



SEPTEMBER 1, 2023-AUGUST 31, 2024



annual REPORT

WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!

This Annual Report includes just a fraction of the pictures and the stories that demonstrate how God has been at work in and through Door Creek Church. In these pages, you'll hear from many of our ministry leaders at all three of our campuses about how the power of the gospel is continually transforming lives.

You have been so welcoming to the Thompson family this year, and so gracious to me as your new pastor! As I entered this new season, in a new position, at a new church, there were four words that helped me to keep the main thing the main thing: Preach, Pray, Lead and Love. These were the things that I tried to give the best of my attention to, the things that I kept coming back to, the things that felt most important in this first year as your pastor.

PREACH It has been a joy to work with Ryan, David and Steve as we have planned for, prayed about and discussed the

teaching ministry of Door Creek Church. This is a team that sharpens one another, encourages one another and helps each other to grow in this vital disciple-making effort of preaching God's Word to God's people.

PRAY My first day on the job, our Ministry Leadership Team went to a conference focused on being a praying church, and that set the tone of this year in a wonderful way. Our church family gathered quarterly for powerful nights of prayer, our staff prays frequently together and it has been a gift to be able to pray with so many of you as you have shared your requests with me.

LEAD I have loved getting to know the godly women and men on the Stewardship Board who lead our church in so many important ways. Our staff is also an incredibly-gifted group of

leaders who love their church. Our first role as leaders is to be led by the Holy Spirit, and we trust God to lead our leaders!

LOVE You know that one of my happiest places to be is at the front door—welcoming our church family, greeting new people and giving high fives to the kiddos. Door Creek is an easy church family to love, and I am grateful for the way the Lord has taught me to love more fully.

Just for fun, let me share five of my personal highlights of this past year:

- our first Night of Prayer in November in the Chapel
- our 4-week Evangelism Class
- our church Picnic in the Park at Token Creek
- our GIVE message series
- summer Theology bonfires with the high schoolers

Peace,
Jamie

Jamie Thompson
LEAD PASTOR



THE THOMPSON FAMILY VISITING THEIR 63RD AND FINAL NATIONAL PARK!



- SEPTEMBER 29**
Candidate Open House
- OCTOBER 1**
Jamie Gives the Message
- OCTOBER 6**
Vote Results
Recommendation approved with over 99% of the votes received.
- OCTOBER 16**
Jamie Begins at DCC
- NOVEMBER 10**
Installation Service



attendance

1,336

WEEKLY
AVERAGE

2,995

CHRISTMAS
ACROSS 10 SERVICES

2,583

EASTER
GOOD FRIDAY 924

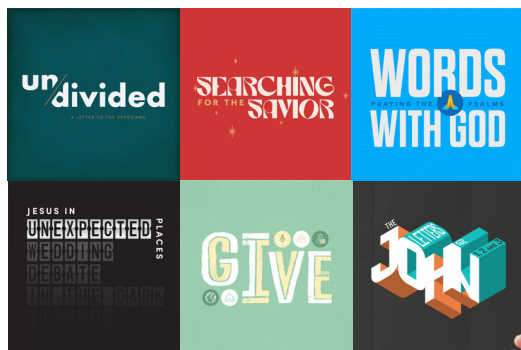
BAPTISMS

SEVENTY-THREE PEOPLE

PEOPLE TRUSTING IN JESUS

26

message series



“IF JESUS WAS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

BY RYAN MORRISON
DEFOREST & GROUPS PASTOR

LC is an attender who is using the Nextdoor app to build community in Madison and invite a ton of people to Door Creek Church. What is Nextdoor? It's a free app designed to help neighbors connect. If Jesus was on social media, I'd like to think He'd be doing something similar!

One day LC was sitting at a Starbucks and wrote a post reflecting on how great Madison is. When strangers began to chime in, he realized he was onto something. He continued to post, eventually inviting people to meet-ups. Today the group he created, LC Loves Madison, has over **500 MEMBERS** from diverse backgrounds. They regularly get together for lunches, conversation and fundraisers all over the city and some have started attending DCC!



“I was Home...

