

DERWOOD ALLIANCE CHURCH



ANNUAL REPORT

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2019

THE JOURNEY

On Sunday, November 7, 1965, with twenty-three persons present, including Rev. and Mrs. Stirzaker the first service was held in the Rock Terrace School in Rockville of what at that time was called Metropolitan Alliance Church, later renamed Derwood Alliance Church. From the birth of this church there has been a focus on both seeing people say yes to Jesus from our neighborhoods and launching people on mission to the nations. Or as we like to say, to see people transformed by Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit and launched on mission. As we look back over this past year, the DNA from the very beginning is still bearing fruit as we pursue God's purposes.

Our hearts burn to see people say yes to Jesus and for those who know Jesus to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to look and live like Jesus as they are launched on mission. As you read this report, our hope is you do not read it for information, but you take time to pray. To thank God for his faithfulness, for the godly leaders, staff and volunteers. Pray and ask God how he would have you participate and continue to believe God for more. As we close one chapter, we open another filled with possibility of all God has in store.



GOALS

IN 2019 we set four goals beyond our normal activity as a church. These goals are meant to encourage us forward in living out the mission and message of Jesus from our neighborhoods to the nations. Here are the goals and the results.

- **12 people saying yes to Jesus for the first time and then being baptized.**
 - We saw five people say yes to Jesus for the first time and no baptisms.
- **40 opportunities to say yes to Jesus for the first time in public gatherings.**
 - We gave 28 opportunities.
- **300 times sharing Jesus with our words to those who do not yet know.**
 - 404 times you shared Jesus with people who don't yet know.
- **2000 Hours showing Jesus with our actions to our neighborhood and nations.**
 - You showed Jesus for 2235 hours beyond our church walls.



MINISTRIES

PRAYER

DAC Core Value: Pray Eagerly

Prayer is first about a relationship with God and second transforming our world.

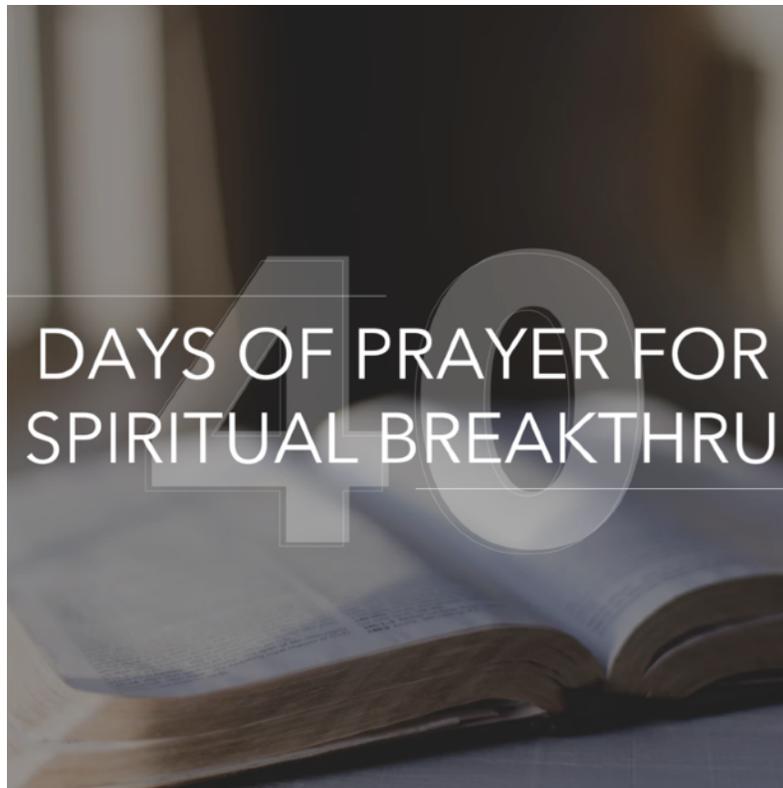
We want to pray in a way that depends on God in all aspects of life.

(Matt 6:9-13, Rom 12:12, Eph 6:18, Phil 4:6, Col 4:2, 1 Thess 5:17, 1 Tim 2:1, James 5:16, Rev 8:3-4)

We believe in the power of prayer and praying eagerly in a way that depends on God in all areas of life. At the beginning of 2019, Eric and Joella Liddle began leading the prayer ministry. There is now a prayer text and email that goes out to those eager to pray. Anyone wishing to be added to this list can reach out to Joella. Throughout the year we hosted many times and spaces for prayer.

