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2022



King's Church
Annual Report
Twenty Twenty-two



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King's Church

Explore Faith + Experience God



Our vision

is to be a multi-cultural,
multi-generational church that
helps people explore faith and
experience God.

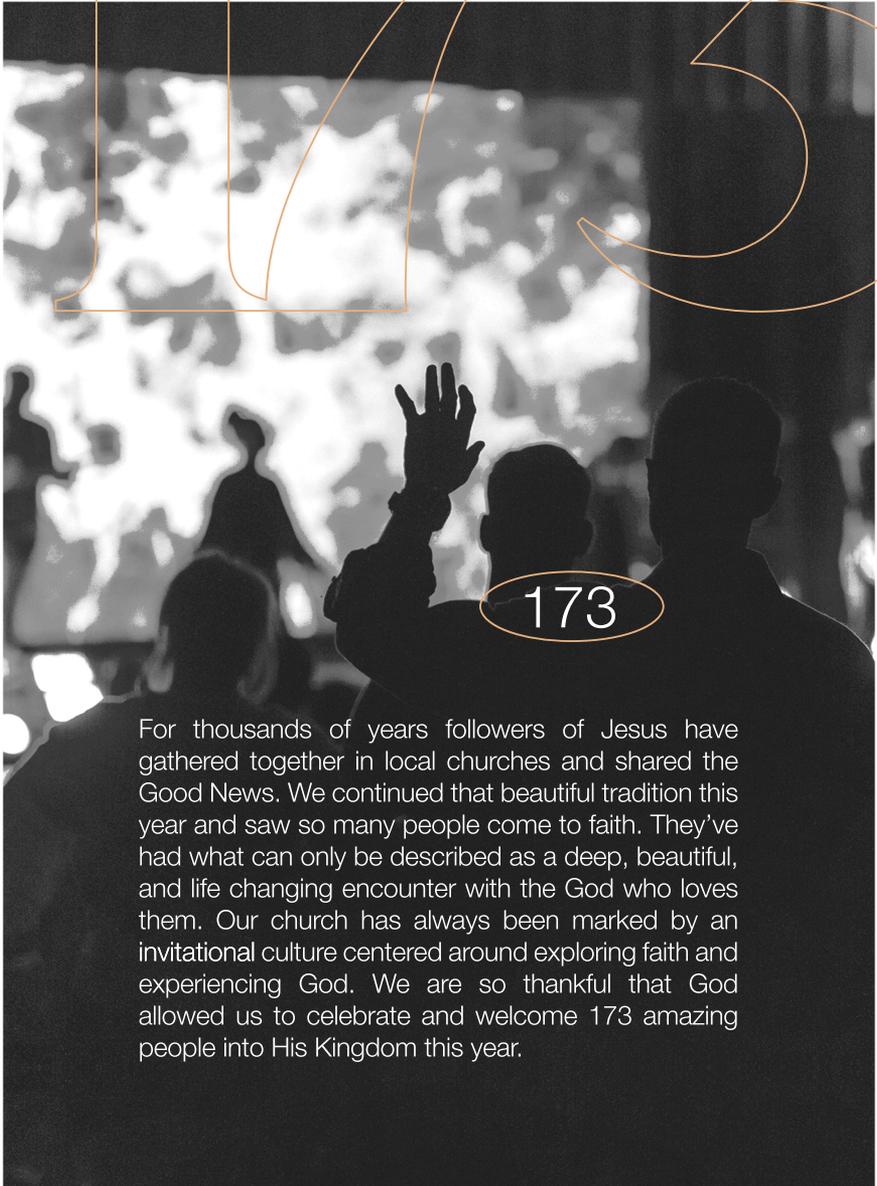
The Psalmist wrote: "For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."(Ps 100:5). We've enjoyed another year of this truth at King's Church. We've seen the faithfulness of God continue to shape our church, form us as followers of Jesus, and call us into remembering His goodness and love. We hope that as you read through our 2022 Annual Report you see the reality of that in your life and in our community.

We are all incredibly grateful for the people who make King's Church what it is. We've said for the last 6 years that our church is not built on the talents of a few, but the sacrifice of many. Time and time again that has played itself out as not just an aspired vision, but one that is a reality. This is who we are. Thank you for those who have given their time, prayers, faith, resources, and energy. This house, our house, is built brick by brick and prayer by prayer. God is building a people for Himself in Northeast Ohio and we are in the midst of a move.

