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ANNUAL REPORT

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CARING FOR PEOPLE AND CONNECTING THEM TO CHRIST.



Number of Names we are praying for: 277

Number of individuals participating so far this year (2020): 215

Who's Your One? Imagine if every member of Jersey could answer that question with the name of a person—a person for whom they're praying, for whom they're caring, and for whom they're looking for opportunities to connect to Christ by sharing the gospel.

Part of our 2020 church-wide emphasis



SO WHAT'S NEXT?

All of us are prayerful that the virus impact will soon diminish, and that we'll return to life without its threat. How do you plan for 2021 in light of this reality? What if the threat remains? How do we shape our ministries for 2021, so they are driven by biblical imperatives and are nimble enough to navigate through a pandemic? What do we do if the church is forced to close its buildings because of external forces, and the road back for our church doesn't lead to a building? One answer is advancing discipleship, specifically Relational Discipleship (RD): Small clusters of believers encouraging each other, anchored in the Word, holding each other accountable to reach the lost, and eventually loving Christ and others enough to reproduce more clusters. RD is not dependent on a church building because it involves at most four people; it can "turn on a dime." RD will help to keep people from slipping through the cracks and when there are cracks in the foundation of their life, they have a Christ-centered friendship to help them stabilize.

The Jewish people have endured many destabilizing setbacks, but through the mighty hand of God they have always found a road back to their home and God. In Psalm 126, the Psalmist writes about the promised road back from Babylonian captivity. It promises that the pain of separation will transition into the pleasure of being back home again. "Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy. Though one goes along weeping, carrying the bag of seed, he will surely come back with shouts of joy, carrying his sheaves." We will also come back together again to our church home at Jersey with "shouts of joy." But if it takes longer than we hope, we can keep moving forward spiritually through growing and reaching more disciples. The road back may not be easy or predictable, but it will eventually lead us home.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN: THE COMEBACK

Wow! No one saw this coming...except God! A global pandemic, racial tension, urban riots, and OSU football in an empty Horseshoe, all thrown into a presidential election. The impact has reached every aspect of life, including the church. In-person attendance at Jersey dropped from 1400 to zero in March. Thankfully, we had already established an online worship experience and most stayed connected by watching services online. As health care leaders were getting a better understanding of the virus and methods to mitigate its spread, Jersey became one of the first churches in Central Ohio to open back up while carefully implementing health department guidelines. The return has been more difficult than I could ever have imagined.

One of my concerns are those who have given up on ever coming back and have abandoned the call of worshipping God corporately, in-person, on our campus without a medical condition driving that decision. It can be much easier to turn the alarm off, let everyone lounge in their jammies and turn on the service when it works for you. You can still pray, give, sing, and listen to the preacher. There is nothing wrong with this during a pandemic if we are committed to the long game of coming back when God says go.

The people who concern me the most are those who are not participating in worship nor in small groups. They are not connecting online or in-person. What makes their drift so dangerous is that they are traveling this difficult season alone without the support of the church. If someone comes to your mind as you read this, I encourage you to accept this as prompting from the Holy Spirit to contact them as soon as possible.

OUR STRUCTURE

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Our Church Council sets policy and guidelines for the operations of the church and also serves as the accountability group for Pastor John.

John Hays - Senior Pastor/President
Shaun Kniffan - Chairman
Jim Wells - Vice Chairman
Marc Richcreek - Treasurer
Jeremy Young - Secretary

John Hays - Senior Pastor
Keith Matthews - Executive Director
Brian Bagley - Administration and Serve Minister
Chris Moseley - Worship Minister
Matt Read - Next Gen Minister
Todd Smeltzer - Grow and Discipleship Pastor

FINANCIALS

TOTAL GIVING **\$3,591,114**

MINISTRY ACTION PLAN EXPENDITURES

WORSHIP	\$828,849
GROW	\$395,922
NEXT GEN	\$691,447
MISSIONS/C2/SERVE	\$646,265
TOTAL	\$2,562,483

Our surplus is the result of your continued faithful giving throughout the year. In addition, we decreased our budgetary spending this year because of the uncertainty we were walking through. The blessing of this surplus will allow us to help increase our capital replacement fund as well as our operating reserves as we are still uncertain of the financial impact of the Covid crisis in the months/years ahead. We are thankful for God's continued blessings at Jersey and we are thankful to continue positioning our ministries to meet God's call for His church at Jersey, as together, we continue caring for people and connecting them to Christ.



MISSIONS

GRAND TOTAL GIVEN TO MISSIONS

\$656,112

IN THE PAST DECADE, WE HAVE GIVEN

\$6,976,041

TO MISSION EFFORTS LOCALLY
AND AROUND THE WORLD.

TOGETHER ONLINE

Virtual VBS (August 2020)

437 kids participated

Archived Video Views (YouTube & Vimeo)

30,517 | 83 Average/day

Website Visits

3001 | 250 Average/month

People connected on Facebook

This year: 487 | All time: 2,766

Jersey Church App Downloads

This year: 735 | All time: 1,390

Online Easter Attendance

1,619 | 381 Drive-Up Service

OUR MISSIONS PARTNERSHIPS

STOWE MISSION CENTER - Making A Difference in Downtown Columbus and Beyond

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER - Healing the Physical and Spiritual Needs Of People In Southeast Asia

GRACEHAVEN (Local) & AGAPE INTERNATIONAL (Southeast Asia) -
Fighting Human Trafficking Locally and Around the World

WATERMARK CHURCH (Worthington, OH) - Broadening Our Reach Through Church Plants

OUR PATHWAY

WORSHIP

WEEKLY
AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE
1,497

DURING COVID (3/19-8/20)
IN-PERSON | ONLINE
466 | 1,079

PRE-COVID (9/19-2/20)
IN-PERSON | ONLINE
1,362 | 86

SERVE

MEMBERS
SERVING
594

DISCIPLESHIP

TOTAL
INVOLVED
111

GROW

WEEKLY
AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE
474

PRE-COVID (9/19-2/20)
IN-PERSON
639

KIDS
143

STUDENTS
114

**YOUNG
ADULTS**
26

Our pathway represents the steps you will take on the road to being a C2 (Caring and Connecting) disciple at Jersey. We realize there are different seasons in life that we walk through and whether it is one, two or all, it is our hope and prayer that everyone at Jersey is Worshiping, Growing, Serving and Discipling as we live out the C2 lifestyle. We hope you will join us on the journey of a lifetime.

CARING FOR PEOPLE

FEED THE CITY 2019

FAMILIES SERVED
1,100

VOLUNTEERS
421

BENEVOLENCE

FAMILIES
SERVED
88

Thank you for contributing to our benevolence fund this past year. Your giving allowed us to help those in need with their utility bills, rent, car repairs, gasoline, counseling, minor home repairs, and construction projects.

CONNECTING PEOPLE

TOTAL CHURCH MEMBERS

1,723

NEW MEMBERS

53

GUESTS
(HOUSEHOLDS)
77

BAPTISMS
68