



# STATE OF THE CHURCH

February 2020



# MISSION

**To Glorify God**  
by making disciples  
of Jesus Christ.



*And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

*-Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)*

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MATTHEW 28:19-20



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Take the gospel to every people group, including your own



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in the name of The Father,  
The Son, and The Holy Spirit



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Proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Christ alone



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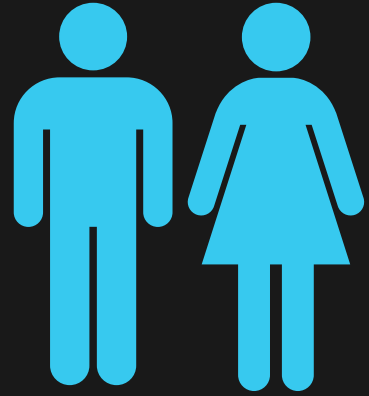


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# THE GRAND NARRATIVE OF THE GOSPEL



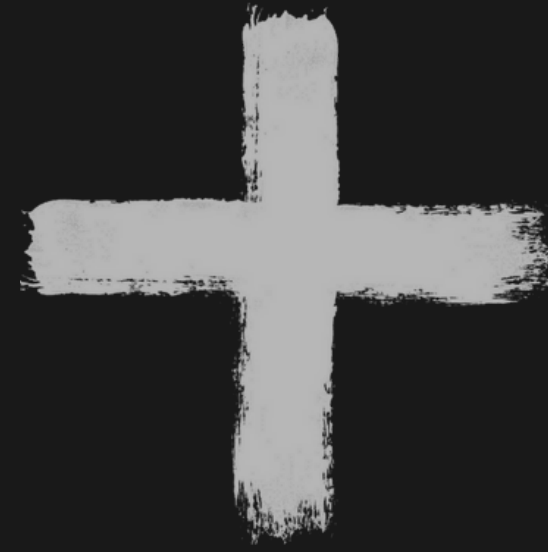
## CREATION

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*  
-Genesis 1:27



## FALL

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*  
-Romans 3:23



## REDEMPTION

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  
-Romans 6:23

## THE GOSPEL



## RESTORATION

*And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*  
-Revelation 21:5



# THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS)



## JESUS' DEATH PAYS YOUR SIN DEBT FULLY

*He himself bore our sins  
in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin  
and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds you have  
been healed.*

-1 Peter 2:24

## GOD SAVES BY HIS GRACE NOT YOUR WORKS

*For by grace you have been  
saved through faith. And  
this is not your own doing; it  
is the gift of God, 9 not a  
result of works, so that no  
one may boast.”*

-Ephesians 2:8-9

## SALVATION: REPENTANCE AND FAITH

*because, if you confess  
with your mouth that  
Jesus is Lord and believe  
in your heart that God  
raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.*

-Romans 10:9

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*15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

*-Colossians 1:15-20(ESV)*

*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

-Matthew 24:14 (ESV)



# VALUE

**Gather Together**  
to edify equip and  
hold fast to the  
Gospel.



*Let us hold fast the **confession of our hope** without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to **stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.***

*-Hebrews 10:23-25 (ESV)*



# ARE WE FULFILLING THE "ONE ANOTHERS"?



## DISCIPLESHIP

Are we each faithfully investing in 1-2 other people for the sake of evangelism and spiritual growth?



## HOUSE CHURCH

Are we prioritizing the weekly gathering with my church family, contributing with my gifts?



## FAMILY WORSHIP

Are we each worshipping God and equipping our family with the truth of God's Word regularly?



## FIRST SUNDAY

Are we celebrating what God has done, fellowshiping with the larger body of believers?



