

# ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating 2021 • Anticipating 2022

# Recommission.

The definition of the word means “to commission something again.” It is often used to describe a once removed person being reinstated to a post or a machine that lost functionality now being fully repaired and ready. It is changing the course of something or possibly reestablishing the initial direction.

In desperate times throughout history, some marine vessels have been converted to serve different needs. Since the onset of COVID-19, Italy converted the *Splendid* cruise ship into a floating hospital to assist the growing patients in their country. Since being built in 1994, the vessel housed thousands of people who came to enjoy the luxurious amenities promised by this state of the art vacation spot. Once someone came on board, people were there at every corner to meet their desires.

It was quite a different feeling when 26 years later it was converted into a crisis environment meant to take in the sick and nurse them back to health. I imagine that the glam that once was must have been replaced with what needed to be. It transitioned from a trip of a lifetime to a hope for a lifeline.

That’s the prayer of my heart during these days. I want us to make sure we are aligned with the purposes of Jesus. Instead of fixating on ensuring we experience church comforts, what if we focused on meeting genuine needs of those around us? For every Christian in our church to every congregation that we partner alongside, we want to recommission ourselves back to the original commission. We are here to make disciples. Let’s stay in the current of what Jesus is doing.

**– Pastor Travis**

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# Over the past 12 months...





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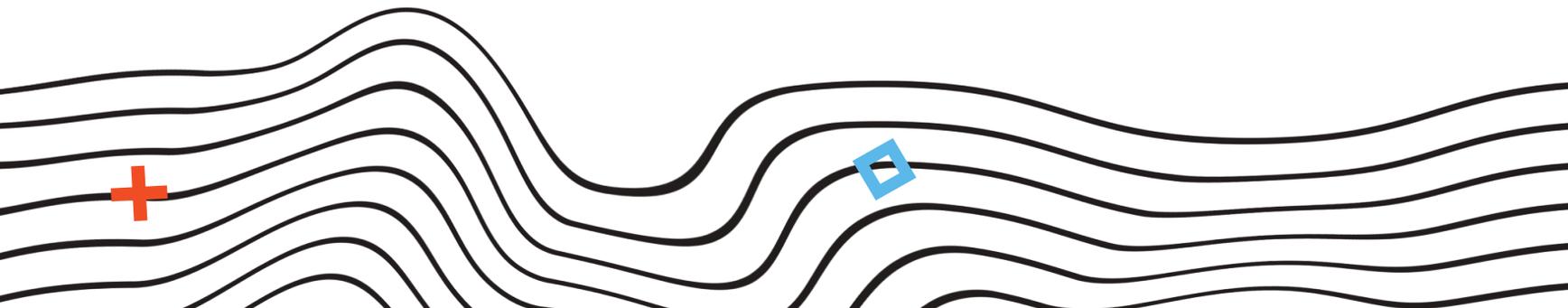
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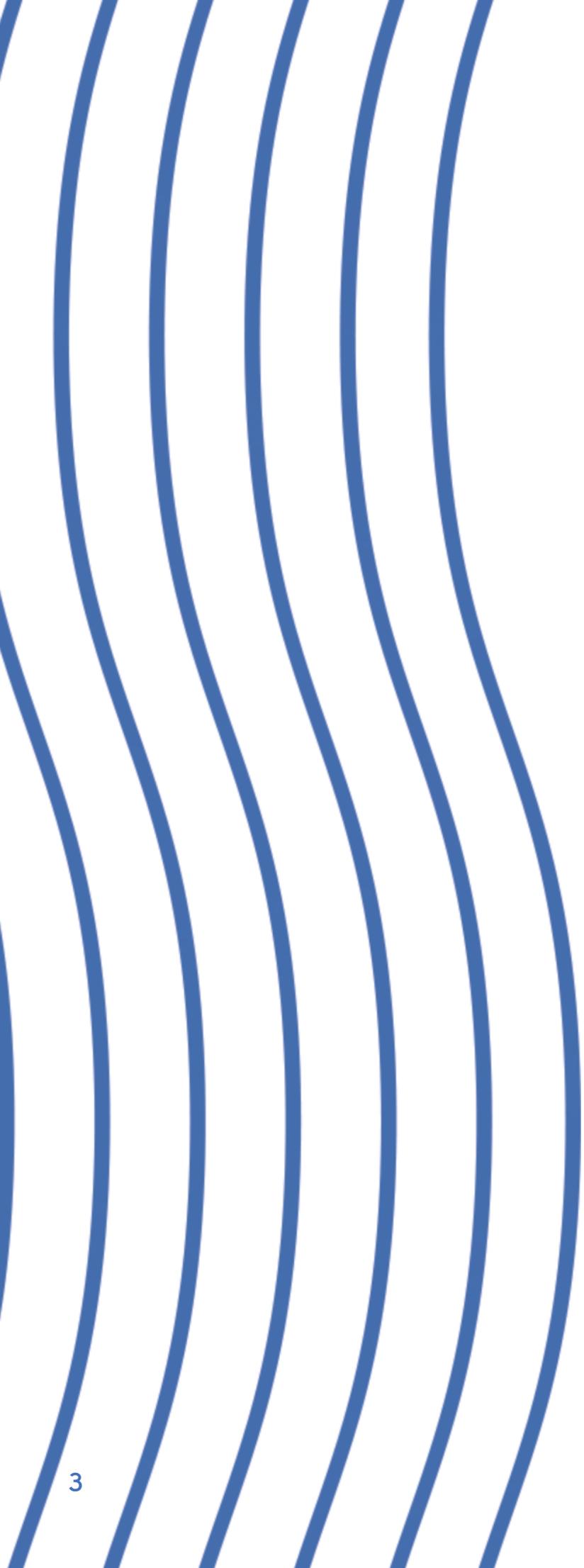
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Group Attendance



