

Community Christian Church
helping people find their way back to God



More hope found, more
love accepted, more purpose
explored.

Year In Review, 2020



Where fear sees a
crisis, faith sees an
opportunity.

Dear COMMUNITY,

Most people say that a new year starts on January 1st; but I would say that 2020 started on March 12th. By the second Thursday in March, the news about the COVID-19 pandemic was everywhere and there were rumors of a possible shelter-in-place here in Chicagoland. I was scheduled to be out of town for several days so our creative team had me film two videos anticipating every outcome. The first video was reassuring everyone that we would have all 26 celebration services at our Chicagoland locations and we would see everyone in person as usual. The second video explained that due to COVID-19 we would be moving all of our celebration services online. Twenty-four hours later we made the decision to send out the second video to everyone at COMMUNITY letting them we would be meeting exclusively online on Sunday, March 15th.

Over the next few days, in the face of great obstacles, our staff showed tremendous leadership and our church demonstrated great courage as small groups moved to Zoom and our celebration services moved to CommunityOnline.tv and we focused our efforts on serving the community.

Within a couple weeks both our staff and church adopted an informal slogan for this unpredictable season: “Where fear sees a crisis, faith sees an opportunity.”

The verse that God gave us for the remainder of 2020 was from 2 Timothy 1:7 which says, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline.”

In the middle of this crisis, we launched Community Cares which formed 14 teams based on the top needs in the communities where God has strategically placed us. At the same time the reach of CommunityOnline.tv grew to more than 42k+ unique views to all 50 states and 125 countries. We opened a third Community Freedom location in a local prison and piloted a beta version of 3C Communities – a micro expression of church with three in Spanish, three in English with five in Chicagoland and one in Mexico City.

This Year In Review consists of stories of God’s amazing faithfulness and a community of people who were not paralyzed by fear but seized the opportunity to advance the Jesus mission and help people find their way back to God.

I’m grateful to be on mission with you!

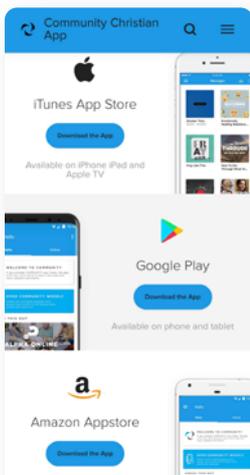
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CELEBRATE

Your relationship with God.

COMMUNITY ONLINE

In 2020, we launched our newest location in earnest: Community Online! COMMUNITY has never been about the four walls, and this year we put it to the test. Through Community Online we have reached more people than we could have ever imagined. More hope found, more love accepted, more purpose explored. Here are some of the highlights:

- 125 countries and all 50 states reached!
- 42k+ unique views at CommunityOnline.tv
- 50k+ people have watched a service on Facebook

J Jeffrey
Good afternoon for Germany. Love that I can share in worship.

C Connie
My first time watching. Thank you this was exactly what I needed! I will b back next week! God bless & stay safe all! ...

R Renee268
Hi my name is Gretta from naperville my first time I drive pass this church daily



Revisit your favorite series from 2020.

SERIES ON DEMAND



Make Room

Defy Gravity

Hero Maker

How to Get Through What You're Going Through

Big Words

Pray Like This

Emotionally Healthy Relationships

Greater Than

Love Where You Live

Mind Matters

Celebration Generosity

This Is The Way

Hope For Everyone



Lauren Fulena

I'm 38 years old and this is one of the most enlightening messages that I've ever heard in my life.



—76 Baptisms in 2020 (since the start of COVID)

BAPTISMS

Lives changed.

While I have always been a believer, over the years I've drifted away from my relationship with God. But God has instilled in me a desire to seek Him.

I've wanted to be baptized for several years, and this feels like exactly the right time. This has been a difficult year for me, as I'm sure it has for all of us. I have struggled with infertility, losing a family member and, most recently due to COVID-19, losing my job. Sometimes things happen that make us question our faith, but I am reaching out now more than ever for Christ's open arms.

God is doing great things for me. Knowing God has a plan for me and that everything is in His hands makes me less worried and more hopeful.