BY IRINA SHPIGELMAN
GUESTS DIRECTOR

We desire that the Connections Ministry would always create an environment where everyone feels welcome, connected and safe! It was encouraging to hear this from a newcomer: "On January 7, 2024, I walked into Door Creek Church for the very first time. It had been over 40 years since stepping into any house of worship, with the exception of 'mother nature'...my house of worship. It was a brisk winter day, but the sun was shining. I was scared, yet something was telling me to 'just do it.' I walked from the parking lot and thought I was going to get physically ill. Once inside the doors, I was greeted by the most lovely person named Dana. She had kind eyes, and I felt my anxiety lessen. She explained in a very calm demeanor all of the logistics of the worship service. I felt so welcomed, and somehow I knew this is where I needed to be, at this very moment, in this transitional part of my life. I was home..."



BY CAMERON RISCH
CAMPUS WORSHIP DIRECTOR

God has been very present at DeForest Campus. Especially in the hearts of all who graciously serve on the worship team. They always come in with a great attitude and are ready to assist in leading worship. We are also thrilled that Tim Perry was hired to assist in tech at DeForest, as he has really put a lot of time and effort in improving things at a much greater level!

BY JACKIE LISOWSKI
MINISTRY & CONNECTIONS COORDINATOR

It has been so exciting to see DeForest Campus grow and the number of new faces increase! The Connections Team and regular DeForest attenders do a great job of welcoming people every Sunday and getting them connected.

BY TIM PERRY
CAMPUS PRODUCTION

I joined the staff in January and have been so grateful for the welcome and training I've had from staff and volunteers. It's been amazing to see how everyone pitches in and provides help where it's needed. From big things like lifting giant TVs 20 feet in the air to countless small acts of service that mean so much!



“TO SEE GOD WORK

BY RYAN MORRISON
DEFOREST & GROUPS PASTOR

It's been amazing to see God work through individuals at the DeForest Campus. Here are some examples of how God has been using His people:

FINANCE HELP We all know that finances can be a huge strain on marriages and families. Dave Skora is a Door Creeker who leverages his years of accounting experience to come alongside people who need financial coaching. Whether the issue is budgeting, getting out of debt or navigating job loss, Dave has helped lots of people!

MENTORING Taysheedra Allen is a DCC attender who is leveraging both her faith in Jesus and her immense educational experience to mentor and inspire young women in her community.

YOUTH ALPHA Emogen Rawls is a DeForest Campus high schooler who wanted to share Jesus with her high school friends so she started a Youth Alpha that meets at Northside Madison Campus (not far from her school). Pray for her! Two students are very interested in Christ and one is attending church to explore more of what that means!



FINDING BELONGING

BY DAVID SMITH
NORTHSIDE & OUTREACH PASTOR

Families are finding belonging at the Northside Madison Campus. We had an African family who had been looking for community and a local church to attend. They came across the Northside Madison Campus, attended service and have loved every week they are in attendance. They now have found other African families to socialize with while growing in their faith and creating community.

BY DENIS STANKOWSKI
DOOR CREEK CHURCH MEMBER

A widow from the Northside Madison Campus asked for help with her yard, as she was feeling overwhelmed by the amount of work to be done. A work day was organized to help get her yard in order. The goal of the project was to bring the yard to a point where she would be able to maintain it herself.

The morning was spent removing unwanted weeds, old rotten logs and other items. The team also repaired a fence. We continued the work and in all, it took five days with various groups of people and individuals working before it was complete.



“one BIG FAMILY

BY LINELL MUSE
WORSHIP PASTOR

Kayla, a Worship Arts volunteer said, “Being able to serve our Door Creek family through the Worship Team has been such a blessing and encouragement in my life. This team is one big family, from rehearsals to playing together for services and special events, it gives all of us the opportunity to get to know one another easily and develop community. You also know when serving you can expect great conversations along with encouragement, support and plenty of laughter. As a vocalist, being on the Worship Team allows me to continue to grow in the musical gifts God has given me and allows me the opportunity to use my gift to love the Father, to minister to the Father’s heart and thank Him for everything He has done and will continue to do for me personally and us as a church.”

BY LINELL MUSE & ISAIAH KAZAROVICH
WORSHIP PASTOR, CREATIVE DIRECTOR

Worship Arts is a ministry focused on providing opportunities for vertical (Colossians 3:2) and horizontal worship (Psalm 95:1-2) among followers of Christ through music, prayer and other artistic expressions. We strive to create excellent visuals and sound to glorify our Creator and draw people’s hearts to Him (Colossians 3:23). Our prayer for the Worship Arts ministry is that God continues to bring talented and willing-to-learn people with a heart for Christ to serve at all our campuses and venues. We pray that God continues to give us creative ways to unite our church with the common goal of joining God in changing people into devoted followers of Christ.

