing excellence, organization and a focus on Jesus to their teams.

For the second year, we closed out a successful week of VBS with a block party on our parking lot. This year was even more fun as we added inflatables and live animals to the festivities. Several families from the community came to the event, giving our volunteers the opportunity to build relationships and make connections.

AWANA *82 WEEKLY ATTENDANCE* | *38 VOLUNTEERS*

We were excited to welcome 8 new members to the Awana team this year! The volunteer team is strong and adds so much energy and dedication to the program. This year we have a great group of kids who are excited about memorizing their verses, playing the games, and worshipping and learning Bible lessons.

One of the ongoing favorite events of the Awana year is the Grand Prix, where kids get to decorate and race a derby car. The kids love putting their own unique touches on the design of their cars, and it's wonderful to see their creativity at work. Race day is always high-energy, with families eager to see how their cars perform. It's a great opportunity to share a gospel message with both parents and kids. For the first time, some of our Awana leaders got to make and race their own cars, which added to the healthy competition of the event.

We held a Trunk or Treat event in October. Although the weather didn't cooperate, driving everyone indoors, the kids still had a blast dressing up, playing games and collecting candy. As usual, the leaders were enthusiastic participants, dressing up in their best costumes and passing out candy and treats.

The kids had the opportunity to do an outreach event at an area nursing home in December. Cass Becker and other leaders helped direct a mini-Christmas play, and the kids sang Christmas carols and handed out hand-made ornaments and cards to the residents. It was a blessing to see how the kids ministered to the nursing home residents.





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STUDENTS

Student Ministry exists to walk alongside families and shepherd students to become mature disciples of Christ who worship, walk with, and work for the Lord.

In the Spring of 2019, Ross led Junior High students through a series on the life of David. Meanwhile, Pastor Ryan took High School students through a series on the stories of those listed in the "Hall of Faith" (Hebrews 11) titled "Running with the Giants." Students gained a deeper understanding of the Old Testament and learned how the Old Testament heroes modeled how to walk with Christ.

In the Fall of 2019, Pastor Ryan and Mike Melody enjoyed teaching the Junior High and High School Students to "Wise Up." This Bible series took the students through topics covered in Proverbs such as Friends and Enemies, Responsibility, Wise Words, Wise Thoughts, the Fool, etc. Students learned what Proverbs has to say about living a wise, God-fearing life.

Highlights of the year included Country Night, a fantastic Lock-In, two God-glorifying camps, Christmas caroling, a Cinco De Mayo Fiesta, and Costume Night. 2019 was a blast! But, amidst the fun, we have enjoyed another year of watching the Lord work in the students' hearts to deepen their faith.

2019 has shown us how much the Lord loves our students. We are thankful for the tremendous team of volunteer leaders serving in Student Ministry. Our church is blessed by your faithful service to Jesus.



50 | AVG. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE
20+ VOLUNTEERS





Anchor Church currently has people serving in 448 volunteer roles and 23 Work for Christ ministry teams! Work done for the Great King is a great thing! It is an honor to not just “volunteer,” but actually “Work for Christ!”

“I WANT YOU TO INSIST ON THESE THINGS, SO THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED IN GOD MAY BE CAREFUL TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO GOOD WORKS.” --TITUS 3:8

GO Teams are Work for Christ opportunities outside the walls of our church. 241 people served on 10 GO Teams. We had an ongoing GO Team at the Ronald McDonald House that served 6 times in 2019. This year, we had the privilege of serving with three new ministries: a Cook County Jail Men’s Christmas outreach, a human trafficking safe house, and Breakthrough Urban Ministries, a compassion ministry up north. We were blessed to see one of the county jail inmates put his faith in Christ during our visit!

448 | VOLUNTEER ROLES

23 WORK FOR CHRIST MINISTRY TEAMS

241 | PEOPLE SERVED ON 10 GO TEAMS

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATION BLESSING

FOOD DRIVE

In November, 36 people delivered fliers and a bag to 1200 of our neighbors, inviting them to our church and asking them to fill the bag with food for Operation Blessing. The next day we picked up the bags of food and took them to the Operation Blessing food pantry in Alsip. We collected 193 bags of food weighing over 1500 pounds.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is an international, Christian not-for-profit organization that organizes campaigns against abortion in more than 60 nations worldwide. As a result of the prayers outside the clinics, a large number of women choose not to go through with their abortion appointments. 52 people from our church participated in 2 prayer campaigns in front of the Flossmoor Planned Parenthood, praying that God would end abortion. Karen Hayes was there praying when a couple scheduled for an abortion decided against it and told Karen of their decision to keep their baby. We will continue to pray for the end of this tragic reality, for the women who keep their babies, for love and healing for those who’ve had abortions, and for current and former abortion workers. We want to be pro-life, not just anti-abortion.



MISSIONS

BRANDON & SHANNON CAPUANO

We sent Brandon and Shannon out to plant a church in Rochester, NY in 2016. Harvest Rochester is growing, and their discipleship needs are now outweighing their staff capacity. They have begun the process of hiring a full-time Associate Pastor.



ALEX & ANYA TARASOV

This year, Vertical Church Kiev celebrated their one-year anniversary. They also installed their first elder and deacon. Pastor Alex visited our church in the Fall and met with many people to build relationships and share how God is at work in their church.



