

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

CELEBRATING A YEAR OF
REGATHERING, RENEWAL, AND REVIVAL



PROVIDENCE
CHURCH

A NOTE FROM AFSHIN



Friends,

This past year has been one of the most exciting seasons of ministry we've ever experienced at Providence. After a year of lockdowns, isolation, and sorrow for many, 2021 was a year of rebuilding. As we have regathered, we've seen God do amazing things in our midst. New members have joined our family and the gospel has been proclaimed throughout the community. You gave generously to Christ Redeemer Church in Hanover, NH, supporting their ongoing efforts to reach one of the least church-ed regions of the United States. Meanwhile, you invested in the next decade of ministry right here at home through Entrusted & Sent.

The student and kids ministries have flourished. We took significant steps forward in global missions. Brand new community groups were launched. More importantly, you embraced the calling to live on mission in your homes, workplaces, and schools.

This guide is both a celebration of what God has done through our church and a token of our appreciation for the role you've played at Providence in 2021. May we continue to be a church living for the gospel, in community, and on mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Afshin".

AFSHIN ZIAFAT | LEAD PASTOR | PROVIDENCE CHURCH

38

PEOPLE BAPTIZED

3

MISSIONARY HOUSEHOLDS SENT

116

NEW MEMBERS

11

COMMUNITY GROUPS LAUNCHED

167

GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS RECORDED

\$370,000

COMMITTED TO BIBLE TRANSLATION

COMMUNITY GROUPS BY THE NUMBERS

41

ACTIVE COMMUNITY
GROUPS

11

NEW COMMUNITY
GROUPS LAUNCHED
IN 2021

575

INDIVIDUALS
CURRENTLY
ENROLLED

LIVING IN COMMUNITY

God designed us to live side by side with one another. Community groups are the primary expression of that fellowship at Providence. They're more than a place to discuss the past week's sermon or chat about life. They're a place for rich encouragement, positive accountability, and biblical fellowship.

This fall, new life and intentionally was breathed into these groups as we looked at what it means to truly live side by side. For Scott and Leah Evetts, members of the Hoover community group, this not only changed the way they connected with others in their group, but it even transformed their interactions with neighbors, friends, and coworkers. It brought a new passion for those around them who don't know Christ. As the gospel transforms more areas of our lives, it changes our relationships and leads to a new sense of mission.



Our community group at Providence has pushed and encouraged us to be bold in our faith, intentional in our friendships, and ultimately on mission for the Lord.

SCOTT AND LEAH EVETTS

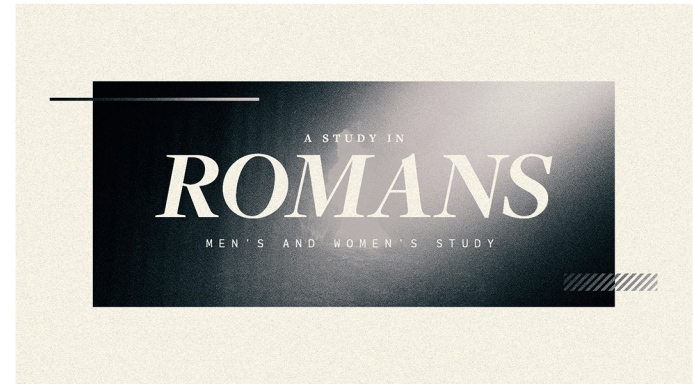
PROVIDENCE YOUNG ADULTS

In 2021, young adults thrived. The summer brought a series of socials and gatherings that deepened relationships. Meanwhile, PYA began a new series on Tuesday nights in the fall looking at Ephesians and other young adults went even deeper in this year's Foundation Groups.



After a long period of being without community with other believers, it took me a few visits to make connections and establish my social confidence. I felt extremely welcome from the very beginning.

BRADY BALLEW



STUDIES & COURSES

In addition to the rich community experienced in groups, a growing number of people participated this year in studies designed to deepen their understanding of God's Word and their intimacy with Jesus.

From *Spiritual Formation* to *The Story of the Bible*, attendees were equipped with new tools and tips to help them read the Scripture and apply it to their lives. Meanwhile, men and women's groups began an extended dive into Paul's letter to the Romans.

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When I grew up, I didn't have a church environment like this. Seeing our kids be able to have experiences like this — these are foundational elements of their upbringing that are exciting and encouraging to me.

JOSH RICHARD

LEARN HOW THE RICHARDS' INVOLVEMENT IN PROVIDENCE KIDS HAS IMPACTED THEIR ENTIRE FAMILY.



BACKYARD KIDS CLUBS

This summer, rather than inviting families into the church building for Vacation Bible School, we took it to them. Community groups came together to host five Backyard Kids Clubs in local parks from Little Elm to Frisco and McKinney, resulting in a new level of outreach in our neighborhoods.

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KIDS CLUBS

60

VOLUNTEERS

200

PARTICIPANTS



THE BRIDGE

For many families, the 5th-6th grade years can be a difficult season of transition as preteens prepare for middle school. The Bridge, launched this fall, is a new ministry designed to help kids carefully navigate the changes ahead through a deeper level of biblical equipping and community. Over 25 kids are now registered and meet on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month.

PROVIDENCE STUDENTS

2021 has been a year of exciting changes in Providence Students, resulting in fresh momentum. Focus Weekend in February and camp in July gave students an opportunity to grow closer to God and one another. Meanwhile, August saw the launch of Ignite, a new Wednesday night gathering. Kicking off this new weekly event, students have engaged in a message series called “Big Questions,” focused on equipping them to respond to the most pressing issues facing teenagers in school and at home.