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# SION

**We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.**

**1 THESSALONIANS 2:8**

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**Making  
disciples who  
take personal  
responsibility  
for Kingdom  
activity.**

## ***The mission of Rocky Creek is to make disciples.***

It's not even an original mission, and that's precisely the point. Our goal as a church is to recommission ourselves to the initial commission given from Jesus. It reorients us to a creek mindset.

Scripture often describes God's presence being ushered to restore the people of this world as a river. The scene of heaven contains a river flowing from God's throne for the healing of all peoples (Rev. 22:1-2). God is the source of living water (Jer. 2:13; John 4:10), and we are intended to be a channel by which other people experience it as well.

As a local church or as individual disciples, we can never mistake our role for anything other than contributing to that end.

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***The vision of Rocky Creek Church is to create a culture in which all members contribute to the greater movement of the church, and our church mobilizes for the growing advancement of the Kingdom.***

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In light of that reality, a more thorough way to express our mission is that we are making disciples who take personal responsibility for Kingdom activity.

We move with the river. We contribute to the cause. A creek has no purpose other than to contribute to the greater movement to which it is aligned.

What causes a creek to dry up? It happens when the essential connections become hindered. If the input or the deposit experiences a blockade, the creek will eventually dry up. The same is true with our church.

While we accept the concept as a whole, we must move the ownership of the Great Commission down to the individual level. What if Rocky Creek made it our goal to lead our entire church family to take personal responsibility to engage in this calling?

More than discipleship being the whole church's goal, what would it take for it to become the individual member's goal?

The Creek Vision is a 4-year journey to empower every disciple to join in Jesus' work among the world. It is a goal to recommission every Christian and every congregation to lead responsible Great Commission lives.

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***By the end of 2025, our vision is to see everyone disciplining someone.***

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Jesus didn't reserve the Great Commission for ministry programs or professionals. Jesus calls every disciple to take what they have and invest it in others. That's the Creek Vision. We see a day when every church member serves as a guide for at least one other person's spiritual development. Whether that person doesn't know Jesus or doesn't know Him well, we want each of our members to help navigate that person forward. As our church personally engages in intentional discipleship, we intend to share convincingly the message that we believe God hasn't given up on anyone, and neither have we.

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***Our goal is to help people make progress in what matters most.***

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Many Christians feel stuck. We live in a religiously exposed yet spiritually desensitized city. With the increase in cultural pressure and the reality of church hurt, many people around us respect Jesus but reject His church. We often seek to gather more church members while some work for new converts, but Jesus' call was to make actual disciples.

# MISSION MARKERS

To get us moving, we need to address these challenges that we all face. Four frequent blockades that many of our members experience are stagnation, isolation, frustration, and immobilization.



## Paths

**A personalized path addresses stagnation.**

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For those who feel stuck in their spiritual development, it's time to get moving again. Instead of expecting all members to experience growth on template models, we will help our church develop personalized paths so that each person doesn't accept a sense of spiritual stagnation. You don't have to stay where you are – we believe that your life can still change for the better.



