



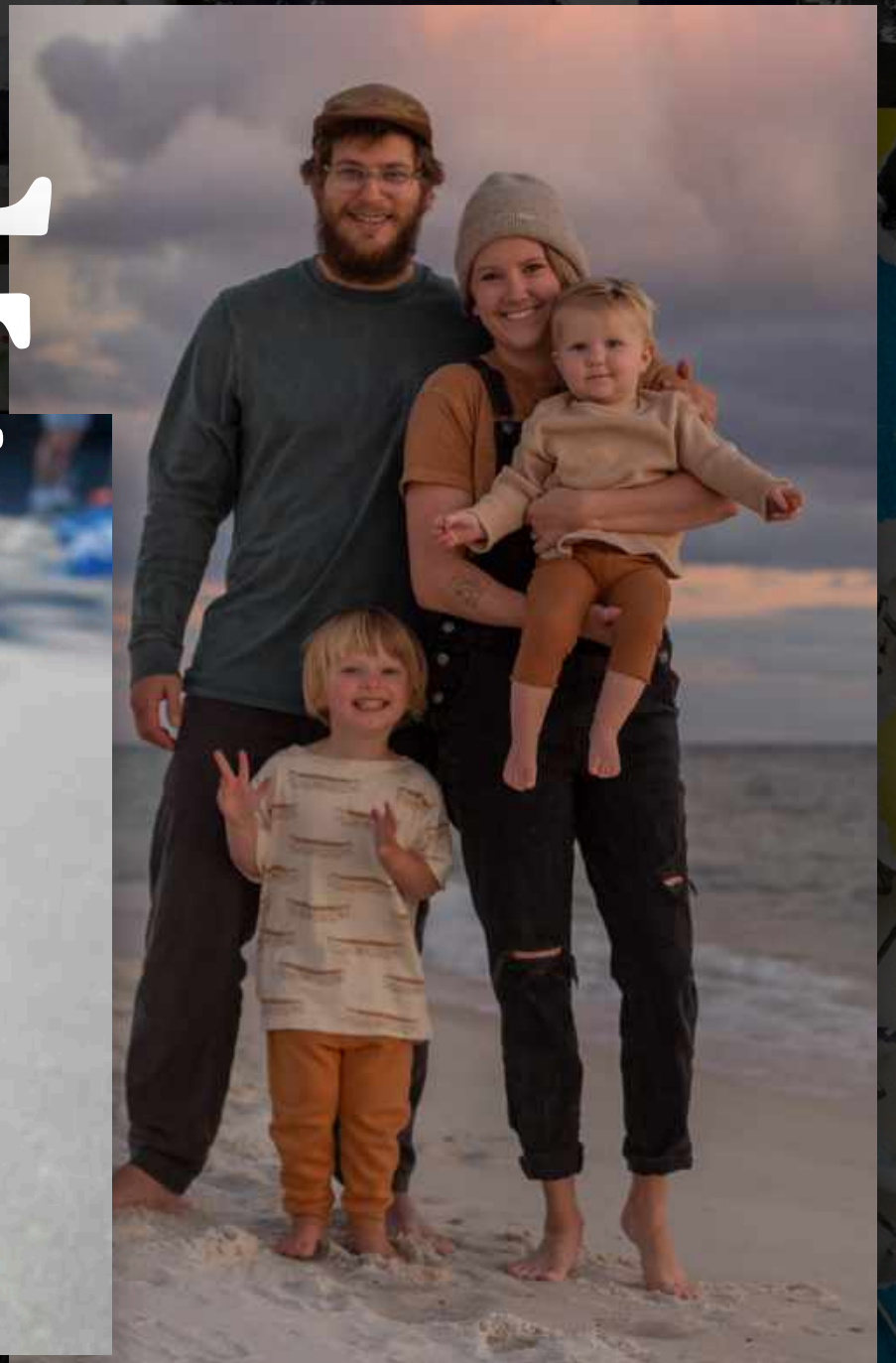
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# **TAKING STEPS TOWARDS JESUS — TOGETHER.**

**2021 Annual Report  
Reach Church  
Everett, WA**



# A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Ever since I can remember, I've been interested in various forms of visual art. It's always been fascinating for me to create something from nothing on a blank canvas, sheet of notebook paper, or digital artboard. To this date, old notebooks and shoeboxes filled with moments of creative expression remind me how wonderful it is to watch ideas come to fruition in the physical.

In a very real sense, this is how I see our church. In fact, several people in 2021 have expressed to me - with excitement and opportunity in their eyes - how they feel like we're a bit of a "blank canvas." I would agree, as does our team. We're in a maturing moment. While many of our core rhythms (Sundays, groups, serving) are in place, the sky really is the limit in terms of what the next chapter of growth looks like for us.

When Jesus told his disciples in Acts 1:8, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth," he must have known the time it would take to accomplish a project like this, not to mention the maturing that would need to take place in his disciples to shoulder such a calling. Yet here we are, in Everett, WA, responding to the very same mission.

