

ANNUAL REPORT 2023





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 VALUES

- Transformative Discipleship
- Passionate Worship
- Authentic Relationships
- Community Engagement
- Missional Living
- Creative Expression



A LETTER FROM PASTOR DREW CLINE

I'm so grateful for the Lord's unfailing mercy and kindness to me and to our family of families. In these last seven years, that I've had the privilege of serving as one of the pastors of South City Church, this past year was the most difficult. After laboring over a decision to sell our campus for two years, that finally happened on the last day of 2022. Our team worked for months to empty 60,000 square feet of our buildings that had accumulated 50 years of belongings, records, and even puppets from when I was a kid in children's church. It was hard work and emotionally difficult for our entire church family, and on the last day of 2022, it was final. We sold our property to AMFRA (AR Military and First Responders Academy), then had to quickly find a temporary office space, negotiate gathering space for kids and students, and work around major construction and renovations on campus. The one thing we thought would remain the same was being able to continue to worship in our sanctuary. But that Spring, the air went out, just as it was really needed, and we had to find another place to worship. Our friends at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church allowed us to meet at one of their properties for a few weeks, and then we moved back to our old campus and met in our fellowship hall. It was a great test of our patience and grace for a difficult situation and reinforced our conviction that the "church was not a building, but a people." It didn't matter as much where we worshipped as long as we were together. Then, between technical difficulties, confined space, or other mishaps in our gatherings, we couldn't wait to get back in our sanctuary. In the Fall, we did just that, and it was helpful to meet in a more familiar and conducive space for worship.

Though there were extremely difficult moments in 2023, we were so grateful that the Lord provided a way for us to purchase a building, that we began to dream for as our new ministry HUB in the heart of Little Rock. We closed on that property on July 31 and began some small renovations, but we spent the rest of the year waiting on our official building permit to really do major construction, which slowed us down further.

In the middle of changing venues, broken air conditioning, small gathering spaces, and other difficulties, we still saw the Lord do AMAZING things in our family!

- We had the privilege of baptizing 11 people!
- We were honored to host and care for nearly 100 missionaries for the Missionary Care Conference in Hot Springs, AR.
- We saw over 300 visitors in our services and CityGroups. CityGroup families have grown in their discipleship through TRIADS and CityGroup Sundays, intentional relationships with one another, and in an awareness of the need for mission where they live, work, learn and play.

There is NO DOUBT that God is at work in His church and doing great things through the family that is South City.

2024 will be one of the most exciting and important years in the history and future of our church, and I can't wait to see what the Lord will do through His people!

We long to focus our ministry and culture on loving God and ALL people by living out the Great Commission of Jesus to make authentic disciples, who make disciples for the glory of God and the good of the city! We are doing that by aligning our rhythms of gathering in a way that fosters life-on-life relational depth (the One-Anothers), intentional discipleship with each other, and incarnational mission wherever we go. By gathering on the first and third Sundays in homes and CityGroups all over our city, we are living out (Heb. 10:24-25), "spurring one another one towards love and good works." In TRIADS, and through Discovery Bible Studies, we are seeing our CityGroup families grow in discipleship and leadership as they serve one another, and lastly, our prayer is that God would make us bold witnesses so that we might see Gospel saturation in Central AR, where every man, woman, and child has multiple opportunities to come to know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

Our family has changed and is changing, but God remains the same. He is always faithful and good, meeting us in every challenge and exceeding our expectations in how He is going before us, preparing the way, and answering prayers to bring in leaders who are eager to be a part of what God is doing through South City Church. We are seeing the Lord give depth to beautiful Gospel relationships with one-another as family, perseverance in communication and unity, and awareness of the need for making Jesus known through each of our lives, not just through a service or building location. I simply CANNOT WAIT to see all that the Lord accomplishes in us this coming year!

Believing God for Great Things in Central AR!



- Pastor Drew Cline

NEW BUILDING PURCHASED JULY 31, 2023





Maumelle

Annacle

CITYGROUPS

130 people regularly engaged in 9 CityGroups

Number of leaders: 27

Number of visits recorded: 379

Cammack Village

North Little Rock



Avilla

Salem

Alexander

Bryant

God has also called us to gather with one another regularly in real relationships (Acts 2). And God has called every follower of Jesus into ministry (2 Cor. 5) to make Him known, not just "professional Christians." God has called us to be "salt and light" in the darkness of the world around us, joining Jesus on His mission to make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20). Where better to start this mission than in our CityGroups?

CITYGROUP SUNDAYS

We believe the church is so much more than a building or just a service you attend, but rather, a family that you belong to. It's more than singing some songs and preaching in a service.

Instead, we see it as a group of people you are committed to. People you share your life with. It's about knowing and being known. These are people you serve with. People you grow with. People you're on mission with. They're family.



