



THE BAYOU C H U R C H

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

2020 is a year none of us will forget. For all, it's brought challenges. For many, it's brought heartache. For some, it's been life-altering. Our community, our nation and our world have faced incredible challenges. Here at The Bayou Church we believe that *Rescued People Reach People* and this year we had an incredible opportunity to help people Know God, Find Community and Make a Difference.

KNOW GOD

*And this is the way to have eternal life—
to know You, the only true God, and Jesus
Christ, the one You sent to earth.*

- John 17:3 (NLT)



2,246

(online and in-person)
average Sunday
attendance
since resuming
in-person services
15% growth
from 2019

Guests from
43
states joined us
online

100%

online experience
for all age groups
for seven months

288

first-time guests

34
decisions made
for Christ

55

baptisms
(during only four months
of in-person gatherings)

“There was a time not so long ago when I felt that I was not worthy of God’s love because I had made so many poor decisions in my life. I basically ran from God. I had been taught to fear God and His wrath instead of focusing on His love and grace. The Bayou Church has shown me that the Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ’s sacrifice was for all and that His grace is truly sufficient.”

- Krissie Richard

4,450

people reached
through online
Easter services

221
Night of Worship
and Prayer average
attendance



FIND COMMUNITY

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

- Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)



116
First Steps
participants

770
adults
participating in
small groups
(average)

512
small group
members met
virtually for spiritual
growth during
pandemic

41
adults joined
online Celebrate
Recovery small
groups

280
Kids/Students
attended an online
summer camp
experience

48
Students
participated in our
Bayou Students
Internship

“Finding community within a small group not only makes a difference in my own life but also overflows to the lives of everyone around me. My wife and kids are thankful that I’m part of a men’s small group.”

- Nathan Liebert
(small group member)

219
families joined our
new Facebook
Preschool page

147
men attended our
monthly Men’s
Night (average)

202
women attended
Women’s Night



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

- Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)



1,000+

Acadiana Reach
volunteer hours

18

Bayou members
traveled to serve
our global partners
on mission trips

120

educators
received
encouragement
before school year

4,333

meals provided for
healthcare workers
in Acadiana

23,000

meals prepared on
our campus by
the Southern Baptist
Disaster Relief team

300

Guatemalan kids
reached through
VBS

"Thank you SO much. I appreciate this [gift card and note] more than you know. I also saw that The Bayou provided meals to us at work the other day. I was so proud of my church family!"

- Brittany Hanks
(Acadiana Healthcare Hero)

"Thanks to The Bayou, we hired a Clearing House Coordinator who is doing a fabulous job, fielding all of our calls and building relationships with our clients."

- Lisa Justice
(Love In the Name of Christ)

414

Haitian kids received
daily meals through
our RMI hot lunch
partnership

145

Haitian kids
sponsored
through Hope For
Kidz Program

25

Alaskan families
living in remote
areas received 50lb
food boxes



4%

increase in
churchwide
giving even during
a pandemic

\$328,140

invested from
the Make a
Difference Fund