With this baptism, I am committing to my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is only the beginning of my journey back to God. Thank you to Community for making this possible for me.



Bethany Voyt, Baptized July 10, 2020



Mya Chapman, Baptism

I want to get baptized because I believe in Jesus.

Because I want to be closer to God and I want Him to be close to me. I want Him to be in my heart forever.

I want Him to be there when I am struggling.

I like to praise Jesus through the Worship Team. I want the other kids to learn about God and want to be closer to him too!

Every night I pray, "You're an awesome God, no one is better than you!!!"

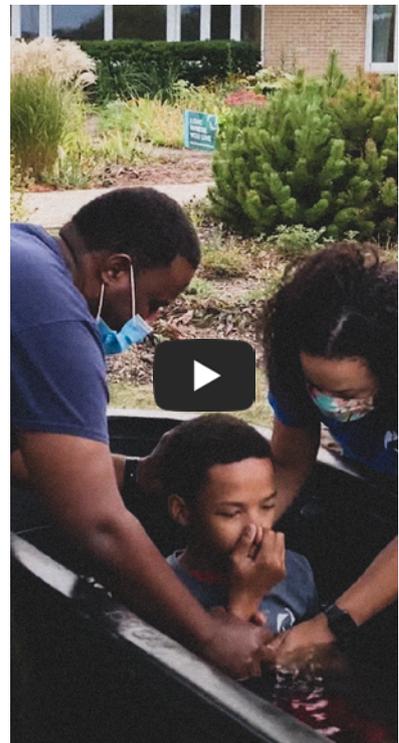


Christian Ross, Baptism

My father really encouraged me to learn how to be closer to God and taught me how to extract the real meaning of scripture.

I denied getting baptized three times. In that time I was struggling with my bad habits and temptation to do things I shouldn't be doing. I thought God wasn't there to help me but actually, I wasn't listening to him. My father really encouraged me to learn how to be closer to God and taught me how to extract the real meaning of scripture. Little did I know, the scriptures that I reread actually applied to my life. And that led up to when I had gotten my offer to be baptized. When I had first been told that I could get baptized I was

really unsure. Even when my mom encouraged me to do it, I still felt unsure until my family and I went to the Dollar Tree (I know how it sounds). When I was looking for a snack, I found some Cheeto Puffs - On the back I saw a scripture and it was none other than Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus died for our sins and rose three days later then you will be saved." And that was all I needed.



Access your
COMMUNITY.

communitychristian.info

DIGITAL MINISTRY

Social media is a ministry.

- B** **Bob**
A friend turned me on to this space....I am not a member of your church but these messages the last few weeks have been phenomenal and very helpful. This listening message is defin
- B** **Bob**
*definitely something I want to bring to my loved ones. Thanks.

We commissioned our staff and our church (that's YOU!) to be digital missionaries. You can leverage your personal influence and spaces to transform somebody's life.

Need prayer? Text PRAY to 630-793-6399

1.1M
people reached
on social media
in 2020

Your well-being and spiritual health are our top priority. We reallocated our staff and formed an Engagement Team to call every single attender at COMMUNITY to check in and offer prayer.