This year, we transitioned to two CityGroup gatherings a month where we:

- o Meet in each other's homes.
- o Fellowship together over a meal.
- o Share the responsibility of leading in a Discovery Bible Study, worship, communion, or kids ministry.
- o Pray over one another.
- o Encourage one another to love, good works, and faithfulness to be on mission for Gospel Saturation in our city.



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SOUTH CITY
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TRANSFORMATIVE DISCIPLESHIP



"I've been in a triad with three other brothers in Christ. Having men who pray together has been an absolute blessing. Fathers and husbands holding each other accountable and learning God's word together, praise Jesus!!" -Carson Runnells



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2023 has been a year of change. We successfully transitioned into CityGroup Sundays. By the grace of God, our Hispanic group has grown from one group to two groups. We host CityGroup meetings in three different cities. We have been able to meet lots of new friends and family members during CityGroup Sunday. Families are more united and have been able to make a more personal connection with one another. We have been preparing by studying the word of God and developing new study habits and leaders.

-Douglass + Yesenia Pacheco (Hispanic Ministry Leaders)



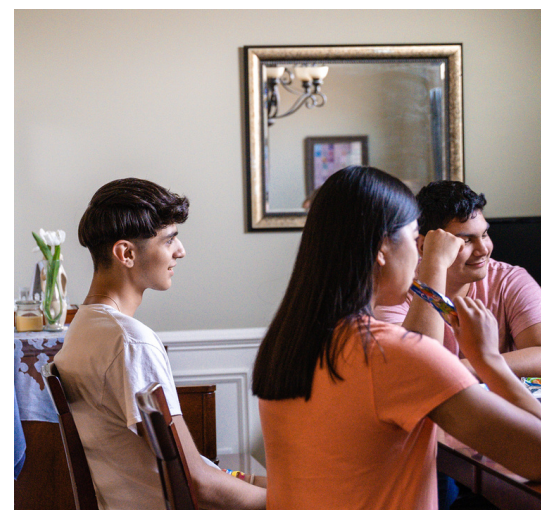
SOUTH CITY STUDENTS

South City students had a great year! They grew in discipleship by joining triads, sharing their faith with friends, leading discovery bible studies, and finishing a full overview of the grand narrative of scripture.

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

Over the summer, South City students attended SOAR, a BMA conference event in Dallas, Texas. They also enjoyed other events like game nights, a bonfire, and holiday celebrations in 2023.

Please continue to pray for student ministry as we partner with families to disciple the next generation of disciple-makers in our city!





South City continues to make discipleship our priority, and we know that it starts in the home.

This year, South City kids grew in understanding of the gospel and in obedience to God's word. We are thankful for 30+ disciple makers who are committed to coming alongside parents and Citygroups, reinforcing what it looks like to be and make disciples.

Please continue to pray for South City kids and their families!



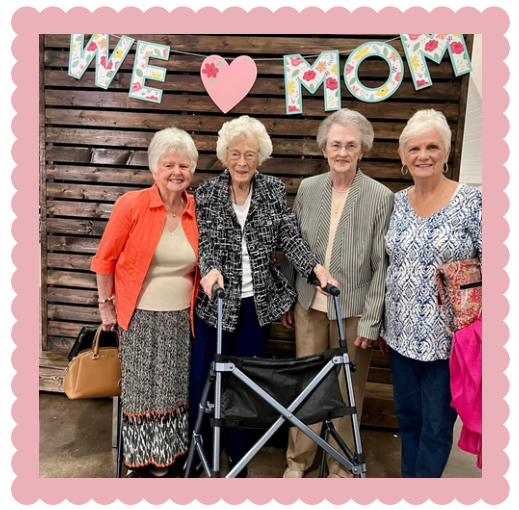
PASSIONATE WORSHIP



Worship is more than a service attended or a song on the radio. It is our lives, obedience, dreams, choices, and identity found in **Christ alone**. Our family lived that out this year, and it made singing together all the more sweet.



AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS



CREATIVE EXPRESSION



Rise Up (Lazarus) -
South City Worship with friends
Darius Nelson & St. Mark Choir

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND MISSIONAL LIVING



This year, our family celebrated **11 baptisms!** Praise God!

We sent six **partners on international mission trips** and hosted nearly 100 missionaries at the **Baptist Missionary Care conference in Hot Springs, AR.**

We thank the Lord for your faithfulness in mission for God's glory in our **neighborhoods + around the world.**



FINANCIAL REPORT

Income

Tithes & Offerings	\$327,289
Other Income.....	\$ 7,859
Cash from Investments*	\$158,287

**Funds from interest earned on our investment account to cover expenses.*

Total Income.....\$493,435

Expenses

Operations.....	\$135,817
Personnel.....	\$270,464
Ministries.....	\$ 50,144
Missions/Benevolence.....	\$ 37,010

Total Expenses.....\$493,435

Investments|Assets

Bank Accounts.....	\$ 93,044
Pyle Financial Services	\$ 710,089
317 S Shackelford.....	\$1,696,928

Total Assets.....\$2,500,061

*Don't just attend a service,
belong to a family!*