## Partners

**A committed group of partners addresses isolation.**

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The challenges of this life can cause us to retreat into dangerous isolation. We all need consistent, Christlike relationships so that we can encourage and be encouraged. While our church grows larger, we have a burden to keep our people connected. We want to develop a culture that ensures no one remains isolated from hopeful and helpful relationships within the church family.



## Permissions

**A contextual permission addresses frustration.**

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Due to the pace of life today, many Christians feel frustrated because they want to make their life count for something significant but lack the margin to accomplish anything great. We want you to feel the freedom to engage the Great Commission in the contexts in which you live. We will teach our members to engage their natural connections through a ministry lens.



## Purposes

**A discipleship purpose addresses immobilization.**

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The common excuse for Christians in our day is that they aren't mature enough to help anyone else mature. We will push back against the trend of immobilization and develop our members to feel confident enough to accept responsibility for guiding at least one other person's spiritual development. Within the contextual permissions, each person will take a group member, a child, or a friend and disciple them with what they have.

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**As we aggressively pursue each member personally discipling another, we have these tangible goals to mark our progress.**

# 2025

intentional  
relationships  
started for the sake  
of discipleship

# 7

aligned churches  
partnering together

# 250

leaders developed  
for ministry  
multiplication

# 5

unreached people  
groups

# 75%

of members  
connected in  
discipleship  
relationships

# 25

students enrolled in  
the Entrust Institute



# A FAMILY MOVES TO GREENVILLE

In the spring of 2021, Anthony and Heather Miller, packed up their three children (Eleanor, age 9; Mimi, age 7; and Clark, age 5) and began moving from Vancouver, WA to Greenville, South Carolina. Prompted by a desire to leave the Pacific Northwest and to trust God with their future, the Millers felt led to come to Greenville. Desiring to find a church home that supported their goals as Christian parents, they began their search for a new church. Choosing a church is never easy, but they were encouraged by a quick invite to Rocky Creek from their neighbors. After only a week of being in town, they decided to check it out.

With their first visit to Rocky Creek in May, the family began participating in everything we had to offer their children. When VBS rolled around, the kids were not the only ones excited about VBS. Mom and dad jumped in as well. Not yet members, the parents had to wait to actually teach in the classrooms, but mom helped with preparing snacks while dad eagerly greeted our VBS participants in the car-rider line.

Anthony and Heather also joined a new adult Gospel Group led by Randy and Karen Burns. The Burns class, made up of other parents of preschoolers and children, gave mom and dad a place to build new friendships as well. As only the Lord can, He recently allowed the family to unexpectedly meet up with some of their new church friends at an apple orchard in North Carolina. Heather has enjoyed some mom outings with some of the women in her class, and Anthony has jumped in a Bible study with other men called, "Kingdom Men Rising."

We love it when God orchestrates a move all the way from Washington state and puts that family a mere 1.5 miles from Rocky Creek. As we have watched Mimi recently declare her faith in Christ through believer's baptism, we look forward to walking with the Millers through other spiritual milestone celebrations at Rocky Creek.



# DISTINCTIVE DISCIPLESHIP

Designing Specific Plans for Christian Maturity

If every Christian is in a unique place surrounded by specific challenges, why do we think that a widespread discipleship approach will work for every single one of us? The Distinctive Discipleship model seeks to help you design a specific plan for Christian maturity.

In 2019, our church went through a process for every member to have a personalized discipleship plan. For those who made a plan and worked through it, we heard incredible stories of spiritual progression. As a church, we want to use this template as a process and not a program. The guide helps you create a personalized plan for the next 6-12 months for your personal growth. As soon as that timeframe ends, you use the same template but update your distinctive guide. For those who participated in 2019, use this guide as a reminder of discipleship. For those joining us since that time, we want to give you a guide that can help you start growing again.

Based on the example Paul gave in Colossians 1:27-29, the model incorporates six categories to use as a framework in discipleship. Serving as a filter with which to narrow down your process, you will create a seasonal plan to work on distinct areas.



Take these six sections and highlight a focus for each one with an action plan to see the improvement in that area.