On Sunday mornings, the prayer room next to the sanctuary is available for anyone wanting to pray during the service. On March 8, we kicked off the new prayer ministry with a night of worship and prayer followed by a missions prayer night during Global Encounters. In May, DAC was a satellite location for the district prayer night. In June, our prayer night included praying for the team headed to Cambodia and for persecuted Christians globally. We encouraged families to invest time in prayer during our break in July.

During Global Encounters in August participants wrote letters of encouragement for individuals and groups that DAC partners with. Six envelopes stuffed with cards were mailed across the world. We kicked off our 40 Days of Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough in our lives and church on September 8th and concluded our 40 Days of Prayer with a prayer and worship night on October 18th. We took a break from meeting during the holiday but more prayer events are planned for 2020.





WORSHIP TEAM

DAC Core Value: Worship in All We Do
(John 4:23, 1 Cor 10:31, Rom 12:1-2, Col 3:17)

The worship and A/V team are doing a great job providing an environment for worship together. Music is only one part of worship, but it is a very powerful part. The worship team is more and more reflecting our multi-generational and multiethnic church. We continue to look at how to embrace this more in our worship. Our pray is for people to be transformed by Jesus through worship. In 2020, we will begin having one acoustic Sunday gathering a month to provide a different worship experience. Over the past year, we have seen the addition of new members join the worship and A/V team and we encourage anyone wanting to be a part of this integral upfront and behind the scenes ministry to contact Hector Ayerdiz and Matthew Sutton.

MISSIONS TEAM

The Missions Team helps launch us on mission.

DAC Goal: God's heart is for the world, so we must pray, give, go, and send to the nations.
(Acts 1:8, Matt 28:18-20)

LOCAL: In January the missions team met and honored team leader, Laura Hessler, as she headed off to California with our blessing. The team set its sights on increasing the number of team members and developing the next team leader by year's end. For the interim, Jen Ashby took on this leadership role. Jen attended "Converge" in Colorado Springs, an annual conference of The Christian & Missionary Alliance for mission point people in C&MA churches in the US.



Throughout 2019 we continued our partnership with Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH). This continued by providing our regular monthly bagged breakfasts for the men's emergency shelter, regularly providing an on-site hot meal, sponsoring the MCCH Annual Gala, preparing and serving a special holiday meal, holiday gift giving, and opening our building to MCCH events. We celebrated 5 years of partnership with MCCH on June 9 by hosting MCCH client, Ms. Marriott, in our worship services and serving a meal in the menu and mode of the emergency shelter.

Jen Ashby and Melanie Neely, once again, did a great job with the Spring Carnival. About 45 volunteers served in different capacities as we saw around 700 people come to the event in just three hours. 430 of them were children. The Spring Carnival is our single largest outreach event of the year and often people will come back for the farmers market or to a Sunday morning gathering as a result.



The 2019 Derwood Farmers Market was open from April to October with a full set of volunteers, and two of our own, Xzyavier and Jocelyn Ragland working as vendors. The community has embraced the market and we are excited for a third season as we pray and pursue a market volunteer coordinator. We also made the decision to shorten the third season, which will run from April 18 - September 5, 2020. This shorter season is designed to fit better within our church ministry calendar.



In Fall, the mission team met and clarified that each partnership or missionary we support needs to have a specific point person at the church. We are seeking individuals, couples, or households who desire to serve in this way. As a church in 2019, we celebrated exceeding our goal of showing Jesus with our actions by serving those who don't yet know him for 2000 hours and exceeding our goal of sharing Jesus 300 times. Ultimately, we long to see more people say their first "yes" and take next steps with Jesus in 2020.



GLOBAL

In 2019, we had two great Global Encounters weeks. Guests for our March Global Encounters included District International Workers Jeff Pankratz, Stephen and Sarah Zuber, and Chialin Yu. who gave us a powerful picture of what is happening in places like India, Nepal and China. At our Cambodia Mission Trip fundraiser, we welcomed Mark Epperson of Remember Nhu who described God using his people to push back injustice. In the Spring, we had two cultural immersion experiences, one at the Cambodia Buddhist Temple with Dr. Sovan Tun and another at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church with Fr. Peter Zarynow. In May, DAC attendees gave over \$2000 on Great Commission Sunday to help send 62 new Alliance workers to the ends of the earth. In June, a team of 11 travelled to Cambodia to serve with Remember Nhu.



Our second Global Encounters Week in August included the Feast of Nations with Dan and Lisa Lawrence (serving in Paris), a video update from Bruce Person (reaching the deaf and hard of hearing people group), a Prayer for Missions event, Joe Botano (representing Cuba) and a video update from Envision El Salvador. The generous giving throughout the year enabled us to financially support six missionary households on a regular basis, as well as 700+ others serving with C&MA.



