



# NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH



# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT TOGETHER ONLINE

## What a year 2020 has been!

I am so thankful for your generosity and commitment to God and Neighborhood Church over the past year! With all the adjustments, I am so much more aware of the vital part you play of God's work from your neighborhood to the nations as we continue to see lives transformed by Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit and launched on mission. Throughout the year there have been many adjustments made to try and continue to fulfill God's mission. Have we done it perfect? No...Do we continue to ask for God's guidance and favor? Yes. As you read through this report, I ask you to do a few things.

1. Pray with a spirit of thanksgiving for all God has done in the midst of a challenging season,
2. Pray with a holy burden to see God continue his work at Neighborhood Church,
3. Ask God how he would have you participate in his kingdom work.

The work is far from over and we are believing God for more lives to be transformed, empowered and launched on mission. My hope and prayer is you would continue to be a vital part of seeing this happen.



Mark Trinkl

Lead Pastor

# GOALS



Every year as a church we set goals for what we believe God is wanting to accomplish through the church. For 2020, here are the goals we set.

We were praying, sharing and showing Jesus with the hope to see a minimum of 12 people say "yes" to Jesus for the first time and 12 people baptized. We had also planned for two conversational venues for unbelievers to explore Jesus, to approve five Neighborhood Grants, and apprentice others to share their Jesus stories. While COVID-19 put a halt to many of these goals, God was still working! By the end of the year, we were able to celebrate a total of six people saying "yes" to Jesus!

# MINISTRIES

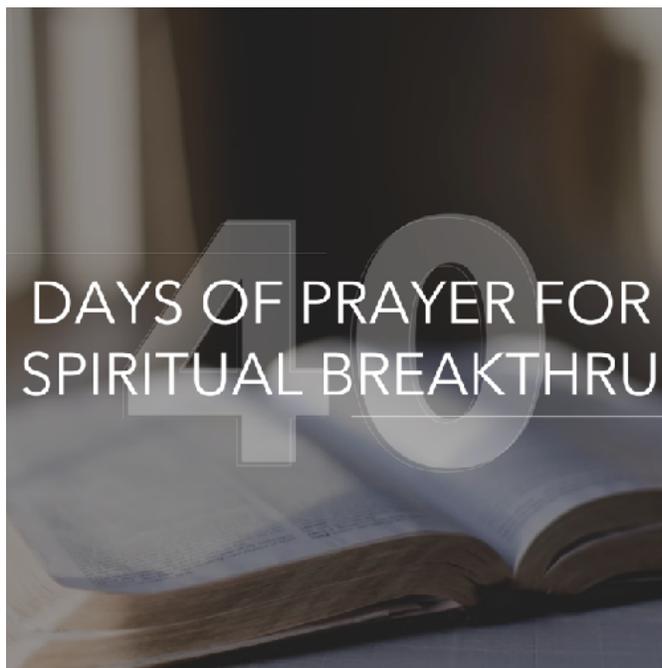
## PRAYER

We will pray in relationship with God and to see our world transformed.  
(Matthew 6:9-13)



We began the year hosting a satellite location for a district prayer gathering in February--in person! Plans of course changed soon after with the pandemic hitting, but Neighborhood Church began a virtual prayer meeting every Wednesday evening that is currently held via Zoom.

Leading up to Easter, we participated in 40 days of prayer focusing on renewal and revival. Daily emails, texts, and videos highlighting a specific scripture were the central thrust of this as we transitioned to being fully virtually during the 40 days.



Throughout the year, prayer requests submitted via the website were sent out to those who are on the prayer list via text and email.

**WORSHIP**

We will worship God as a way of life.  
*(Colossians 3:17)*

The Neighborhood Church Worship team continues to lift high the name of Jesus through transitions and adjustments. We began the year with Hector Ayerdiz leading the ministry, and although he was unable to continue in the role we are grateful for the few years he was with us. In mid 2020, as we transitioned, we had the pleasure of partnering with Culture and Worship Coach, Nikki Lerner who helped us to further press into our mission of worshipping as a multi-ethnic, multigenerational church. Part of the process was bringing Mel Neely on staff to lead our dedicated team of vocalists and instrumentalists and coordinate guest worship leaders from various backgrounds such as Adaora, Jason Melani, Alvin Richardson and Nikki. Our Worship Production team took on the new challenges of Live Streaming and using the ReStream platform with perseverance and great skill. A BIG thank you goes out to Matthew Sutton as he transitions out of his role of leading the sound team for over six years. We look forward to how God will use the younger generation of the production team volunteers he is raising up as they are being trained by the more experienced generation. BECAUSE of God's faithfulness, our Worship Team is living on mission as a multi-ethnic, multigenerational team being transformed by Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit and inviting others to be launched on mission with them!



