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### Ministry Expansion

*In our last newsletter, we reported to you a possible expansion of ministry in the Cherry Valley/Beaumont California area in which we live. We are thankful for the doors the Holy Spirit is opening in two focused areas.*

*The first one is the complex where we have lived for three years. Our home is located in a gated community in Cherry Valley, which has a large club house where various activities are held. Prior to Covid, I submitted a request to the facility board members to begin an outreach and Bible Study in the community club house, but due to the pandemic, it was denied. However, I recently received their positive vote to begin this expansion of ministry on December 2, 2021. The board is also making an announcement in their local newsletter mailings for the next two months as we prepare for the Grand Opening.*

*The second ministry expansion will be in the Beaumont area as the Lord leads. Though we do not have a physical location as of yet, we seem to have a small group of folks who may congregated together as we trust the Lord for a location.*

*Please pray with us as we believe in a huge mission field, which is being established as a result of a tremendous building of new homes and businesses'. **Would you consider a year-end tax deductible donation to this ministry? We want to follow the words of Jesus who said.....***

*Matt 28:18-20— And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. NKJV*

## **How Has Covid Affected Church Technology?**

Barna researchers identified a few types of churchgoers in this unique era of digital Church. Christians streaming their pre-COVID-19 church online, Christians streaming a different church online and Christians who have stopped “attending” church altogether.

In this article, we’ll take a closer look at each of these groups of Christians, including generational and emotional trends among each. This data was collected in late April through early May 2020, so percentages mentioned below may have again shifted in recent weeks as the pandemic has progressed. However, the responses shown here—reflecting engagement during the height of the U.S. social distancing measures this spring—can be instructive for church or other non-profit ministry leaders moving forward, particularly following recent spikes in Covid cases.

One in three practicing Christians still only attend their pre-Covid Church. Recent data show that, among practicing Christians—those who identify as Christian, agree strongly that faith is very important in their lives and attend church at least monthly (prior to COVID-19)—over half (53%) say they have streamed their regular church online within the past four weeks. Another 34 percent admits to streaming a different church service online other than their own, essentially “church hopping” digitally.

Finally, about one-third of practicing Christians (32%) says they have done neither of these things. Though some of these churchgoers may be part of the minority of congregations that were still gathering for physical worship during these weeks, we can, for the most part, confidently interpret this group as those who have dropped out of church for the time being.

Some respondents share that, over four weeks, they streamed both their church’s online service as well as a different church’s service, perhaps taking advantage of the variety and surge of digital options. However, the plurality has stayed tuned in to their “home” church even at home; when looking for practicing Christians who are *still* and *only* attending their pre-COVID-19 church. Barna says their research finds that just over a third (35%) says this has been their course of action.

Commitment extends to frequency of attendance during distancing as well; practicing Christians who stream the same church they attended before COVID-19 are significantly more likely than those who have switched churches to attend on a weekly basis (81% vs. 65%). We see that very few (14%) have actually made a church switch amid the pandemic. It is more likely for a Christian to have stopped attending church altogether during the pandemic; in fact, 32 percent of practicing Christians have done just that. The remaining 18 percent of practicing Christians are viewing worship services from multiple churches throughout the month.

### **The Importance of the Church**

The Greek word for church is *ekklesia*. This word is used 115 times in the New Testament, mostly in the Book of Acts and the writings of the apostle Paul and the general epistles. At least 92 times this word refers to a local congregation. The other references are to the church in general, or all believers everywhere for all ages.

When the church in general is implied, church refers to all who follow Christ, without respect to locality or time. The most general reference to the church occurs in Eph 1:22; 3:10-21; 5:23-32. Since the church in general refers to all believers of all ages, it will not be complete until after the judgment; and the assembly of all the redeemed in one place will become a reality only after the return of Christ (Heb 12:23; Rev 21:1-22:21).

Because the church in general will not become a tangible reality until after Christ's return, the greatest emphasis in the New Testament is placed upon the idea of the local church. The local church is the visible operation of the church in a given time and place. Speaking to His followers after His resurrection, Jesus commissioned the church to make disciples and teach them what He had taught (Matt 28:16). The entire Book of Acts is the story of the early church's struggle to be loyal to this commission. As one reads this book, he is impressed by the reality that Christ, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, continues to direct His church as it carries out its commission.