In a sense, this "blank canvas" of ours is ready to be painted on.

As we look back at 2021, my prayer is that God will begin showing you what your part is to play in what he's creating at Reach. Whether it's deepening in discipleship rhythms or finding creative ways to advance the mission, will you consider what YOUR step towards Jesus looks like?

I'm blown away by what he's accomplished in and through us this year, and I can't wait to see what comes to pass in 2022!

- Pastor Sean





**LET'S  
DIVE  
IN...**



# **WATER BAPTISM**

**6 PEOPLE PUBLICLY  
DECLARED FAITH IN JESUS**

















CULTURAL CLUE #1

# TAKE A STEP TOWARDS JESUS.

Faith in Jesus is best experienced when it's lived out, not just thought about. That's why we constantly invite people to take a step towards Jesus. No matter where you're coming from or what you've done, taking a step towards Jesus is always worth taking. He can handle whatever you bring him, and the result is always a worthwhile one. To hear more of Pastor Sean's heart on this concept, [click here](#).



# ***“FINDING OUR SPOT”***

## **MEET THE CONNELLY FAMILY**

**JACOB, RACHEL, WALLACE, AND ELIZA**



Our family moved to Washington in September, 2020. We were trying to navigate finding a church, getting connected, and building community while respecting people's safety and health boundaries. It was a tough balancing act and, with two small children, we were spending a lot more time isolated at home than we probably should have. We heard about Reach from a friend back in Austin, TX and decided to try out a community group the next day. It felt immediately like we had found our spot.

We were struck with how intimate the Sunday services are, how accessible church leadership is, and how quickly we were able to get plugged into our community group. Several people from Reach have been intentional with us about spending time together, inviting us to church events, and encouraging us to get involved with serving opportunities at the church. We are so thankful for Reach and the family that the church has been for us over the past year or so. It makes moving halfway across the country so much easier. We couldn't feel more at home at Reach, and we are excited to watch how God uses the church in our community and in reaching the larger Everett area.



# **BIG TABLES. SMALL TABLES.**



**10**

Groups meet weekly/bi-weekly for meals and connection

**5**

New groups were started in 2021

**112**

Adults (+ a ton of kids) are connecting in Groups

At Reach, we have a phrase that seems to guide us well: be the church, reach the city. We aspire to be a community that is constantly striving to live out those words together in everyday life. The primary place this plays out is in Groups — which are the very heartbeat of who we are and what we do. Simply put, Groups are followers of Jesus and their friends, learning to live like family for the good of their city. They meet throughout the region, gathering in homes, cafes, parks, and any other space where they can grow in their love for God, each other, and their city.



CULTURAL CLUE # 2

# JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH.

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus told his disciple Peter, “I will build my church.” He intended to use Peter (and others) to assist him, but he took ownership of the project itself.

We’ve seen God do incredible things in our church, from providing a trailer for set-up/tear-down gear to handing us the keys to our building. He’s brought people, resources, and encouragement right on time, nearly every time. At Reach, we do our best to build with Jesus, but ultimately, this community and all he entrusts us with belongs to HIM. He’s been building, he’s still building, and there’s more to be done!



# **“BEATING THE SEATTLE FREEZE”**

**MEET THE STAAB FAMILY**



**CODY AND BERGIE**

**Hello everyone! Bergie and I (Cody) want to thank you all for welcoming us here at Reach. God has been doing a lot through you guys, and your ministry has had a tremendous impact on us.**

**Prior to coming to Reach, we had been bouncing from church to church trying to find a home. On top of that, we had been suffering from the “Seattle freeze.” It had gotten to the point where we were considering moving away from the Northwest entirely! Then we stumbled on you, and as a result God has brought about a lot of “firsts” in our lives. It’s been our first time giving back to a church, my first adult baptism, and Bergie’s first time taking communion in 8 years!**

**We feel at home, the sermons are strong and full of God’s spirit, folks are involved, and more than ever, we understand the difference a church can make in one’s walk with God.**



# GO TEAM GO!

Meet the folks who help make it happen every Sunday and beyond. Composed primarily of volunteers, our team’s goal is to build teams and equip people just like you to follow Jesus faithfully. Give them a high-five next time you see them on a Sunday!



