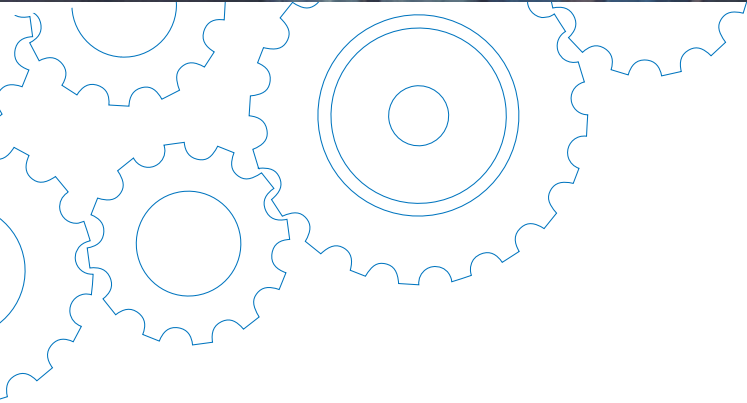




Maumelle CityGroup



ANNUAL REPORT 2022



OUR MISSION



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

Our mission has been the same for five years since South City was re-planted and continues to be the same. But, in many ways, this year was a "gear-shifting" year. Shifting the gears towards discipleship, mission, and community.



A LETTER FROM PASTOR DREW CLINE

When I reflect back on 2022, I honestly think about endurance and weariness. As a church family, we were seeking to honor the Lord with all of our resources and our campus had been more of a burden than a blessing for years. It was time to make a change, and even coming to that point was a very laborious and difficult decision. The campus was under contract in the early Spring and then fell through. Because of that financial burden, we had to get creative to continue the ministry we had known, but God, as always, was faithful to meet our needs and sustain our hearts in what was a difficult time of an uncertain future. It was a confusing feeling because we felt growth in our family, progress in our CityGroups, and a deepening of our vision for the future, but because of the unknown and constant delays of the sale, it made for a difficult season. We did, however, finalize the sale of the campus on Dec. 30th, preparing us for an amazing year of ministry and mission in 2023!

As followers of Jesus, we face uncertainties, disappointments, sicknesses, and financial struggles all the time, and this time as an organization was no different. As in life, we don't focus on the struggles, questions, or difficulties but rather on the goodness of God and His glory! He alone is worthy of our worship and attention.

In 2022 the Lord allowed our team to connect in a cohort for leadership with the Kansas City Underground, a missionary training organization that is helping us shape our vision for the future and the training of our leaders as we go forward.

Our South City Elders met every two weeks to pray and wrestle over the Lord's direction for our family of families, pray for our partners, and decisions on how to honor Him in all we do as a church family. We met for two Elder retreats this year, raised up two new elders, and honored two others as they stepped down to allow others to lead.

Our Students have been growing in discipleship and deepening in their faith through weekly study of God's Word, prayer, worship, and special events like SOAR and other retreats. Our children are also growing through the ministry of South City Kids and the discipleship focus they have during our worship gathering. We're also helping our families understand that the most important element in their children and students growth in Jesus comes from their discipleship at home. At South City, we want to help resource parents as they disciple their families to know Jesus more!

What I'm most excited about from 2022 is how we began to help our CityGroups worship in homes on CityGroup Sundays! The Church IS NOT a building - It's a people! We're learning that we don't have to gather in a service to be the body of Christ, grow in His Word, worship Him together or take the Lord's supper - When we do these things together in our homes, we're connected to the beauty and simplicity of the first-century church where we can more easily live out the "one-anothers", discipleship, community, accountability, as well as mission together where we live. God is helping us move beyond the tradition of "going to church" to learning what it means to "be the church". There's a HUGE difference! We're growing closer to one another in relationship, which helps give more opportunities for discipleship! We're learning to faithfully carry out the great commission of Jesus together!