Some highlights of this last year:

CHRISTMAS EVE Christmas at Door Creek Church is one of our favorite services of the year. In addition to our tradition of singing Silent Night by candlelight, this year we had five people pounding to the tune of the little drummer boy, a full kid’s choir and live musicians in our lobby.

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP Worship Team volunteers came together to lead a night of worship and prayer.

WORSHIP TEAM NIGHT We love to celebrate our volunteer teams for their incredible dedication to serving on the worship and tech team. We grilled out at DeForest Campus and sang worship songs acoustic style.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP NIGHT + BAPTISM Nature sings the praises of God (Psalm 19:1) and we love joining in with that song. This year, we worshiped on the hill while celebrating **27 PEOPLE** declaring their faith in Jesus and getting baptized.



THREE UNIQUE CAMPUS
GATHERINGS
CELEBRATING THE
LAST YEAR AT DCC!

300+ PEOPLE PRAYING TOGETHER IN THE CHAPEL

PEOPLE PRAYING AND
327 WORSHIPPING ...
IN THE AUDITORIUM

150 DOOR CREEKERS
GATHERING AT TOKEN
CREEK COUNTY PARK

TWENTY-SEVEN
PEOPLE BAPTIZED!

450 PEOPLE
SINGING
TOGETHER!

ADULTS **15** • STUDENTS **4** • KIDS **8**

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“make DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM...”

MATTHEW 28:19”



BY RYAN MORRISON
DEFOREST & GROUPS PASTOR

We were excited to launch an email newsletter this year, "Devoted." It's designed to help group members grow spiritually together and includes biblical insights to spark deeper conversations, fresh inspiration to keep people excited about their spiritual growth and convenient links to sermons, resources and announcements. We have already seen hundreds of people engage with this new tool!

BY DEB SELLEN
DOOR CREEK CHURCH MEMBER

Dwelling Place is where women can come together and grow in both community and in Christ. This year we've had an exciting year in God's Word. We developed our prayer life by studying six different prayers from the Bible. We then moved on to studying the book of Jude and learning how to better contend for our faith.

TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION

BY RYAN MORRISON
DEFOREST & GROUPS PASTOR

It's been cool to see some of our groups be very intentional with training the next generation! There are a lot of teens in the Triebel group, which brings its own unique blessings and challenges. Lots of groups leave their teens at home, but not this group!

Rather than let them melt their brains on video games and TikTok, the Triebel group parents decided to empower their students to lead. If you were to show up at one of their group gatherings, chances are students will be reading Scripture, facilitating questions, enthusiastically engaging and leading prayer!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

89 TUESDAY MORNING
at DEFORST 46
126 THURS. NIGHT

SENIOR ADULTS 55+

70 MONTHLY GATHERINGS
AVERAGE

FORTY AT OUR NEW
GRANDPARENTING
MATTERS SEMINAR
AVERAGE 10 WELLNESS CLASS

CHRISTMAS PARTY 125
BOOK STUDY 37

BY DAVID ALLEN
DOOR CREEK CHURCH MEMBER

The Senior Adults 55+ Ministry had a busy year. Attendance has grown at our monthly events and we have added new opportunities for our seniors to get involved.

WELLNESS CLASS The Wellness Class is growing in popularity.

BOOK STUDY We held our first Book Study where we read *Aging Faithfully: The Holy Invitation of Growing Older* by Alice Fryling, averaging 37 Seniors in attendance over the six meetings of the study. Participants said that the book's theme of being open to change and growing into new ministries as we age was right on target. As one participant said, "The Kingdom of God is here right now and I need to be active in the work of the Kingdom."

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS Our first Grandparenting Matters seminar focused on how grandparents can be more intentional about sharing their faith in Jesus Christ with their grandchildren. We had 40 people participate!