WHEN THE HAMILTONS STARTED
LOOKING FOR A CHURCH, THEY
WANTED ONE THAT MATCHED
THEIR OWN FAMILY'S CULTURE.
LEARN HOW THAT SEARCH LED
THEM TO PROVIDENCE AND
CHANGED THEIR DAUGHTER'S
LIFE.



GLOBAL MISSIONS

In 2021, we took a giant leap forward in our efforts to reach the nations. As part of Entrusted & Sent, we began taking steps toward a new vision to send ten missionaries over the next decade. This year alone, we already commissioned missionaries to London, West Africa, and South Asia.

Meanwhile, the church is investing \$370,000 to fully fund a translation of the New Testament into the Tenebra language, making God's Word available to 200,000 people in India who currently lack a single verse.



CHRIST REDEEMER CHURCH

In May, we put a challenge in front of the church to support the ministry of Christ Redeemer Church, located mere minutes from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. Due to prejudicial zoning restrictions, the congregation has incurred expensive legal fees to simply establish a physical home in one of the least churched regions of the United States. Over the course of just two weeks, the Providence family gave over \$140,000 to offset their expenses and establish a permanent presence in Hanover.

GOSPEL OUTREACH TEAMS

We are called to advance the gospel right here at home, but many people feel intimidated or ill-equipped. Over the past several years, Gospel Outreach Teams, or GO Teams, have been coming together to train Providence members in this important task and give them the opportunity to practice it.

From Stonebriar Mall to the Shops at Legacy, these teams have met with individuals in the community to pray for them, engage in spiritual conversations, and begin ongoing discipleship relationships. It's an eight-week journey that has transformed the way participants engage the people around them.

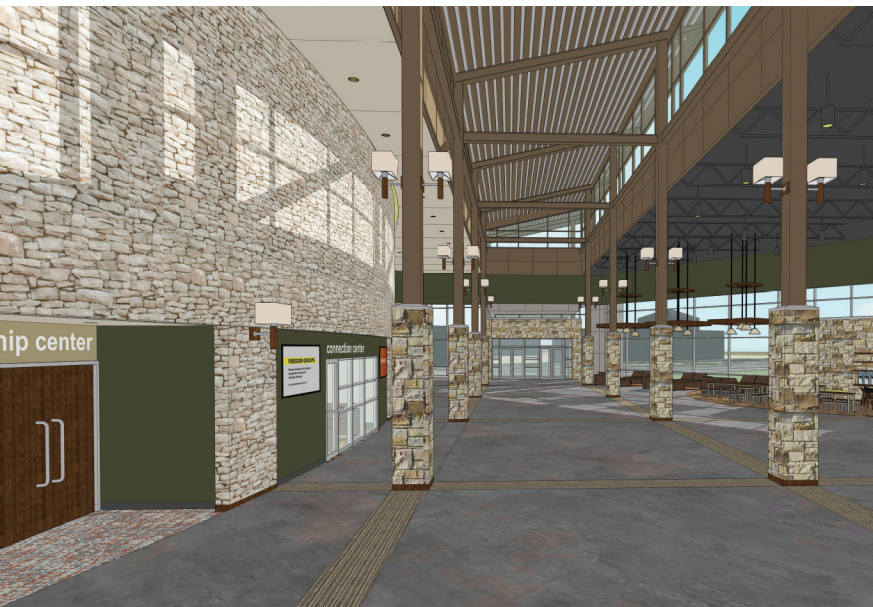


The beauty of the GO Teams is that when you're in a conversation with anybody in your everyday life, it creates and sets in the forefront of your mind the idea of getting to the gospel.

DILLON GUSSIS

LEARN HOW THE GUSSIS' INVOLVEMENT WITH GO TEAMS CHANGED THE WAY THEY ENGAGE OTHERS AROUND THEM.





ENTRUSTED — & SENT —

As his church, God has entrusted us with the truth of his gospel and sent us into a rapidly growing community as his ambassadors. It is not by accident that God has placed us here. It is for his purpose. This fall, we embarked on Entrusted & Sent, a new initiative that will expand Providence's reach and lay the groundwork for us to launch three new churches, send ten new missionaries, and increase our community groups three-fold over the next decade.

This starts with the expansion of our physical campus that includes a new worship center and commons area, a renovated student space, and an expanded area for kids. It also includes funding for a full New Testament translation in the Tenebra language in India.

2021 ONE-TIME GIFT COMMITMENTS:	\$1,694,087
THREE-YEAR COMMITMENTS:	\$3,552,000
TOTAL COMMITMENTS:	\$5,246,087

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ATTENDANCE & ENGAGEMENT

FIRST QUARTER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	543
FOURTH QUARTER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	936
AVERAGE ADULT ATTENDANCE	699
AVERAGE KIDS ATTENDANCE	237
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	608
MEMBERS ADDED THIS YEAR	116
TOTAL STARTING POINT ATTENDANCE	118
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP CLASS ATTENDANCE	198
INDIVIDUALS IN ACTIVE SERVICE ROLES	323
INDIVIDUALS IN COMMUNITY GROUPS	575
BAPTISMS	38

2021 GIVING & EXPENSES

GENERAL GIVING*	\$3,170,000
ACTUAL EXPENSES*	\$2,755,272
BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$2,900,000

*PROJECTED THROUGH DEC. 31 BASED ON CURRENT TRENDS





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