**Sean Gasperetti**  
Lead Pastor / Planter



**Kara Gasperetti**  
Ministry Support / Planter



**Stephen Marti**  
Associate Pastor / Worship



**Tayla Marti**  
Community + Culture



**Megan Robbert**  
Kids Lead



**Piko Neal**  
Tech Team Admin



**Jon Deyonker**  
Youth Lead



**Emily Deyonker**  
Youth Lead



**Russ Perron**  
Elder Candidate / Facility



**Jeff Price**  
Elder Candidate / Prayer



**Ronda Price**  
Prayer



**Mackenzie Wallace**  
Meet-Ups



**Brendan Woodward**  
Finance



**Crystal Woodward**  
Finance



**Allison Pennington**  
Hospitality / Logistics



# AN ARMY OF VOLUNTEER

**WE ARE A CHURCH RUN ALMOST  
ENTIRELY BY VOLUNTEERS.  
COOL, HUH?**



**59** faithfully serving our kids

**12** keeping us safe on security

**33** facilitating worship and  
production technologies

**30** working on welcome +  
clean teams

**THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE SERVING  
ONE ANOTHER...AND THAT'S JUST  
ON A SUNDAY!**



# ***REACH KIDS***

**178** unique children were served over the course of the year.

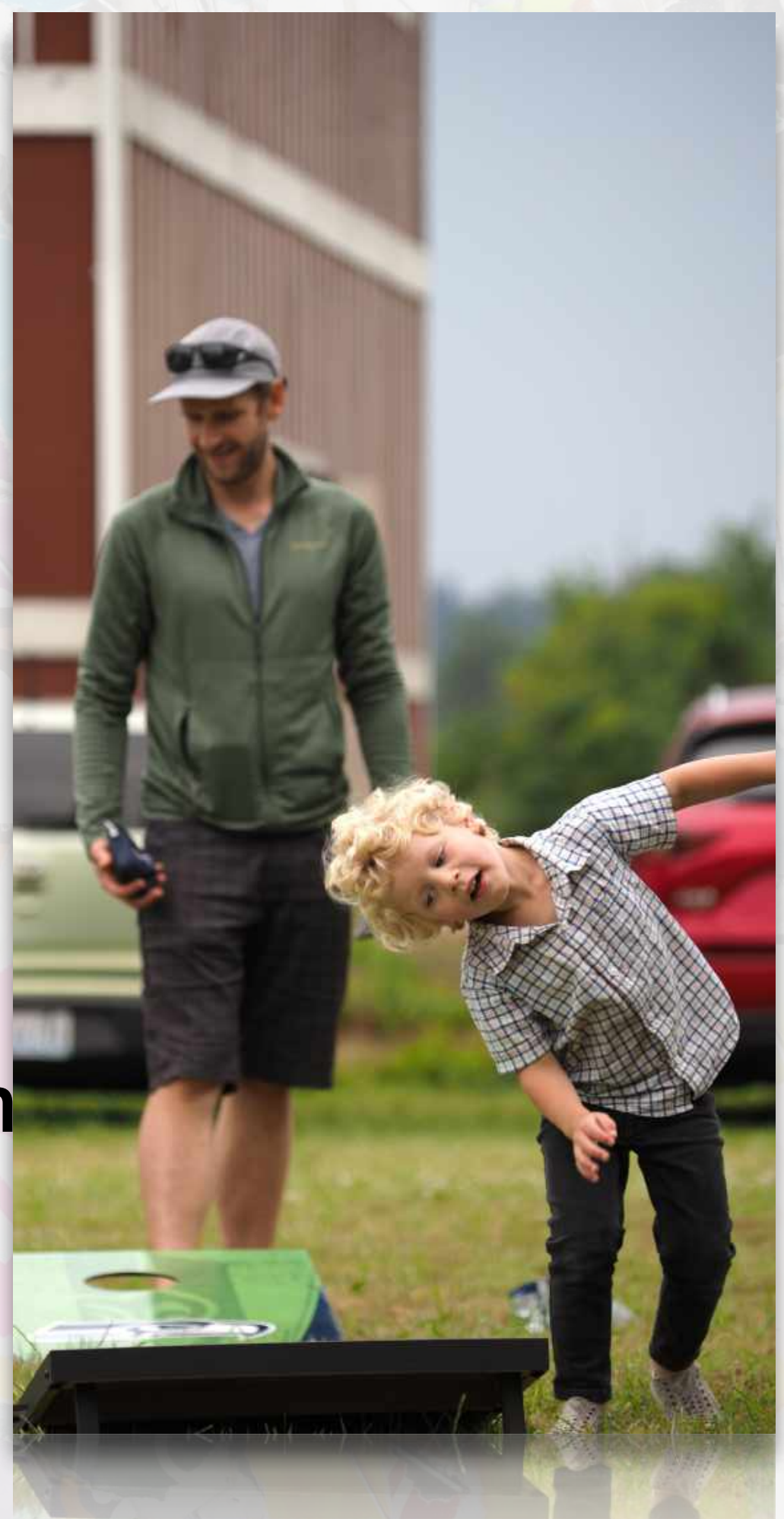
A few quick stats:

- ▶ Averaging **34** kids per Sunday
- ▶ Launched elementary in **February**
- ▶ Launched walking 1's in **April**
- ▶ Split our elementary class into 2 rooms in **September**
- ▶ Dedicated **14** children to the Lord