THIS GROUP WAS DEFINITELY NEEDED

BY CONNIE WEYH
DOOR CREEK CHURCH ATTENDER

The InBetweeners group was created for singles aged 40-65 who are seeking community, friendship and growing together as followers of Jesus. We already have **40 MEMBERS**—this group was definitely needed and God is moving! We've had great socials, such as a taco bar and game night, with lots of laughs. We're excited to see what God has in store for our group!



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

RETREAT WEEKEND AT
LAKE WAUBESA BIBLE CAMP 26

THE INBETWEENERS
31 PEOPLE AT THE
GROUP KICK OFF!





CLASS

• Share your name and how long you've been a part of Door Creek Church.

• What is one topic/question about evangelism that you hope get addressed in our time together?

GROW IN EVANGELISM

BY RYAN MORRISON
DEFOREST & GROUPS PASTOR

This past year over a few Thursday evenings in March, a bunch of us gathered with Pastor Jamie to grow in evangelism—the art of teaching the gospel with the aim to persuade. We looked at how Scripture normalizes and demystifies sharing our faith and covered some helpful tools like question-asking and the Bridge Diagram. Over **120 PEOPLE** attended!

BY LISA STEARNS
DOOR CREEK CHURCH MEMBER

There are many people who take Alpha again and again, so we started Alpha II and are now thinking of expanding to Alpha III. So many people are looking for community and love coming together where they feel connection and belonging.

Tiffany said, “I find the Alpha program to be essential to newcomers who are either early on in their journey with Jesus or just curious about Christianity. I have been coming to Alpha at DCC for about two years now and have grown in my faith through the program. I bring my mother who has never been a believer and she becomes closer to faith in Jesus with each session. For me, Alpha changed what I thought about church and the people there. Thanks for helping an introvert fit in and feel welcome.”

evangelism class

OVER 120 PEOPLE ATTENDED
A 3-WEEK CLASS

ALPHA I: EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY

25 at SPRECHER ROAD
..... at DEFORST 16



BY SCOTT LANDON
DOOR CREEK CHURCH MEMBER

This past Spring, Family Life provided a “Blended and Blessed” international livestream and event for blended couples. Upwards of 40,000 Christians from all over the world watch the event to strengthen their “step-couple” relationship. The event led by Ron Deal and several other speakers and authors was livestreamed in the Chapel at Sprecher Road Campus. Those that attended were very engaged! One couple from Beaver Dam said, “No wonder we are having problems—if we had known all of this, we wouldn’t be such a mess!” It was wonderful to see true reconciliation and renewed commitment.

BY PATTI JUNGBLUTH
DOOR CREEK CHURCH ATTENDER

A highlight for me was seeing someone that was quiet and reserved, but visibly engrossed in the Alpha videos, eventually open up during the weekend focused on the Holy Spirit. She shared during prayer that although she believed that God had forgiven her, she could not forgive herself for a past sin. As she gained a greater understanding and softening of her heart with the help of the Holy Spirit, she was set free from condemnation and was able to fully embrace His grace, mercy, love and forgiveness.

“MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE”

BY KATHY OEHRLEIN
VOLUNTEER CARE COORDINATOR

God is a mighty Healer, and we witness Him meet people where they are in grief as they participate in GriefShare. He walks with them through the dark valley to a joyful, deeper relationship with Him and a renewed hope and purpose in life. Several of this year's participants are now attending and serving at Door Creek Church.

A participant from this past year shared the following: “I’m very appreciative of the GriefShare program, which has helped me work through a LOT. I’ve also learned a lot thanks to this program. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I’ll add that because of this program, I am currently meeting one-on-one with a Care Giver through the Care Partners Ministry. I feel I’m connecting with my Care Giver in a personal, emotional way. I am very happy with this situation. So a big thank you to DCC for all the assistance it has, and is, providing me. I am grateful. God bless the facilitators, the GriefShare program, its participants and the Door Creek community.”

BY DENNIS SKAANNING
DOOR CREEK CHURCH MEMBER

DivorceCare is a Christ-centered support group for those experiencing the trauma of divorce. Over the last **15 YEARS** of it's ministry, there have been more than **250 PARTICIPANTS**. We've had people come who were shunned by their church and church family because of the breakdown of their marriage. In our group, they find compassionate, nonjudgmental support and we also invite them to attend Door Creek Church if they are looking for a church home.

