

DeepWater

CHURCH

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Dear Friend & DeepWater Supporter,

I hope that this letter finds you doing well! I can hardly believe that 10 months ago we launched worship services as DeepWater Church on the Isle of Palms, SC. The journey however has been longer than 10 months, as Jess and I started praying about the calling to start a new church in 2016 – we then assembled a Core Team and later a larger Plant Team into 2018. The Lord has been at work in many ways and in our lives for years to see this work come to be.

The question I get on a daily basis is “**How’s it going?**” – it’s a multi-layered question, right?! The question is asking about the church’s health and attendance, if we are growing, and how Jess (my wife) and I are doing. I am humbled and thankful that people care to ask and that they are in support of what Jesus is doing on the islands and in the lives of our leaders. Below I’ll share some short details and I hope that it gives you some insight into “How it’s going”.

Praises & Celebrations:

- * DeepWater is a faith family and people sense that – we really love each other and it is a witness to others
- * Salvation has come as we have seen 5 come to faith in Jesus Christ & 6 were baptized at the beach
- * Worship gatherings are Spirit-filled and we are preaching the Word of God (we are averaging 50 in the worship service, 30 in children’s ministry and 12 in student ministry)
- * We have a place to worship on Sunday afternoons at 5pm, praise God for St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
- * For the leadership team of 8, which consists of 4 volunteer leaders & 4 leaders employed by DeepWater
- * The generosity of our sending church (The Church at LifePark), our denomination & many of you

Challenges & Prayer Requests:

- * For our church family to deeply love those around us who are not Christians and for us to share the Gospel with them
- * As we look to the coming year, pray that the Lord would provide a location for a Sunday morning worship opportunity
- * For God to raise up D*Group leaders & huddle leaders – we specifically need leaders for a co-ed D*Group
- * For DeepWater to continue to have the needed financial support – Want to continue your support or give again, please visit www.helpstartdeepwater.com
- * Pray for myself, Jessica and our girls (Macy, Lily, Ella) – specifically the transition to attending Sullivan’s Island Elementary

Finally, please enjoy and display the included magnet as a simple reminder to pray for DeepWater Church. As I shared above, our first baptism was a wonderful celebration and so we decided to share the joy of that day with you (and maybe those who see it on your refrigerator). Thank you again for your support, prayers and encouragement – if you’re ever nearby or have an open Sunday evening, we hope you will come be our guest at DeepWater.

Blessings,

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