

YEAR END REPORT

Living Stones Carson City 2021

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

7 Total LS Churches

7 Baptisms

Since 2013, we have had 42 people follow Jesus and get baptized.

7 Child Dedications

5 Leader Graduates

31 Volunteers

This includes our faithful servant leaders and deacons.

42 Covenant Members

700 Balloons

Given out at Park and Grab, our biggest cultural event.

\$6470 Given to the Year End Gift

3 Community Groups

14 Church Plants and 8 Missions

Supported across the LS Family

The Bible describes a church as things like a body, a kingdom, a bride. But for me the best analogy of this year is a community and a family. I think that's because this was a year that we all felt, keenly, the highs and lows of 2021.

2021 was another season of change. We learned how to hold our gatherings in a post-covid world, and the patience of our volunteers and members deserves a medal! In the fall we said goodbye to several families, including Pastor Andrew and his wife Christina who left for Andrew to pursue his seminary. This was hard. No discussion of last year would be right if we didn't embrace the bittersweetness of saying goodbye to those who left, because even if they are still in town, we miss seeing them. However, I'm grateful. This season was not just one of loss but of gain. Several families joined or rejoined our church in the same season, and together we form the church of God expressed at Living Stones.

And with that in mind, I rejoice in the power of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. Because with the tears was also joy as God continued to make Jesus known and to use us as His church. Seven people proclaimed their faith in Christ and seven families dedicated their children to the Lord. God provided our church with ample opportunities to serve our community, all while declaring the greatness of Jesus. Children were born and couples were married. We closed a community group but reopened student group. Rhythms of life all overseen by a gracious God.

And in the highs and lows, you were disciples of Jesus. You gathered weekly in a post-pandemic world. You shared the gospel and served the city. You loved me and my family well by sending us on sabbatical, and now we begin 2022 in hope and expectation, because I believe that 2022 will be one of the best yet for Living Stones Carson, and for the gospel in our midst.

I love being part of this church family, in all seasons. Here is to the new year, and to Jesus being known by us and in this city!

- Pastor Gavin Jarvis



New Year, Different Worship Space

Part of the new year is moving our worship gathering to the former lobby. The theater was too large for our church, and not welcoming to newcomer or member alike. I invite you to sing loudly, to get to know your fellow Sunday attender, and to pray that our worship would be vibrant and full in our new space!

In the City, For the City

As disciples of Jesus, we live in Carson and hope to be a blessing and share the gospel to our city and in the world. Last year, you:

Gathered School Supplies and Thanksgiving Meals for Fritsch Elementary Families

Passed out Hotdogs and Gave Gift cards to Caldor Fire evacuees

Gave candy and light up balloons to children in our neighborhood

Helped the Art Center in their remodel of their building

Aid was provided to Afghanis' refugee families through benevolence

Snapshot 2022

In September, we focused on re-engaging worship, kids and students, groups, invites, and finding a new worship space. We accomplished all five, although that last one didn't happen like we thought it would (Just look left).

Here's a snapshot of our focus this year: We will create a culture of welcome, worship, and word that leads to a vibrant, healthy church. We will equip all in our church to have a gospel formed life and witness in Carson City. And we will believe and pray big things for the gospel this year.

Giving

The life of our church is in large part thanks to you and your faithfulness in giving. Last year we brought in just over 182,000 dollars, excluding a couple of large donations. Our 2021-2022 Fiscal Budget is \$195,000. We are currently on track. The budget of our church works out to these five categories:

Staff - 60%
Building Costs - 17%
Miscellaneous - 3%
Family Network - 10%
Church Planting and Missions - 10%

Our fiscal year runs from July through June. This is a very brief snapshot, so if you have any more questions, I would love to answer any of those I can.

BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS.

At Living Stones, we want to set a clear pathway for you as you pursue growing as a Christian, and I want to invite you to grow in your faith in Christ and your involvement at Living Stones in 2022:

DECLARE YOUR FAITH

Get Baptized and tell others about Christ! We will be pursuing a 5-5-5 challenge all year to help us to talk about our faith with others.

ENGAGE AS A MEMBER OF CHRIST'S BODY

The Bible is clear: You are called to be an active member of the local church. Members use their gifts, serve together, pray and study, give financially, and are recognized as members. Speak to the pastor or our leaders to engage as a member of the body of Christ.

BECOME A LEADER

The Holy Spirit invites His people to grow in maturity and to be leaders in their faith. Do you have a passion for something in this church? God may be calling you to lead. Talk to the pastor!