



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

2021 at Sozo Church was a great year! God has been faithful and has more than exceeded our expectations. The Lord brought Sozo Church through some exciting times, and we want to share what He is having us walk into for the coming year.

We started this year with our annual Daniel Fast. During this time, God moved in so many ways with healing, family restorations, and more. God's Word never fails. He is above every circumstance. The name of our church, 'Sozo,' encompasses who we are and what we believe, and Sozo means saved, delivered, healed, and restored.



278 new people visited Sozo Church this year, and we saw 72 salvations! Connecting people through Connect Groups, Iglesia Sozo, Men's and Women's Events, and assisting them to discover their talents and gifts through our Next Steps class has been our goal for each person at Sozo Church.



2083
Followers



955
Followers



309
Followers



1307 App
Downloads



42.7K YouTube Views
1,730 YouTube
Subscribers

Social media is a powerful tool that we use at Sozo Church. We have received testimonies of how God's power and provision impacted those who follow us online, and we are excited to continue this in 2022.

You can visit our website to watch services, get tools to assist you, see what is happening at www.sozochurch.com, visit our Sozo Church YouTube channel, or download the Sozo Church app (available on the Apple Store and Google Play). These are the best places to stay up to date!

Sozo Youth - We are the Change. Led by Pastor Isaac and Jessica Butts, Sozo Youth's vision is to create future men, women, husbands, wives, and leaders in our community through the knowledge of Jesus Christ. In 2021, the youth grew closer to Christ spiritually as a family. In 2022, Sozo Youth will continue to bring Jesus Christ to everyone in their families, schools, and community.



In 2021, our children's ministry transitioned as Pastor Koni Kincaid moved away, and Pastor Allison Fite joined us as our new Children's Pastor. Pastor Allison, who joined us in July, is continuing to teach our children to live for Jesus, even at a young age. Pastor Allison led our special Christmas service in December as kids of all ages got to join us in worship. We are so excited for what the Lord is doing in the lives of our children at Sozo Church!



Sozo Church's Heritage Preschool and Kindergarten also have been thriving this year. Heritage School was able to continue providing education to its students in 2021. Education is more than ABC's and 123's at Heritage. We go beyond the basics and teach children who they are in Christ and the wonderful Sozo life for them. If you are looking for a preschool or kindergarten for your students, be sure to contact us for registration information for the 2022/2023 school year.



Core Values

- Encountering God is our Desire
- Discipleship is our Calling
- Holy Spirit is our Assurance
- Generosity is our Lifestyle
- Excellence is our Spirit
- Diversity is our Culture

Why do we do this? It's simple; it's part of who we are! Sozo Church is a place for the entire family to come and worship, grow, give, and be in community together!



Here are just a few of the events we had in 2021 where we experienced the Lord together:

- Daniel Fast
- XO Marriage Conference
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- J12 Encounter
- Spanish Women's Christmas Event
- Men's Retreat

Additionally, we were blessed to have several guest speakers with us:

- Bishop Kevin Truett
- Pastor Sam Segundo
- Prophet Ruckins McKinley
- Dr. Joe Hernandez
- Dr. Bill Winston
- Gregg Johnson

Sozo Church: Connecting People to God. Sozo Food Bank is a large part of reaching people practically and is supported entirely by donations. Because of the faithful and generous givers at Sozo Church, we were able to invest over \$92,000 into serving our community through Sozo Food Bank. We served over 22,000 people with food boxes and gave away over 617,000 pounds of food. We served over 8,000 people in our soup kitchen, giving a warm meal to those who may otherwise not have a meal.

Sozo Food Bank 2021	
Dollars Invested	\$ 92,233.11
Individuals Served	22,282
Pounds of Food Distributed	617,772
Individuals Served in Soup Kitchen	8,047
Volunteer Hours	6,815



We had our Big Christmas Give in late December through our Sozo Food Bank; this was a drive-thru community outreach to those in need over the holidays. We gave food boxes, gifts, and gift cards for children. 888 people came through the drive-thru Big Christmas Give, with 468 kids receiving gifts/gift cards and 220 families receiving meal boxes.

We also financially support worldwide missions and other ministries/organizations throughout the US. Monthly we financially support missionaries Dr. Prince Parker, Dr. Joe Hernandez, and Butch and Kathy Espe. Additionally, we support ministries monthly FMA (Dr. Bill Winston's ministerial network), Sam Segundo Ministries, and New Breed Worship Center (Ruckins McKinley). Our total annual donations are \$56,500 (\$38,500 to missions and \$18,000 to ministries). We want to thank you for your generous financial support to continue making a difference in our community and blessing other ministries. Note: Sozo Church is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization; contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Here is a quick run-down of our goals and initiatives in 2022 at Sozo Church:

- Begin Sozo Church Café/Kitchen process.
- Create a kingdom culture of discipleship and community.
 - Men's discipleship (Turn Challenge)
 - Connect Groups (Women, Men's, Spanish, and Youth)
- Launch Sozo Grow in 2022, our online platform bringing biblical truths and discipleship tools to all those at Sozo Church.
- Launch our first year of Destiny Bible Training Center in January 2022.

In 2022, our theme is **Kingdom Culture** at Sozo Church. Our desire is for every member to step into the living as a disciple of Christ and modeling the kingdom of God everywhere they go. We thank you for continuing to partner in ministry with us as we lift the name of Jesus and make an impact in our community and world.