

2019- 2020

ANNUAL REPORT





MISSIONS

Fellowship is committed to utilizing both financial and human resources to demonstrate the love and grace of God, exercise biblical stewardship, and impact the community and the world in the most effective ways possible. Our desire is to be faithfully responsible with the resources we have been given to spread in word and deed both locally and globally. Much prayer and thought is given to the investments we make. As we seek to meet physical and spiritual needs, our hope is that disciples are made and God is glorified.

**GLOBAL:
\$1,097,951**

**TOTAL:
\$2,344,333**

**LOCAL:
\$1,246,382**

This number includes missions disbursements, special funds, disaster relief, missions personnel, and operations costs.

MISSIONAL FUND PARTNER DISTRIBUTIONS

GLOBAL MISSIONS

\$43,500

NORTH AMERICA

Tuttle, Ragan, The Seed Company, Culture Link

\$59,633

EUROPE

Dennis, Kannard, Breccia, Evangelical School of Theology

\$112,804

CENTRAL AMERICA

Ferguson, World Gospel Outreach, La Promesa, Score International

\$102,833

MIDDLE EAST

Furman, Parks, Redeemer Dubai, Hope Covenant, Elam Ministries

\$43,600

SOUTH AMERICA

Witonski, Hosean International Ministries

\$206,800

AFRICA

Brod, Ostendorff, Sengoga, McAdams, Africa New Life, Fellowship of Good News Churches Ghana, Divine Destiny

\$116,700

ASIA

Casanova, Moore, Seville, Clark, Newell, George, Hambrice, Asian Christian Academy, For All Mankind Movement

\$42,479 — SENDING

Short-Term Scholarships, Special Consideration Gifts, Work Projects, New Support

\$70,000 — COVID RELIEF



\$25,000

AUSTRALIA

Ambassadors for Christ International

MISSIONAL FUND PARTNER DISTRIBUTIONS

LOCAL MISSIONS

\$197,330

ORPHAN/ADOPTION/FOSTERING

Thrive, Bethany Christian Services, The Call (Statewide, Saline, Pulaski, Lonoke), CASA, Immerse Arkansas, Project Zero, Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center, Options Pregnancy Center, New Beginnings Pregnancy Center, Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center

\$80,000

SCHOOL/MENTORING

STEP, AR Kids Read, OK Program, Urban Young Life, International Friendship Outreach

\$84,000

PRISON MINISTRY

Exodus Project, Pathway to Freedom, Authentic Manhood, Embracing Purpose, Restore Hope

\$166,000

HEALTH/FOOD/SHELTER

Lonoke County Hope's Closet, Lonoke County First Care, Home Away from Home, I Can!, Alexander Community Center, PATH, We Are Free, Jericho Way, Roland Crisis Closet, Family Promise

\$104,242

CHURCH STRENGTHENING

City Church (formally known as Nehemiah Network), City Connections, Search Ministries, Downline, Upward Soccer, Compass Financials, Tyler Street Facility

\$43,235

CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONS

Benton Mission Projects, Cabot Missions Projects, Midtown Mission Projects, Kingdom Quilters, Block Party Initiative, Camp Barnabas

\$100,000

CHURCH PLANTING

Fellowship Associates

\$125,000

FELLOWSHIP SPECIAL PROJECT FUND (UNALLOCATED)

To be distributed through the various ministries of Fellowship

\$74,746

DISASTER RELIEF

Arkansas Flood Relief

\$50,000

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Feed the Funnel, City Wide Serve, etc.



MISSIONS

Fellowship Missions exist to lead Fellowship to go beyond the walls of the church & make disciples among the lost. We do this by providing both local and global training and experiences for D-Groups and individuals to:

PRAY	that God exposes opportunities for us to pray for and to serve the lost and impoverished
GO	as we develop strategic partnerships and ways to help people get involved
DISCIPLE	as we create opportunities for people to disciple and to be discipled
GIVE	as we invest our assets in strategic Kingdom causes

I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessing. — 1 Corinthians 9:23



SPECIAL MISSION GIFTS

GLOBAL

Sent out missionaries from Benton and West Little Rock Campuses. The Taylors, Jack Meckfessel, and Eden Simmons.