## DELIGHT

I need to delight in Jesus more than:



## DISOBEDIENCE

My disobedience that must be addressed is:



## DOCTRINE

The pivotal doctrine for me to study is:



## DEVELOPMENT

I need development in learning how to:



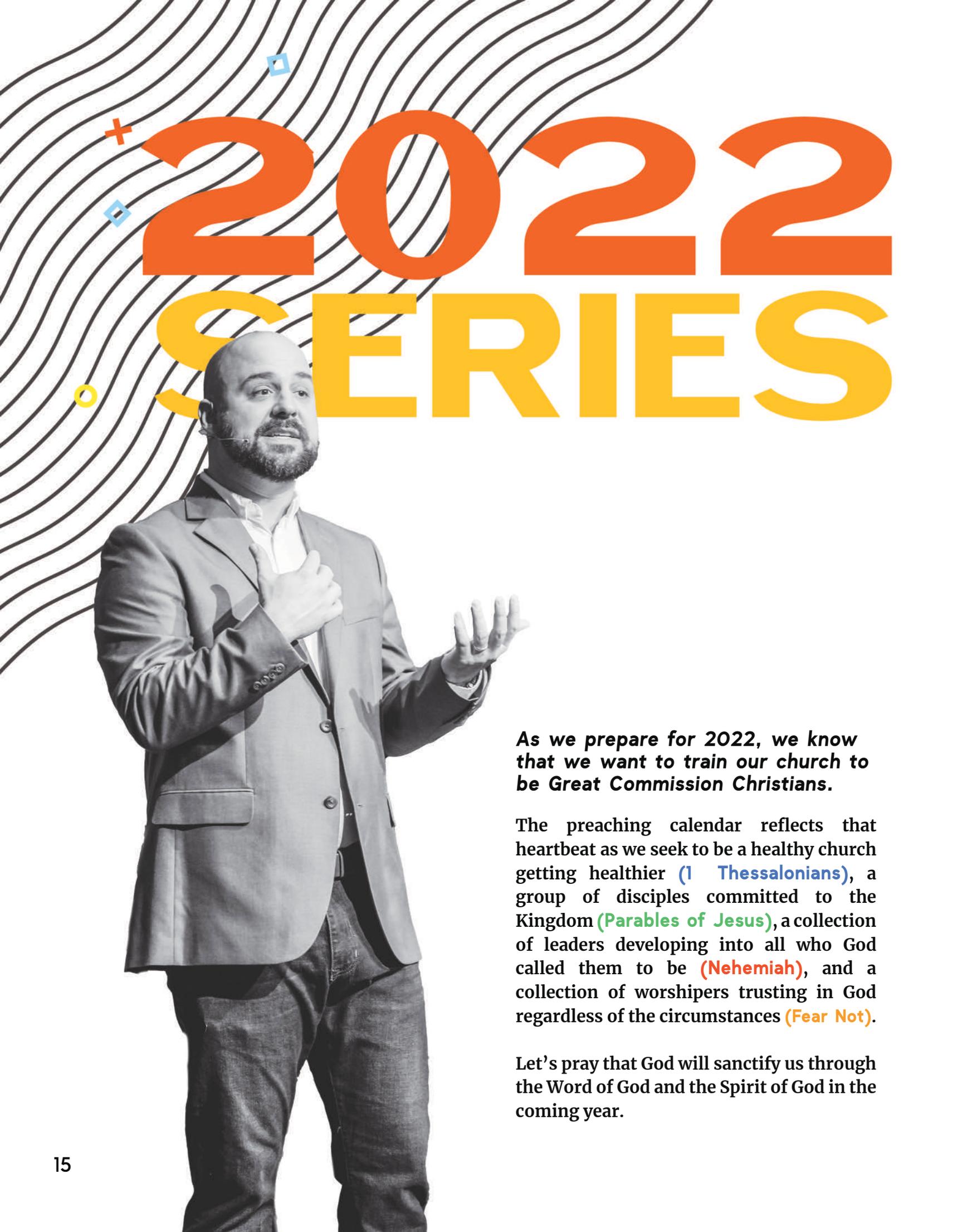
## DISCIPLINE

I will focus on the spiritual discipline of:



## DEPENDENCE

My prayers of dependence will ask God to:



# 2022 SERIES

***As we prepare for 2022, we know that we want to train our church to be Great Commission Christians.***

The preaching calendar reflects that heartbeat as we seek to be a healthy church getting healthier (**1 Thessalonians**), a group of disciples committed to the Kingdom (**Parables of Jesus**), a collection of leaders developing into all who God called them to be (**Nehemiah**), and a collection of worshipers trusting in God regardless of the circumstances (**Fear Not**).

