



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

What a year 2022 has been as we launched into our Decades generosity initiative! When we look back at a year filled with bold commitments and personal sacrifices, we know God is writing powerful stories through our church family and growing us to be used for His eternal purposes. We are fulfilling His mission for The Bayou Church as we help people Know God, Find Community, and Make A Difference. That's how we measure success! Join us as we take a look back at 2022.

# KNOW GOD

■ **91**  
baptisms

■ **2,062**  
people attending **Sunday services** (average)

- **925 adults**  
(in-person, increase of 14% from last year)
- **410 NextGen**  
(increase of 19% from last year)
- **727 online**

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)

■ **1,022**  
prayer requests  
submitted

■ **841**  
first-time guests  
(includes preschoolers, kids, and students)



“ I've always believed in Jesus, but I never realized that I didn't truly know Him until I became a regular at The Bayou. ”

- Alicia Ransonet

**57** ■  
students participated  
in our Bayou Students  
Internship

**910** ■  
adults participating  
in small groups  
(average)

**18** ■  
new small  
groups started

**79** ■  
adult small  
groups  
meeting  
(average)

**119** ■  
First Steps  
graduates

# 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)*

**85** ■  
K-WOW participants  
(4th and 5th graders)

**70** ■  
adults attended  
Celebrate  
Recovery on  
Monday nights  
(average)

**125** ■  
men attended our monthly  
Men's Night (average)

**497** ■  
preschoolers/kids/students  
attended a summer camp

**127** ■  
students  
participating  
in weekly  
small groups  
(average)



“ Hosting a small group has created opportunities for deep friendships and has been a catalyst for my own spiritual growth. It's a highlight of my week, and it's worth all the effort. ”  
- Melody Voitier (small group host)

**758**

hours completed through The Bayou Crew with 50 volunteers

**133**

volunteers serving on a Sunday (average)

**\$16.6m**

of the \$18m Decades goal committed to date

**175**

educators encouraged with gifts at #ForAcadiana Educators

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)

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**490**

Haitian kids received a hot meal at school each day

**\$496,223.47**

donated to ministry partners in Acadiana and beyond

**7**

Lafayette Parish schools received checks for special projects

**94%**

increase in churchwide giving



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I'm blown away by the generosity of The Bayou! You've played a part in helping us serve more men in Acadiana who need Christ. We are just a few months away from opening our new 52-bed dormitory. Y'all are much appreciated!

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- Johnny Carriere, The Refinery Mission