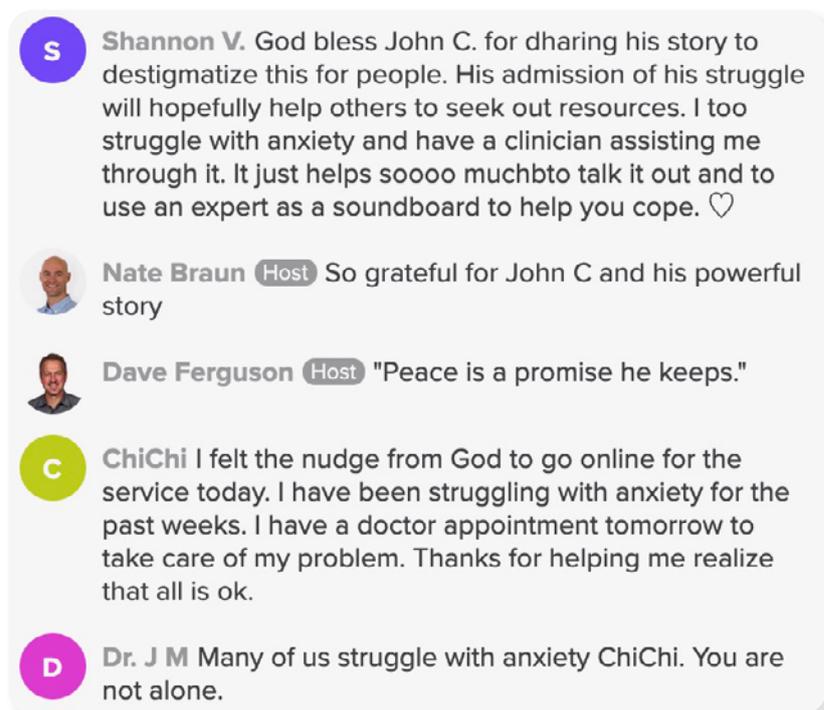
Wow, thank you so much I really needed to hear that. I do need prayers, my family and I have tested positive for COVID and although the symptoms aren't severe they are still investing at times. Also, I'm going through a child custody battle and I need help finding a lawyer and the strength to keep fighting even while I'm sick. I just feel like so much is going on and I feel alone.



What a nice thing it was to receive your text. My husband and I are in the midst of selling our home. Our contract with our current realtor is almost up. We have been meeting with other realtors and believe we

have found the one we would like to use. Your message might have been sent from God that we are making the right decision. We are praying ourselves for our home to sell. Thank you for your prayers.
- COMMUNITY Attender

Thank you so much it was almost as if you knew I was struggling to find comfort for my son during this difficult time in his life I cannot say enough how much I appreciate you reaching out to me as you did with prayer I hope that you have a wonderful day and may God bless you today and always and thank you again.



**Thank you again
for praying for me.
Your timing, God's
timing is perfect.**

Thank you so much Liz. It means a lot that you prayed for me and reached out to let me know. I've been wrestling a bit with sadness and worry related to my finances. However, I feel like God is present and cares about every detail. He is assuring me in small, quiet ways that He is my Provider. Over the past 5 years my youngest daughter Yuliya, now 21, has struggled with depression and anxiety, turning to cutting and alcohol and drug abuse. Praise God she has been clean for a little over a year after 90 days at a rehab clinic. Truly, answered prayer. God has restored so much. The financial situation is related to her struggles. Medical costs mostly. But again, God has been so faithful. Little by little I am conquering this debt and it truly is a lesson in trusting God to meet our every need. My prayer request would be that I would keep my eyes on Jesus. That I won't let my financial concerns overshadow the light of His presence and provision. Thank you again for praying for me. Your timing, God's timing is perfect.



COMMUNITY MUSIC

GENERAL WINS

Songwriting Conference

Moody Conference

Worship Leader Magazine Conference

Make Room is on national radio

Signed three-year distribution deal with
Capitol Records/Watershed



METRICS

"Make Room" (both versions):

1.3M+ streams on Apple Music and Spotify

Added to top christian playlists on Apple Music and Spotify

Reached #8 on Air1 National Radio

#31 in the country on radio plays

1M listeners every week

Reached #80 on CCLI

SPECIAL PLACEMENTS

Hallmark channel appearance

Two TBN shows recorded

Moody radio appearance

HomeLife feature (comes out in Feb 2021)

Worship Leader feature on National Conference

CCM Magazine feature

UCB Radio UK appearance

Rhema Radio Australia appearance

1.3M
streams

1M
listeners/week

#8
Air1 National Radio





SPOTIFY

2.1M streams
194k hours
493k listeners
Reached 140+ countries
Added to 30k different playlists
49k listeners played our songs on repeat
614% total listeners
592% new listeners
575% total streams
534% playlist adds

APPLE MUSIC

2M streams
Average of 4.2k listeners a day
3.8k purchases
35k shazams

YOUTUBE

470k total views
39k hours watched
2.5k new subscribers
1.9M impressions

COMMUNITY FREEDOM



Since we launched this vision of planting churches inside of prisons and jails, Community Freedom has impacted the lives of so many people. First launching at the Joliet Treatment Center over a year ago with in person services, soon after starting weekly small groups at the women's Fox Valley Adult Transition Center. Unfortunately, because of COVID, we have had to put on hold all in person gatherings, but this has not stopped us from investing in the communities we'd been developing for the past year at Joliet Treatment Center and Fox Valley.