## MISSIONS

The Missions Team helps launch us on mission.

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)



God has placed you and I in a community to bring his transformation. We do this both through relationships and through local partnerships. This year the Lord enabled us to pull off our 3rd season of the Derwood Farmers Market during a pandemic! Our 17-week season was made possible by volunteer recruiter Karina Johnson, scheduler Luke Wong, a handful of dedicated team leaders, and a grand total of 34 unique volunteers, 9 of them serving at the market for the first time this season. Thanks to all! While the circumstances curbed some of our plans for the market, we represented Neighborhood Church more clearly than ever before by having a dedicated, branded Neighborhood Church tent and various other tools. We also leveraged the market for three collection drives: two for Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, and one for Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. We celebrated the market finale with a Neighborhood Church mask give-away to customers, and Neighborhood Church mugs and coffee for all our vendors. Our market manager, Gigi Goin of Milk Lady Markets, facilitated advance market orders with curbside pickup or delivery, and that continues even now on Saturdays from 9-11am on the church property. The market is a primary way that we show and share Jesus with our community, and we are always working on ways to make this more strategic.

<https://www.milkladymarkets.org/derwood-market.html>

Another way we share and show Jesus locally, while fulfilling Scriptures commands to serve the vulnerable and marginalized is through our partnership with Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless where we provided monthly bagged breakfasts (thank you, Sarah Luse and team!) and quarterly hot dinners (thank you, Luz Ragland and others!) to the men's emergency shelter. We contributed to the planning and financial sponsorship of the annual Gala on May 20, and several of us attended this virtual event. While we were not able to host a client in June, we did partner with the community to provide a hot brunch for 150 men in emergency shelter on Thanksgiving Day.

<https://mcch.net/>

Another demographic of the vulnerable and marginalized are the unborn, and this year we added a third local partnership with Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. We provided their materials at the farmers market, contributed to crib/mattress/carseat provision to clients completing parenting classes, and several of us attended their virtual fundraising event on October 11.

<https://www.pregnancy-options.org/>

On the regional/global side of missions, together we gave over \$45,000 to the Neighborhood Missions Fund! Praise the Lord, and thank you for your generous giving! The lion's share of that money went to the Great Commission Fund, supporting around 700 international workers with the Christian & Missionary Alliance. Additionally, we specified ongoing financial support to the following:

- Tony Escalante, El Salvador (Alliance)
- Alliance work in Paris (Alliance)
- Tony & Raeni Roos, Paris (Alliance)
- Dave and Heather, Middle East (Alliance)
- Jim & Jen Forrest, South Africa (Alliance)
- Bruce Persons, Deaf ministry in MidAtlantic District (Alliance)
- Asif, based in United Kingdom (Operation Mobilization)
- Remember Nhu, Cambodia (Remember Nhu)

Every one of these people and organizations have specific point people from Neighborhood Church acting as our liaison, and every month we are highlighting one or more of these works in our Sunday worship gathering. While we had to cancel scheduled mission trips to Paris and El Salvador, we were able to host Global Encounters emphases March 1-8 with David Jones and "E," and October 2-5 with Erin.



**NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS**

(Birth-5th Grade)

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

At Neighborhood Church, we are investing in transforming the generations. We started 2020 excited about the creation of a part time paid staff position in children's ministry. Bethany Clemmons, who was serving as an unpaid volunteer in the role of Children's Ministry Director opted not to apply for that position, and to transition out of the role. We are grateful for her season of service! Our search to fill the position abruptly halted with COVID and its implications. Meanwhile, we were rebranding the ministry from Explorers Children's Ministry to Neighborhood Kids, and redecorating the Tiny Kids space (nursery). We were on time to flip this brand switch and make a reveal at our training, "#sharejesus with Kids" on March 21 with Erika Thornton. Due to COVID, we shifted that training to virtual, and many of you haven't seen the other changes. You can still watch the training here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gk65nNdrVLE&t=329s>

We warmly welcomed some new babies this year! Liam Allen was born on January 1, and Sadie Liddle also joined us in January. Manuela Gackenbach was born on February 13. We also had four kids with their first spiritual birthdays in 2020: Ellie Black, James Ott, Zoe Drumm, and Jadon Trinkl all said their first "yes" to Jesus! We praise God for all the new life - physical and spiritual!

Both Ellie and James saw something in a Neighborhood Church worship livestream that prompted a conversation with their parents that led to them saying their first "yes" to Jesus. This got us thinking about having a visual moment for kids every Sunday during our livestream. On May 31, "Neighborhood Kids, What's This?" was born. Almost every Sunday since, we have had an object lesson for kids on Sunday mornings. Many thanks to those of you who have contributed videos, and to Tim Allen for editing those videos every week!





