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## Dear church family,

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Specifically, we want to advise whedge the faithfulness of those of you who chose to give in order to help or does what, at the sizes, appeared to be an insurrounstable gap in our framchall income and expenses. God did abundantly more than we could over ask or think in using your to provide for the needs of the body as we closed our 2021. Thank you for allowing God to work in and through your faithfulness and

As an entrative contrib New Year, we delive to contribully very Cod of the Malkey's offerenember that he has own such as east, and ESS apper T will repay you for the years that the assuming boars as in the young board, the description board, and the ownership board—region are they fail as less group on the hashes all does already entrangle board and the second of the second of the second of the second of the entrangle board and the second of the second of the second of the entrangle board of the second of the second of the second of the entrangle board of the second of the second of the second of the description of the second of the second of the second of the description of the second of the second of the second of the description of the second of the second of the second of the description of the second of the second of the second of the description of the second of the second of the description of the second of the second of the description of the second of the second of the description of description of the description of description





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Village 454 is a ministry within Granul Community Church whose heart is to support those caring for orphans and vulnerable children, while also engaging the church at-large to live out our Heavenly Father's heart of compassion toward the fatheriess.

In 2021, Wage 434 continued to be an encouraging ministry offering prayer and meeting tangible needs for those who are providing foster care, respite care, or going through adoption.



long 2 year adoption journey. We replice in God's support provided Dynash Village 134.







3 children were 4 foster children are adopted within GCC Iving with families at 33

XX volumeers actively serve in Village 434 Care



In May we hosted a Village E36 Connect Night

educative families as we care for God's family.

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# BELONG

The focus this past year has been resuming a clear process for connection, supporting our group leaders and otherological plantifies yellowing the plantifies of the process of the connection of the process of the pro

#### —THE CONNECTIONS PATHWAY ——



Learn more about GCC and what it means to be a member of our church family while connecting with others!

#### DISCOVER



Dive deep into what church means to us, learn more about groups, & have the opportunity to become a member!

#### BELONG



Get fully connected here at GCC. Learn how to live life on mission as we go, gather, give and grow together as a church family! Gre the

#### IN 2021, WE...

Launched 7 new Gospel Communities for a total of 23.
 Provided 5 short-term Equipping Groups.

 Introduced a new connections pathway leading towards mambirahip. Since kideling off this new process, 184 people have attended 02: Discover and more than 100 people have attended 02: Belong and have become Provisional Nambers. The majority of



Groups and their role within Gospel Communities. Typically formed within the consect of a Gospel Community, but not always, DNA Groups are micro-groups of 3 to 4 people of the same gender who commit to meet regularly to be known diesply and study the Biblie together.

DNA is an acronym for 3 important aspects of discipleship:

• Discover Jesus in the Scriptures (HEAD)

• Nurture the truths of the gospel in our hearts (HEART)

Nurture the truths of the gospel in our hearts (HEART)
 Act in obedience to the Holy Spirit (HANDS)
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As Christians, we are called to hospitality throughout the Bibl
The Lord tells the Israelites to "love the stranger" like they lov

'When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do h wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as s native among you, you shall love him as yourself, for you w

Loving others is loving God. One of the ways that we can shi love to anyone who enters the doors of our church is throu intentional hospitality. This begins with a church family ment

greeing you at the door with a smee, serving you a warm out coffee or tea, helping you check in your orbidens as kid by or walk you to a seat, and having a genuine conversation at the connect area. Each of these areas provides us with the opportunity.

In 2021, our goal was to begin rebuilding our hospitality tea after a time of distancing during a global pandemic. Over the cour

after a time of distancing during a global pandemic. Over the cou of the year we welcomed 38 people to our hospitality team that excited to intentionally serve like Jesus calls us

## હાઈલ્લ્ક & conversations As we expanded the Connecting Point ministry to encompass a

many of the consistent relationships we had developed over the

Wednesday morning space. Through this, we began to hear many of our neighbors start using language like "this is my family" or "this is meaningful & impactful rather than simply 'meeting a need' with no

There are a couple of ladies that we have been able to help disch their old furniture and get new furniture. Both of these ladies served

in different capacities in our different ministries and even still attend our Sunday authorings often. One of the ladies even made

we are partaking in. Through the café, we are able to provide a warm meal & build community with these ladies and about 40 other individuals each and every week.

My favorite part about breakfast is how welcoming you guys are & how the staff remember's everyones names. December My favorite part is when Malcom makes his

homemade biscuitz -Eleanor

I love getting to talk to people & encourage them if they're worried about something. I like to get out & mingle with people. Kevin

My favorite part about breakfast is the warm welcome we receive when we come in! Everyone is always so friendly -Sony

I like the atmosphere. I love meeting all my new family -Barbara



The Lord beautifully built a team of servant-hearted leaders who will be serving out of their giftings and in ways that are unique to their own stories and experien

In December, we commissioned 12 members to the first ever deacon team at GCC led by our lead deacon, Lindsay Grutz.

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O PRIORITIZE THE HEALTH OF OUR CONGREGATION, WE HAVE APPOINTED AND EQUIPPED A TEAM OF DEACONS WHOSE RUMARY QUECTIVE IS TO CARE FOR THOSE IN THE GOO BODY.