We adapted by providing donations to the women at the Fox Valley Adult Transition Center that include items like: phone cards, pillows, stamps, personal hygiene products and snacks. We also began letter correspondence and recorded services for the men at the Joliet Treatment Center. A couple of months back we received a letter from one of the JTC residents telling us that he looks forward to

the letters, services and donations of Community Freedom because "it is my only connection to the outside world and it makes me feel like a normal person. Because of Community Freedom I am reminded that God can still use me to make a difference where I am." And included in the letter was a check because he said he wanted to help his church helping people find their way back to God! Our teams are also providing donations to the women at the Fox Valley Adult Transition Center that include items like: phone cards, pillows, stamps, personal hygiene products and snacks.

This season of COVID has also brought new opportunities to expand with the launch of our third Community Freedom location in partnership with the DuPage County Jail. We are constantly reminded of the impact that Community Freedom is having not only on the residents of the prisons but also on those in our community as several of our volunteers are people that were previously incarcerated and are now helping people find their way back to God through their own life testimony.

In spite of the ways 2020 has required us to adapt, our mission of helping people find their way back to God, back to their family and back to their community hasn't changed. With your help we continue to bring hope and healing to people that need it most; reminding us all that we are not solely defined by the worst thing we've ever done but by the fact that we are dearly loved and made in God's image.

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CONNECT

Your relationship with others.

SMALL GROUPS

I have attended online small groups since March when the shutdown started. I went from working in person to being at home juggling remote learning for my son and working at home. I joined a few groups from the start not knowing how it would be meeting online. I am pretty introverted, so meeting new people online made me apprehensive. Then the groups started up and they have been something that has kept me afloat on the hardest days, laughing and growing. The support network I have gained from people I may have never met from other locations in person is amazing. I have learned so much about myself during these months through wisdom and conversation with others about God. I feel lucky to be closer to God than I was at the start of this year. - Jennifer

Connecting in a small
group is the most
important next step
we want you to take at
COMMUNITY.

2,200+
adults connect in small groups

250
number of groups

ALPHA

Exploring faith together.

I can't recall ever reading the Bible to form my own interpretation and see how it affected me, rather than only hearing passages through others during a church service which I rarely attended.

After the meeting last night, I asked myself, "how can I research everything else in my life, in such great detail, yet ignore researching the most powerful thing that has given me this life?"

I spend hours researching political candidates, a new tool I need, how to fix something, yet I've always known the Bible was the most powerful tool available to me and I never once turned to it to read.

I wanted to bring up the topic but the discussion period is time limited. Many of the videos in this Alpha course have opened my eyes to many things and have answers questions I had my whole life. Until last night, I thought only the 12 apostles wrote the Bible. That led to many other questions I wondered about.

So today I made a commitment to start at the beginning and just read. Start out slow and see where it takes me. I love to debate and discuss things, except when I'm not informed on the subject. We'll see. Thanks for the inspiration!
- Alpha Attender

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and believe in God.

Take a next step in your faith

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I just feel it's time. My relationship with the Lord has really grown in the last few years. I'm ready and excited to finally do this! The Alpha sessions were definitely one of the reasons I decided to do this. - Connie, Alpha Baptism

Alpha is exactly what I needed at this phase of my life as I am now a believer in Christ and I was not beforehand. My experience with Alpha was priceless.

Even in a virtual environment the connections were very impactful.



Love the course...anyone attending church or in a small group should attend Alpha. It truly builds a firm foundation of what we believe & why we believe.

This was an amazing experience. Thank you so much.



Alpha





A Global Church Family

Connecting with others locally and globally.