**Holly Wisniew** served as our Kids Lead through August.

**Kara Gasperetti** stepped up as the interim lead to help kick-off the Fall.

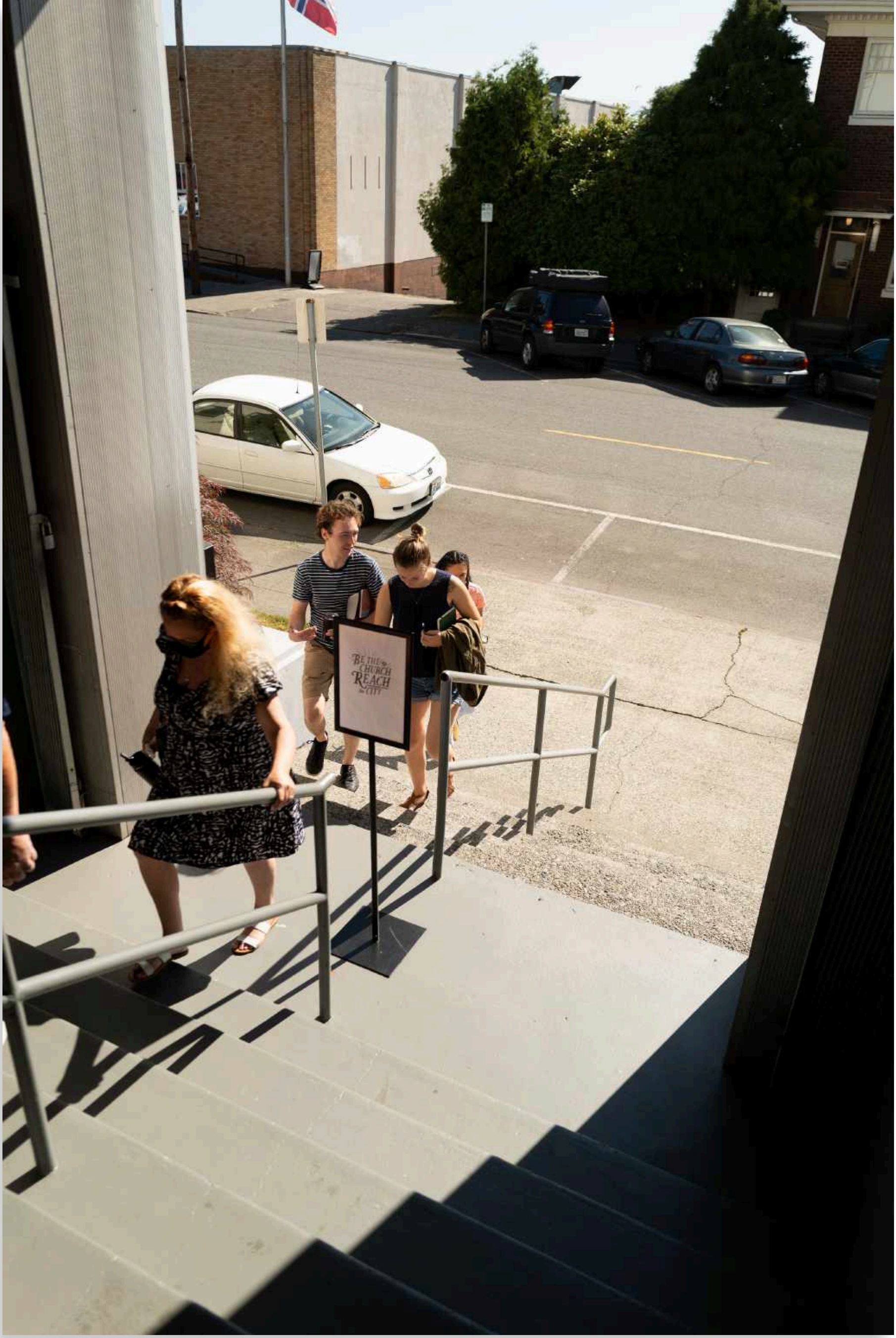
**Megan Robbert** joined our team as the Kids Lead in October.