Thank you for participating in the mission of God through King's Church.
To the future!

-Pastor Noah Nickel

Commitments to follow Jesus



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For thousands of years followers of Jesus have gathered together in local churches and shared the Good News. We continued that beautiful tradition this year and saw so many people come to faith. They've had what can only be described as a deep, beautiful, and life changing encounter with the God who loves them. Our church has always been marked by an invitational culture centered around exploring faith and experiencing God. We are so thankful that God allowed us to celebrate and welcome 173 amazing people into His Kingdom this year.

Baptisms

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Baptism is a pivotal step on the faith journey for every follower of Christ. Baptism symbolizes death and rebirth: as they descend into the waters of baptism they are leaving behind their old life and entering in the new life that Jesus has for them. King's Church loves to make this a big celebration! We cheer on our friends and family as they make this public declaration of their inward faith.

New Members

181

Our family is growing! In 2022 we welcomed 181 new members into the King's Church community through our membership course, This is King's. We believe that membership is more than just calling King's Church home, but about finding a place to belong within a community of imperfect believers. Our members have had so many amazing opportunities to build the Kingdom by doing life together in community groups and serving on teams that make King's Church excellent!



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Servant Leaders

One of our core values at King's is "sacrifice is our privilege". We have such an incredible group of servant leaders who live this out each and every week. They give their time and pour out from their hearts to create spaces for people to encounter Jesus every Sunday morning and beyond.



First Time Guests

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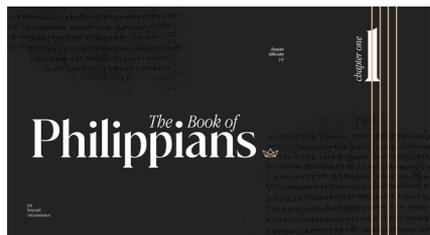
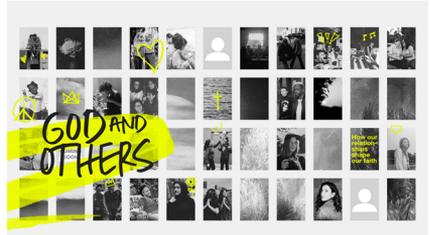
One of the best parts about Sunday is having the opportunity to welcome new faces each and every week. We look forward each week to connecting with and getting to know each and every person that walks through the doors of King's Church. We truly believe that each person has a unique story and is worthy of being known and welcomed just as they are! It was so great to meet all of you who were new this past year!



