



2023 Annual Report

"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."

- Matthew 5:14

LETTER FROM PASTOR SEAN + LAURI AZZARO



As I look back on the last ministry year, one word comes to mind... thankful!

I know I say it a lot, but how could I not be grateful for all the Lord has done? I am particularly overwhelmed this year by the goodness of God as we celebrate 25 years of "More people living real life by passionately following Jesus!" We have seen thousands of lives changed by His Spirit; we have seen multiple huge, miraculous examples of God's loving provision; we have seen God take our loaves and fishes and literally feed multitudes through our feeding ministry, Real Life Christian Assistance! Our Father has been so gracious to this fellowship throughout our 25-year history and this year is no exception. He truly is establishing this church as His "City on a Hill!"

This booklet is an attempt to present an overview of what the Lord has done through River City Community Church this last year. You'll find stories, charts, numbers, and financial reports designed to give you a small glimpse of how we do ministry and the unique fruit that has been produced. The key to understanding a report like this is remembering that these numbers and highlights represent people... people whose lives have been changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ! Men, women, and children... entire families who have been radically transformed for eternity because of God's faithfulness through this fellowship!

We give thanks to our heavenly Father for His guiding hand and all the miraculous things He has done this year and each year of our 25-year history! We give Him thanks for the faithful members and attenders of River City whose hard work and generous support are key to everything that happens through this work! Because of His faithfulness, we look back with joy and gratitude and we look ahead with hope and anticipation!

I've said it before, but it bears repeating - The God who has brought us this far has even greater things in store!

Gratefully seeking Him,
Pastor Sean & Lauri Azzaro

ELDERS:

Sean Azzaro, Butch Newman, Rick Marcantel,
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Conant, Jonathan Schlueter, Ross Hosea, Tim Stults

25 YEARS OF REAL LIFE

More People Living Real Life By Passionately Following Jesus

March
1998

Official launch of River City Community Church

After starting out as a small group meeting in a living room and then growing in a small facility, River City officially launched as a church!

Dec
1999

Campus Move + Church Merge

After nearly 2 years of outgrowing facilities, the Lord led us to merge with a struggling church that brought a new home, new leaders, and a new season of growth!



2008

"See the Impossible" financial campaign

Once again outgrowing our previous campus, this congregation-funded campaign allowed us to purchase and make initial developments for our current campus.

2012

Moved to current River City Campus

Easter 2012 was our first service on our campus after 4 years of faith-filled prayer and preparation.

2019

"Take a Seat" campaign

After a 7-year period of waiting, we were finally able to re-outfit and open the Real Life Amphitheater as a community arts venue.



2023

"City on a Hill" financial campaign

Celebrating 25 years of ministry and nearly 12 years on this campus, we are prayerfully and purposefully preparing for the next 25 years.



More people...

August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023

Average Weekly Attendance

1,450

Volunteers

1,483

First Time Guests

1,294

New Members

114



...living real life...

"Groups isn't just A ministry here at River City,
it's HOW WE DO ministry."

836
ADULTS



72
COMMUNITY
GROUPS

DISCOVER

In October of 2022, the "Discover class" became our frontline to connect new attenders, the curious, and the disengaged both quickly and effectively to areas of service, community, and growth.

We launched a new summer marriage ministry, "Marriage Quickies", that engaged nearly 40-50 couples weekly in the month of June.

...by passionately following Jesus.



**Commitments
to Christ:
144**

**Baptisms:
116**

Celebration Highlight

Baptism Celebration + Potluck | May 7, 2023

In May of this year, we had an incredible baptism celebration on the hill, where over 60 people publicly declared their faith in Jesus Christ. This impactful evening was a tangible picture of the work God has been doing in and through the ministry of River City. Together with River City En Español, we baptized adults, children and students whose lives and families will be forever changed. It's evenings like these where we catch a glimpse of eternity and are fueled for the next season of God's work through His church.





River City en Español

160

Average Weekly
Attendance

33

Leaders

7

Community
Groups

From Pastor Yoan Mora

"This year God has blessed River City en Español. Every Sunday people come to our services who have heard from us on the Internet or through the sign at the front of campus, but what makes us most happy is that there are many people who come because a friend from River City has invited them to listen to the Word of God in our church for the first time. We have also seen how the Lord has raised new leaders in our ministry in Spanish; leaders who have embraced the same vision that we have for the next years to come in our church. Although we still have to pray for workers, we can say that the Lord has been good to us and has sent workers to River City in Spanish who are working and preaching the Gospel for healthy growth of our church."

River City en Español celebrated 3 years of ministry and has grown 160% since launching in 2020.



A Heart for the Next Generation

Rio Kids

Participation 2022-2023

1,110 Unique Participants
260 Average Weekly Attendance
419 Visitors
237 Leaders

VBS was Stellar!

536

Attendees

82

Reported
Salvations

307

Volunteers

Rio Decisions 2022-2023

46

Salvations

28

Baptisms

99

2022/2023
Enrollment

122

Summer
Enrollment

Our Mothers Day Out program has continued to grow and serves as an impactful outreach and family support ministry. It currently is at capacity with a healthy waitlist!



A Heart for the Next Generation

JHM + RCY

Participation 2022-2023

474 Unique Participants
115 Average Weekly Attendance
116 Visitors
62 Leaders

Summer Camp

241

Students
4th-12th

44

Leaders

285

Total
Attendance

RCY Decisions 2022-2023

29

Salvations

35

Baptisms

Celebration Highlight

Pastor Clay Burkholder leads a group called SDG or "Student Discipleship Group". Currently we have 15-18 students that meet weekly discussing topics all over the spectrum of Christian thought and practice. We cover everything from church history to atonement theory while also addressing more practical topics like spiritual discipline and discernment. These students are diving deep in their faith and it's amazing to watch. This is real life!

REAL LIFE CENTER

Home of River City Community Church

Real Life Community Outreach

River City Believers Academy

& The Real Life Amphitheater

2012

76,214

2019

161,570

2023

195,320

On campus "foot-traffic" representing in-person interactions

150% Increase since 2012

Into the Future!

With our campus development + growing community recognition and impact, we project significant growth of our campus foot-traffic at the Real Life Center.

2026

268,250

Primary Growth Factors

River City Community Church Events + Services

Balloon Fest & Like Community Events

Real Life Outreach

Real Life Amphitheater Events

Sports Fields & Gymnasium

River City Believers Academy + Related Events

STEWARDSHIP

Of the people God has entrusted to us



1483

VOLUNTEERS

910

MEMBERS

300

LEADERS

STEWARDSHIP

Of the finances God has entrusted to us

Total Operating Expenses:

\$4,186,585.45