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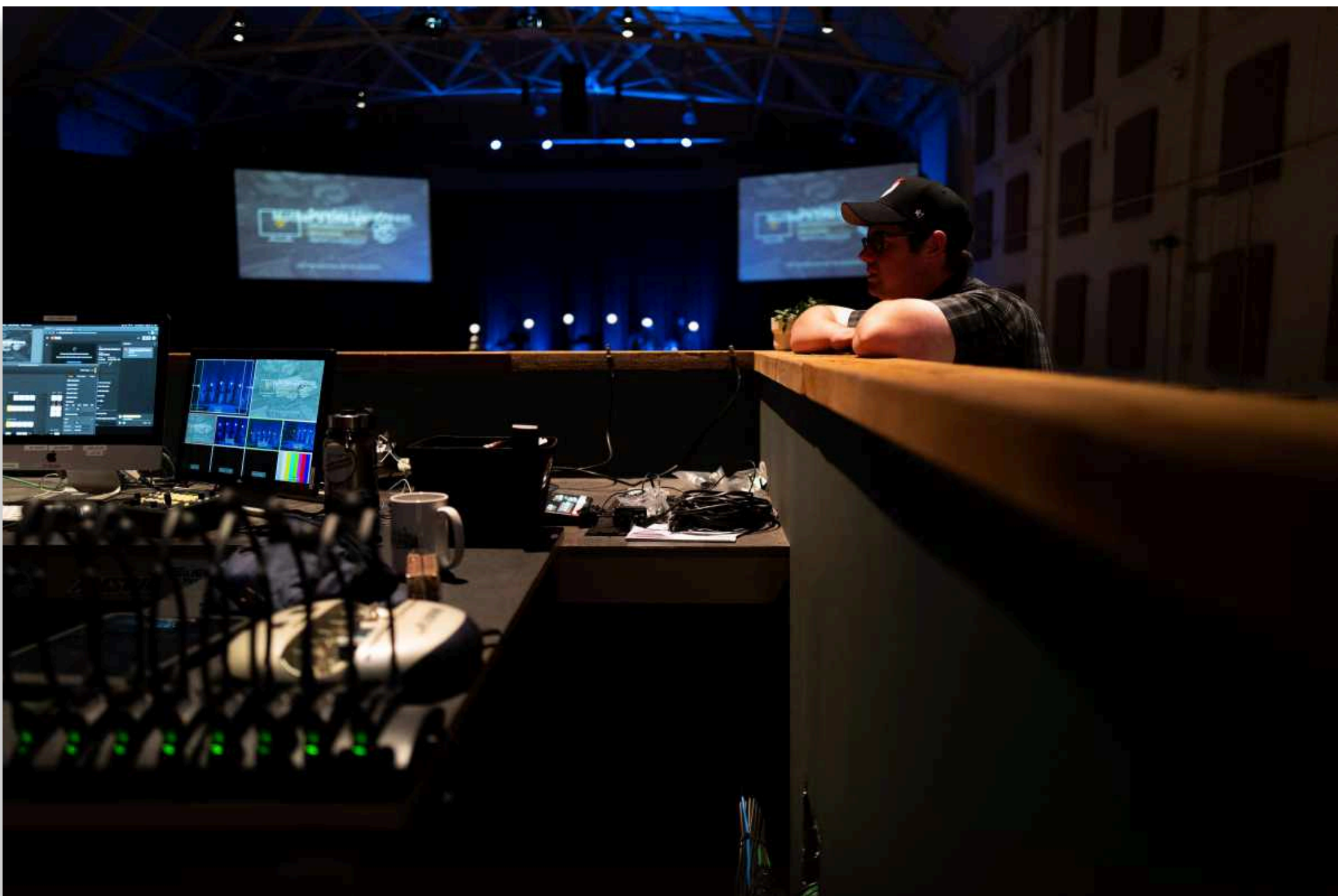














## CULTURAL CLUE #3

# WHOA FAMILY!

Every Sunday, we gather at 9:30 for a pre-service rally and moment of prayer. It's a chance to sync up for the day, offer some encouragement and shout-outs around the circle, and pray together. At the end, all hands go into the center of the circle and we shout collectively: "1..2...3...WHOA AAA FAMILY!"

It's a small but significant tradition that serves to remind us of who we're aiming to be:  
A church that functions like a healthy, loving family.



# **“GROUPS BECOMING FAMILY”**

## **MEET THE HAYNES FAMILY**



A year ago, we had one goal in mind: find a local church community and get involved. Having arrived in Snohomish in the middle of a pandemic, we knew that we needed to find a place where we could connect with other believers and find encouragement on Sunday mornings. But we also knew from our experience living internationally that the best way to really get to know people was to open our home and invite people into our lives. When we moved to Sweden (years prior), many Christians graciously opened their homes and hearts to us. Now that we were back in the US, we wanted to be involved in a church that was offering the same caring ministry to people, even in the midst of a pandemic. So, we found Reach, joined the community, and started hosting a small group with another couple.

Since then, our group has been meeting for a big family dinner twice a month, with DNA groups in-between. What started with simple food and discussion has grown into a place for people to authentically share and support one another. We often exchange texts throughout the week and pray for each other. Sometimes the DNA groups even practically serve each other, whether that is making dinner for a couple with a new baby or helping a family with their home remodeling project. For Kip's birthday his DNA group came over to help him move our heavy chicken coop across the yard. When someone is going through marriage counseling, we pray for them, and when someone is sick or dealing with a difficult family situation, we pray for healing and restoration. And when we experience an answered prayer, we celebrate that together too. This is a taste of what the Kingdom of God can be like and we look forward to seeing how God will use this ministry to further His Kingdom in all of our lives.



# ***DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT***

TECHNOLOGY IS A SIGNIFICANT PIECE OF OUR MINISTRY.  
CHECK OUT THE WAYS WE'VE ENGAGED YOU AND OTHERS IN 2021.