BY RYAN MORRISON
DEFOREST & GROUPS PASTOR

Ministry that lasts is built on a foundation of prayer. It is this conviction that drives Eva Bellinger and the prayer team to hold monthly prayer meetings just for our Student Ministry! They use Scripture to guide their prayer: praying for each volunteer leader by name and for any prayer requests. Thank you, Eva and all who call on God for fruitful ministry at Door Creek Church!

BY DONNA HOEKSTRA
DOOR CREEK CHURCH MEMBER

Giving Hope is a faith-based support group for those who love someone with addiction or mental illness. Our stories are confidential, but God is working! This spring, we've had **NINE** new people join our ministry. I'd been feeling like maybe I was too old to continue, but I think God is telling me it's needed! I have two wonderful volunteers who have served for over 10 years!

BY SHERIDAN SCHAKELMAN
DOOR CREEK CHURCH MEMBER

The Care Partner Ministry supports those who are struggling in their life journey, experiencing issues such as loneliness, discouragement, mild depression, marriage or family problems, family dysfunction and abuse. Care Givers provide weekly one-on-one, confidential and compassionate listening for an hour per week, until balance is restored in their lives.

We have **30 CARE GIVERS** providing care. When they all meet for an hour per week, it adds up to **1,560 HOURS OF SERVICE** helping people who may not have had anyone to talk with. Amazing! Both Care Givers and Care Receivers have shared increased spiritual growth during their times together. Feedback from Care Receivers indicate how grateful they are that they were able to walk through hard times with a faith-centered Care Giver. Our hope is to have a class every fall to train new Care Givers.

BY RYAN MORRISON
DEFOREST & GROUPS PASTOR

Shout out to Randy, Linda and the Mtula family! Although the Democratic Republic of the Congo is a beautiful, resource-rich country, decades of political violence has made it one of the poorest and most dangerous nations in the world. Sadly, millions of Congolese people have been displaced from their homes. The Mtula family are among hundreds of Congolese refugees who have left their homeland to start over right here in Madison, Wisconsin. Even though the Mtulas found housing through Jewish social services, they were still struggling to rebuild their lives in their strange, confusing, (not to mention cold!), new city. That began to change once they found themselves at Northside Madison Campus. Very quickly, DCC attenders rallied around them. In particular, Randy and Linda Jones became honorary grandparents to the Mtula girls. Randy says, "We supported them in different ways such as driving them to church and helping them get to know their new home through trips to malls, the zoo, the capital or the Christmas lights." But don't think the benefits were all one-sided! Randy says, "Serving with them has brought the most unexpected and amazing blessings."



BY MIKE FARNHAM
DOOR CREEK CHURCH MEMBER

Throughout the year, we have an Outreach Breakfast for the homeless community in Madison. We pick people up in the Door of Hope vans and bring them to the church where we serve them hot meals, sing a few worship songs, present the Word of God and offer them prayer. We also provide some free clothing options and bus passes. Many people who attend are also curious about Door Creek Church and we have had some new attenders because of this outreach. We have hosted more than **12 OUTREACH BREAKFASTS** over the past three years for more than **100 PEOPLE**.



“LOVE THIS CITY”

BY BEV KRIZAN
EXECUTIVE PASTOR

In May we kicked off Love This City with **600+** of the Door Creek family showing up to serve alongside **20 ORGANIZATIONS** in our community. As a church, we served food pantry meals, wrote letters of encouragement, helped with projects in our local schools, spent time with residents at an assisted living facility, worked in the food pantry garden and much more!

From our Volunteers COMMENTS

“I loved serving at the River Food pantry. It was an eye-opening experience to see the great need in our city.”

“I was very impressed with the staff at Mendota school as I saw them interact with the students and they were excited about Boomerangs being able to donate clothes! That was a God appointment!”

“What a great way to expose these needs to our congregation. And wearing the t-shirts not only exposed our church, but helped us answer the many questions of why we were doing this.”

From our Partners FEEDBACK

“We are blown away, in awe, blessed, well-loved by the **145 PEOPLE** who came to share their time, talents and energy. What was accomplished exceeded our wildest dreams.”

“We got so much work done for CH Bird that wouldn't otherwise be done. It was an amazing experience! Thank you so very, very much!”

“I am very thankful DCC has supported our vision for a safe and loving space for women to heal.”

“Oak Park residents absolutely had a blast, and it meant the world to everyone.”

