# YEARIN REVIEWSHIP

I keep my eyes on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

PSALMS 18:6

#### "LIFE IS A JOURNEY--BUT WITH GOD AS YOUR GUIDE, YOU KNOW YOU ARE ALWAYS ON A JOURNEY OUT OF DARKNESS AND INTO THE WONDERFUL LIGHT OF GOD'S FAITHFUL PROVISION."

When we lived in Colorado, I loved when a buddy of mine took me hiking in the mountains. In a lot of ways, 2021 has felt much like a mountain trek. We all thought 2020 was the hard year, the bad year! But then 2021 gave 2020 a run for it's money.

Even so, throughout the hardship and challenging seasons, God has proven faithful. As we close 2021, it's like we've reached the summit and the view is spectacular! Look around! God's faithfulness is clearly on display! We are excited about all that God has done through New Work Fellowship in 2021!

As you read through this year in review, I pray that you will see the numerous ways God blessed our church, community, and world with overwhelming abundance. We have been able to take the new mindsets and skills that we gained during the height of COVID and implement them to be the hands and feet of Christ in even more powerful and exciting ways.

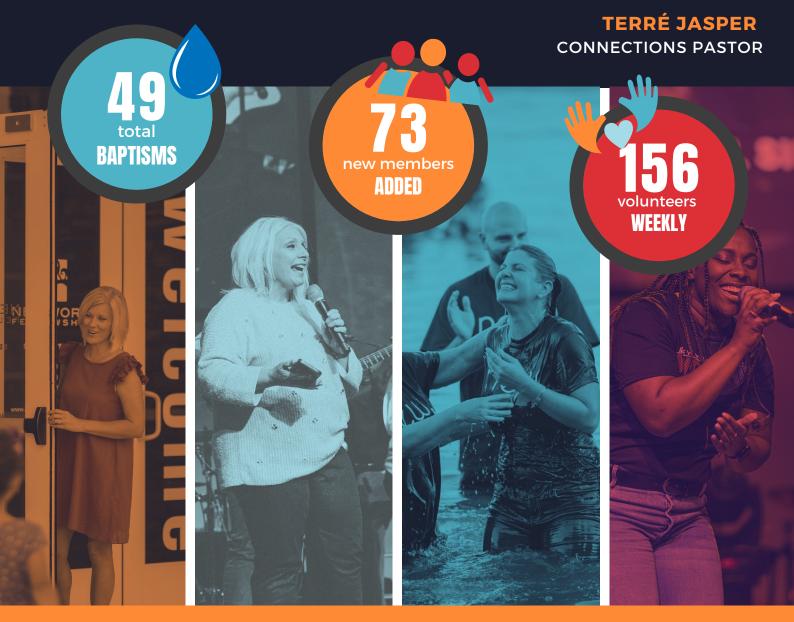
Reading through this document, you'll hear from several of our pastors about their experiences in their ministries throughout 2021. You will also find breakdowns of our weekly attendance and budget giving. Take some time to be encouraged by the path we have walked as a church during 2021. Life is a journey--but with God as your guide, you know you are always on a journey out of darkness and into the wonderful light of God's faithful provision.

#### KEVIN LEE LEAD PASTOR



## KNOW. GROW. GO.

At New Work Fellowship, 2021 was a year where connecting with people has been at the forefront of our ministry. As the hands and feet of Jesus, we leaned in to individuals, met them, helped with their needs, and blessed them with His presence through our efforts. We gave away over \$100,000 in blessing gifts to help with medical expenses, job loss, funeral support, disaster relief, and everyday hardships that people expereinced. Praise God that He allowed us to be a part of so much life change. This Summer, we restructured and renamed our membership class to First Steps! We offered the class on Sunday Mornings once a month, and we had 46 people go through this membership class. We then offered an optional, Next Steps Small Group! This threeweek Small Group was on Sunday Morning, and we bonded with some of our New Members! Each week, two of our staff came to the group, shared their ministry heart, and answered questions. It was such a success that we cannot wait to do it again in 2022!



### GRACE MARRIAGE

We introduced a new Marriage Ministry encounter in 2021! Over 120 people participated in our first Grace Marriage event. With more quarterly events coming up, marriages will grow in grace as couples learn to be more intentional about what matters most! Keep watch in early 2022 for our next meeting.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

Pastoral Care is part of the heartbeat of New Work Fellowship. 2021 saw many people in our church going through seasons of loss, illness, and medical procedures that involved recovery and rehabilitation. We provide pastoral care for 70 - 100 people on a weekly basis. The care within our church and community is great, but the opportunity to serve is greater.