KATEY AND BECKY

We had one team member invite a young lady named Becky to our first online Alpha group. She invited her friend Katey from Texas to come with her. Katey had no idea what Alpha was but was excited to hang out with her friend on Zoom and meet some people for a few weeks. Becky was already a Christfollower and found her faith strengthened through her experience. Katey found her way back to God through her experience. One night, Katey said to our team, “You guys have no idea how much Alpha has changed my life. I just want to be around you more.”

Since then, Katey and Becky have joined our online Alpha team and Katey alone has brought almost 10 people to Alpha over the last few months. She is an invitational juggernaut and continues to reach out to her friends to tell them about Jesus and Alpha. She has even had the experience of praying for people on our team and for people on the Alpha weekend.

We love Katey’s story because it’s an example of Evangelism, Discipleship, and Leadership Development. Alpha helps people find their way back to God, it helps people share their faith with others, and even helps them take steps toward leadership in the church.

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THE ETHIOPIAN CREW

In one of our fall Alpha groups, we had a young man from Ethiopia join us and a week later he had several of his friends joining us each evening for Alpha. This means that **they were logging into our online group at 3am their time.**

Two of them are interested in joining our Alpha team, so we are in the process of working out the best way they can be involved with us going forward.

FRANK JOHNSON STORY

Frank did not consider himself a Christ-follower, but he had some experiences that made him start searching. He found COMMUNITY during the "Pray Like This" series and heard about the Alpha Course. He came and found exactly what he was looking for—a reasonable and thoughtful approach to faith. Since finding his way back to God, Frank has joined our Alpha team and has brought some of his family to experience Alpha. He also serves with Community Cares.

Alpha Online

275

people went through Alpha Online

13%

of people who self-identified as Christian before and after joining Alpha said they discovered a relationship with God through Jesus after attending Alpha

35%

of Alpha attendees reported that they “did not attend church before” or only “sometimes”

80%

Those who self-identified as “skeptical, searching, or spiritual but no religious affiliation” moved the needle toward Christian after attending Alpha

100%

of those who self-identified as Christian before and after joining Alpha regularly said they feel more at peace, strengthened their faith and made new friends

Kids' City

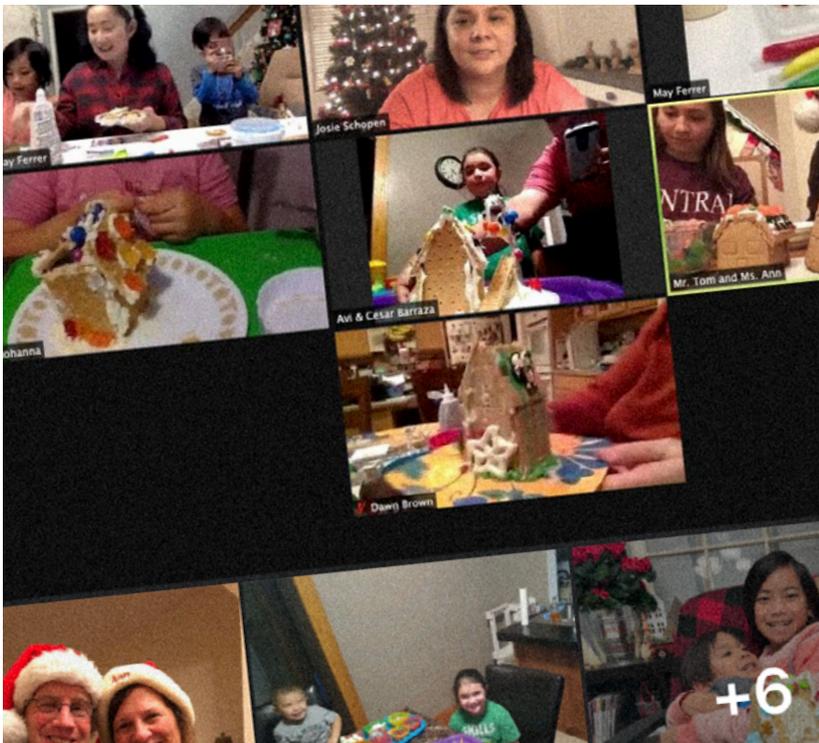
“We love that our kids have been prioritized in this pandemic, that Aiden looks forward to his small group every week and that leaders are consistent”
- Jeanette and BT Norman



Kids' City has found more ways to equip families at home with tools that support parents in their discipleship of their kids. The new Kids' City webpage gives parents access to online groups for kids, weekly teaching, Facebook connections and specialized resources like the newest addition, How to Read the Bible.