**14,615** Website visits

**4,205** sermon/media plays

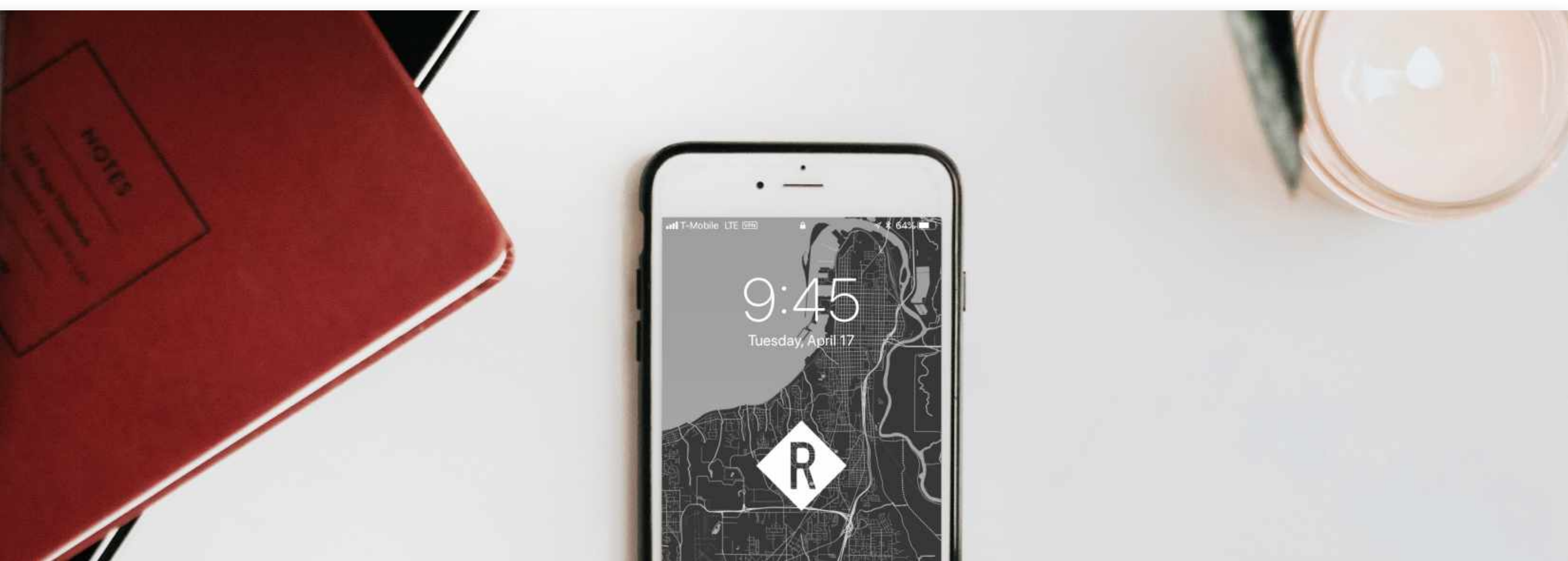
**1,316** unique devices  
streamed church online

**411** Reach Everett App downloads

**746** Instagram followers

**549** Facebook likes

**116** YouTube subscribers





# **FROM MOB LIFE TO MISSION**

**GUEST SPEAKER  
MICHAEL FRANZESE**



**In October, we hosted a guest speaker with a powerful story to tell. Michael Franzese is a former member of the infamous Colombo crime family. At his most affluent, he was generating between \$5,000,000.00 to \$8,000,000.00 PER WEEK from both legal and illegal business. In 1986, he was named one of the biggest money earners the mob had seen since Al Capone by Vanity Fair.**