BLUE DOOR MINISTRIES, KENYA

\$15,000 for new Midtown Campus partner for Child Sponsorship.

REDEEMER CHURCH, DUBAI

\$20,000 to help rent hotel meeting space because they had to shut down church building.

LA PROMESA, HONDURAS

\$20,000 to secure office space and therapy space for Special Needs program.

FAMM, INDIA

\$32,000 for Compassion Kits and Pastoral support for 120 Pastors in West Bengal.

GOOD NEWS BIBLE CHURCH, GHANA

\$62,000 for Project Share Gushegu for one year of expenses for all children in orphanage. Training Centers for Pastoral training for church planters. Planted 6 new churches.

LOCAL

ALEXANDER OPPORTUNITY CENTER, BENTON

\$25,000 to hire a part-time youth pastor for after school program for 3 years.

THE CALL OF LONOKE COUNTY, CABOT

\$25,000 to rent a small office space to allow them to set up the Call Mall in lieu of working out of the back of their car.

ROLAND CRISIS CLOSET, LITTLE ROCK

\$70,000 to purchase land and construction of a new building to serve 300+ people.

IMMERSE FAMILY, LITTLE ROCK

\$50,000 to scholarship 40 families to attend Foster/Adopt Camp and to scholarship an additional 30 families to go through training to help their foster/adoptive child heal from abuse and neglect.

CAMP SOLGOHACHIA, CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Summer camp that impacts thousands of kids and adults in Central Arkansas including hundreds of Fellowship kids across all campuses.

FELLOWSHIP DISASTER RELIEF TEAM

\$45,000 to purchase a skid-steer loader to be used by our team and by Arkansas Baptist Disaster Relief to remove piles of debris, fallen trees, etc. after a disaster. This recently allowed us to remove tons of debris after the flooding of homes in central Arkansas, especially in the Pine Bluff area.



COVID-19 RELIEF AND GIFTS

Fellowship continued to fulfill all commitments to its local and global partners at home and across the world during this difficult time, thanks to your faithful giving. Additional gifts of \$85,000 were given to our local and global partners for food, cleaning supplies, tools, housing, etc. to help those in need. There will continue to be a need for additional assistance to some of our partners into the 2020-2021 year.

LOCAL

AR KIDS READ

AR Kids Read was able to launch a virtual reading tutoring program this summer. In combination with your faithful giving, AKR has given away over 2,400 books! Looking towards the next school year, AKR is excited to add Hot Springs, Mayflower, and Pine Bluff School Districts to the AKR family.

THE CALL

Your generous gifts helped The Call host their first virtual training in April. A total of 176 individuals participated in the online training. The CALL volunteers are supplying cleaning products, diapers, educational materials, crafts, snacks, and meals to foster families to lighten the burden they face during COVID-19.

GOODNESS VILLAGE

Through your generous gifts, you helped Goodness Village (formerly Home Away from Home) become a stand alone non-profit! They are continuing to provide affordable housing to individuals and families who require outpatient medical treatment.

HOPE'S CLOSET AND PANTRY

Because of your faithful giving, Hope's Closet and Pantry is currently able to serve an average of 240 families per month, plus an additional 1,000 meals per month with the drive through kitchen. They have recently exceeded distributing 1.5 million pounds of food from the Arkansas food bank.

IMMERSE ARKANSAS

Your generous gifts have allowed Immerse Arkansas to continue serving youth in crisis through online coaching and Life Skills classes, delivering meals and groceries, and even providing recreational activities through Zoom. Many Fellowship D-Groups have locked arms with Immerse by generously providing meals, groceries, time, and resources to meet the needs of both Immerse youth and families.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP OUTREACH

IFO has pivoted from their normal, indoor summer gatherings to weekly, outdoor activities for their international students. They are continuing to build relationships with international students, and God has blessed them with meaningful and fruitful conversations during this season!