Let's pray that God will sanctify us through the Word of God and the Spirit of God in the coming year.

# 1 Thessalonians

Heavenly Minded for Earthly Good

Paul's letter to the Thessalonian church portrayed a healthy church that he hoped could even get healthier. In light of Christ's return and the promise of heaven, this church could stand strong in the culture and make a difference in every context in which God placed them. At this critical time in our church's life, it is important for us to become even more heavenly minded for earthly good.

## Parables

His Stories Changing Our Stories

When Jesus taught His disciples, He often used parables. They were Kingdom truths contained in memorable stories. His paradigm-shifting call for them is just as radical for us today. As we study these stories, they are guaranteed to alter our own.

## Nehemiah

God's People United for God's Work

During Nehemiah's day, God's people were discouraged and directionless. God raised up a leader to inspire other leaders to reinstate God's people by uniting together for God's original purposes. Met with significant challenges, they continued to press on to the work assigned to them. As we study this book together as a church, we will prayerfully accept the calling on our lives to be God's people united for God's work here in Greenville and beyond.

## Fear Not

The Presence and Promise of God

If you think our days are full of reasons to fear, you must consider what it must have been like during that first Christmas when God invaded some people's plans for His own. Met by God, these individuals were all overwhelmed by uncertainty, but the presence and promise of God were meant to rid them of fear and embolden them to go forward. Jesus has come, and everything must change.

2022

BUDGET

\$2,125,000

EXPENSES

Campus	\$379,000
Care Ministry	\$45,500
Discipleship	\$62,200
Family Ministry	\$74,400
Media	\$59,800
Missions	\$340,900
Office	\$75,200
Personnel	\$1,074,500
Worship	\$13,500



	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Budget</b>	\$1,444,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,775,000	\$2,125,000
<b>Total Budget Receipts</b>	\$1,628,949	\$1,699,315	\$1,424,990*	
<b>Budget Expenses</b>	\$1,453,495	\$1,555,888	\$1,331,250*	
<b>% of Budget Received through September</b>	78.3%	76.4%	80%	
<b>Building Receipts</b>	\$19,269	\$334,296	\$16,000	

\*through September 2021

# WAYS TO GIVE



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# A COUPLE BEHIND THE SCENES

Meet JoAnn and Evans Wilkie. The Wilkies have been part of Rocky Creek close to 50 years. Evans became a Christian at the age of 11 due to a 4th grade teacher's Sunday School lesson and the call of God on his heart. JoAnn also made a decision to follow Christ at the age of 11 when a preacher said, "This is not our home. We have a heavenly home waiting for us. If we never accept Jesus as our personal Savior, we will never see the lights of Heaven." Having grown up in the Woodruff area, they have seen a lot of change on Woodruff Road and at Rocky Creek over the last 50 years. Observing those changes and hearing the needs presented at church, Evans and JoAnn have spent their lives meeting the needs of others through their ministry at Rocky Creek.

There are different ways to serve in the body of the church, and the Wilkies are leaders who lead quietly. Both Evans and JoAnn have observed the needs and have positioned themselves to step in to meet the needs that are close to their hearts.

## They Welcome

The Wilkies are open-armed members of Rocky Creek looking to welcome others into our fellowship. They serve as part of the greeter team on Sunday mornings at the 9:00AM Worship Service in the vestibule. Meeting the needs of those coming to worship, the Wilkies provide an open door and an invitation to be part of what is happening inside the doors of our church. When a member or guest arrives on our campus, Evans and JoAnn welcome others with a smile on their faces and a bulletin in their hands.

## They Serve

While Rocky Creek provides spiritual food for the soul, the Wilkies know that often physical food is a way to minister to others. Meeting a primary need of food or fellowship can often be the catalyst that leads someone to see how much God loves them. Monthly, JoAnn prepares and Evans serves food for two groups at our church – the Overcomers and the Sr. Adults. Both groups have a tender place in their hearts, but JoAnn states the following as her reason to serve our Overcomers, "We decided to serve because it's a ministry to others, but in serving we are the ones receiving a blessing from that ministry for the past 16 years."

## They Celebrate

On Sundays, we often celebrate baptism for those who have made personal decisions to follow Christ. Evans is at church during the week prior to the baptism making sure that the baptismal area is prepared for Sunday's baptism. On the Sunday of the baptism, JoAnn serves the ladies and girls as they prepare for baptism while Evans serves the men and boys. Both are there to set up the rooms, to provide towels and handkerchiefs, to present the baptismal candidate with a "Made New" T-shirt, and to wash the towels and reset the rooms following baptism. The Wilkies are both teary-eyed and tender toward those they assist on their baptism celebration day.