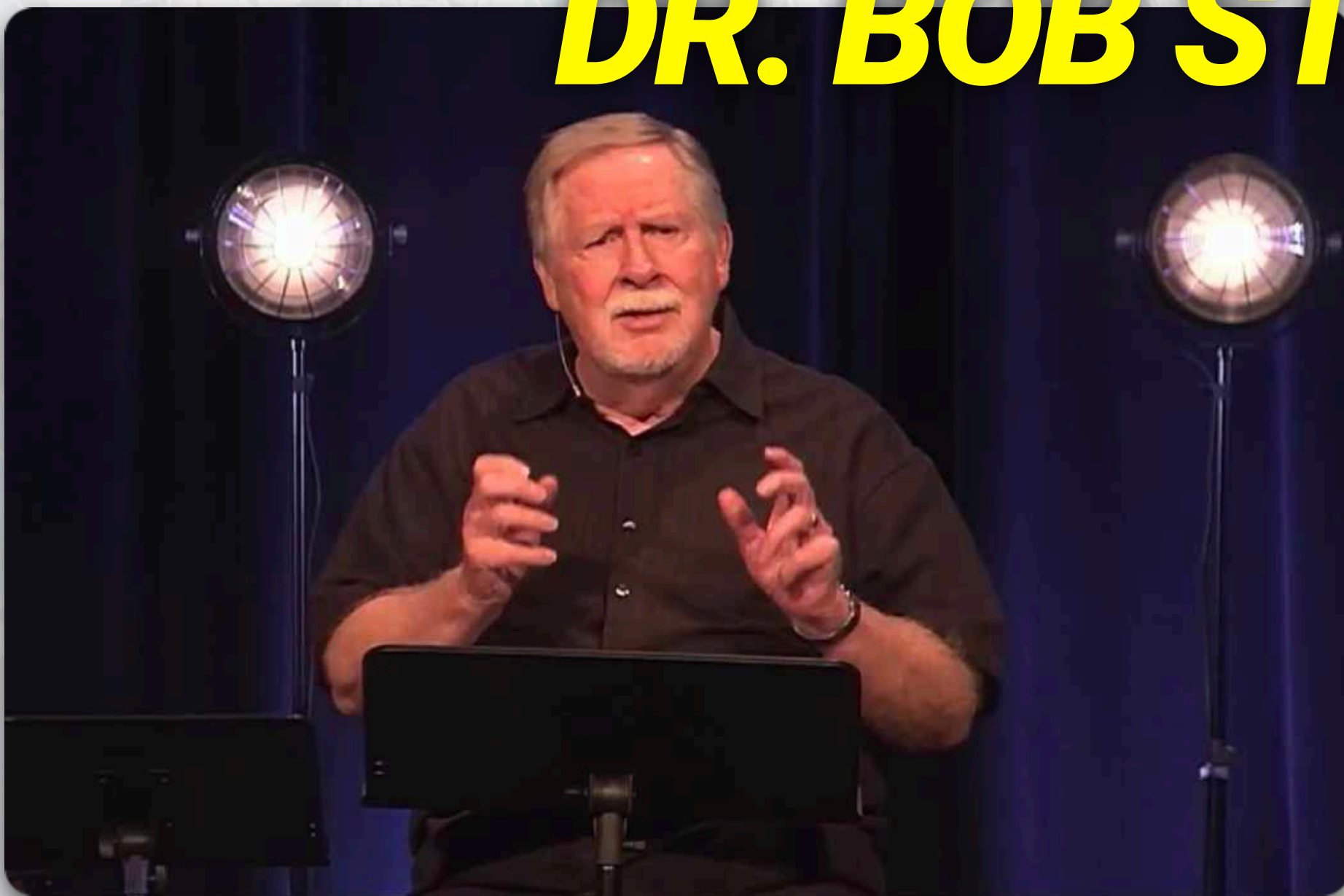
**Eventually, his lifestyle caught up to him. He was sentenced for his crimes, put in prison, and spent significant time in solitary confinement. It was a hopeless tale until a prison guard slipped him a Bible. After surrendering his life to Jesus, his mission was transformed from building the Columbo Kingdom to building the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**This was one of the more powerful personal testimonies we've ever heard presented at our church on a Sunday. If you missed it, be sure to go back and watch/listen in the Reach Everett App!**



# **50 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY**

**GUEST SPEAKER  
DR. BOB STONE**



**In August, we heard from a friend and mentor of Pastor Sean's: Dr. Bob Stone.**

Pastor Bob Stone was a vocational minister in the Puget Sound Region for over 50 years. He's coached lead pastors, invested in younger leaders (including our own Pastor Sean in a previous season), and developed bold and innovative strategies to spread the Gospel both locally and globally.

It's important for all of us to have people further down the road we can look up to and emulate. The Apostle once wrote, "Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1). It's always a blessing when we can hear from a voice like Pastor Bob's to encourage us towards faith for the long haul.

His message is entitled "Planning With A Big IF In Mind" from our "Draw Near" series. You can watch/listen on our website or in the Reach Everett App.