As COVID and its implications wore on longer than we initially expected, we sensed that we needed to offer a mid-week touchpoint for kids as well. On October 14, "Neighborhood Kids with Ms. Karina" was born. Every Wednesday, Karina Homan engages kids online using the curriculum lesson for that week. We are super grateful for Karina's heart and skill with kids, and thanks as well to Linnea Allen who gets those curriculum videos posted to our website each week. You can check them out here: <https://www.neighborhoodc.org/neighborhood-kids.html>

We also offered a couple of in-person, outdoor touchpoints for families with children: on September 19 there was a scavenger hunt and hike with Mr. Steve (thanks, Steve Beardsley), and on October 31 there was a movie night at the Wongs (thanks, Luke and Kari Wong!).

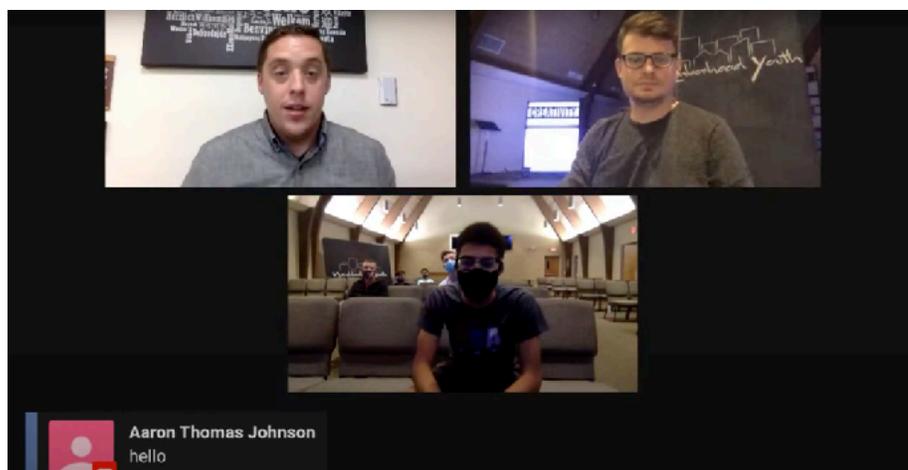
2021 will be a rebuilding year for children's ministry, as we seek to identify new leadership, re-recruit volunteers, and navigate re-opening in the post COVID era. Please pray with us for this vital ministry, and consider whether this is a venue in which He would have you serve.

## NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH

(6th-12th Grade)

A place where students can meet Jesus, begin to know Jesus, and be encouraged to share Jesus.

What a year it's been! Like for everyone, COVID hit Neighborhood Youth hard! We went from an all time high in-person gathering of around 30 students each week to meeting completely online. We've watching numbers drop a little but have made many efforts to stay connected with students. We restructured how Neighborhood Youth functions and created several times throughout the week for students to connect to include a NY Lunch Hour, NY Game Night, NY Sunday Gathering and NY Run Club. We've had an incredible core of students who have continued to connect and invite friends despite the unprecedented times. We are excited for the ways that the Holy Spirit continues to work in the lives of our students and through this ministry. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of our youth!



## NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

At Neighborhood Church, we are about creating healthy community and Neighborhood Groups are our primary venue for adults to make friends, experience transformation, and live on mission together. Our 2020 groups started in person, with people eating and sharing around the table each week. Of course, in the early spring, we had to pivot (one of 2020's words) to online groups. Our leaders and groups rose to the occasion and got creative with show and tell, virtual game nights, and more. Never has community been more important, and the need for groups so great. We are so grateful for Pam Homan, who assists with direction and group coaching, and for our group leaders. We are excited to see some new leaders join the mix this year: Matt Sale, and Michael and Nicolle Joshua. We are also energized by people new to Neighborhood Church who also participated in Neighborhood Groups. If you're not in a group right now, there is still room! See details here: <https://www.neighborhoodc.org/neighborhood-groups.html>

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## CONNECTIONS TEAM

### Community

We will be a community that is authentic, transparent, and creates space for real relationships.  
(Acts 2:42)

The Connections Ministry plays the vital role of welcoming newcomers and regular attenders to Neighborhood Church, and helping them connect with us. We began 2020 with four healthy Connections teams: welcome, ushers, coffee, and follow-up. Those ministries were suspended in March when we went to virtual-only worship gatherings. During that season, Casey Sutton transitioned out of her role as coffee team leader, and Corey Clemmons transitioned out of his role as usher team leader. We thank them both for their service! In November, we began "1<sup>st</sup> Sundays" in person, and Connections Ministry Leader Wendy Geraci was instrumental in redesigning this ministry with fewer roles and adjusted responsibilities on those Sunday mornings.