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answering our prayers for health within our volunteer teams and the first fruits of fostering an unhurried Bunday gathering in the Lord's presence. This time last year, both the Rivermont & College Hill worship and production teams were reforming, and now we have year-round volunteers. New worship leaders are continuing to be trained and emnowered at both locations. We also were able to hire College Hill's first-ever on-staff Worship Director back in March.

#### COMING TOGETHER TO BRATCE HIM

nrover and worship pinht in the spring two in the summer and one in the fall as well as several special gatherings for the Lenten and Advent seasons, During Global Focus Month, GCC announced its first\_ever worship and arts\_focused international mission trip to Nepal in summer 2022 that will utilize the gifts of our teams to equip worship leaders and preatives alongside our plobal partners Let's continue to pray that the Lord grows our teams and gives His people a deeper passion to know and worship Him.



God har nidrly blessed our local outreach ministry during the 2021 year. Even market the punchess, www was this to admire addicated volumes to the work of community engagement is both the Rivermore and College HB. nearlightomodes. Furthermore, in adding stateming, at opening unit the floogises for us to engage in disepar and more imassingful ways with our community registeriors. The sallowed us to lovering our betweenforce institute to high registeriors. The sallowed us to lovering our betweenforce institute to help meet sengillar meads with individuals that the vel lover developed institute injury to help meet. The admires of the community of the control of the co In October, we successfully hosted a fall featural in the Thermont community that standed over 1000-individuals that we were able to engage with and be the tangible presence of Jesus with. We continue to levest in our partners and develop new partners that bring valuable resources to our community and give back to our city.

If Spiritual transformation and the sacred art of "meeting needs" is propelled by meaningful relationships with others, then we have met this goal this read wars according to this work of the Mole Spirit





In our Pevermont community, we utilize our food paritry twice per month as well as having a neighborhood breakfast and games every Wednesday morning. There are libbe studies, recovery programs, and counseling all happening in the Connecting Point. a partnership with an organization called No Walls that hosts a neighborhoo pionic, with food, fun, music and games for kids. We are also extending this ministry of neighborhood cookouts into our 4th Saturdays in the 2022 year.

Connecting Point.

The year of 2022 has been a row of recovery and regrowth an College Mile.

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to his backgride Mile community. We were also able to host Lunch & Exements

again it has less grown the College Mile.

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summer, providing meals & programming for 25+ kids in our neighborhood!

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in hopes that they will one day be reunited.

rt Pickett, our focus is providing programming for the far ( learning activities, sports games, and engage in convers

SUPPORTING REFUGEES

deeply impacted by the time they spent with Alighans at Fort Pickett. This is the testimony from Kensia Bigort, who was able to travel to Furt Pickett several time over the last few months.

"This experience has been one of the most incredible opportunities that the Lond has beliesed me with 3 know that the Lond has beliesed me with 3 know that the Lond with 3 known than the Lond when the Lond with 3 known than the Lond when the Lond which shows the same than the Lond when the Lond which shows the same than the Lond when the Lond which shows the same than the Lond which shows the same than the same same than the same s

given us to love on and serve Afghan families in our very own ba-

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#### residenev God had been faithfully bringing men and women into our residency program to be

stretched in their faith and spiritually formed, but also to serve our church in staff their residency. We're continuing to learn how to form present and future leaders and

What are some of the disciplines that you have developed for affectively leading

## growing together Our Teaching team enjoyed guiding GCC through the liturgical

church seasons, while speaking into the day to day concerns that we have all been walking through. It's beautiful to see how the timeless word of God instructs us, and ministers to us, in the different seasons of our lives. In addition to our topical sermon series, we were able to go deeper into the books of Exodus and Ephesians. All of our studies helped inform our understanding of God Christian community and equipped us for God's mission in our world. It was a joy to end the year in the Psalms

during the season of Advent.

## CHRISTMAS STORE 2021

The GCC Christmas Store first opaned in 2018 with one simple belieffamilies would prefer to provide for themselves at Christmase rather than receive a hand our. This store is based off of a national model that is designed to provide the families in our neighborhood with the opportunity or shoo for that children at a onesity reduced cost or with transfels exists.

Our Christmas Store was a huge success this year, with the congregation providing so many gifts in order to support the ministry. This was the first year that we hosted the store at both locations. Because of this, we were able to help carents ourchase

Christmas gifts for over 200 kids in our community!

It is only made possible through these volunteers and generous donations from our church family, and others in our community who

want to give back locally. In 2021, We had over 100 volunteers turn out to help us with this ministry! We now have many opportunities to follow up with the shoppers, build relationships, and share the love of Christ.

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# celebrating what god has done

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At the end of 2021, we asked the congregation to earn and prayerfully consider being "one of the 400" people wi above and beyond their normal giving to help us close our

This transformational giving opportunity allowed us to close our financial gap by this end of the year and we are so grassful. Thank you for answering Gode invitation to be generous in this call to searficial giving As a church family, you gave our most generous amount to date to provide for the needs of our church

We would love to hear from you about how God is working our heart to create a further desperation, dependence, and sporturity to join film in His mission. If you have a story to there, please head to gospelcoing it select "Share Your Story! We are praying that the Lord will use your testimony for His lates to notice others howerd Hisson!"

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## IN PERSON

PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE DROPBOXES. LOCATED AT THE EXITS AT BOTH LOCATIONS

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