JERICO WAY

Your faithful giving has allowed Jericho Way to continue operating during COVID-19. They've housed several individuals in their Depaul USA affordable housing units, extended hours for showers to more than upward of 45/day, partnered with several groups and local restaurants to provide meals for those in need, helped many exit homelessness in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis. In May, they partnered with the AR Health Department to offer 100 free COVID tests.

KINGDOM QUILTERS

During COVID-19, Kingdom Quilters pivoted their regular projects, to sew hundreds of masks for nursing homes, health care workers, and the community.

PARTNERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING (PATH)

Your continued giving has allowed PATH to continue rescuing victims from dangerous places, and relocate them to safe homes for healing and



restoration. In the midst of the pandemic, they have been conducting tele-therapy with clients, and sent care packages to human trafficking survivors in their care.

OPTIONS PREGNANCY CENTER

You helped Options Pregnancy Center stay open during the pandemic. Since January, they have seen 24 babies and moms saved from abortion, and they are currently working with 41 others to get them past the 20 week mark. Additionally, they saw 3 salvations and 2 rededications. In mid-August, the Mobile Unit hits the road to save lives in Central Arkansas.

ROLAND CRISIS CLOSET

God is using your financial giving to bring hope to a hurting world — and He also wants to use YOU!! Visit our webpage for hands-on serving opportunities to join us in being missional, right here at home in Central Arkansas.

GLOBAL

GHANA | Fellowship of Good News Churches

In Ghana, many people depend on daily income for food from their menial activities; these have come to a stand still for the past five weeks. Your generous giving is helping alleviate the hunger of hundreds of families. Paul, our partner with Good News Bible Church in Ghana, considers the timing of receiving a special COVID-19 financial gift as "Holy Spirit directed."

HAITI | Hosean International Ministries

You provided 360 families with meal packages for the next month, and police stations with \$350



worth of food/cleaning supplies. Most policemen have not been paid for months, and the stability they bring to the community is crucial. Additionally, 24 handwashing stations have been installed in different areas in the community to help people protect themselves (most do not have running water in their homes).

HONDURAS & BELIZE | **World Gospel Outreach**

Your faithful giving allows World Gospel Outreach in Honduras to continue providing for the 39 children God has placed in their care. With tight COVID-19 restrictions in place, the children have been supported academically by two missionary teachers and their dedicated caregivers who remain at Rancho Ebenezer.



HONDURAS | La Promesa Honduras

Honduras is under strict lock-down, only allowing each citizen to circulate only one day every two weeks (circulation is strictly regulated and limited to banks, grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, and hardware stores). This has significantly impacted jobs and families. You have provided over 400 hefty bags of food to over 2,000 adults and children.

ITALY | Becchia da Roma

As lock-down continues in Rome, church pastors and congregants are facing financial difficulties — many unable to pay for basic necessities like food and electricity. Your faithful giving is meeting the needs of these church staff and members. For example, a sister in Christ (abandoned by her husband and trying to support her 3 children)

lost her job as a caregiver. With tears of joy, she received financial assistance from her local church.

KENYA | Blue Door Kenya

You have provided meals for over 1,200 children in Kenya.

PAKISTAN & INDIA | **For All Mankind Movement**

You are providing Compassion Kits filled with essential hygiene items to hundreds of families to help them stay healthy and safe during the crisis.

POLAND | Evangelical Church **of Theology**

God is on the move in Poland! EWST has moved completely online and opened many classes to the public. The number of participants has grown 60-100% (for example, the Greek class attracted 33 people in addition to the 15 students previously enrolled). Your generous gifts are helping cover expenses that make online learning (and outreach) a reality.

RWANDA | Africa New Life

Strict lock-down in Rwanda dried up jobs, income, and food sources almost overnight. Impoverished families are now facing new difficulties. Through Africa New Life, you have provided emergency food and soap to more than 330 vulnerable families.

CULTURELINK

In the Middle East, hundreds of families have been laid off from their jobs due to lock-down. Your faithful giving has provided food for many of them (\$30 covers the grocery bill of one family for an entire month). You have also covered the cost of hand tools, which has created a new opportunity for work.





