



# 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