A Year of Abiding

2020 Annual Report

Reach Church
Everett, WA

Reach Family,

If you've known happiness in the past, you know that it's not the same as joy. Happiness is a feeling that comes and goes with circumstances. Joy is a deep-rooted confidence that God is with us and working all things together for good. The apostle Paul understood that the Thessalonian church was going to face persecution, and he wanted them to know that joy in the midst of suffering is possible. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians is a reminder that we can abide in Christ and experience joy in any circumstance.

As you look back on 2020, we hope you can see God's faithfulness to you and your family. We hope you can also look forward to 2021 with confidence that God is with us and will continue to lead us as a church.

Thank you for your support and for being a part of the Reach family.

Jason Honeywell
Lead Pastor, Reach Church

REPLANTING ROOTS IN DOWNTOWN EVERETT

— A Brief History (January) —

In September 2017, our church began to plant in Everett. We had a core group of 30 people who were excited about the opportunity to plant in the heart of Everett. We met in Cascade High School's auditorium on Sunday nights for our launch services. We had around 100 people attending our launch services.

We were excited about the opportunity to plant in downtown Everett, but we were also naive about the challenges that we would face. We had no permanent location, no money, and no people. We were starting from scratch.

We spent the first year of the church meeting in Cascade High School's auditorium. Our numbers grew to around 150 people attending our services. We were excited about the growth, but we were also ready to find a permanent location.

We spent the next two years looking for a permanent location. We looked at dozens of buildings, but we couldn't find the right fit. We were starting to get discouraged, but we knew that God was leading us to the right place.

Then, we were given a home... just in time.

We went from here...

to here...

to here...

ENTER...DIGITAL CHURCH

Honestly, none of us saw that coming...

We could have thought of a million ways we'd grow as a church. Prayer, fasting, and dependence on God would have been at the top of the list. But a pandemic? Not even close.

John 16: 17-33

A few shoutouts to those who helped us navigate the first few months of digital church:

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