GOD AT WORK IN **ROME, ITALY**

BY GOD'S GRACE, WE ARE CELEBRATING:

- The launching of our first daughter church, "Breccia di Roma San Paolo"
- The launching of Breccia 2030, a vision for the next 10 years.
- The launching of Loci Communes, online magazine of evangelical culture
- The launching the Rome Residency Program —
<https://www.union-mission.org/blog/the-rome-residency-program>
- The launching of the Reformanda Initiative Podcast in September. We currently have over 16,000 downloads and over 750 regular listeners.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS... HELPING “H”:

H is an Egyptian immigrant who has filed for asylum in Italy. Once a Muslim, living and working with his family in Europe, H now finds himself living on the streets after being rejected by his family for having decided to follow Christ. H is a man with many names, and his story is still unclear, but he has faithfully attended our church services for almost a year now and faithfully studies God's word with me throughout the week.

As a church we have been helping and discipling H. I meet with him twice a week to study the Bible and pray, Lauren washes his clothes and prepares him occasional meals, and the church stores some of his things and has helped him with certain material and physical needs (he never asks for help, ever). For example, once the quarantine ended H had surgery to repair a deviated septum and his church family was there to support him, take him food, pray with him, etc. Now H sleeps in a tent on the banks of the Tiber river. He refuses to sleep in any of the shelters and is unable to receive any government help. The reason for this is because when he filed for asylum, he did so in Venice. The immigration office holds onto an asylum seeker's passport until the request is approved or denied and this process can take 3 years. Assistance is given as long as the individual follows the program. H tried to find a workaround, and since 2018 he has been without his documents. It was unclear to us if he was even in the country legally.

Over the last several months we have been in contact with a lawyer to see what is needed to help H, praying for God's guidance and wisdom on what to do next. Once H has his documents, we have a brother in Christ who owns a pizza-making school and who has agreed to certify H, making it possible for H to find work. If only H had remained in the system rather than moving to Rome and trying to find a workaround, he would be receiving a daily stipend, provided an apartment, and helped in navigating the bureaucracy of Italy. Since he left Venice and tried to make it on his own, he now finds himself lost and without help, without documents, and homeless. It is difficult to re-enter the asylum-seeking process if you decide to try to find another way. Many think they can return and

restart where they left off, only to be frustrated to discover that offers and aid change as time passes.

We were unsure what to do...and then H was beaten up by another immigrant, having his nose broken and face bloodied (the same nose that was operated on a month earlier and that had yet to heal properly!). I helped him file a charge against the aggressor and while we were at the police station we received help to do so. However, since H had no documents, they had to take him half an hour out of the city to the office of immigration in order to find out if he was who he said he was.

WILL YOU JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR H AND OUR CHURCH?

- Please pray for his faith and that he would grow in the Gospel.
- Please pray that as we learn more about his story, additional doors might open to new ways of helping H.
- Please pray for the refugee ministry of our church (il Soggiorno), and that the other refugees would find Christ and a loving church that is ready to help serve them and help them integrate into the life of the city.

Despite the time, pain, bureaucracy, etc. God was and is showing to be at work in all of this. God used the violent assault to provide answers and even open doors. Because of this assault, we discovered that H's request is still pending, which means he still has the right to live in Italy. It also means that (hopefully) he can be followed by a social worker and given a place to live, a daily stipend, and additional help. Furthermore, H visited the doctor for a checkup, and during his checkup they discovered that something was not properly taken care of during his initial surgery, so they were able to fix his nose and provide relief from the pain, which he might not have discovered had he not been beaten up. The beauty of it all is that H sees and talks about God's provisions and work in the midst of his pain and suffering. At times he is very depressed, but God continues to show his faithfulness and love for H.

— Clay and Lauren Kannard



INTERVIEW WITH JACK MECKFESSEL AND EDEN SIMMONS

WHEN DID GOD BEGIN TO BURDEN YOUR HEART FOR THE NATIONS?

JACK: It's obviously been a journey getting to this point, but it all started for me on my first trip to Guatemala with FSM in 2014, going into my Sophomore year of High School. That was sort of the defining moment for me.