After over four years with the ministry leader hat, Wendy is transitioning out of her role. Wendy has risen to every challenge with exceptional attitude and effectiveness as this ministry has expanded and developed. We are deeply grateful for her ministry! 2021 will be a rebuilding year for the Connections Ministry, as we seek to identify a welcome/ usher team leader or Connections Ministry Leader by the end of February. Our teams will need to be reconsidered, and volunteers re-recruited as we navigate the post COVID era. One thing that will not change is our commitment to create a climate of hospitality that facilitates people's sense of belonging at Neighborhood Church.

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TEAM

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

Thank you to Mark Neely and his team for the continued care of this property. Some of the projects that happened throughout the year were, installation of new signage around the property, repairing brick on the outside of the building, installation of TVs and livestream system, many hours invested in brush and weed removal, installation of a window in the Worship Production Booth, repainting, replacing a hot water heater, installing a new secure mailbox and more. At the Villa, the garage was rebuilt, the house repainted and many trees trimmed and removed. It is our desire to have a physical location that enhances our neighborhood and attracts people to Jesus.

## OTHER MINISTRIES & EVENTS



2020 was an interesting year to say the least and required creative ways to help everyone stay connected while under quarantine. During the warmer months, we held monthly Summer Picnics up at the Villa. It was a “bring your own everything” kind of gathering but enjoyed by all in attendance! As we entered the fall and winter months, we transitioned the monthly picnics into 1st Sunday of the Month where the church doors were open for in-person Sunday Gatherings every first Sunday of the month.

This past year also held two marriage events. The first was hosted before COVID on February 15th where couples were able to gather at the church. The second marriage event was a virtual gathering on September 19 through RightNow Media.

# LEADERSHIP

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## **Empower and Apprentice 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 God 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.**

Throughout the year, the Staff met on a regular basis to pray, plan, and pursue after the mission of being a multi-ethnic, multi-generational church being transformed by Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit and launched on mission. This year also brought a handful of changes to the staff. Linnea went on maternity leave in January and returned to a part-time position as the Administrative Assistant and Graphics & Communications Director. During her leave, the church hired Virtual Assistant, Eileen Knowles who did a great job jumping in and quickly adjusting. Tom Wissink also volunteered a lot of his time to help in the office. Thank you to both during that time of transition! Melanie Neely came on board as volunteer staff for Worship. She's done a great job leading the team and congregation through the chaos of virtual church. The Staff attended Willow Creek's Global Leadership Summit in August but this time, like everything else, it was virtual. The book from the Summit that was then later read by the staff was called, "From Social Media to Social Ministry," by Nona Jones. It proved to be a thought provoking and timely book. Although most of the staff meeting are currently virtual, there is a greater consistency of being able to all be a part of the meetings, which has brought the staff closer in many ways.

### **ELDERS**

**The Elders shepherd and give spiritual oversight to DAC.**

The year began off with the addition of Andrew Gackenbach and Jim Mullen, as Elders. After countless faithful years of services, Eric Zetterberg made the decision to step off the Elders and Board. We are so grateful for the many years of service! The Elders met monthly for a time of prayer and to discuss how to best provide care for the church. Weekly, your Prayer Card requests were covered in prayer.

### **THE BOARD OF GOVERNANCE**

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

At DAC's Annual Meeting, Andrew Gackenbach was voted in as a new member of the Board. Later in the year Trudy Schwarz transitioned off the Board as Dave and her relocated. We are so grateful for all the faithful years of service! The Board met quarterly to discuss topics like how to better connect culturally, DAC's guiding principles,, the performance of the pastor, the budget, and updating the policy manual. The BOG was also very involved with transition in staffing and praying for the continued health and growth of Neighborhood church during these challenge times..

# STATS & FINANCIAL

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Members Total</b>	100	90	72	61	58	63	67	54	56	64	66	61	59
<b>Morning Attendance</b>	161	147	149	115	92	93	87	98	109	125	127	127	131
<b>Conversions Child</b>	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	4
<b>Conversion Youth</b>	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0
<b>Conversion Adult</b>	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	2
<b>Conversion Total</b>	3	1	4	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	7	0	6
<b>Baptisms</b>	0	0	8	4	2	2	3	2	4	8	14	0	0

### 2020 GENERAL FUND



DAC MISSIONS FUND: \$45,918.62  
 RESERVED FUNDS: about \$360,000