You can learn so much about yourself and your friends and have fun. - Arda, teen leader

Small group has changed our family dynamic by reminding them of Bible stories that they can lean into during hard times and to guide their decision-making processes. For example, just recently when our 12-year-old was caught in a lie, our nine-year-old came down and reminded the 12-year-old about integrity and how it was important to be truthful in what we say and what we do. Integrity was last month's lesson. It is amazing to watch them grow and learn. It wouldn't be possible without small groups each week!
 -Katherine Watts



I think the [Kids' City Facebook page](#) is a good way to connect with other leaders and parents. It's nice to feel like you can identify with what other people are feeling/doing during the pandemic. I really liked some of May's posts about managing e-learning and stuff. - Shannon Voyt

Fun time making and decorating gingerbread houses tonight (left). Thank you to all that came to our online fundraising event. We raised \$250 for Community Giftmart to help under-resourced communities around our area!

STUDENT COMMUNITY

Our favorite stories of 2020...

I had a 6th grade boy who told me that StuCo Small Groups was the favorite part of his entire week and that he looks forward to being with his group every Wednesday. He's never experienced Blast or Summer Camp or even a weekly StuCo gathering. His only reference was gathering with his small group every week.

When a student's mother became seriously ill, her small group and leaders rallied around her to support her, encourage her and pray for her. Leaders multiple times got coffee with her or dropped things off to her house. Student leaders spent time with her outside of StuCo. Most of the StuCo leaders stopped by early on at the same time and prayed for her. Student leaders planned a moment of worship and prayer in her front yard.

400+
students who signed up
for fall in-person small
group gatherings

800
Instagram followers

300
YouTube subscribers

A freshman group has spent a lot of nights out at the park. When it comes down to it, being together is so important to these guys that they don't care how cold it gets, they're going to be at the park. This group has probably thrived more than any other through their commitment to each other and the leaders commitment to them. Even with how hard it's been, that group in particular is still on mission and definitely ready to take it to the next level in the next season.

Before March, [StuCo.Online](#) didn't exist at all. In a matter of a few days we created something that was our main source of connection and support for students. Our [Instagram](#) currently has nearly 800 followers and our [YouTube](#) channel has over 300.



Creation of a new ministry *Community Cares* to reach the immediate needs of our communities

The beauty of restoration is that it is always possible, even during a global pandemic. In March, as COVID spread, we quickly realized caring for the community would require a pivot as drastic as the in-person/digital shift that was being planned for Sunday morning. The needs of the community were changing and the strategy for mobilizing hundreds of people would have to change as well. We began to look at the support we were already providing through partnerships with homeless shelters, food pantries and local schools to determine what support could continue and what new needs would arise. Our goal was to #BeTheChurch - the hands and feet of Jesus during this crisis. That was the beginning of Community Cares.

And while serving the community during this season has required many adjustments, we recognized by the end of the summer one of those adjustments would be uniting Community Cares and Community 4:12 under one umbrella. Combining Community Cares' teams with our Community 4:12 longterm partnerships like Giftmart and World Relief, positions us to catalyze restoration in our communities in new and exciting ways.

During this season, our teams have hand-stitched more than 4,200 cloth face masks shoring up supplies during a time when PPE was scarce and incredibly expensive. We launched two Community Freedom locations at correctional facilities here in Illinois and walked alongside

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Wow! So amazed at the generosity of Fox Valley Filter. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

more than a dozen immigrants as they worked toward citizenship. We continued to provide virtual Justice Series events helping the community explore race and reconciliation during this turbulent time as well as enrolled our staff in a one-year journey pursuing racial justice with other pastors around the country. We're on track to provide over 5,700 meals for residents of Hesed House experiencing homelessness. And building for the future, we're partnering with the Alive Center to open a location in Aurora focused on empowering the youth of today to become the impassioned, resilient leaders of tomorrow.