Thank God for His continued faithfulness and grace to allow us to see the hearts of people continue to grow and develop as authentic disciples who make disciples! One way we see that happening is through equipping leaders for the work of ministry in preaching, leading in our family, and being on mission wherever they live! We saw over 80 engage in EQUIP this year, and we're looking forward to finding ways to see that ministry grow next year!

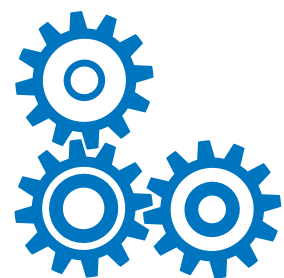
Last year we even began to have other churches ask us what we were doing and how we could help them move from their current model to one that engages more people in discipleship and mission by changing some paradigms. That encouraged us to start thinking about creating a church network called Revolution Collective (where we help other like-minded churches and church leaders consider what it might look like to recapture a simpler model that we see in the early church). We held a meeting with over 20 pastors from 3 different states, and we are continuing to find ways to develop what the Lord is teaching us and how we can help other leaders to grow in this movement of God. We are having ongoing meetings to coach and encourage other churches and leaders toward this end.

2022 was a challenge in many ways, but God is building His church, and we most definitely have more disciple-makers this year than we did last year - PRAISE GOD! I'm so excited to see how the Lord is going to continue to grow our South City family as ORDINARY PEOPLE SERVING AN EXTRAORDINARY GOD!

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."
Acts 4:13 (NIV)

We're praying for the Lord to give us this boldness as ordinary men and women who have been with Jesus and are ready to make Him known all over Central Arkansas!

-Pastor Drew Cline





SOUTH CITY TURNED **5**

What a celebration of all
God is doing! We love our
family of families.





Over 80 people engaged in Equip in 2022, getting training on how to be disciples who make disciples.



EQUIP

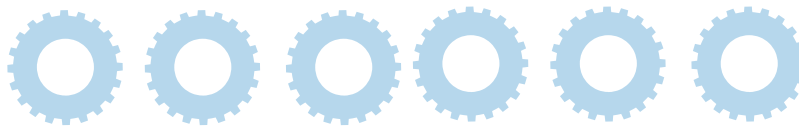
Ephesians 4:12

Training disciple-makers to know God and make Him known.


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SUNDAYS 11AM



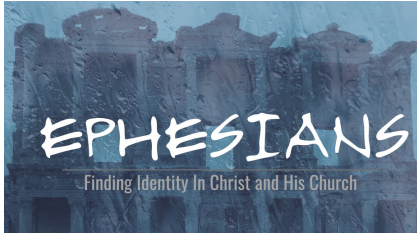


SERMON SERIES




MULTIPLY

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Matt. 4:19




EPHESIANS

Finding Identity In Christ and His Church



TEACH US TO PRAY

A SERMON SERIES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER



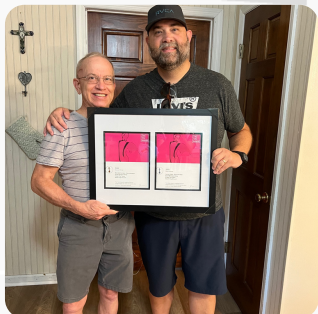


GPS

GIFTS, PASSIONS, STORY



The Gospel of MARK



CITYGROUPS

120+ people engaged in
9 CityGroups



229 (Arkadelphia)

LAUNCH OF CITYGROUP SUNDAYS



Our church parking lot and the building has seemed empty this year with the launch of CityGroup Sunday. However, our church family is consistently scattered all over the city on the first Sunday of each month, gathering in homes, worshipping, studying God's Word, and praying together.