#### CORY PITTS BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY PASTOR







### SMALL GROUPS

This year brought small groups back together, fully in-person. In coordination with the missions of New Work, small groups served together to meet the needs of our church and community. Our small groups connect greatly to the DNA of our church-- to KNOW, GROW, and GO. In 2021, we launched a thriving ministry to women, a men's small group, and saw our weekly small groups grow spiritually and numerically. Many more exciting events and new small groups are planned to launch in 2022! Consider what group you might join!

> STEVE BUTTRAM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

New Work has made an unprecedented impact in 2021. With our small groups loving our community in multiple ways, we have shone the light of Christ brightly into Hopkinsville-- we've served meals at many of our local partner's places of ministry. We have helped with various needs at Alpha Pregnancy Care Center, The Boys and Girls Club, Challenge Houses, The Way Youth Center, Men2B, Aaron McNeil House, and more.

In honor of our first and second-time visitors, this year alone we have given over \$6000 to various organizations in our community who work with those struggling to get back on their feet.

Our first "Out-of-the-Box" Sunday in 2021 blessed six different organizations that distribute canned goods to those who deal with food insecurity in Christian County. Our second assisted our public school system and the afterschool Backpack Program with school supplies and food to fill the weekend packs they send home with kids and students.

We continued our mission impact in Eastern Kentucky, but sent new teams to New York City and Vitry, France; partnering with local ministries for greatest impact. Financially we have supported missionaries in Africa, Asia, Haiti, the USA, and Europe.

New Work, your love for God and others is so evident by how you serve with joy and zeal. Thank you for giving of your time, talents, finances, and hearts as you put faith into action, all for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ. I can't wait to see what 2022 will bring and how God will be glorified through our people!

#### JANEY PITTS MISSIONS MOBILIZER

"...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."









2021 has been an amazing year for the students and the Student Ministry at New Work Fellowship. We've made it through, I do believe, a crazy year of ups and downs, uncertainties, and much patience, but through it all, we've seen the faithfulness of God.

Since May, we've seen exciting growth across the board-- students stepping up as leaders, an influx of student guests, and a spiritual fire being lit and fanned into flame in the hearts and lives of all students that come. Keep watch, God is going to do some amazing things in the lives of these students. There have also been some noticeable changes happening around the church-- an activities court was started basketball goals and a GaGa Pit have been installed with more exciting things to come-- lights, a volleyball court, and kickball field along the wood line.

I am so thankful for the faithfulness of our Student Ministry volunteers, the youth worship team, and the Student Care Group leaders... I couldn't be happier with the direction that Student Ministry is going in for 2022!

#### MICHAEL SHEARON STUDENT PASTOR



## WEEKLY IMPACT



## 698 AVERAGE IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Our 2021 in-person worship attendance is now up to 80% of what in-person worship attendance was pre-COVID shutdown.

### **AVERAGE ONLINE** \*\*UNIQUE IP ADDRESSES

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## **619 FIRST-TIME VISITORS**

In honor of our first and second-time visitors, this year alone we have given over \$6000 to various organizations in our community.

**437 Small group** Average attendance

All of our small groups have successfully transitioned to inperson groups and attendance has increased by 358%. FOR GOD IS THE ONE WHO PROVIDES... HE WILL PROVIDE AND INCREASE YOUR RESOURCES AND THEN PRODUCE A GREAT HARVEST OF GENEROSITY IN YOU.

#### **2 CORINTHIANS 9:10**



Weekly giving was 23% over 2020 with 60% being given through our online giving platform.

## \$108K COLLECTED FOR MISSIONS

\$101,500 was given this year through our Year-End Missions Offering and will be strategically distributed to our mission partners for the greatest impact.

#### \$11\_6K CHRISTMAS EVE BENEVOLENCE COLLECTED

With the inclusion of what we collected for tornado disaster relief (\$27K), the benevolence funds available are just over \$56k. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year.

Once again, God has generously blessed us in 2021. Because you gave through New Work Fellowship, the church was able to make an impact on our community for the Kingdom of God. Here are some things to consider:

- Budget giving was above and beyond what was required for the year.
- The Year-End Missions Offering and the Christmas Eve Benevolence Offering positions New Work to make a greater impact on our community as we step into 2022.
- With the generosity shown through New Work and the recent impact of disaster relief, over \$100K was distributed in benevolence funds throughout 2021.





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