Under the Community Cares banner, we'll continue working to provide relief, meet the immediate needs of our community, develop people through nurturing relationships, and work towards holistic transformation in areas of education, race, poverty, and incarceration.

Above and beyond generosity initiatives (reaching out to our community):
Launching Chicago Delivers, Weekly Food Drives, Janari's Funeral, Summer Serve,
Thanksgiving Food Drive, Giftmart, Compassion Sunday

#BETHECHURCH INITIATIVES

Celebration Generosity

\$6.5M+
total to date

13
years celebrating

\$316,374
2020 contribution

BREAKTHROUGH

In its first year, over \$1.7M has been generously given allowing us to invest in several BREAKTHROUGH initiatives! The first 10% of pledges (\$420k) went straight to the four teams of Celebration Generosity. Since then, we have invested \$125k into enhancing the Community Online experience and \$250k into a much-needed roof renovation at our Plainfield facility.

As you can imagine, the pandemic has impacted our plans in a few significant ways. Right now, we are delaying spending dollars on building remodeling projects so that we can take the time needed to rethink how a building is used and what environments may be needed going forward.

With that in mind, our first projects in the original BREAKTHROUGH plan centered around buildings: Downers Grove, Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square and Plainfield were some of the higher priority projects. Instead, we moved Community Online quickly up the list to upgrade our camera and production equipment, to provide a better experience for now, and for the future.

We are currently placing our “remodel” projects on hold as we continue to assess the future, with the exception of one part of the Plainfield project. With the opportunity of an empty building and the structural need being great, we chose to move ahead with replacing the roof at our Plainfield location. A few heavy rainstorms this summer made this repair more urgent, and we felt it was wise to move it ahead on the list as a result.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness and generosity - we continue to ask God for wisdom and will continue to keep you informed as we navigate this difficult season. God is in control and we continue to look to him as we seek breakthrough in our lives, in our church, in our communities and throughout the world.



BREAKTHROUGH

\$4.2M
total pledges

640
number of pledges

\$1.6M+
total given to date

[Learn more](#)

1,600+
kids sponsored on
Compassion Sunday

COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

In early February, we gave 10% of one week's offerings (nearly \$25k) to ten partner organizations that are doing great work in our local communities:

Ink180, Wayside Cross Ministries, Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry, Kendall County Food Pantry, Daybreak Center, Hope & Freedom Foundation, Reclaim13, Lincoln Park Community Services, and Lincoln Square Friendship Center.

FOOD PANTRIES

In early May, we gave over \$45k in designated gifts to support eight local food pantries to help with their response to the initial wave of the COVID pandemic:

Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry, Kendall County Food Pantry, Lincoln Square Friendship Center, Lakeview Food Pantry, Downers Grove Area FISH, Romeoville Food Pantry, Spanish Community Center, and Bethany Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

BENEVOLENCE

Over \$20k has been given at key points throughout the year to support people in our community who are in financial stress and struggling to make ends meet.

SUMMER SERVE

In July, we gave 10% of one week's offerings (nearly \$11k) to Summer Serve to fund ten different local community service partners/projects.

[Learn more](#)

BACKPACK DRIVE

As families planned for a return to school (whether in-person or remote) in August, our attendees stepped up to provide and fill 180 backpacks for local kids in need.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS

A total of 100 Thanksgiving Dinners were provided to families in need.

GIFTMART

We were able to donate \$105k in gift cards to help families provide Christmas gifts this year, thanks to your generosity.



Thanksgiving meal packing team

\$500k+
Amount given away through
our #BeTheChurch initiatives

B.L.E.S.S. Practices

The B.L.E.S.S. practices were created as a simple tool to help you bring the love of God to others.

Begin with prayer: If you're not sure who God is calling you to bless or where God is calling you to go to be a blessing, you can begin with prayer. And if you know the people you want to bless, begin praying for those people now.

