

A Word From *Dr. York*

2020 was a year unlike any other. The entire world faced a matrix of challenges and troubles so complex and tumultuous that entire industries, corporations, nations, and systems were upended. Sports arenas lay vacant and silent. Airplanes flew between destinations with only crew aboard. Cruise ships remained darkened and docked.

Through it all, however, God was working mightily right here at Buck Run. Contrary to all expectations, it was a banner year in many ways. During a global pandemic, people were watching online, coming to faith in Christ, new believers added to our fellowship, and the entire congregation doing whatever necessary to follow Jesus. Our members displayed care for one another and for their neighbors in a manner that reflected the love of Christ. Our staff produced video content that was seen and used around the world. Buck Run's response became a model that many other churches and pastors followed.

Our "Drive-by Annie" Armstrong offering during the lockdown, for instance, was copied by hundreds of other churches and, according to North American Mission Board President Kevin Ezell, resulted in additional millions of dollars being given to missionaries. Our daily prayer guides, doctrinal videos, classes, Student videos, and kids lessons were all used by others and inspired churches to create their own content even while our folks were continuing to grow in the Word.

The facts and figures in this report are more than a numeric reflection of what happened at Buck Run in 2020. This is the story of God's grace and goodness to His people, and of their loving response to His leadership. I cannot praise God enough for the way He cared for us in the past year, but neither can I thank you enough, my precious church family, for the way you have honored the Lord and faithfully served Him and one another. "Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 118:1).



94

First Time
Guests



15

Baptisms



68

New
Members



13

Online
Only Services

Worship *Metrics*



Serve *Frankfort*

As a church, we serve Frankfort to love others in our community and build relationships to share the gospel. We seek to do good out of the overflow of our love for Jesus. As you may know, our vision for Serve Frankfort was adapted during the pandemic, to equip and encourage our families to serve our community through smaller, more individualized projects. You responded incredibly throughout 2020. Here's a quick summary of the ways that you cared for our people in our community:

Unemployment Line Food Distribution

While people were lined up outside for unemployment assistance in the middle of summer, our church family distributed hundreds cold drinks, snacks, and ice cream sandwiches to everyone in line.

Simon House

As Simon House opened a temporary homeless shelter during the pandemic to help care for the homeless community in a socially distanced and safe manner, families provided written cards of encouragement and gift cards to help cover meals.

Access Men's Shelter

Families provided written cards of encouragement, cases of water, disposable razors, sugar, and plastic bags to help meet Access Men's Shelter's specific needs during the pandemic in 2020.

Avenues for Women

Our families partnered with Avenues as they seek to come alongside of women to educate, inform, and support them during their pregnancy by donating towards the purchase of an updated ultrasound machine.

Blood Drive

We provided 26 units of blood to the American Red Cross to help meet medical needs throughout central Kentucky.

Northpoint Training Center

Our church responded to a request from Northpoint to help them fill their library with gospel-centered material by providing 135 books for the inmates.

Franklin County Regional Jail

We had the opportunity to send Christmas cards to the inmates, and our church was able to provide 5 Christmas cards for each inmate filled with encouragement.

Snack Baskets

Several families throughout the church provided (and continue to provide) baskets on their front porch filled with snacks and drinks for mail carriers and delivery drivers to show their appreciation.



476

Total Videos Released



42,946

Views on YouTube



119,306

Website Visitors



692,104

People Reached on Facebook



889

New Buck Run App Downloads



324,940

Buck Run App Impressions

Digital Engagement



Finances

Tithes & Offerings

\$1,750,185

Your sacrificial and generous giving to Buck Run's General Fund fuels the ministries and missions efforts of the church. Funding for our church's property, staff, and missions partners never ceased throughout this pandemic stricken year. The Finance Committee placed a portion of 2020's general fund giving into a rainy day fund to meet any unknown circumstances that may come as we continue through the pandemic. They also diverted funds that were not used in 2020 towards extra principal payments on the church's loan.

Building Fund

\$224,832

Building Fund donations are used to make extra principal payments on the church's building loan. These funds combined with additional funds from the church budget were used to lower the loan balance \$903,970 in the year 2020. Buck Run remains committed to paying off the building loan by 2028.

Current Loan Balance

\$4,536,126

Missions Fund

\$28,226

Buck Run is committed to advancing the Great Commission both locally and abroad. Designated gifts made to the Missions Fund are used to support missions efforts outside of those supported by our church budget. Money given this year was used to support the following causes:

Explosion in Beirut

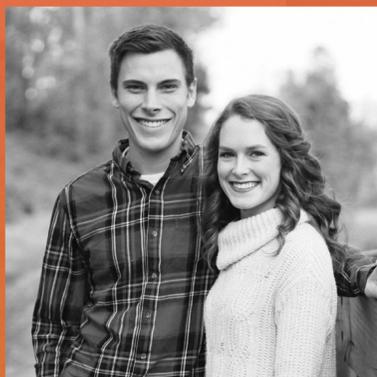
On August 4 an explosion shook the city of Beirut, Lebanon killing hundreds and wounding thousands. To support Gospel-centered relief to this city, Buck Run gave \$5,000 to the City Bible Church of Beirut to help rebuild their building that was destroyed, and to minister to the families and neighbors of their church. Buck Run also gave \$5,000 to Send Relief to assist in their efforts of providing food, water, and crisis response crews to the area.

Frankfort Emergency Food Pantry

To support our local food pantry as they seek to meet a greater demand for help, \$1,000 was donated to assist in the purchase of food.