EDEN: It was about 5 years ago, when I discovered the ministry that I will be working for (Sheer Love). Though it wasn't until 2017, when I visited for the first time and got to meet with the staff and visit the church, that God really began to stoke that zeal in my heart.

WHAT BOOKS HAVE YOU READ (OUTSIDE OF THE BIBLE) THAT HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL TO YOU?

EDEN: Elizabeth Elliot has been a huge role model for me, so everything I've read by her has been incredibly inspiring. John Piper's teachings on missions have also been very encouraging as well.

JACK: Dallas Willard has been a really huge influence in my life, especially his teachings on how the Kingdom of God is a "now reality." So his book, Divine Conspiracy has been very influential for me.

WHO IS SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE THAT HAS BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN PREPARING YOU FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE?

JACK: My parents have been incredible. Just having their support and encouragement has been essential for me throughout this whole process. I think it's important to have missions mentors, but it's also really important to have people who will just encourage you.

EDEN: There have been several people who have been influential to me. Jean Payne is one of them. She has been a rock for me. Elisa Williams is another. Elisa has been such an encouragement to me and continues to pour into me. Another is Dianna Bautista, who lives in Thailand. She will be my roommate, but she has been a huge encouragement to me, and someone who has really modeled for me what it looks like to leverage my life for the proclamation of the gospel.

HAVE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF YOU?

EDEN: Yeah, my family has been so incredibly supportive. My mom and dad have always been 100% on board, and they even visited Thailand with me. I think they wanted to move even more than I did! So yeah, they've been very supportive.

JACK: Same for me. My entire family has been huge; my two older sisters, my mom's siblings, my grandparents on both sides, and my dad's siblings have all financially supported me. All their love and support have really given me confidence moving forward.

WHAT ULTIMATELY LED YOU TO THIS DECISION?

JACK: For me it's just been taking seriously Jesus' words in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20), and just seeing what Jesus is calling me into; and with this opportunity to go to Thailand in front of me, I just couldn't say no. If I am going to take seriously Jesus being Lord of my life, then I couldn't say no. It would be an oxymoron to say, "No, Lord," because calling Him "Lord" means complete submission to Him and His plan for my life. So again, it's just taking seriously the Great Commission, which Fellowship has done from its inception.

EDEN: Honestly, the question for me has been, "Why should I stay?" God has given me the opportunity, as a single, young woman to go, so why not? God's heart is for the nations, and I have the ability to go, so why would I stay when I can go and share the gospel with people who have yet to hear it.

HOW WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE SOMEONE WHO IS THINKING ABOUT SERVING OVERSEAS TO SEE ALL PEOPLE AND ALL PLACES REACHED WITH THE GOSPEL?

EDEN: I would strongly encourage them to pray about it and seek counsel from their leaders. I would also add that if God sets you apart for long-term missionary work, then He will open up those doors for you to go. The truth is, we need more people who are willing to go to the nations, so if you have even the smallest flame in your heart for global missions, don't extinguish it, but be willing to walk through those doors, trusting in His love and sovereignty through it all.

JACK: I would just encourage them to weigh the costs. Jesus has great words on counting the cost (Luke 14:25-34), so I would just encourage them to realize, when it comes to long-term missionary work, there are costs involved; i.e., missing Thanksgiving, Christmas, weddings, birthdays, and so on.

These are tangible costs, but at the same time, we realize that we're actually gaining. We're gaining, because we, as sons and daughters of God, have the opportunity to participate in the expansion of His kingdom among the nations. What an opportunity! So I would just encourage them to weigh the costs, but also know what you're gaining.

WHAT IS YOUR HOPE FOR FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH WHILE YOU ARE GONE?

EDEN: My hope is that Fellowship will just continue making disciples; investing in people's lives and walking with them through the Word. I'm thankful for a church that preaches the Word and emphasizes the Great Commission, so I hope and pray that God will continue to bless Fellowship as we remain faithful to Him and His commands.