MIKE & TERRY KIJOWSKI

Mike and Terry currently live in Cluj, Romania. They spent the year strengthening churches across Eastern Europe, focusing specifically on Romania and Ukraine. They worked to train and support pastors, helped lead discipleship camps, and strengthened partnerships between pastors in Europe and the U.S. The Kijowskis are continuing to seek opportunities to serve Christ overseas, and are prayerfully considering how they can do that in the years to come.



MIKE & KEILA DAWSON

The Dawsons continue their life-long work among the Yanamamo Indians in the remote jungles of Venezuela. Mike takes trips into the jungle to show the “Jesus” film and share the Gospel. He gives people the Bible translated and recorded in their own language. This is a difficult time for the people of Venezuela, and God continues to provide for the Dawsons as they share the Gospel and provide much needed medical care. It was a blessing to have Mike and Keila join us for family camp at Silver Birch Ranch this year.



MATT & TIFFANY CROSLAND

The Croslands continue their work in Papua New Guinea running a school for translators. Matt is heavily involved in the instruction of native translators, who learn the basic rules of translation and then work in teams to translate books of the Bible into their own language. In July 2019, the Croslands began a year-long furlough in the U.S. They joined our church for family camp at Silver Birch Ranch, and Matt came and spoke to the kids at AWANA.



UKRAINE TRIP

Our team traveled to Kiev, the capital city of Ukraine. They partnered with Pastor Alex and Vertical Church Kiev to run a camp for kids. The focus of the camp was sharing the gospel, teaching English, and having a lot of fun. The groups worked together to show and share the love of Christ with children from Vertical Church Kiev as well as at-risk kids from all across Ukraine.



ROMANIA TRIP

This team partnered with Harvest Bucharest located in Romania’s capital city. Together they traveled into the mountains of Transylvania, and our team ran a VBS for all the children of the church. The children learned Bible stories, played games, built crafts, and enjoyed nature together. The goal was to show the love of Jesus to the kids, and to allow the adults at the retreat to focus on their own time of spiritual growth.



STRATEGIC PARTNERS



GCC

The Great Commission Collective is our church planting network. It equips churches to train, coach, resource, and care for pastors, leaders and disciples as they live on mission for God. They inspire and empower churches to actively and obediently fulfill Christ's mandate to make disciples in every nation.

Dave Harvey, New President

125 Member Churches

US - 56 Churches

Canada - 19 Churches

International - 50 Churches



NSP

The National School Project exists to train high school students to reach their schools with the Gospel.

During the 2018-2019 School Year:

Schools Coached: 104

Evangelistic Outings: 150

Rallies: 213

Students Attending Rallies: 16,508



RZIM

For 35 years and across 43 countries, RZIM has met millions of questioners with thoughtful answers concerning faith, God, and life's biggest questions. Over 90 speakers in over 15 countries work to reach the people who shape the culture of a country and its future direction with the Gospel through apologetics. They seek to take the questions that often serve as barriers to belief and instead use them as an opportunity to share the Gospel.

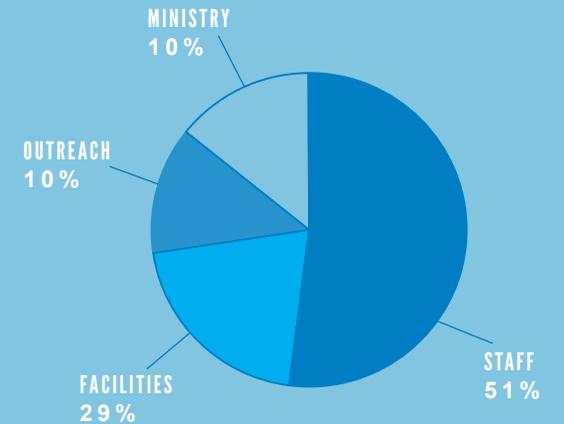
2019 OPERATIONS

RECEIVED IN TITHES & OFFERINGS \$1,068,830

BUDGETED EXPENSES \$1,069,146

STAFFING EXPENSES	\$548,005
MINISTRY EXPENSES	\$103,999
OUTREACH EXPENSES	\$101,852
FACILITIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES	\$315,290

BENEVOLENCE
INCOME
BENEVOLENCE OFFERING \$11,870.99



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7



BUILDING UPDATES

PLEDGES

\$703,397

TOTAL COLLECTED

\$607,483

INCOME FROM SAVINGS

\$50,000

PHASE 2 BUDGET

2018 ESTIMATES

2019 ACTUAL

ARCHITECT FEES	65,000	67,516
ESCROW	5,000	5,000
SITE WORK	35,800	29,800
STRUCTURAL	263,990	302,982
CARPENTRY	152,142	163,905
ROOFING	43,760	55,220
DOORS AND FRAMES	23,500	30,958
FLOORING	61,640	81,828
PLUMBING	103,038	124,074
HVAC	39,000	46,660
SECURITY	10,460	328
ELECTRICAL	50,000	58,335
GYM RENOVATION	90,230	91,181
PARKING LOT	90,000	87,930
OFFICE	26,684	45,285
KIDS AREA	5,000	PENDING
MANAGEMENT AND FEES	178,237	192,488
TOTAL	1,243,481	1,383,490

Project budget increase summary: fire code requirements, improved safety features, project delays, management costs, bathroom upgrades, and material costs.







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HEBREWS 6:19a



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