In the fall, the Paris Missions Trip Team was finalized and began meeting for orientation, prayer and fundraising for the April 2020 trip. Tony Escalante, Director of EnVision El Salvador, spoke at DAC in November and we began exploring the idea of sending a team to El Salvador in August 2020.

We are grateful to all who participated in the Year End Offering for the Christian & Missionary Alliance. Together, we are part of showing and sharing Jesus in some of the least reached parts of the world.

DAC Goal: Transforming the Generations
Creating environments and teachings that connect across the generations with a focus towards the transformation and raising up of the younger generation.

EXPLORERS CHILDREN

(Birth-5th Grade)

Children are at the prime age for connecting with Jesus, and we love engaging them with prime ministry!

Bethany Clemmons continues to do a great job as our Explorers Children's Ministry Director. This year included an exciting month focusing on missions led by Trudy Schwarz, Joella Liddle, Bonnie Wissink and others. This also included a time with missionary Sarah Zuber, a missionary movie night during "Justice for Kids" and a "Knee Mail" kids prayer event. In April three people joined Bethany at the "World Changers" training for Children's workers.

Explorers Children's Ministry also participated in DAC's goal to give 40 invitations for people to say "yes" to Jesus in 2019. During the summer, children continued to learn more about God and His word through the summer series "Power Up" In August our elementary age children in Explorers 1 & 2 took a break from regular curriculum to enjoy "What's in the Bible?".

We also recognized some of the children moving up to the next age group. A big goal was met by raising \$200 to send to Compassion International. In the fall, our elementary age children and their families enjoyed a fall hike at Lake Needwood with Mr. Steve. Explorers also began working closely with the Worship Ministry to better incorporate worship through music in Explorers 1 & 2 large group on Sunday morning.

Over this past year, we were able to celebrate Bridge Unger and Seth Unger and the birth of their baby girl. Stacey Fosbrink and the birth of her baby girl. Debbie & Isaac Raplee and the birth of their son, and Linnea and Tim Allen and the birth of their son. Congratulations!!!

We closed this year participating in "Together Sunday" with all generations worshipping together. Parents we encourage you to check out the Parent Cue App and rightnowmedia, two great resources for parenting.



NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH

(6th-12th Grade)

Neighborhood Youth is a place where students can meet Jesus, begin to know Jesus, and be encouraged to share Jesus.

The youth started the year by getting to know Jesus more and doing a Francis Chan study on God's amazing grace. It stirred up lots of good discussions. In February, some of the students attended LIFE 2019 and participated in a childcare fundraiser. In March, we studied about the Holy Spirit. Stephen Zuber and Chialin Yu also visited us during DAC's Global Encounters week to talk about missions. In April, a group attended the annual District Youth Retreat. Melissa MacDonald, was the speaker. She taught us more about experiencing God through love, grace, trust, forgiveness and faith. In May we kicked off a new study in the Book of Acts and the LIFE 2019 students held a yard sale raising over \$500. June was an exciting month for us. Thirteen students and three leaders attended LIFE 2019 in Orlando. Many of the students shared how they heard God speak to them through various speakers and seminars. Over the summer, our study focused on how to answer tough questions as we share Jesus with others. During the fall, we talked more about meeting Jesus,



SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are a great place to make friends, experience transformation, and live on mission.

We started off 2019 with a significant increase in small group participation with 72 people registered. As several of our winter/spring groups wrapped up in April, we were delighted to see how God was using the groups to help people grow in their faith, make friends and experience life transformation. We also saw at least two ladies who made the transition from attending small group only to also attending DAC on Sunday mornings. Over the summer we had three small groups meeting regularly, the "Women's Crafting Group" continued meeting, our "MOM (Maker of Me)" group for moms of children age birth -5th grade started up, and our subject based group "The New Testament You Never Knew" also kicked off. Our Fall series, "Welcome: Opening Our Lives to God and Others" began in September as well as seven small groups that met regularly to share a meal and take the Sunday morning message a few steps further. We received some great feedback from many folks who said that their small group helped them to make new friends or deepen existing friendships. An overwhelming number of participants indicated that during this semester they had either taken next steps of being transformed by Jesus and/or identified or took the next step of living on mission. Praise God!

A huge thanks to all our small group leaders, host and coaches who make this ministry possible.





CONNECTIONS TEAM

At DAC, we value authentic community and our Connections Team plays a big part in connecting us in community.

DAC Core Value: Authentic Community

Plastics smiles and perfect lives are not real. We desire to be a community that is authentic, transparent, and creates space for real relationships.