The Wilkies set a great example of servant leadership. They have seen the needs and have responded. Our desire as a church is to have everyone finding a place of service. In regard to serving at church, the Wilkies would say, "We heard about needs presented at church. When we were asked to serve, we jumped in to fill the need. You are missing a great blessing when you don't respond to serve because we certainly have been blessed because we volunteered."

# 2022 EVENTS

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- Church-wide
- Preschool/Children
- Students
- Men
- Women

## January

- 5 Winter Courses Begin
- 9 Greeter Training
- 21-23 Converge College Conference
- 28-30 Student Winter Retreat

## February

- 1 Men's Dinner and Discussion
- 2 New Husband's Lunch Begins
- 8 Women's Hugs & Mugs

## March

- 6 RC Kids: Secret Missions
- 12 Revitalization Conference
- 21 Mental Health Monday Begins
- 25-26 Women's Retreat
- 30 Spring Courses Begin

## April

- 2 The Story Training
- 3 5<sup>th</sup> Graders: Project Host
- 15 Good Friday Service
- 30 Women's Brunch

## May

- 3 Men's Dinner and Discussion
- 8 Family Dedication
- 22 Graduate Recognition
- 29 Waypoint

## June

- 6-10 Vacation Bible School
- 13-17 Student Camp
- 15 Summer Courses Begin
- 21 Women's Summer Event
- 24-26 CentriKid

## July

- 3 Family Gathering
- 8-15 Students: Boston Mission Trip
- 17-23 NYC Mission Trip
- 31 Gospel Group Training Lunch

## August

- 2 Women's Summer Event
- 7 Waypoint
- 9 Men's Dinner and Discussion
- 13 K5 Promotion Breakfast
- 14 Promotion Sunday
- 17 Fall Courses Begin
- 27 Worship Night

## September

- 7 New Dads Lunch Begins
- 8-10 Family Retreat
- 30 Missions Celebration Begins

## October

- 1-2 Missions Celebration
- 11 Men's Dinner and Discussion

## November

- 6 Family Gathering
- 27 Waypoint
- 30 Holiday Schedule Begins

## December

- 4 Family Dedication
- 10 Worship Night
- 14 Age-Group Christmas Parties

# 2022 MISSION TRIPS



## New England

March 3-6

Estimated Cost: \$400

## Ecuador

May 8-14

Estimated Cost: \$1500

## New York City

July 17-23

Estimated Cost: \$1800

## Nigeria

October 12-21

Estimated Cost: \$1800

## Senegal

November 9-19

Estimated Cost: \$2100



# A SACRIFICE OF TIME

Often members at Rocky Creek desire to serve, but cannot figure out when their schedule allows them to best serve within the body. As our mission expands and Rocky Creek partners with other churches desiring to experience revitalization, our church body has the opportunity to serve both within the doors of 1801 Woodruff Road and in other locations across our city.

Brenn Bagwell, as a businessman and church leader, knows that he has a limited amount of time in his week to accomplish all that the Lord has invited him to be involved in as a Christian leader. Rocky Creek knows that we must offer many times/routes for both your personal worship and your Bible study while offering you opportunities to serve. A willing heart to serve and many avenues to serve and to be ministered to have allowed Brenn to say “yes” to several ministry opportunities.

When Rocky Creek partnered with Cedar Grove Baptist, Brenn began worshiping with Cedar Grove on Sunday mornings to support Bryce Staggs in his role as pastor. Bryce is a member of the Gospel Group Brenn teaches in his home on Sunday evenings, so Brenn desired to support what God was doing in Bryce’s life. Quickly, Brenn noticed a need for someone to serve in the media area.

With no prior experience in running media for a worship service, Brenn stepped in to learn how to help. As God often does, he also sparked a media interest in the heart of a teenager at Cedar Grove. Brenn now mentors that young teen in the media area and that young man now consistently attends church.

When we look at Brenn’s Sunday schedule, it is clear that Sunday is Brenn’s serve day. He leads Overcomers in Bible study at 9:00AM, moves to Cedar Grove at 10:30AM to assist with worship, and returns to Rocky Creek at 5:00PM for his personal worship with his wife. Following worship, he and his wife, Brenda, open their home to a young adult couples Gospel Group where they both lead Bible study and also find community.