**Our mission is to develop
disciples of Jesus through
church experiences,
community groups,
courses, and content.**

2022 Sermon Series

King's Church



Community Groups

Total Participants

230

Total Groups

20

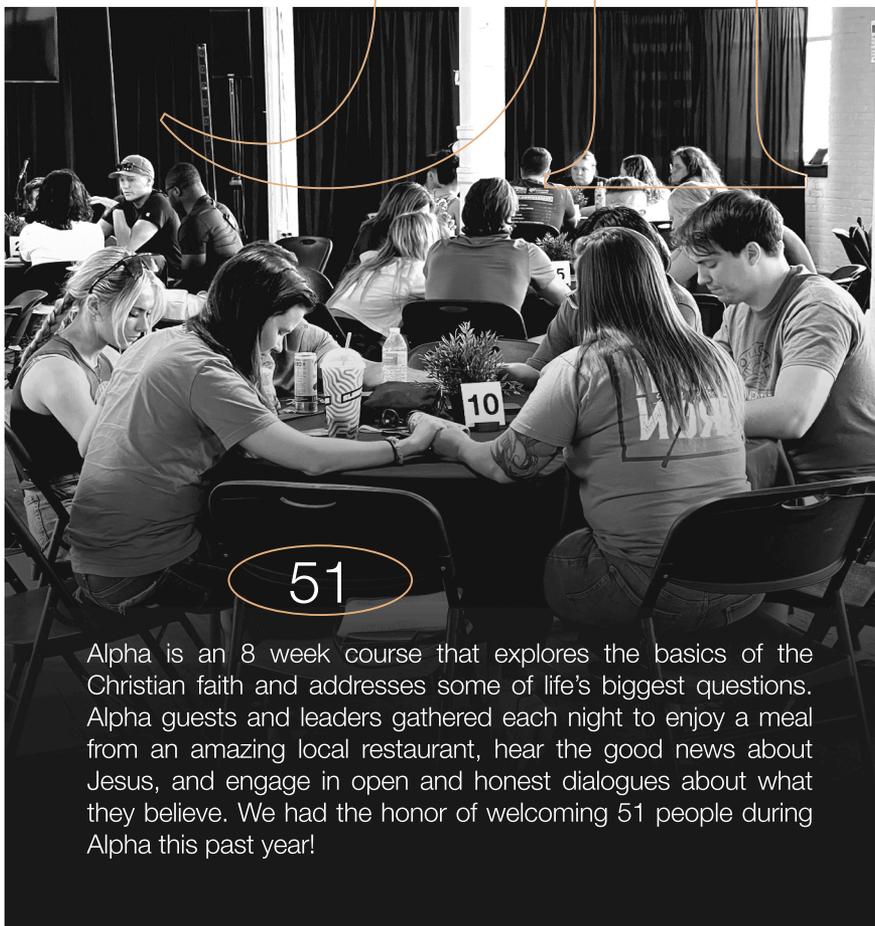
New Groups in 2022

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Community Groups are designed to cultivate deep relationships, spiritual formation, missional outreach, and discipleship opportunities. Community groups are a year long, and in some cases even longer, as people journey through ups and downs of life together as they serve one another. Each community group is uniquely made up of different people from different walks of life who come together with the common purpose of learning how to better follow Jesus. In 2022, we witnessed groups spring up all over the city and impact not only each other's lives but those in the surrounding neighborhoods and communities.

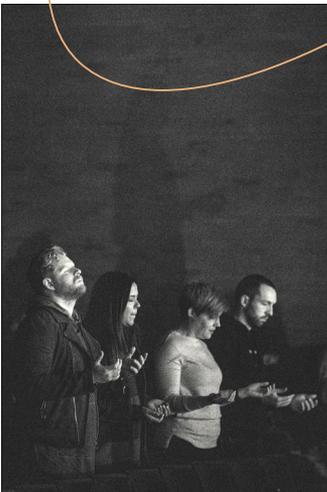
The Alpha Course



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Alpha is an 8 week course that explores the basics of the Christian faith and addresses some of life's biggest questions. Alpha guests and leaders gathered each night to enjoy a meal from an amazing local restaurant, hear the good news about Jesus, and engage in open and honest dialogues about what they believe. We had the honor of welcoming 51 people during Alpha this past year!

A House of Prayer



Prayer is central to our lives as followers of Jesus and also central to King's Church. We always want to treat prayer like a first response and not a last resort.

First Saturday Prayer

First Saturday Prayer rounded into the second year of monthly Saturday morning meetings in 2022 by introducing and equipping new voices and communicators within our church. We explored topics like nonverbal prayer, praying for breaking news, prayer in worship, and even how to pray when God feels silent. Most Saturday mornings welcomed 20-40 guests ranging in age, background, and experience in prayer.

60 Prayer Retreat

60

King's held our first-ever Prayer Retreat at the Punderson Manor & Lodge. We maxed out registration at 60 attendees. Together we explored different prayer practices like adoration, gratitude, petition, and intercession. We ended the morning on a powerful note

spending 1 on 1 time with God out in the gorgeous natural setting and praying over one another. The biggest piece of feedback we received was that most people wished the event went all day instead of a half day!

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70 Prayer Course

This year we offered a 24-7 Prayer Course called "Be Still" based on the titled book by Brian Heasley. We met for 6 weeks and dove deep into the practice of cultivating and exploring a daily devotion time with God.



KING'S KIDS

Stuff the Stockings

40

King's Kids helped stuff 40 stockings for children in foster care throughout the greater Cleveland area. The kids colored Christmas cards for each stocking and prayed a blessing over the children who would receive them.

Stock the Bus

King's Kids helped pack 100's of school supplies into backpacks that were loaded onto a school bus and sent to multiple Cleveland inner city schools. King's families stocked the bus and prayed over the backpacks and the new school year!

Child Dedications

10

King's Church had the honor of formally welcoming TEN new children into the King's Church family. We brought them before the congregation to pray a blessing over the families as we commit to help parents and families however we can as they raise their children in the faith.