(Acts 2:42)

Thank you, Wendy Geraci, for your continued leadership of this team! From a friendly greeting at the door, a warm cup of coffee, a personal visit, and ushering, we desire to see people connecting with God and one another and to know they are welcomed. Thank you for everyone who is a part of this vital ministry.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TEAM

God has given us a great location and property and we strive to be good stewards of these gifts.

Thank you Mark Neely and to his team for the continued care of this property. On April 13th we had a church work day where many projects around the church and at the DAC Villa were tackled. It was great to see Zion Ministries, another church that uses the building, helping alongside people from DAC. In late August the team also worked to get the building up to code after a recent inspection by the Fire Marshall. Thank you to all who continue to invest their time and talents to help maintain and improve the property.



CHURCH WORK DAY

LEADERSHIP

DAC GOAL: Empowering and Apprenticing New Leaders
Creating an environment and structure where new leaders are being transformed, empowered, and launched.

(2 Tim 2:2)

As we continue to see Good at work in DAC, it is vital to give new leaders the training, space, and opportunities to be utilized by God. We desire that each leader is apprenticing a current or future leader. This will enable us to multiply as we grow.

STAFF

The staff manages ministry and meets weekly.

The staff continues to meet on a regular basis for prayer, planning, and accomplishing goals. At the first of the year we went through a course called "Breaking the 200 Barrier" by Carey Nieuwhof to help us begin thinking about how we need to grow as a team and a church. In the Spring we watched a series on RightNow Media from The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender by Preston Sprinkle called, "Grace//Truth." In August we attended the Global Leadership Summit and then read the book, "Beginners Pluck," from Liz Forkin Bohannon. We also started the process of setting goals for 2020 and believing God for greater things. Currently Linnea is on maternity leave and we have hired a part-time Virtual Assistant, Eileen Knowles, through Belay Solutions along with recruiting volunteers to help in the office.

ELDERS

The Elders shepherd and give spiritual oversight to DAC.

We have a great group of Elders who are serving and praying for you faithfully. This year much of our conversation focused on the areas of membership and pastoral care. Please know you are prayed for and that the Elders are here for you.

The Board of Governance

The Board of Governance (BOG) sets boundaries for the Pastor and meets quarterly.

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Name Change

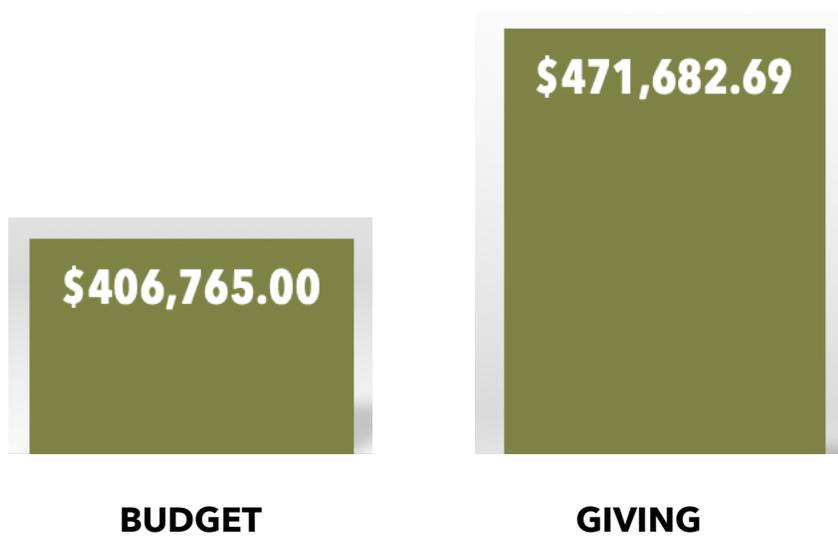
It was announced at last year's Annual Meeting that Derwood Alliance Church was looking to change its name to better reflect our vision and mission, to avoid confusion with another local church, and to be positioned to multiply into other neighborhoods in the future. After much discussions, surveys and a final meeting with church leadership on October 14th, it was decided by a vast majority to change the name of the church to Neighborhood Church. The process has begun and will hopefully be completed within the next few months.



STATS & FINANCIALS

YEAR	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Members Total	110	100	100	90	72	61	58	63	67	54	56	64	66	61
Morning Attendance	189	174	161	147	149	115	92	93	87	98	109	125	127	127
Conversions Child	6	4	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	0
Conversions Youth	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Conversions Adults	6	2	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
Conversions Total	15	6	3	1	4	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	7	5
Baptisms	8	8	0	0	8	4	2	2	3	2	4	8	14	0

2019 GENERAL FUND



MISSION FUND GIVING: \$55,000