JACK: Just to piggyback off of what Eden has already said, my hope is that our church would continue to make disciples of Jesus, because being a disciple of Jesus means having a heart for the nations. There's no such thing as a "regular Christian" and a "missions Christian." If you love Jesus, then you're going to love what He loves, and He loves the nations. It could mean being a mobilizer, supporter, and sender, or just being a goer. So my hope is that Fellowship will just continue to cultivate disciples of Jesus, and not disciples of Western Christianity.

HOW CAN OUR FELLOWSHIP FAMILY BEST LOVE AND ENCOURAGE YOU WHILE YOU ARE ON THE FIELD?

EDEN: I think prayer is so important, and it's something I value so much. It's always so encouraging when people tell me they've been praying for me. Another way to love and encourage me would be to maintain a relationship with me; just staying connected with me and keeping the relationship fresh and alive. That's so life-giving.

JACK: I second that. It's also so refreshing to know that there are people here on staff at Fellowship that are in my corner — people who are willing to listen to me and encourage me. I already feel so supported by Fellowship, so it's really just continuing to do what everyone has already done so well on the front-end.



by Connie New

ROLAND CRISIS CLOSET

I have been volunteering at RCC for 10 years. For years, we have 'talked' about having a permanent home. RCC was started in 1994 and has had several homes over the years — the most recent is the trailer that we currently rent. Unfortunately, when you run a charity that just breaks even each year it is almost impossible to save enough money to purchase something. It seemed as though a permanent home would never be anything more than a dream. It certainly wasn't going to be something we could do on our own.

My husband and I started a D-Group about 18 months ago, and our first study together was Mark Batterson's *The Circle Maker*. We decided that we needed to start praying circles around our double wide trailer asking God to provide a better facility. The current facility does have several issues but the real problem is that we are out of space — there is no way to expand our outreach in the Roland area or to provide more for those in need — we simply did not have room.

It wasn't long after we had started our circle praying that we were told that Fellowship was giving us \$70,000 to build a new facility. I would say that we hadn't even asked for the money — it just came to us, but of course we had asked for it — we had just asked God to provide and He did.

Our faith was tested as we searched for a lot for our building. While we faced many setbacks, we

knew that the same God who provided the funds, would provide the land.

After a few months (and a few setbacks), we were approached by someone who owned 3 lots in downtown Roland. There was plenty of room to grow and the location was wonderful — right on highway 300. The owner offered it to us at a very low price — \$4,000 for each lot. We have closed on the 3 lots for \$13,000, and a \$1,000 of that was given back to us by the realtor as a donation.

God also provided an architect who donated his time for the plans and we have found a builder who has priced out the building for us. While we are still fundraising to build debt free and do everything that we want, we do have enough money to be able to get in and be functional. We hope to start construction later this month and he said that he can have it finished in 60 days.

And in the middle of this, my company (FIS) started a Global Hunger campaign and for the last two weeks has done a fundraiser which will be split between us and the Arkansas Food Bank. They raised \$5,000 for RCC — again money we didn't ask for that was just provided.

I have no concern that we don't have 100% of the money we need to finish the building. Not having it gives us the opportunity to have faith that God will continue to provide.

FEED THE FUNNEL



Food insecurity. What comes to mind when you hear that phrase? Most likely, it's a picture of a hungry child in a foreign land, or a family in a remote village with hunger in their eyes. Rarely do you think of an Arkansan. According to the Arkansas Food Bank, Arkansas is the 2nd most food insecure state in the United States, with 1 in 5 people not knowing where they will get their next meal.

Enter in: The Pack Shack. The Pack Shack exists "to supply provisions and opportunities for neighbors in need." They do this through increasing awareness about food insecurity in local communities, providing food and other items to nonprofits, and encouraging people to get involved with local ministries.

In November, hundreds of families and individuals in Central Arkansas gathered at their respective Fellowship campuses to pack meals at The Pack Shack's event, Feed the Funnel. It was a night filled with music, laughter, competition, and lots and lots of cheesy rice and vegetables! Across all of our campuses, Fellowship Bible Church packed 260,000 meals! From kiddos scooping rice to older couples labeling packages, everyone had a part to play. These meals were donated (free of charge!) to local food banks and pantries for distribution. Feed the Funnel is the perfect example of how we are stronger and better when we serve together.





FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATES RESIDENCY

*Fellowship Associates exists to call
men into Authentic Manhood and
to train leaders to plant churches.*

Established in 1999, thousands of
men have been trained through
our Authentic Manhood™
resources and over 100 men have
been trained to plant churches
in our church-planting residency.

2019-2020 RESIDENTS

James Westbrook

Realm Church
Oakland, CA

Justin Karl

Citizens Church
Birmingham, AL

Michael Meredith

Bluegrass Community Church
Lexington, KY

Justin Chappell

Redeemer Church
Longmont, CO

C. J. Bergman

Citizens Church
San Francisco, CA



LOCAL MISSIONS

- Selected **seven (7)** new local partners
- Released Tyler Street building to Arkansas Baptist State Convention for urban church planting use
- Packed **265,000** meals at Feed the Funnel event
- Disbursed **\$200,000** from Missions Reserves (above and beyond budgeted giving)
- Partnered with over **15** churches in Central Arkansas to provide meals for healthcare professionals and “frontline” workers for over **three (3)** months during the pandemic.
- In partnership with the Care Team and Chick-Fil-A on Cantrell, we delivered close to **2,000** lunches to local partners serving on the front lines of the pandemic.
- Facilitated a total of **five (5)** blood drives on WLR, Benton, and Cabot campuses. All appointments at each drive were filled.
- Funded **four (4)** handwashing stations around the city through our local partner, Family Promise.
- Partnered with a Hispanic church to restock their food bank that specifically serves the Latino population.
- Utilized the website to post up-to-date opportunities for members and attenders to serve and give during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Since January, our missions team has met with **24** of our **43** current local partners.
- Helped our Espanol campus form a partnership with CityServe, an organization that will help our Espanol congregation reach, serve, and minister to Hispanic families in Central Arkansas.



2019-2020 MINISTRY YEAR

CHURCH-WIDE INFORMATION

89

BAPTISMS

746

FIRST-TIME GUESTS

45

CHILD DEDICATIONS

122

FELLOWSHIP NEXT
ATTENDEES

155

MEMBERSHIP CLASS
ATTENDEES

2,270

D-GROUP PARTICIPANTS

CAMPUS-SPECIFIC INFORMATION



BENTON

- Raised funds to **build a lobby** in the campus breezeway.
- Has seen an **increase in giving and attendance** over the last year.
- Fellowship Kids Special Needs **buddy system and classroom** has been opened with families being ministered to and new families coming for the ministry.
- **250 people** served at Feed the Funnel.

CABOT

- Attendance is up **20.6%** from last year.
- We had **193 first time guests** from June 2019 to date.
- Giving is **\$56,000** over our budget.
- FSK is averaging **127 students** each week.
- **262 volunteers** across all ministry teams.
- **Increased D-Groups 40%** from 10 groups to 14.
- Added 3 new local ministry partners, Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Lonoke County, Lonoke County Safe Haven and the Sonshine Project.



ESPAÑOL

- **5** baptisms
- **32** Fellowship Next attendees
- **25** first time guests
- **3** New home gatherings
- **5** child dedications



MIDTOWN

- Average **attendance grew 15%** to 230 adults and 60 kids at services.
- Our **giving** for the fiscal year has surpassed **\$1,000,000**.
- We have **256 adults** active in D-Groups.
- We had **10 Salvations** and **6 baptisms**.
- **125 volunteers** were involved in the service rotation.
- FSM launched successfully with **3** D-Groups and a Wednesday night service.



