



ANNUAL REPORT

2021

We exist to love God and ALL people by becoming authentic disciples who make disciples for the glory of God and the good of the city.

LETTER FROM PASTOR DREW CLINE

As I reflect on 2021, I can't help but think about the ongoing struggle that COVID has been to us and the greater church of Jesus. There is no doubt that it has taken its toll on us, but in many ways, it has also strengthened us. I'm overjoyed to celebrate that we baptized 19 new believers in 2021! (That's more than anyone around here can remember in the past 20 years or more!) I also think about our students going to a student summer conference that hasn't been attended in nearly as many years. I'm grateful for our CityGroup leaders and partners who have persevered through what has been the most difficult couple of years I've seen in my ministry. Even through it all, Jesus is building His church!

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies." 2 Cor. 4:8-10.

I'm so grateful for how God continues to bless South City with new partners and great leaders! I'm so blessed by believers, young and old. Though diverse in our cultures and experiences, God is growing us together to become a family of families, seeking to know Jesus and make Him known! Regardless of what culture, government or illness may throw at us, may we continue to value the GATHERING OF BELIEVERS - the Ecclesia (church)! God has called us to make these relationships a priority in our lives for the sake of growing as disciples with one another and being on mission together. Life together as the church is ESSENTIAL. (Heb. 10:25)

I truly believe 2022 will be the most important year in our history so far! God is working in incredible ways, and the vision God has given us is to make Jesus Lord of All this year! Nothing is more important than knowing Him and making Him known! We're going into 2022 with a focus on disciple-making. We're changing our service time to 9:30 am so that we can make time for our new effort called EQUIP, where we will help our partners to be ready for the work of ministry and mission in their individual lives, which will, in turn, serve the greater body of Christ in becoming all that God has for us to be. (Eph. 4:11-16).

We don't want to be a status quo church. (Doing the same thing year after year and expecting different results). We're making changes to our gathering to invest in our partners for the glory of God! I hope and pray you will join us on this exciting adventure of taking the gospel to the world as we start with those around us!

We're so thankful for all the Lord has done in 2021, but after 32 years in ministry, I've NEVER been more excited to see what God is going to do this coming year!

I love you, South City Family!
Drew Cline



TRANSFORMATIVE DISCIPLESHIP



SOUTH CITY TRIADS LAUNCH

*(17 or more discipleship groups
formed at launch!)*



17 Salvations

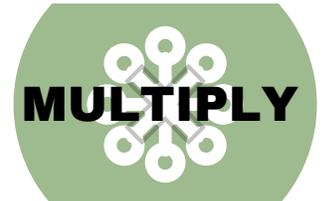
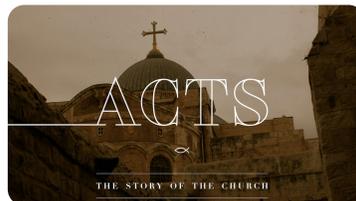
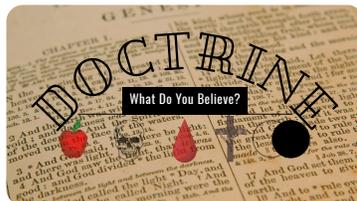
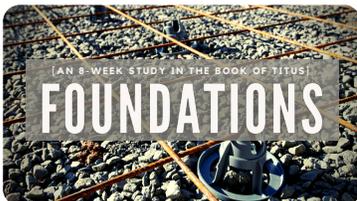
19 Baptisms



104 PARTNERS

9 NEW PARTNERS

SERMON SERIES





MISSIONAL LIVING

God invites (and commands!) us, the Church, to engage missionally for His glory. We often think "missions" has to be done around the world or even at an event "at church." But, God is also calling us next door and across the cubical aisle.

Pictured are CityGroups who took advantage of "Engage Grants," a funded missional outreach event focused on engaging and building relationships with others, especially non-believers.



Food Pantry ministry leader, Amanda Noble, sorts through a huge donation from our friends at the Arkansas Department of Transportation!

260 households served through Food Pantry!



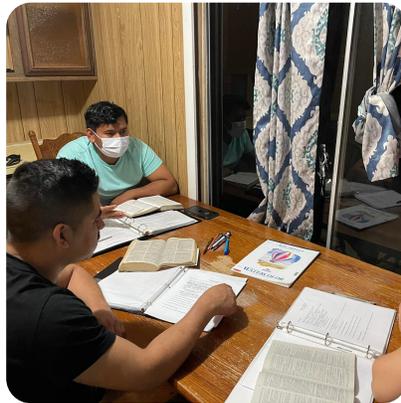
**AUTHENTIC
RELATIONSHIPS**
**101+ people engaged in
9 CityGroups**

IGLESIA SOUTH CITY

I thank God for the privilege of serving Him this past year! 2021 was a great year for Iglesia South City! We were able to baptize 10 Hispanic partners and disciple many. The Hispanic group has grown, and we have had activities with up to 75 people in attendance. In 2022 we plan to move towards small-scale discipleship in homes and continue discipling those God brings us. We also want to continue developing leaders and teams, so we continue to grow. We know that if leadership grows, we will grow in quality and care, not just quantity.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Iglesia South City!

-Elvis Garcia





South City STUDENTS

The student ministry at South City had a tremendous year as God moved and drew hearts!

We saw six salvations, five baptisms, and several rededications to the Lord. All year students have invited friends, and our numbers have grown to around 30 students when everyone is there. Some of these friends were saved and baptized, which brings us such joy!

In February, we had a young missionary to Romania, Sara Filimon, visit our group via Zoom to talk about her testimony and answer questions about her ministry. Afterward, students gathered their own funds to send to her to help fund her mission work.

In the spring, South City Students attended Youth Fest in Greenbrier, AR, and packaged eyeglasses for medical mission trips, at the BMA Global Ministry Center.

Our ministry was able to prepare meals and purchase gift cards to help a family going through a tough time. For the first time, South City students attended SOAR, a BMA conferences event in Dallas, Texas, and raised funds needed to send 32 individuals. While there, our team and students served at Mission Arlington, where we hosted a VBS on a playground at an inner-city apartment complex.

Students also enjoyed a game night, a bonfire, and holiday celebrations in 2021. Students participated in an evening of interactive Advent prayer stations before Christmas for the third year. Please continue to pray for student ministry as we partner with families to disciple young people!

-Heidi Sorrells, Student Ministry Leader





We love our SCKids! They are a powerhouse of little people that are the future of our church and this community! Thank you so much to all of our volunteers who value the importance and responsibility we have to teach them the truths of God's word, who God is, and show them the love of Jesus. This year we had a blast together each Sunday morning, and at our first week-long Vacation Bible School!

- Lora Mesker, SCKids Director





FINANCIAL UPDATE

Tithes & Offerings	\$414,464
Organizational Income.....	\$44,202
Other Income.....	\$68,658
Total Revenue.....	\$527,324
Total Expenses.....	\$535,183
Number of Giving Units (Families and Individuals).....	142 (58 new)
Global Mission Partners.....	\$2,500
Local Mission Partners.....	\$1,697
Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Benevolence.....	\$12,616
Total Missions Giving.....	\$16,813