“making an impact

BY KELLY SANTIAGO
DOOR CREEK CHURCH ATTENDER

Door Creek on Mission grants are making an impact all around the Madison area! One \$200 grant was used to help fund supplies for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) in Deerfield, organized by a Door Creek attendee who lives there. Over the course of the week, **40+ CHILDREN** got to learn to trust God while doing crafts, playing games, singing songs and hearing Bible stories! Another individual said, “I have been wanting to do something for my neighbor for such a long time. Our Door Creek on Mission program has allowed me to accomplish that special thing I wanted to do for them!”



LOVE THIS CITY

600+
PEOPLE SERVED
OVER FOUR
DAYS!

SIXTY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
.....
20 ORGANIZATIONS

CHRISTMAS OFFERING
\$180,000

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

7 PARTNER SCHOOLS RECEIVED
HATS, GLOVES, COATS & SNOWPANTS





BOOMERANGS ISN'T JUST A THRIFT STORE

BY LORI TRIEBEL & CORTNEY WEST
BOOMERANGS ASSISTANT MANAGERS

Boomerangs isn't just a thrift store, it's more like a family. As a family, we work hard together: sorting and cleaning, processing and organizing the large amounts of donations we receive. Everyone in our family is different—some have a special knack for making artful displays, some are gifted at striking up conversations with our customers and learning their names and others listen to and pray with those who are hurting. This family also takes care of each other. When one of us is struggling, we do what we can to help and support. And like all good families, we are on mission together—to serve Jesus while serving our community.



Learning and THRIVING

BY DAVID SMITH
NORTHSIDE & OUTREACH PASTOR

Door of Hope has been in existence for six years and our vision is to develop a learning and thriving environment that gives kids the freedom and confidence to dream big and then have the tools to reach for their dream.

A young man named Jeremiah has participated in our STEM Program the past four years. He was elementary age when he started with us, and is now going into ninth grade and has been hired by DOH to serve as a summer intern. He is teaching the younger students coding, robotics and team building. We are glad to grow our own!



3RD ANNUAL
DOOR OF HOPE GOLF OPEN

\$98,000 RAISED

DOH PARTNERSHIP

new! GOOGLE
PARTNERSHIP
FOR STEM STUDENTS



all are in need

BY SUE HEIDEMANN
DOOR CREEK CHURCH MEMBER

In June, several members of the DCC family served God's people in Belize during a one-week mission trip. Door Creek Church was able to come alongside and support them through the Short-Term Mission Trip Grants.

We had an awesome time with the people who are fed at a ministry called Josie's Kitchen. We ate together, sang songs together, played games together and heard a story of transformation that only God can do. Those that frequent Josie's Kitchen are, for the most part, unwanted and unrecognized in their community. They live on the fringes of life in Punta Gorda. Some are homeless, have mental health issues and are addicted to drugs. All are in need! It's beautiful to see that because of this ministry and experiencing Christ's love, many, who five years ago would not even look you in the eye, are now conversational and responsive. It is so obvious that God is caring for them and working in their lives. Transformation indeed!



meal pack
80,000 MEALS
PACKED
..... OVER 2 NIGHTS

COMPASSION
INTERNATIONAL
199 KIDS
SPONSORED
IN HONDURAS

BY DAVID SMITH
NORTHSIDE & OUTREACH PASTOR

Just wanted to share a note of thanks from a village in Africa that Door Creek was blessed to assist with clean water through our Outreach funds:

"Pastor David Smith Sr. and Sister Leigh,

How can we say thank you to you, our good Samaritans, who have been kind enough to share not only the water of life and desalinated water, but also hope and love through your giving.

Door Creek Church, thank you for watering a whole school and a whole village. May you all be blessed.

Kindly share this with all Pastors and the congregation as a whole for us. Tell them we are blessed, share this and tell them for us. These are the miracles happening in Africa and share this with your families that they may know there are families in Africa that will never thirst again or be afraid of drought because we can drink from the well springs.

Thank you again and again and again be blessed."

- Pastor George & Priscillah Masha

BY DAVID SMITH
NORTHSIDE & OUTREACH PASTOR

At Door Creek Church, we partner with other Christ-centered organizations around our country and around the world. This year, Amanda attended her first short-term mission trip and fell in love with missions. She is now looking to do more as it relates to serving the vulnerable around the world.