HEBREWS 10:23-25

**2018**

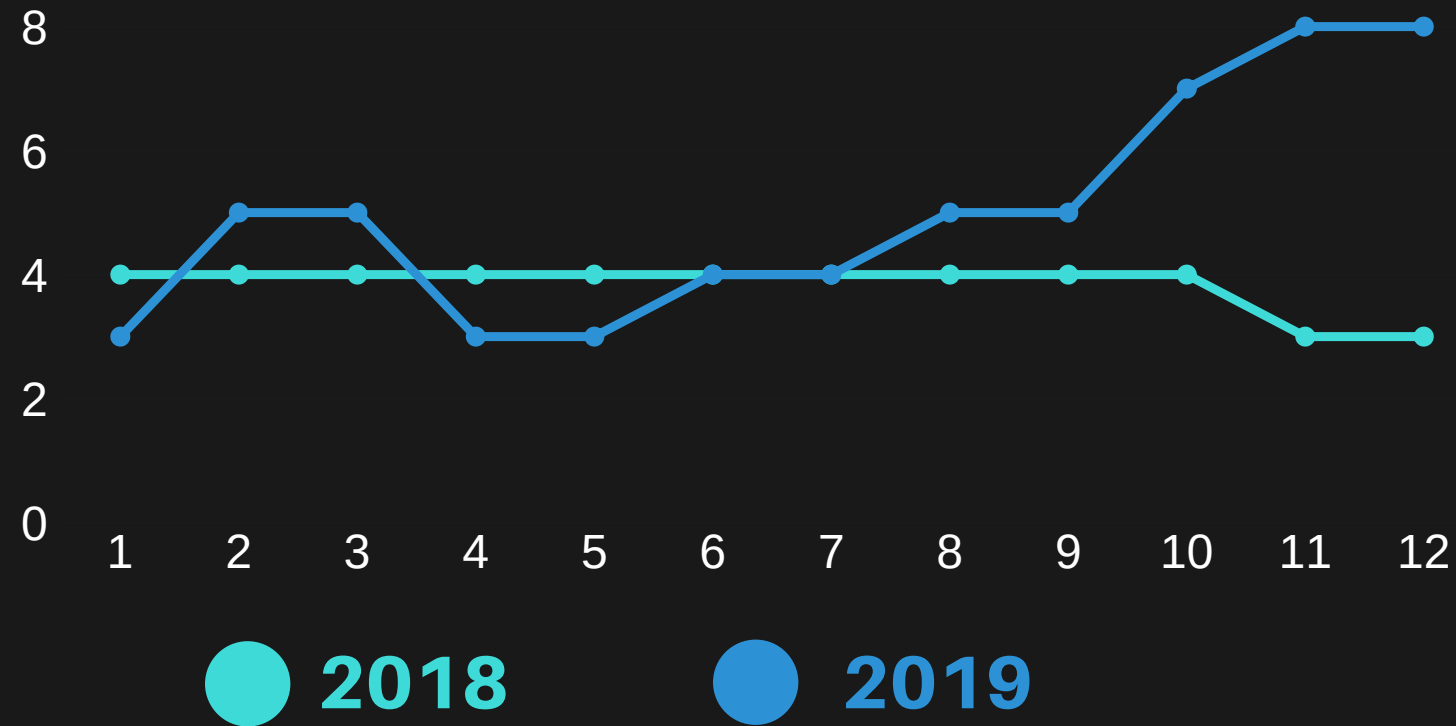
**2019**

**2020**

House Churches	4	8	11
Other Churches Coached	2	2	4
Underground Seminary	15	61	100
New Families	6	8	10
Missionary Trips	3	5	4
New Believers	3	4	?
New Elders	2	2	1
Baptisms	2	1	10



## HOUSE CHURCH MULTIPLICATION BY MONTH



## HOUSE CHURCHES

**SIGNIFICANT GROWTH THROUGH:  
MULTIPLICATION  
HUNGRY CHURCH MISSIONS  
GRAFTING IN ESTABLISHED GROUP**

- LORAIN, OH (OCT)
- SHEFFIELD, OH
- CLEVELAND, OH
- HUDSON, OH (OCT)
- SPOKANE, WA (JUNE)
- EL SALVADOR
- NICARAGUA (JULY)
- MEXICO (NOV)



# HEALTHY AREAS

**By God's Grace We...**

love one another,  
make disciples,  
support missions  
and are seeing small, but steady growth

**+ RESTORATION**  
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22 Questo dissero i suoi genitori perché avevano paura dei Giudei; infatti i Giudei avevano già stabilito che se uno riconoscesse Gesù come Cristo, fosse espulso dalla sinagoga.

23 Per questo i suoi genitori dissero: «Egli è adulto, domandatelo a lui».

24 Essi dunque chiamarono per la seconda volta l'uomo che era stato cieco, e gli dissero: «Da' gloria a Dio! Noi sappiamo che quest'uomo è un peccatore».

25 Egli rispose: «Se egli sia un peccatore, non so; una cosa so, che ero cieco e ora ci vedo».

26 Essi allora gli dissero: «Che cosa ti ha fatto? Come ti aprì gli occhi?»

27 Egli rispose loro: «Ve l'ho già detto e voi non avete ascoltato; perché volete udirlo di nuovo? Volete forse diventari suoi discepoli anche voi?»

