



# THE BAYOU C H U R C H

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

As we all continued to navigate a world filled with changes, God used us in greater ways than ever before to transform lives in Acadiana through Christ-centered relationships. What a joy and privilege it was to help people Know God, Find Community, and Make a Difference with their lives. Join us as we take a look back at all that God did in 2021.

# 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)

**2,464**

**people attending Sunday services**  
(average)

*36% increase*

- **780** adults in person
- **344** NextGen
- **1,340** online
- people from **36 states** joined us online

**960**

**first-time guests**

- **223** gifts given to first-time guests

**113**

**baptisms**

**124**

**attenders for Night of Worship and Prayer**  
(average)

“ After accepting Christ into my life, I joined a small group and started volunteering in the church. I was living out my faith and didn't see the need for baptism. But God asks His followers to be baptized. So after fighting it for a year, I came to understand the importance of it. And in 2021, I completed that milestone. ” - *Jacob Ambriz*



# 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)*

**97**

**First Steps graduates**

**76**

**K-WOW participants**  
(4th and 5th Graders)

**82**

**adult small groups meeting**  
(average)

**111**

**students participating in weekly small groups**  
(average)

**57**

**adults attended Celebrate Recovery on Monday nights**  
(average)

**1,230**

**adults participating in small groups**  
(average)

**406**

**kids/ students attended a summer camp**

**94**

**men attended our monthly Men's Night**  
(average)

**46**

**students participated in our Bayou Students Internship**

**“** Joining a small group this year is one of the very best things I've done in a long time! The relationships, the openness, and the discussions are all amazing. This is a great group of gentlemen who welcomed me with open arms. All of my reasons for being reluctant to join a small group now seem very silly. So thank you to The Bayou Church for pushing the importance of joining a small group! **”**  
*- Gary Papa (Small Group Member)*



# 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)

**113**  
volunteers  
serving on  
a Sunday  
(average)

**380**  
volunteers  
who served  
this year

**8,000**  
hours of  
ministry  
through  
volunteers

**157**  
educators  
encouraged with  
gifts at #ForAcadiana  
Educators

**26**  
families  
served and  
**19** projects  
completed  
through The  
Bayou Crew

**75**  
leaders from  
Acadiana  
nonprofits  
inspired  
through a  
two-day  
development  
workshop

**138**  
Haitian  
kids receive  
education  
and hot meal  
through  
Hope  
For Kidz  
sponsorship

**2,800**  
meals  
purchased  
for seniors  
through the  
Council on  
Aging

**7**  
disciple  
groups  
launched

**5%**  
increase in  
churchwide  
giving

**\$441,824**  
given away through the  
Make a Difference Fund  
in the last 12 months

“ On behalf of the teachers, students, parents, and the community of Petit-Trou, I thank you, my brothers and sisters, at The Bayou Church for supporting us, especially the school with fees, hot meals, gifts, books, shoes, and more. May God bless you. You are in our heart and in our prayers daily. ” - Pastor Solvat Phigareau (Petit-Trou Baptist Church)