Staff Highlights

Will Morris Hired as Student Pastor



Will Morris began serving as Buck Run's Student Pastor in April of 2020. Moving your family and beginning to serve in a new context at the beginning of a global pandemic presented many hardships, yet Will and Abi have faithfully sought to minister to the students and parents of Buck Run. Will's multitude of talents, particularly in producing digital content, has benefited Buck Run's ability to communicate and minister to her members during the pandemic.

Throughout the year, Will has adapted his methods to creatively and intentionally partner with our Student Ministry leaders to minister to the church's teenagers. In addition to a weekly Virtual Sunday school lesson, Will has produced a daily series called By the Book where he drops a 5-minute video helping students understand that day's Scripture from their reading plan, as well as Answers for Students where he tackles thought provoking questions that students are asking.

Staff Anniversaries



Kathy Padgett

5 Years

Kathy began serving as the Ministry Assistant in January of 2015. She is the friendly face that our weekday guests first encounter. Kathy leads a team of office volunteers and they collectively handle a multitude of administrative tasks that help our ministries operate smoothly.



Chris Parrish

5 Years

Chris was introduced to Buck Run as Assistant Pastor in April 2015. He became the Senior Associate Pastor in 2017 and now leads our discipleship initiatives for adults including Community Groups and Adult Discipleship Classes in addition to using his gift of preaching to fill the pulpit throughout the year.



Scott Riessen

5 Years

Initially joining Buck Run's staff as Student Pastor in May 2015, Scott now serves as Executive Pastor. Scott partners with our staff and other ministry leaders to coordinate the communications, finances, and volunteers that are necessary to accomplish the church's mission of making disciples.

Special *Events*

DNOW

During the weekend of February 14-16 100 students gathered for our annual Disciple Now event. Our own Kevin Jones was this year's speaker; worship was led by Sojourn Collective from Louisville, KY. Kevin walked through the book of Titus and asked students a simple question— Are you Committed? These keynote messages were the centerpiece of discussions among student small groups held in various members' homes.

Who's Your One?

Buck Run hosted the North American Mission Board's Who's Your One tour February 23-24. Dr. Johnny Hunt and the Jason Lovins Band led Sunday night's statewide service and challenged those in attendance to put the Gospel above all. Participants were called on to identify 1 person in their life who they will pray for and take intentional steps to create opportunities to share the Gospel with. Monday's evangelism training was led by Dr. Hershael York, Dr. Steve Gaines, and Dr. Danny Forshee. This training equipped church leaders from across Central Kentucky in how to lead their church to have a heart of evangelism.

Service of Lament, Hope, & Unity

As our nation reckoned with social unrest and race in America, we came together with black pastors and leaders from our community to read Scripture, sing hymns of hope, and pray for our nation. We lamented the suffering and death that were evident in our communities. We grieved the violence and division that tore at our nation. And we prayed for a Church that would unite around the gospel as our only hope.

Next Generation COVID Events

Though the pandemic impeded our ability to offer our regular, in-person activities for our kids and students, our ministry leaders developed ways to gather together. The LIVE BuckRunKids Show provided kids and their parents a night of laughing, dancing, singing, and a Bible lesson from Seth York. At Worship Together, students were able to participate in stage games, hear a message from Will Morris, and Zoom with one of Buck Run's missions partners.

Easter

Good Friday Service- As part of our observation of Holy Week, we took time on Good Friday to walk through the narrative of Calvary with Scripture and song. Even in the middle of a lockdown, we were able to meet virtually and look to the cross. We observed the weight of Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, knowing that the hope of Easter was just around the corner.

Sunrise Service and Worship- It was an Easter like no other! Hard to imagine celebrating Easter from our homes, but God was faithful in providing the technology and means to have meaningful worship and remembrance on Resurrection Sunday. Dr. York began the day with a Sunrise Service from our lobby. As the light dawned on Buck Run, he spoke of having every reason to hope because of the empty tomb. Then in our worship service, we sang together joyful songs of the resurrection, and heard a beautiful gospel message from Dr. York. At the request of CWKYT, our Easter service was broadcasted throughout the Lexington viewing area. In a time of serious fear and hopelessness, God used our church to bring a message of hope to a wider audience that otherwise may not have heard the gospel.

Drive-By Annie Armstrong Offering- Each year at Easter, a special offering is collected to support the North American Mission Board's efforts of planting churches across the country. To encourage participation, despite the lack of in-person gatherings, we held a drive-by offering. 130 families came by the church on Easter Sunday to give to the offering and talk with our pastors. The generosity of Buck Run not only led to the largest Annie Armstrong Easter offering that we've ever given, \$35,432, but also encouraged other churches to prioritize NAMB's church planting efforts despite the ongoing pandemic.

Christmas

Advent Devotions- Over 20 Buck Run members came together to create a 3-week devotional helping Buck Run consider Who is Jesus? Each themed devotion considered a passage of Scripture, brief commentary, corresponding, and thought provoking questions for kids, students, and adults.

Walk to the Manger- The highlight of Christmas each year at Buck Run is the annual Walk to the Manger where congregants give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This offering financially supports missionaries serving across the globe. Each year Dr. York challenges the congregation to give more to Jesus than to anyone else at Christmas. Buck Run accepted this challenge again this year giving \$93,482 to the International Mission Board.

Christmas Eve Service- We took advantage of some of the new technology and skills that we acquired this year and recorded a special Christmas Eve service. From the fireside, Dr. York shared the beautiful story of redemption and the birth of our Savior. Several of our talented musicians recorded beautiful songs of the joy of Christmas, and the enduring hope through suffering that only a Messiah can bring.