



CELEBRATE!

April 2021

In some ways it's hard to believe that we are one quarter of the way through 2021. There is so much to celebrate as we think about what God is doing in and through the people of Lebanon Christian Church and our strategic partners through the first three months of 2021.

Our year began with a study of King Jesus throughout our ministries and programs. The highlights of our King Jesus emphasis as a church are the stories of those who were challenged and responded to the reality of Jesus as King. The stories of children, teens, and adults of all ages realigning their priorities under the kingship of Jesus have been so encouraging. Another highlight is how we were able to showcase the diverse talents and abilities of the LCC family. You'll see pictures of some of the creative works inspired by King Jesus throughout this celebration booklet.

Our focus is on celebrating discipleship and disciple-making this quarter. Lebanon Christian Church is on a journey to fulfill and stay aligned with the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. The leadership of LCC feels strongly that we must cultivate a culture of intentional disciple-making. King Jesus was a part of this, and so are intentional disciple-making groups being led by a few at LCC. We hope that by the fall of this year there will be some second generation groups being formed (disciples making disciples who make disciples).

You'll also find here a few stories from the last quarter of how some of our strategic partners are making disciples. This is possible through your generous financial support. As we have restructured our general fund, 20% of all financial contributions are invested into the kingdom work of strategic partners beyond our campus. This includes partners locally, nationally, and internationally.

May you be encouraged in the pages that follow.

With you in serving the King,

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*Then Jesus came to them and said,
"All authority in heaven and on
earth has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and
teaching them to obey everything I
have commanded you. And surely
I am with you always, to the
very end of the age."
- Matthew 28:18-20 -*

Preschool Servants are Disciple-Makers

I have been teaching in the Zebra's class with Hannah Hayden and Eliza Myers for several years. It has been awesome watching them interact with the children. They do a great job and are willing to help with anything that is needed. When we came back to church after the Covid shutdown, our class numbers were down. There were several weeks that we did not have any children in our class. While it was not ideal circumstances, it was a blessing in one way. I got to spend time getting to know these two girls better and talk with them about what they are doing. We talk about school, family, hobbies, and all sorts of things. While working with someone to mentor them and teach them is important, developing a relationship with them is the most integral part in discipling someone. I hope Hannah and Eliza enjoy teaching the children and have a positive experience serving in the church. I hope I have been a good example to them and that they know there are many adults who care about them at LCC.



- Lesley McKowen, Zebras teacher

We Love Seeing our Church Family!

158 People attended Easter Saturday mask-required service.

Average weekly number of kids (under 18) attendance, by month:

January	February	March	April
69	81	88	107



Pastors Making Disciples



Who do you see uniquely connected in a discipleship relationship?

Richard Richardson has stepped up on my strategy team and also is leading the Rooted experience with his group. He's having more conversations at work and leading in higher capacities.

What do you do to nurture the relationship?

We simply go to coffee and talk every so often and encourage one another in disciple-making.

- Philip Davis, Associate Minister

Share how someone in your ministry has grown through King Jesus:

Greg Schoeff, Bill Bodine, and I have walked and prayed with Rob Williams through this painful year of a job loss and Covid isolation. As he waited on the Lord, Rob truly kept his faith. We prayed and encouraged him during his interviews and the occasional work-related injury. We rejoice as his patience and "trust and following of Jesus" has played out incredibly! Rob has shown us all how a deeply rooted faith helped sustain him on towards his goal.

- Sean Rittenberry, Worship Minister



Did You Know?

Craig & Audrey Howie and Mallory Galloway are involved in an intentional learning community (small group) of other disciples learning to be more effective disciple-makers. Craig participates in a community of church leaders from Central Indiana. Audrey and Mallory are involved with a group of women across the Midwest and South. The learning communities are a part of [renew.org](http://www.renew.org), an organization committed to renewing the teachings and methodology of Jesus in fulfilling the Great Commission. You can learn more at www.renew.org.

ONE Mission—Disciple-Making Around the World

As we celebrate the disciple-making impact of Lebanon Christian Church, we want to highlight some of the rich stories of disciple-making through some of our global outreach partners.

Training Tomorrow's Leaders

Through the first three months of 2021, the ministries of Training Tomorrow's Leaders have seen 59 people come to express a saving faith in Jesus in Ghana, Togo, and Burkina Faso. In addition to this, their Bible School is back in session and through the influence of existing church leaders, 7 new students are beginning training to be disciple-makers.

Christian Missionary Fellowship (CMF) in Turkana, Kenya

The rural areas of northern Kenya are home to disciple-making movement that is seeing incredible multiplication. Eric and Cait Pitts are rejoicing as the local people of Turkana are taking their faith in Jesus seriously. Many disciples of Jesus have decided to go out and meet in their homes inviting friends, neighbors, and relatives to discover more about Jesus. They share in Discovery Bible Studies where they study one passage of Scripture, commit to applying it and sharing it. They then go into their community following their meeting on Saturday night and share what they have learned. They are seeing new groups and churches planted each month. Eric shares that "people also commented that the community is more peaceful than before as they take to heart the Scriptures and live them out in their lives."