WEST LITTLE ROCK

- Provided pastoral care for the following situations: **94 hospitalizations** and **40 families** who experienced death of a loved one.
- Disbursed **\$200,000** from Missions Reserves (above and beyond budgeted giving).
- Trained **215 leaders** at Leader Launch in August 2019.
- **850 women** attended the Freedom Tour Event in Fall 2019 with Jennie Allen and Christy Nockels at WLR campus.
- At Family Fest, at the West Little Rock campus, we had over **7,000** in attendance. We grilled and served **4,000** hotdogs, along with **3,000** bottles of water. We also gave away **1,500** bags of popcorn, **1,000** bags of cotton candy, and **975** snow cones.
- Over **400 children sponsored** from five ministry partners through Sponsorship Sunday event.
- The Care Team has had **384 counseling sessions** starting from July 2019.
- Led **80 men** through "A Man and His Identity" in Fall 2019 and "A Man and His Mission" in Spring 2020.
- Launched **5** online D-Groups within 2 weeks of the start of the COVID-19 crisis to provide an online connection for people not currently in D-Groups.
- Partnered with **5** food pantries in the Central Arkansas region to restock food and cleaning supplies for families in need.

FELLOWSHIP STUDENT MINISTRIES

- Average attendance of **477 students** each week for Wednesday Nights across all campuses
- **756 students** involved in D-Groups
- **20% of students** plugged in and actively serving with a ministry of Fellowship Bible Church
- **19 students** baptized this ministry year across all campuses



FELLOWSHIP KIDS

- **33 kids** baptized this year across all campuses
- Launched **Fellowship Kids** for all ages on **Midtown** campus. Expanded Midtown Fellowship Kids in Spring 2020 to include additional preschool classes.
- Developed social media presence through **FellowshipKidsAR** to connect with families and to share resources, stories, and events.





FINANCIALS

WLR	Giving: \$10,758,945	Budget: \$11,500,000
BENTON	Giving: \$787,349	Budget: \$625,000
CABOT	Giving: \$1,023,364	Budget: \$947,000
ESPAÑOL	Giving: \$95,263	Budget: \$137,000
MIDTOWN	Giving: \$1,174,205	Budget: \$750,000
TOTAL ONE FUND	Giving: \$13,839,126	Budget: \$13,959,000



A **PRAYER** FOR THE **COMING YEAR**

*“Will you not **REVIVE US AGAIN,**
that Your people may **REJOICE**
IN YOU? Show us Your
STEADFAST LOVE, O LORD,
and grant us Your **SALVATION.”***

— Psalm 85:6–7

As we look to a new year in ministry, we lift up a prayer for our Fellowship Family and beyond. That God would revive our weary hearts with his steadfast love and cause us to rejoice in him, making us disciples who live by his grace and for his glory at home and across the world.

Jesus,

Our hearts are weary from a year filled with chaos, pain, suffering, uncertainty, unrest, injustice, and brokenness. And yet our hearts are full as we reflect on a year filled with joy, peace, grace, certainty, nearness, rest, healing, salvation, and unexpected delight. Thank you for reminding us that you are still on your throne and we are never outside of your loving care.

Thank you for all you have done for us, in us, and through us this past year. Even in the midst of such trying times, there is so much to be grateful for. People who have trusted you for the very first time in their lives. Ministry to those near you and those far from you. Discipleship groups sharing life and ministry together (in person and on Zoom!). Disaster relief to people in need. Resources shared to spread the Gospel both locally and globally. And so much more. Your presence and provision has been greatly needed and felt. Your Word has refreshed us and has encouraged, instructed, challenged, comforted, guided, and stretched us by the power of your Spirit. And we are truly thankful. We give thanks for revealing how desperately we need you. We acknowledge that you are sovereign over all things, strong enough to save, and kind enough to never leave us or forsake us. Your love and grace has and continues to transform our hearts and lives and it is exactly what each one of us need every moment of every hour of every day. It is also what our world needs whether they realize it or not.

So as we look to another year, keep our hearts free from anxiety and worry and lead us to trust in you completely. Keep us free from being paralyzed by the crisis in our culture and from staying in neutral, and revive our hearts to rejoice in you. Keep us from drifting into complacency and isolation and help us fight for joy in you and in community with others. Lead us to do what is good. To be a people who act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you. Connect us to yourself and to one another in ways that are for your glory and our good. Break up the fallow ground of our hearts and prepare us for a fresh awakening from your Spirit. Have your way in us. Do in us and through us more than we can ask or imagine for the good of us and others and for the glory of your great name.

By Your grace and for Your glory... Amen.

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