

STATE OF THE CHURCH 2022

December 23, 1776 Thomas Paine

THESE are the times that try men's souls.

CONSIDER THE CHALLENGES

CULTURAL / POLITICAL UNREST.

THE PANDEMIC

IT'S AFFECTING THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

A recent Barna study reported that 38% or two out of every five pastors in our country have considered stepping down from ministry in 2021.

IT AFFECTS CHURCH MEMBERS

It's hard to keep serving when your heart is heavy.

I. _____ THAT MATTER

If God doesn't care about numbers then why is there a book in the Bible called "Numbers."

NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT FOR TWO REASONS.

FIRST, EVERY NUMBER IS A PERSON AND EVERY PERSON MATTERS.

SECOND, NUMBER CAN TELL WHERE YOUR HEART IS.

By the end of 2021 attendance was back up to around 87% of pre-covid numbers.

COVID HAS HAD NO NOTICEABLE EFFECT AT ALL IN TERMS OF FINANCE.

*2019 our overall budget giving was 4,923,707
2020 giving was 4,931,753.
2021 budget total was 5,084,690.*

*The church exceeded the budget by \$190,866
You also gave Over \$350,000 to the building.*

We had a total of 194 new additions.

100 of those were by baptism.

II. _____ THAT MATTER

North Monroe is impacting people in powerful ways.

SERVING

_____ BOXES

Our church gave 10,000 meals to the community.

TAKING CARE OF THE _____

We gave more than 120,000.

_____ MINISTRY

They've served 91 kids in 51 families last year.

DEACONS

The Deacons raised over \$20,000 to minister to our widows and single moms.

MISSIONS

HONDURAS

3 mission trips.

Honduras 36 surrendered to Christ and 30 were baptized.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Three trips help plant a church

PARAGUAY

5 new church plants

Paraguay 1000 baptized and 65 new churches.

UGANDA

Uganda 1006 were baptized.

BURUNDI

Burundi 965 were baptized the they started 193 new house churches.

RWANDA

Through a fund raiser we provided support for 45 children orphans.

Rwanda 867 prayed to receive Jesus and 4436 joined house churches.

RWANDA INDIA AND MOZAMBIQUE

Sent money to help provide relief for hunger.

RWANDA BURUNDI AND BUGANDA

Translated the Romans Study in Key Rwanda, Key Burundi, and Lugandan.

PARAGUAY

Translated Romans and Ephesians into Spanish.

MYANMAR

We sold 70 dolls at 75 apiece to fund women sowing ministry in Honduras and Myanmar. All of which have

We raised 60,000 dollars to help build a shelter for children.

In addition they started 25 house churches in 10 different villages. we had 25 new good news groups in 10 villages.

OUR CHURCH WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SEEING 3973 PEOPLE COME TO CHRIST LAST YEAR.

EVENTS

PRAISE IN THE PARKING LOT

OUTDOOR CONCERT FEATURING ZACH WILLIAMS AND CAIN

PRAISE ON THE SOFTBALL PARKING LOT ULM

OUTDOOR EGGSTRAVAGANZA

MINISTRIES

STUDENT MINISTRY

KIDS MINISTRY

COLLEGE MINISTRY

RETREAT MINISTRY

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

III. WHERE DO WE FROM HERE

REMEMBER THE _____

Matthew 28:19 -20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

ACCEPT THE _____

In 2021, Gallup shared that for the first time ever, church membership dropped below 50% nationally. Among Millennials, only 36% identify with a church.

SOME JUST QUIT

OTHERS HAVE SHIFTED TO ONLINE.

ADJUST THE _____

Recreate ourselves for a new Future

STRENGTHEN WHAT REMAINS

Revelation 3:2 'Wake up, and STRENGTHEN THE THINGS THAT REMAIN, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

GET BETTER AT _____ WORSHIP

CONSIDER HOW WE ARE _____

The cross is the only obstacle people should have to deal with.

WE NEED TO CREATE _____ OPPORTUNITIES OF OUTREACH

"Cedars-Sinai Experts Say Self-Care, Connectedness are Keys to Long-Term Resilience"

WE ALREADY KNEW THAT.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

GREAT THINGS

Often when God is preparing for something big he will take his people through something hard.

Judges 7:2 The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength.

Judges 7:7 The LORD told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over