28 Essi lo insultarono e dissero: «Sei tu discepolo di costui! Noi siamo discepoli di Mosè».

29 Noi sappiamo che a Mosè Dio ha parlato; ma in quanto a costui, non sappiamo di dove sia».

30 L'uomo rispose loro: «Questo poi è strano: che voi non sappiate di dove sia; eppure mi ha aperto gli occhi!»

31 Si sa che Dio non esaudisce i peccatori; ma se uno è pio e fa la volontà di Dio, egli lo esaudisce».

32 Da che mondo è mondo non si è mai udito che uno abbia aperto gli occhi a uno nato cieco».

33 Se quest'uomo non fosse da Dio, non potrebbe far nulla».

34 Essi gli risposero: «Tu sei tutto quanto nato nel peccato e insegni a noi?» E lo cacciarono fuori.

Lu 10:21; Gv 10:2-5; 1 P 2:6-8; Is 42:16; 2 Co 4:3-6

35 Gesù udì che lo avevano cacciato fuori; e, trovatolo, gli disse: «Credi nel Figlio dell'uomo?»

36 Quegli rispose: «Chi è, Signore, perché io creda in lui?»

37 Gesù gli disse: «Tu l'hai già visto; è colui che parla con te, è lui».

38 Egli disse: «Signore, io credo». E l'adorò.

39 Gesù disse: «Io sono venuto in questo mondo per fare un giudizio, affinché quelli che non vedono vedano, e quelli che vedono diventino ciechi».

40 Alcuni farisei, che erano con lui, udirono queste cose e gli dissero: «Siamo ciechi anche noi?»

41 Gesù rispose loro: «Se foste ciechi, non avreste alcun peccato; ma siccome dite: "Noi vediamo", il vostro peccato rimane».

Gesù, il buon pastore  
Gv 9:24-38; Ez 34:1-19; 1 P 5:1-4; Eb 13:20

10 «In verità, in verità vi dico che chi non entra per la porta nell'ovile delle pecore, ma vi sale da un'altra parte, è un ladro e un brigante».

2 Ma colui che entra per la porta è il pastore delle pecore;

3 a lui apre il portinaio, e le pecore ascoltano la sua voce, ed egli chiama le proprie pecore per nome e le conduce fuori.

4 Quando ha messo fuori tutte le sue pecore, va davanti a loro, e le pecore lo seguono, perché conoscono la sua voce».

5 Ma un estraneo non lo seguiranno; anzi, fuggiranno via da lui perché non conoscono la voce degli estranei».

6 Questa similitudine disse loro Gesù; ma essi non capirono quali fossero le cose che diceva loro.

Gv 14:6 (Is 40:11; Sl 23) 1 P 2:24, 25; Ef 5:2, 25-27; 2:11-19

7 Perciò Gesù di nuovo disse loro: «In verità, in verità vi dico: io sono la porta delle pecore».

8 Tutti quelli che sono venuti prima di me, sono stati ladri e briganti; ma le pecore non li hanno ascoltati».

9 Io sono la porta; se uno entra per me, sarà salvato, entrerà e uscirà, e

a (9:22) Per un Giudeo, essere espulso dalla sinagoga voleva dire essere messo al bando dalla società.  
b (10:7) Il ministero di pastore del Signore consta di tre aspetti:

# GROWTH AREAS

## By God's Grace We Could Grow In...

- Giving
- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Gathering
- Prayer
- Doctrine/Scripture







# GIVING

## 2019 Goal: 50% to Missions

For a few months we met our goal to have more than 50% of our giving go to missions. (\$128/person)

## 2020 Goal: Faith-Building Giving

For most of us giving is within the realm of comfort, we would like to see and increase in sacrificial giving to care for one another and spread the Gospel.



## GIVING OVERVIEW 2019

**TOTAL GIVING: \$ 56,559**

**RESTORATION EXPENSES: \$ 37,540**

Roughly 1/3 goes to overseeing,  
training, and running missions.

**MISSIONS AND PLANTING: \$ 18,200**

**(Person to Person Giving Not Tracked)**

## 2020 GIVING PLAN

**MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$3,128**

**MISSIONS GIVING GOAL: \$3,128**

**TOTAL: \$3,128**

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**EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS: 117**

**NEEDED MONTHLY GIVING: \$55/PERSON**



**50%**

Missions Support,  
Training, and Oversight

Our lean, steady operational budget means that every additional dollar can go to missions, church planting, and meeting needs.



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# MEMBERSHIP

Committing Together