Listen: Any relationship starts with listening to someone's words and life. True listening may be the kindest and most loving gift you can give someone.

Eat: There is something about sharing a meal together that moves any relationship past acquaintance toward friendship—faster than just about anything else we can do.

Serve: Once you begin with prayer, listen, and eat with someone, there is a good chance that you'll discover how you can best serve the person God is asking you to bless.

Share your story: When you befriend and bless people, they feel relationally safe and want to know your story. Then, and only then, you can tell them how the love of God and Jesus's life, death, and resurrection have changed you.

70% of attenders are aware of the B.L.E.S.S. Practices & 27% use them on a daily basis.



What's *your* next step?



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Racial Justice

We've been on a
evolving journey and
are always seeking
to learn, know, and
serve more.



Watch the interview with [Quentin Mumphrey](#)
For our Neighbors and our Nation

We've taken a much needed next step in working to recapitalize black and minority-owned banks across the country. Our Justice Deposits initiative is challenging churches, businesses, and individuals to simply open checking or savings accounts as a way to safely but intentionally help Black-owned Banks, making funds more accessible to Black and minority families and businesses. To that end, COMMUNITY and NewThing have opened accounts at Broadway Federal Bank and moved \$500k into those accounts. We are continuing to talk with other churches to have them do the same. We continue to work with people like [Quentin Mumphrey](#) of New Hope Covenant in Chicago and Alvin Bibbs of the Justice Journey Alliance in getting the word out about the initiative.

[Learn more](#)

Metrics

8,858

2020 average weekly engagement
pre-COVID attendance: 6,576

Pre-COVID, we measured average weekly attendance at all of our locations at COMMUNITY. In light of the pandemic this year and us operating as a digital church, we thought it best to measure average weekly engagement with all of our content across adults, students, and kids.

1,302

3C Christ-followers

COMMUNITY has 1,302 people celebrating, connecting, and contributing on a weekly basis.

Take a next step in your faith

\$7.6M
2020 Giving (projected)

Resource Allocation
Fiscal 2020 (Oct 19—Sept 20):

Reach, 45.8%

Reaching those who are far from God

- Location Ministries & Operations
- Catalyst Ministries & Operations
- Facilities
- Capital Replacement Savings

Restore, 23.3%

Restoring God's dream for the world

- Community Cares
- Compassion International
- Philippine Frontline Ministries
- Global Missions
- Benevolence

Reproduce, 30.9%

Reproducing the Jesus Mission in others

- NewThing
- Multiplier Fund
- Leadership Residents
- New Locations

Giving

\$7.51M
2020 giving (fiscal year Oct 19 — Sept 20)

by network:

\$4.70M, 62.6%

Coniaris

Downers Grove
Naperville
Aurora

\$2.48M, 33.0%

Ciesniewski

Plainfield
Yorkville
Montgomery
Carillon

\$330k, 4.4%

Ferguson

Lincoln Park
Lincoln Square

Spending

\$7.56M
2020 spending (fiscal year Oct 19 — Sept 20)

by network:

\$4.36M, 57.7%

Coniaris
Downers Grove
Naperville
Aurora

\$2.90M, 38.4%

Ciesniewski
Plainfield
Yorkville
Montgomery
Carillon

\$285k, 3.9%

Ferguson
Lincoln Park
Lincoln Square



In September, I was on a national podcast for church leaders and was asked the question, “Is 2020 just an interruption or a disruption for churches?” The question was trying to discern if the multiple crises of the past year amounted to a short disturbance or would it permanently change churches. I told the interviewer, “For COMMUNITY, it has been a total disruption... but God has used it and the people of COMMUNITY to better prepare us for the future.”

I hope you had the same reaction from reading the stories and stats in our 2020 Year In Review. It has been a hard, exhausting, and challenging year and one that none of us wants to repeat. But thanks to a very good and gracious God and to a tremendously faithful group of Christ-followers at COMMUNITY, it has been an amazing year. We are strategically positioned to help more people than ever find their way back to God in the future.

I’m honored to be have gone through 2020 with you.

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