## **2022 SPEAKING AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

A delay in a 2021 speaking/ministry schedule occurred for various reasons to include to my prolonged hip surgery and extended recovery. As a result, we will begin an “on the road” speaking schedule beginning in January or February, 2022.

Since we will be driving, we will be watching for weather patterns, but it is our hope to begin this evangelistic journey from California into Texas to include Tennessee.

We already have some tentative locations of speaking, but it is also our hope to establish additional Responding 12 step Recovery Group Meeting Locations in various states.

**If you would like to schedule a preaching date, or if you would like to schedule a meeting on how your church or group would like to begin a Responding 12 step Group meeting, contact us through our website at:**  
***[www.jerryliversageministries.org](http://www.jerryliversageministries.org)***

## **YOU TUBE MINISTRY EXPANSION**

**DID YOU KNOW** this ministry has two You Tube Channels? The You Tube Channels are: Jerry Liversage Ministries and Responding Recovery Ministries.

Simply go to You Tube and enter either one and view past recordings of Preaching (Jerry Liversage Ministries) or Recovery Teachings (Responding Recovery Ministries), which were originally recorded at Time Warner and Spectrum Cable Studios in Costa Mesa, CA.

For the first time, we are also hiring some help to assist in the facilitation of expanding both of these channels to get the Gospel Message out to a much larger audience. By doing so, this enables additional “Views” that also helps in the expansion of this ministry.

Since covid, there’s no denying that America was a deeply divided country prior to this crisis. It would seem that a crisis would unite a country, but in this “war” against the virus, it has revealed how fractured we really are.

More and more churches—aside from the bigger churches who have already gone to technology, will begin to bring professionals on staff who have the knowledge and/or training to help churches maximize their digital and online presence. Such a shift will ultimately lead churches to develop a full online ministry and mission strategy to engage their people and reach the world. This is our hope! Will you help us? Please pray for us as we enter 2022 with a plan to reach our world and join many other Christians who are compelled to reach people with the unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **New Added Locations of Responding Recovery Ministries**



We are thankful for the recently added Responding 12 step Recovery group meetings, which have begun in **Arkansas**. In addition, over the past two months, new meeting locations are also in **Arizona** and **Florida**. We encourage all new assembled groups to inform us so we may be an assistance and so we may list them on our website for those interested who may live in or around these locations. However, not all NEW groups inform us but below are those we are aware. Also, we are in the process of making an effort to get the word out and to be virtually available to start up new groups in various areas. Below is a list of the groups we know of in various States

### **Responding Recovery Group Meetings - California**

Redlands ARK Church of the Nazarene -Redlands, CA  
Banning Church of the Nazarene -. Banning, CA  
Oroville Nazarene Church- Oroville, CA  
Hesperia Church of the Nazarene - Hesperia CA  
Highland Church of the Nazarene - Highland CA  
Garden Grove Friends Church- Garden Grove, CA  
Evergreen Royale Motel-Anaheim, CA  
Calvary Road Church-Garden Grove, CA  
Grandma's House of Hope- Garden Grove, CA

### **Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Tennessee**

Cross Style Center - Lebanon TN (meeting 1)  
Global Vision Church - Mt Juliet, TN  
Cross Style Center - Lebanon, TN (meeting 2)  
Next Step Resource Center - Lebanon, TN  
Responding Recovery Center - Lebanon, TN  
Smith County Jail- Clarksville, TN  
Wilson County Jail- Lebanon, TN  
Lazarus Transformation Center- Lebanon, TN (2 meeting locations)  
Lazarus Transformation Center- Lebanon, TN (2 meeting locations)  
Christ Church -Nashville, TN

*More Locations Soon Coming to....*

*Texas and Tennessee*

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### **Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Nevada**

Fallon Nazarene Church- Fallon, NV

### **Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Oregon**

Hope Christian Church- Central Point, OR

### **Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Pennsylvania**

Responding Recovery Group - Gouldsboro, PA

### **Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Arkansas**

Time to Stand Ministries - Clarksville, AR **(BRAND NEW)**

### **Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Oklahoma**

Redemption House of Prayer Church of the Nazarene -

Pryor, OK

Community Church - Locust Grove, OK

### **Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Arizona**

Responding Recovery Group Meeting - Clarksville, AZ **(New)**

### **Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Florida**

Responding Recovery Group Meeting - Wimbrow Sebastian, FL **(New)**