Ministry always involves a sacrifice of time, but if you watch Brenn Bagwell on his serve day, you will see that Brenn is energized by the things God has called him to do. As our ministries expand, you will have many opportunities to step up and to lead at Rocky Creek, Cedar Grove, and at Woodside. Begin praying about where you can step up and lead like Brenn.



# The Recommission Network

# **We are about the big "C" Church.**

**Greenville needs more healthy churches. We pray for Rocky Creek to grow but also to see our church be used as a catalyst for other churches to be planted, replanted, or revitalized.**

**Rocky Creek has started the Recommission Network in order to partner with like-minded churches to take the gospel of Jesus Christ further and faster throughout Greenville and to the ends of the earth.**

**Practically, this means walking alongside churches to provide resources and support to accomplish more than they could on their own. We align our people and resources for discipleship strategies, mission partnerships, and collective resources.**

**Are you interested in playing a part in what the Lord is doing throughout Greenville? We would love to discuss how you can take part in the Recommission Network. You can email Bryce Staggs at [bryce@rockycreek.church](mailto:bryce@rockycreek.church) to connect.**

A black and white photograph of Rainey Dinkins on a stage. She is standing, smiling, and holding a microphone. She is wearing a dark t-shirt with a circular logo and dark jeans. In the background, there is a drum set, a keyboard, and rows of empty chairs in a large room.

# RAINEY DINKINS

Worship Intern

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

A black and white photograph of Bethany Manley sitting on a light-colored sofa. She is wearing glasses, a denim jacket, and a floral dress. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. A snake plant is visible on the left side of the frame.

# BETHANY MANLEY

Counseling Resident

A black and white photograph of Kristen Emery sitting on a basketball court. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. She is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved button-down shirt. In the background, there is a brick wall, a basketball hoop, and a chain-link fence.

# KRISTEN EMERY

Missions Intern

# A SUMMER WELL SPENT

Our church staff is unique in that many on our church staff have a passion for developing future generations of leaders through mentoring. Because we recognize that our kingdom reach goes further when we develop leaders, a portion of our church ministry budget and a portion of our daily ministry activities involves mentoring young leaders. This summer we had two interns (undergraduates or graduates) who are desiring ministry experience and one resident (a graduate who is seeking to further their education to serve in a future ministry endeavor) who served alongside our ministry staff. Here is a look at their summer Entrust experience with Rocky Creek:

## **Rainey Dinkins:**

“This past summer, I had the opportunity of serving as the music intern under Pastor Donald Shockley. I officially joined Rocky Creek as a member in January 2021. Growing up as a missionary kid from eastern Africa, I found that my biggest act of surrender was the trust required for me to stay in Greenville as an intern as opposed to leaving Greenville this summer. Being relatively unfamiliar with the inner workings of the American Church, I was nervous. What I discovered was that I was met with grace, edification, and celebration. I thank everyone who hosted me in their homes, fed me meals, and spoke to me after the services. This young, nomadic, college girl learned what a healthy, Christ-seeking, kingdom-advancing church looks like.”

## **Bethany Manley:**

“I served as the counseling resident under the leadership of Becky Kirby and Joy Emery. As Becky’s intern, I learned the importance of gleaning from the Word of God for all wisdom and truth. In every counseling session, Becky put Christ first and relied on the power of the Holy Spirit and His Word to guide her into knowing how to counsel well. Becky truly cares about the spiritual life of every client she counsels. If she knows that a client has a relationship with the Lord, the first thing that she will do in a session is ask how they have come to know the Lord. In addition, she intentionally shares the gospel in every session. Joy encouraged me by asking me to lead in specific areas where I had not previously felt confident. I appreciate that Joy has been a constant sense of a refuge for me. This summer, I learned the importance of integrity and godly hospitality from her.”

## **Kristen Emery:**

“My ministry assignment was at Woodside Baptist as part of our Recommission Network Partnership with David Williams as my supervisor. My role was to serve as the Rocky Creek liaison to connect Woodside Baptist to the CentriFuge Missions experience for students attending camp at North Greenville University. We started with five children on the first day of camp and by the end of the summer we had engaged 74 children. One of the things I learned this summer from watching the Rocky Creek church staff is that they are readily available to the interns. Through my internship, I was empowered to go and live out my passion. Thank you to Rocky Creek for investing in interns who are, in turn, sharing the gospel in the community.”



