



# 2023 | ANNUAL REPORT

In 2023, we built on our past—a legacy of faith and generosity—to invest in the future of The Bayou Church. It's an investment that will yield benefits for decades to come. Not only that, we've seen the immediate impact of the Decades initiative in changed lives and ongoing ministry as well as continuing our commitment to make a difference through serving and resourcing ministry partners in Acadiana and beyond.



# 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)

▶ **2933**  
in-person and online Sunday  
average since grand opening (+39%)

▶ **3789**  
attended our Easter  
services (+17%)

▶ **2415**  
in-person and online Sunday average YTD (+18%)

▶ 1747 in-person Sunday average YTD (+31%)

▶ 504 NextGen Sunday average YTD (+22%)

▶ 670 online average YTD

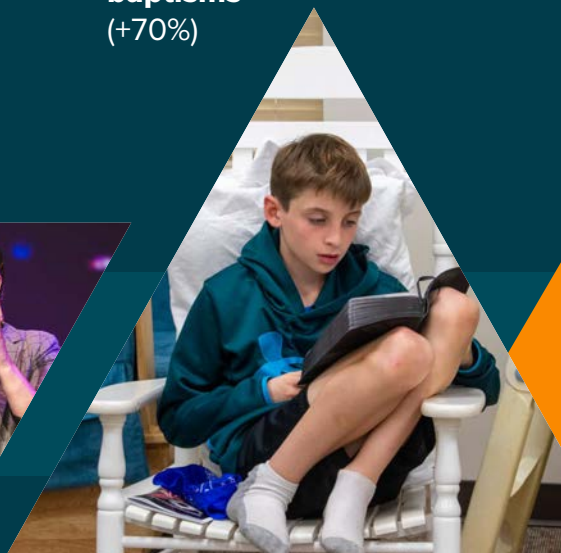
▶ 3422 in-person and online for our  
Grand Opening on Sunday, August 6

▶ **3831**  
attended a Christmas  
concert (+26%)

▶ **1332**  
first-time guests (+36%)  
(includes preschool, kids, and students)

▶ 216 gifts given to first-time guests

▶ **168**  
baptisms  
(+70%)



“Coming to Christmas at The Bayou is one of the most impactful decisions I have ever made. Pastor Sean’s message and the worship team touched a part of me that had been asleep for a very long time. The Sunday messages from all the pastors and the sharing of the Word in my small groups has opened my heart to the closest, deepest, true-ist relationship with God. I know now who God is and who I am.”

- Aimée Waguespack

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)

# FIND COMMUNITY



► **1196**

**adults in small groups**  
(average weekly participation)

► **141**

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

► **91**

**students participated in our Bayou Students Internship**

► **110**

**singles attended Complete in Christ**

► **24**

**new small groups started**

► **169**

**First Steps graduates**

► **82**

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

► **269**

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

► **83**

**adults participating in Discipleship Groups**

► **350**

**women attended the Adore Conference**

► **157**

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

► **70**

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

“Being part of a small group each week keeps me living life on a mission. I love getting the guys together, talking about faith and how we can serve Jesus better.”

- Tommy Voitier



# 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 \(NLT\)](#)

► **175**

educators encouraged with gifts at  
#ForAcadiana Educators

► **50**

people participated in  
#ServeTogether events

► **10**

projects completed  
through The Bayou  
Crew with 64 volunteers

► **151**

volunteers serving  
on a Sunday  
(average)

► **12.5%**

increase in  
churchwide giving

► **\$411,243.41**

donated to ministry partners  
in Acadiana and beyond  
(last 12 months)

► **9**

Lafayette Parish schools  
received checks for  
special projects

► **550**

Haitian kids  
received a hot meal  
at school each day



“What has impacted me most is the work I do on Monday nights for Celebrate Recovery where I work with the kids in Celebration Place. ... I've learned so much about myself and made connections with kids and parents and it just feels so empowering to have those weekly reminders that I am doing what God called me to do.”

- *Ava Breedlove*