GOD SHOWED UP IN BIG WAYS

BY STEVE BERG
STUDENT MINISTRY HIGH SCHOOL PASTOR

This summer we sent our middle-school students to camp and our high-school students to the EFCA National Conference in Kansas City. God showed up in big ways on both trips. We had **TWO STUDENTS** give their lives to Jesus at camp! How cool is that?! In addition, all our students developed deeper friendships and learned about living for the Kingdom of God. Coincidentally, our high schoolers spent the week immersed in the Sermon on the Mount. Many of our high schoolers came back home with a clear sense of what God is asking of them this year to further live and embody what it means to be a citizen of the Kingdom.

Other highlights from the year include:

STUDENT MINISTRY PLUS We started Student Ministry Plus, a new event where we gather every month to eat a meal together and learn how to study the Bible.

BASH NIGHTS Themed bash nights were a hit! We had tons of fun and also addressed questions in a series called "Can I Ask That?"

RETREATS Each year, students go on two annual trips that help them grow in their faith alongside their peers—EMERGE and Districts.

SMALL GROUPS And most importantly, another year of gathering each week in small groups following Jesus together!

STUDENT MINISTRY KICKOFF

92

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
COMPETED IN A PHOTO
SCAVENGER HUNT

emerge

EIGHTY-SEVEN

STUDENTS ENJOYED A
WEEKEND TOGETHER AT
SILVER BIRCH RANCH!

SERVE NIGHT

EIGHTY
STUDENTS
SERVED

30

PEOPLE WERE SERVED
AT WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY'S
HOLIDAY EVENT FOR THEIR
SCHOOL FAMILIES

DISTRICTS

90

STUDENTS
ATTENDED DISTRICTS
IN GREEN BAY, WI

STUDENTS
GAVE THEIR
LIFE TO CHRIST

SIX

14

CHALLENGE
CONFERENCE

.....
HIGH SCHOOLERS
ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE
IN KANSAS CITY, MO

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

8^{BOYS} & 11^{GIRLS}

ATTENDED A MIDDLE
SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP
AT SILVER BIRCH RANCH

TWO

STUDENTS
GAVE THEIR
LIFE TO CHRIST



THIS IS OUR ERA!



THIS IS OUR ERA!
LIP SYNC BATTLE!
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH
6:30-8:30





BY RYAN MORRISON
DEFOREST & GROUPS PASTOR

Jennifer has been serving kids and families with special needs for **17 YEARS**. She loves using her skills to help amazing kids like Sammy to fully participate in our children's ministry at the Sprecher Road Campus.

When asked what motivates her, Jennifer said, "Jesus loves these special kiddos so much; they need to hear, learn, know, and experience His perfect love." Amen! We couldn't agree more!

TRUNK OR TREAT

505 KIDS
"TRUNK OR
TREAT"-ING

MANY
NEIGHBORHOOD
FAMILIES JOINING
IN THE FUN!

TWENTY-FOUR FA-BOO-LOUS TRUNKS

Jingle Jam

OVER 200 KIDS & THEIR
FAMILIES
FILLED THE CHAPEL

THE amazing chemistry SHOW

500 KIDS & THEIR
FAMILIES
TAUGHT THE GOSPEL
THROUGH SCIENCE!

FIFTY+

VOLUNTEERS
AT HUNDREDS OF
HANDS-ON EXHIBITS

DIAPER DRIVE

LOTS
OF DIAPERS
COLLECTED

GOING TO
SEVEN
PARTNER SCHOOLS
& THEIR FAMILIES

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATIONS

9 FAMILIES
OVER TWO
DEDICATIONS

“SEEING GOD MOVE IN THE LIVES OF KIDS

BY KRISTINA AUBY
KID'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

It's our mission in DCC Kids to be a space where all kids can grow in their understanding of and relationship with Jesus in tangible, developmentally appropriate ways so they can impact the world with His love. We want kids to know that they are created and unconditionally loved by God and Jesus wants to be their friend forever.

We've had a very busy and fun year in DCC Kids!

PARENT CHILD DEDICATION **TEN FAMILIES** dedicated their children at two of our Saturday Parent-Child Dedication celebrations.