Child Baptisms

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It is such a beautiful moment to witness children publicly proclaim Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We are so honored to be able to create a space for King's Kids to learn about what it means to be water baptized and share their love and relationship with Jesus with others!

Partnerships Missions

King's Partnerships

We believe we have been called by God to: empower, unite, restore, raise up, listen, and partner with the people of Cleveland. King's Partnerships are intentional and prayerful about what we do and why. We want to build long-term, and deep relationships with our partners. Partnerships is where we get to do the work. Where we get to step outside of our Sunday and put what we hear into action and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

**Empower.
Unite.
Restore.
Raise up.
Listen.
Partner.**

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1Peter 4:10

2022 Partnerships 30

Refresh Collective
Building Hope in the City
Fostering Hope
Shalom & Tranquility Garden
Laura's Home
Stella Maris
West Side Catholic Center
Cleveland Food Bank
The City Mission
A21 Campaign

Young Life
Alpha USA
CRU Campus Crusade
Compassion International
World Compassion
RCE International
World Vision
The Bible Project
24-7 Prayer
YFC International

Overland Missions Inc
Convoy Of Hope
Open Doors
Doctors Without Borders
ARC Association of Related Churches
Dandelion Resourcing
Reclamation Ministry
410 Bridge
FIRM (Fellowship of Israel Related Ministries)
Practicing The Way

King's Partnerships Highlights

Laura's Home

King's Partnerships Launched a new partnership with Laura's Home by hosting an hour of prayer and worship with the women and children every 4th Friday of the month !

"Laura's Home partnership has been incredible! Every month, we get to experience community with women who feel forgotten and remind them who they are through prayer, worship, and a quick word. I've grown in my personal Christian responsibility to care and show hospitality for the poor and marginalized and have experienced a heart change for people I wouldn't have normally have encountered. It's grown my faith, my leadership, and my desire for prayer."

-Michelle Westerman
Prayer Team, Partnerships Lead



Reclamation Ministry

King's Partnerships helped launch a brand new ministry for the women of Cleveland called Reclamation Ministry. Reclamation is a cultivated space for women who have experienced sexual harm, harassment, and abuse to be seen with dignity and reverence through the empowering practice of reclaiming our stories in community.

King's Partnerships Highlights

Shalom & Tranquility Garden

King's Church has been doing Kingdom work in the Brooklyn Centre Community through the partnership of community member, Ebonie Joiner and her community garden. In 2022, King's Church was at the garden every Saturday from April through September completing projects such as installing hoop houses, starting a Micro Farm, building a stage for programs and performances, as well as being a part of tutoring and literacy programs. We have seen God work through our involvement at the garden, and we believe God is planting seeds for His purpose. This is just the beginning!

"Three years ago an angel in the form of Nick Nowak walked into Shalom & Tranquility Community Garden. Nick was representing King's Church as the Site Coordinator for Rally CLE 2020. At that event something magical transpired between Nick, myself and the King's Church Volunteers. With my past history of child evangelism I knew that I couldn't allow this to be a one time event. In 2021, I invited the entire community of King's to partner with me in a season of Growing the Garden of Community. Since then, our relationship has grown into what I call a family. It's easy to create a one-time event, it's another to embark upon the journey to create SHALOM. Together Shalom and Tranquility and King's Church are breaking the authority of chaos in the community of Brooklyn Centre."

-Ebonie Joiner



King's Partnerships Highlights

Shalom & Tranquility Garden

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"We love serving at Shalom and Tranquility Garden! The relationships we continue to foster with the people of King's and within the community make us want to keep coming back. Serving together as a family has been really special because we are choosing to spend time working together towards a common goal. It has helped to strengthen our bond as a family and demonstrate to our kids what we prioritize and value".

-Sarah Eckel / King's Church Member

King's Partnerships Highlights

Laura's Home

2,000 hot meals

King's Church prepared and served over 2,000 hot meals to the homeless community at West Side Catholic Center and to the women and children of Laura's Home.

Habitat for Humanity

\$10,000 donated

King's Church donated \$10,000 to the rehab house project on Elwell in the Buckeye, Woodhill Community. King's Church spent 50 hours over the course of 8 weeks working on the interior and exterior of the house. King's Church was able to be a part of the Welcome Home Ceremony for first time homeowner, Jenavione, and daughter, Cemyrah and pray a blessing over her home and future.