Here are some things we're noticing on these Sundays:

- The presence of Jesus in South City is distributed all over our mission field
- There has been more relational engagement on CityGroup Sunday than on other Sundays
- There have been more people engaged in leading and joining in worship than on any other Sunday
- There has been more prayer about our time together than any other Sunday
- The body of Christ has been using her gifts more than ever
- Teams of families have had to think strategically and serve each other in order to disciple one another and their kids
- There is more prayer for our neighbors and the lost taking place than before



TRIADS



"I LOVE BEING A PART OF A TRIAD. SPENDING TIME STUDYING AND PRAYING TOGETHER IS ALLOWING ME TO EXPERIENCE DEEPER CONNECTION WITH GOD AND HIS WORD. IT HAS BEEN SUCH A BLESSING TO WATCH EACH OF US GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND WITH EACH OTHER."
- AMANDA NOBLE

Many of our partners are leading or participating in a Triad, groups of three people of the same gender gathering to pray for the lost and growing in Christ-likeness. We're excited that Triads have become a part of our rhythms and culture at South City as we seek to grow as disciple-makers.

After praying about it for years, our strategy for ministry is to become more present and missional in neighborhoods around our city through our CityGroups in homes instead of a "Sunday School" model. That left a lot of unused space in our buildings, and we felt the need to be better stewards of the resources God had given us.

This year the Lord brought us a buyer and a new partnership in Arkansas Military and First Responder Academy, who purchased 10710 Interstate 30 on December 30, 2022. They plan to renovate the space for a public charter high school opening in August 2023 in the heart of Southwest Little Rock. To God be the glory for all He's doing in Central Arkansas.



IGLESIA SOUTH CITY

2022 has been a year of training and development for Iglesia South City! We have grown as a team and in discipleship this year. We attended the first "What's Next" in Spanish, and the group created a resurrection drama where we had many guests. We participated in many evangelism nights where group members learned to speak of their faith more openly. By the grace of God, over four years, contacts have been made with hundreds of people, 13 people were baptized, and there is a regular group attendance of 40.

- Pastor Elvis Garcia

SOUTH CITY'S FIRST "WHAT'S NEXT" TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH.



SOUTH CITY STUDENTS

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

Students attended Equip on Sundays, learning more about evangelism and how to make disciples in their context. Several started or joined Triads, going deeper in discipleship and prayer for the lost. Many students took an opportunity to lead a Discovery Bible study on Wednesday night and grew from that experience.

In February, the girls attended Radiant at Camp Siloam, and the guys had their very first guys-only retreat in Hot Springs.

Over the summer, South City students attended SOAR, a BMA conference event in Dallas, Texas, and raised funds needed to send 20 individuals. They also served as leaders during a Sunday morning service at South City in worship, greeting, and welcome! They're learning that a faith family gathering isn't for spectating and consuming; it's hands-on service and participation.

Students also enjoyed attending Youth Fest, game nights, a bonfire, and holiday celebrations in 2022. Please continue to pray for student ministry as we partner with families to disciple young people!



"STUDENT GROUP IS LIKE A SMALL FAMILY THAT ONLY GOD CAN PUT TOGETHER" - EDWIN SOLIS



"THIS GROUP HELPS US AS STUDENTS CONNECT TO OUR FAITH ON A MORE PERSONAL LEVEL" - JORDANA BUFORD





Children were not an afterthought in Jesus's ministry. He brought them into the middle of it, and He showed the disciples what it looked like for children to be a part of His Kingdom by welcoming them unto Himself. As we disciple children in SCKids, it is our passion to help them understand that God's Word is full of life, love, truth, and redemption for them today. We want them to know that Jesus delights in a relationship with them. What great joy it is to watch them come to a fuller knowledge of these things and grow in their faith.

- Lora Mesker, SCKids Director



Our children's dedication celebration was a sweet time of prayer over nine families, and a time to remember our commitment to come alongside families as they disciple their children to know God and make Him known.



Income

Tithes & Offerings	\$382,191
Organizational Income.....	\$ 12,000
Other Income.....	\$ 66,153
Cash Reserves.....	\$ 40,000

Total Income.....\$500,344

Expenses

Operations.....	\$183,907
Personnel.....	\$270,141
Ministries.....	\$ 37,069
Missions/Benevolence.....	\$ 8,981

Total Expenses.....\$500,098