TRUNK OR TREAT Trunk or Treat brought **505 KIDS** from our church family and neighborhood to experience the joyful witness of our DCC volunteers and they went home with treats and a message about Jesus.

JINGLE JAM Jingle Jam filled the Chapel with a family Christmas event that included music, fun and the story of Jesus!

JOYFUL NOISE Joyful Noise was an opportunity for kids to sing together and lead music at our family service, Jingle Jam and Christmas services.

THE AMAZING CHEMISTRY SHOW The Amazing Chemistry show taught **500 CHILDREN** and their families the gospel message through hands-on science and an amazing chemistry stage show at Door Creek Church.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH We had **22 FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS** sign up for an introduction to theology class called Foundations of Faith.

FOLLOW JESUS Most importantly, we are seeing God move in the lives of kids at DCC. **FOUR KIDS** made the decision to follow Jesus and **12 KIDS** made this decision to follow Jesus through baptism.

“Learn Skills and the Love of Jesus

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Upward Sports is an outreach to our DCC Families and community where children not only learn skills about the sport they're playing, but also about team work, sportsmanship and most importantly, the love of Jesus and how to grow in a relationship with Him. We had a successful basketball and soccer season this year, and look forward to bringing flag football back this fall.

CHICAGO EAGLES SOCCER CAMP Soccer Camp brought in **228 KIDS** to learn to play soccer with the Chicago Eagles and hear about Jesus.

UPWARD SPORTS We had **238 KIDS** that participated in Upward Basketball and Soccer this season!

SPORTS FAMILIES Of our Upward sports participants, there were **44 FAMILIES** that indicated that they did not have a church home or background.

FOLLOW JESUS During basketball practice, **ONE STUDENT** let us know that he made the decision to follow Jesus!



FORTY-FOUR
FAMILIES WITHOUT A CHURCH
HOME OR CHURCH BACKGROUND

1 PRACTICE
EACH
WEEK
1 GAME

**UPWARD
SOCCER**
APRIL-JUNE

105 KIDS

**UPWARD
BASKETBALL**
JANUARY-FEBRUARY

133 PLAYERS

90 DEVOTIONAL
AT EACH PRACTICE
& EACH HALFTIME

CHICAGO EAGLES SOCCER CAMP JULY

**TWO HUNDRED
AND
TWENTY-EIGHT**

ATHLETES PARTICIPATING
IN SOCCER CAMP
BIGGEST PRE-REGISTRATION EVER!



“WHEN GIVING TO DOOR CREEK CHURCH

BY LEIGH FELDMANN
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

When giving to Door Creek Church, there are not only different ways to give, but different funds to choose: General Funds, Benevolence and Christmas Offering.

Did you know the **GENERAL FUND** supports:

- **HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE** to attend a bible study and/or classes
- **198 CHILDREN** (average of campuses) to attend DCC Kids programming
- **100 STUDENTS** to have fun and grow closer to God with Student Ministry
- **138 ADULTS** to belong to one of the following groups: Seniors Adults 55+, The InBetweeners and Young Professionals
- **HUNDREDS OF ATTENDERS** to be supported by the Care & Support Ministry
- The Sunday experience at three campuses over six services every weekend
- Other expenses related to running a business, including hiring and maintaining staff, insurance, utilities, computers, copy paper, etc.

Benevolence FUND dollars are used to support our church family that may be in need. Whether that be rent, utilities, unexpected life events, etc. Of the money donated, **100%** of it is distributed to others and not used for church operations.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING dollars, collected in November and December, are used to fund our Local and Global Outreach. **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT** of donations go to serve groups outside of Door Creek Church, such as our local school partners and organizations, missionaries serving around the globe and other international mission driven non-profits.

OTHER FUNDS are created when a specific campaign is launched, like the Care Campaign or Ministry Expansion. These are targeted at a specific need and dollars collected are used for the purposes only as advertised.



THE ELEVATOR PROJECT AT DEFOREST
CAMPUS HAS OFFICIALLY STARTED!
THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

CARE CAMPAIGN

\$360,000 RAISED
TO CARE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN
OUR CHURCH FAMILY

USED FOR ELEVATOR,
ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEM,
MARRIAGE & CARE SUPPORT,
SECURITY AND MORE!

HALF TO DEBT
REDUCTION

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NOT RELUCTANTLY OR
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2 CORINTHIANS 9:7”



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