Blessing Bags 300

King's Partnerships Team assembled 300 "Blessing Bags" full of snacks, hygiene products, socks, and more. These were then given to our King's family as a way to equip them to serve our city, passing them out to those they encountered while out and about.

3,000 lbs of food

Thanksgiving in a Bag

King's Church donated 3,000 lbs of Thanksgiving food to Stella Maris and The City Mission.

King's Partnerships Highlights

Rally CLE

We sponsored both Ebonie Joiner from Shalom & Tranquility Garden and Peggy Cruz from Cha'Firo Restaurant. Teams of volunteers helped to transform their visions into realities that improved the lives of those living in their communities.

Cleveland For All

150 people

King's helped create a space for 150 people to experience a typical home and learn about a day in the life of most Afghan people. Attendees were also invited to eat a traditional meal and to shop from a local small business owner, Navid who sells beautiful imported goods from Afghanistan.



King's Missions

20 people

Guatemala

In 2022, King's Church took 2 teams to the country of Guatemala. We are committed to going to the communities of San Jose and Chipila for the next 8- 10 years through our partnership with 410 Bridge. While we were in Guatemala, we were able to come alongside the leaders in the communities and visit their homes for a time of prayer, visit local churches to worship and pray together, help build a community center, visit the primary school, meet with the teachers, and so much more.



King's Church donated \$11,103 toward these two trips through various fundraisers

King's Church hosted a Guatemala Pop-Up where the team brought back local handmade items to sell in order to help fund the latrine project at the primary school in Guatemala.

\$900 was raised to go towards purchasing the doors to the new 8 bathroom stalls.

King's Missions

Being able to pray with them and just get to know them was an amazing experience.

"I have always had a passion for overseas missions. It had been many years since I have been able to go. Being able to travel with our King's team was amazing. The people of Guatemala were so kind and excited for us to be there and learn about their culture. What has stayed with me the most is their faith in God and how hard they all worked and labored together for their communities. They were so giving and loving. They truly are a beautiful people. Being able to walk with them and dream with them as they work to develop



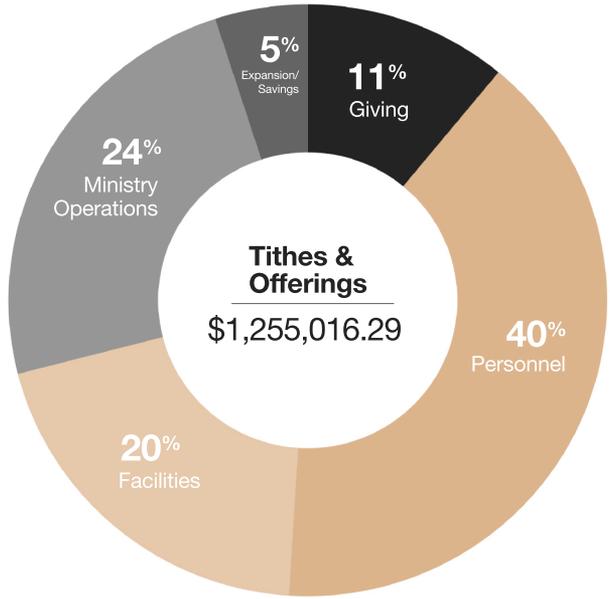
the community and the school was such a privilege. Being able to pray with them and just get to know them was an amazing experience too. One common ground I had with them was being able to speak their language as I am Hispanic myself. But also, our team grew so much as we prayed and cried together seeing what God has begun in that country. I look forward to many years to come. I cannot wait to continue to see God's hand moving in their midst. I can't wait to return and am so grateful for this opportunity!"

-Susan Obojski / King's Mission Team

Child Sponsorships 20

King's Church sponsored 20 children in Chipila and San Jose, Guatemala. The sponsorship includes school funding, health and wellness visits and care for the whole family, and spiritual formation and discipleship opportunities through the local church.

Financials



We believe at the heart of the Christian faith is generosity.

Personnel (Salaries, Insurance, Payroll Fees, Payroll Tax)
\$494,163.86

Facilities (Rent, Insurance, Maintenance)
\$253,854

Ministry Operations (Day-to-day operations: Supplies, Equipment, Admin, etc)
\$295,074.09

Expansion/Savings
\$69,732

Giving (Local, National, Global Partnerships, Missions, Alpha, Outreach, Benevolence)
\$141,704.36