CULTURAL CLUE # 4

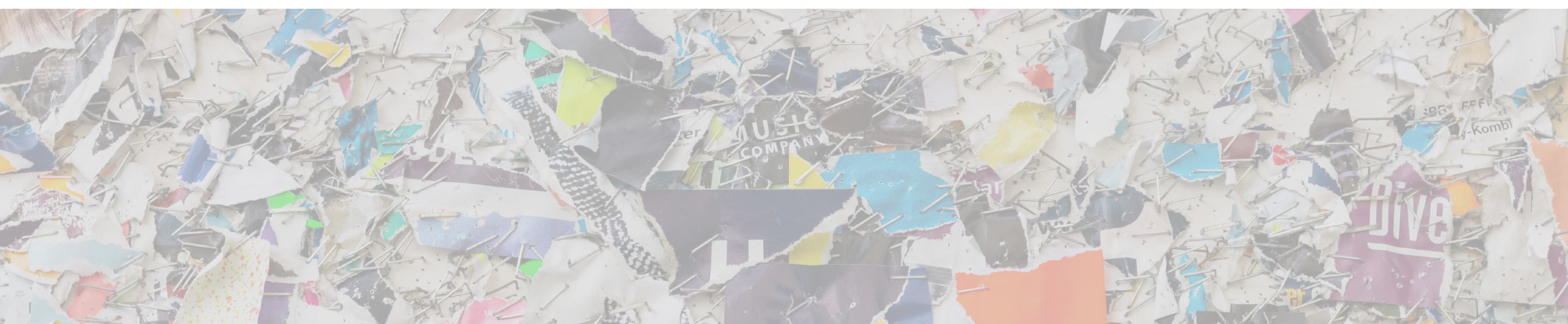
# REACHING THE CITY

We love the city of Everett. It's where we felt called to plant, and it's obviously where we gather. But the idea of "reaching the city" is bigger than just our Downtown district. Think of the city as everyone outside of our 4-walls. Do you live in Snohomish? Lake Stevens? Mill Creek? That's the city. It's wherever God positions you to be his ambassador. The cool part is, no matter where you are, God can use you - and He desires to!



# SERVE THE CITY

**WE HELPED CLEAN UP PREGNANCY  
RESOURCE CENTER, DOWNTOWN EVERETT,  
THE SONS OF NORWAY PARKING LOT, AND  
OUR OWN FACILITY!**











**Way to take one for the team, Russ!**



# ***PARTNERSHIPS***

WE INVEST IN ORGANIZATIONS WHO GO WHERE WE CAN'T.



## **Rescue:Freedom International**

Rescue:Freedom is on a mission to end sex trafficking one life at a time. By pioneering initiatives domestically and internationally, RFI is on the frontlines of this important and pressing work.



## **Janzen Family (Portugal)**

The Janzens work with *Reaching Portugal*, a gospel-centered community in Vila do Conde and *Potential to Plant*, a discipleship school focused on training, resourcing, and supporting church planters.



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## **Bridge Receiving Center**

A child's first encounter with the foster care system is too often traumatic and confusing.

The Bridge is stepping in to change this by building a welcoming place where kids can feel safe and have access to the services they need.



## **Pregnancy Resource Center**

PRC provides confidential services for teens and adults in Snohomish County in need of support. Possibly pregnant? You have options...PRC can help! Call today for a no charge appointment: 425-339-2175.



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## **Downtown Everett Association**

DEA champions our downtown community by supporting economic vitality, stewarding public spaces and historic places, promoting local experiences, and cultivating a strong



## **Everett Gospel Mission**

EGM is the only provider of emergency shelter for men in Everett. The mission has expanded to include services for single moms and single women. They provide shelter and comprehensive recovery programs for 145 men, and 75 women and children each night.



# **HAVE A NEED MEET A NEED**

Through this initiative, you stepped up and met needs like these:

- Groceries for a young single mom laid off from her job
- Groceries and gas for a young woman in between jobs
- Hotel stay for father who lost job and was sleeping on the street
- Furniture moving help for family who lost their father
- Air conditioning unit for family with health problems
- Building materials for house repairs for young family expecting their first child

Want to get involved? There are still families in our church with needs that haven't yet been met. You can view those needs and raise your hand to meet one [\*\*here!\*\*](#)



**WE HELPED EACH  
OTHER A LOT  
THIS YEAR!**



# **FINANCES AT A GLANCE**

## **SEPT 2019 - AUG 2020 (LAST YEAR)**

**GIVING: \$333,010.30**  
**EXPENSES: \$294,388.17**  
**NET INCOME: \$38,622.13**

## **SEPT 2020 - AUG 2021 (THIS YEAR)**

**GIVING: \$418,581.93 (up 24%)**  
**EXPENSES: \$378,307.94 (up 28.5%)**  
**NET INCOME: \$40,273.99**

**Reach is supported  
entirely by the generous  
giving of people like you.  
Thank you for partnering  
with us to be the church  
and reach the city!**





# ***THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY...***

- We've financially grown into/sustained a new permanent worship facility.
- We've been able to maintain all staff positions/ designated staffing dollars.
- We continued supporting 5 non-profits + 1 missionary family financially, as well as provided FREE space for Toys for Tots to continue serving our county.
- We're able to dream and plan with excitement for 2022 and beyond.

**THANK YOU FOR FAITHFULLY  
GIVING AT REACH!**





**NOW  
WHAT?**





# NEXT STEPS HEADING INTO 2022

Though we've achieved much together in this past year, there's still so much more ahead! Here are a few ways you can make the most of your involvement at Reach as we close out the year.



## GET CONNECTED

*Join a Group, attend an event,  
or visit a Meet-Up!*

## SERVE AT REACH

*Offer your time and talents, make  
some friends, and make a difference!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 3RD THURSDAYS

*Mark your calendar for "Third Thursdays"  
- a time of worship, discipleship, and  
community building. Begins 1/2022.*

## GIVE A YEAR-END FINANCIAL GIFT

*Support the mission by giving financially.  
This is one of the ways we worship God  
with everything he's entrusted us with.*





***“I WILL PRAISE GOD’S  
NAME WITH SONG  
AND EXALT HIM WITH  
THANKSGIVING.”***

***PSALM 69:30***



# ***PSALM 69:30***









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