**ENTRUST  
INSTITUTE**

## **Seminary training in a ministry setting.**

**In 2022, we launch a brand new initiative called the Entrust Institute. Partnering with North Greenville University, we are able to offer legitimate seminary training at Rocky Creek.**

**The Entrust Institute is a unique learning experience partnering with a local church to achieve both seminary training and practical ministry experience. We are committed to the ministry of training those committed to the ministry.**

**The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.**

*2 Timothy 2:2*

# Entrust Institute Essentials



## Scriptural Standard

We will train you in God's Word to accomplish God's work.



## Ministry Mentorship

We will disciple you with intentional mentors.



## Ongoing Opportunities

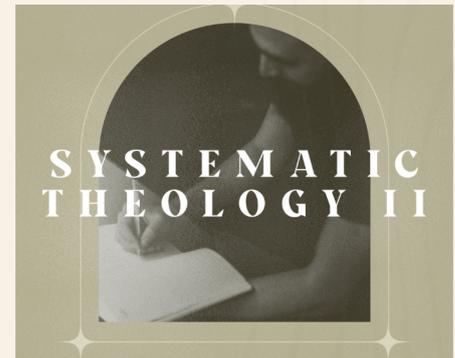
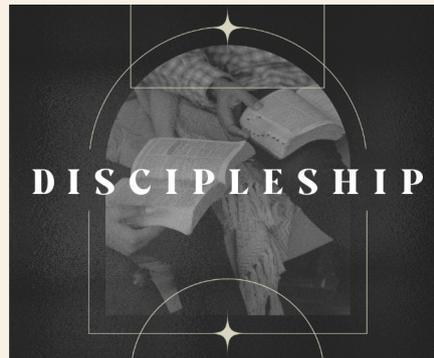
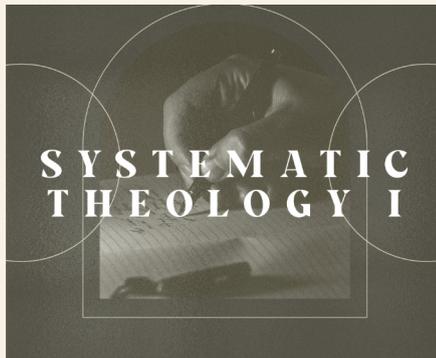
We will navigate a specific path for ministry development.



## Personalized Practicum

We will prioritize implementing what you are learning.

## 2022 Course Offerings



### Seminary Students

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For any person called into the ministry with a desire for seminary education, enroll in the Entrust Institute for a fully-accredited Masters of Divinity program. Through this approach, your degree will be conferred by North Greenville University in partnership with the Entrust Institute. At a rate of \$300/course, the Entrust Institute will save approximately \$10,000 throughout the degree's completion.

### Pastoral Residents

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For anyone seeking vocational ministry training, enroll in the Resident Track. This process will assess your current skills and needed areas of focused development. You will be given contextual opportunities and responsibilities to further you and your ministry.

### Course Auditors

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For any disciple of Jesus who desires to be further equipped for the work of the ministry, enroll as a Course Auditor. We will provide you opportunities for classroom experience and leadership development to serve at your best to what Christ has called you to do.



# A GROUP LEAVES THE BUILDING

A year ago, Haley and Nick Jefson desired to disciple young adults in their home. After talking through when and where the new group could meet, the Jefsons decided to open their home on Sunday evenings following the 5:00PM worship service. The result? A new off-campus Gospel Group was birthed. The beauty of this group is that they are able to help the church accomplish multiple objectives. This off-campus group does the following:

- Provides a weekly meeting for Bible study and fellowship for young adults who have moved beyond the college years into the working world
- Participates as part of the 5:00PM congregation in worship
- Serves in various leadership capacities on Sunday mornings
- Opens up space at church on Sunday mornings for additional groups
- Allows for extended discussion because there are no constraints on time

The Jefsons were able to meet the needs of the young adults they serve by saying, “YES!” to God’s invitation to open their home to minister to others. On the other hand, these group members are able to serve at Rocky Creek at other times because their group meets off campus. Of the 16 enrolled in that group, 12 of them are actively serving in different ways including children’s ministry, greeter ministry, and music ministry.

**“Gathering with my small group in a home outside of ‘normal church hours’ has allowed me to serve in the children’s area on Sunday mornings and on the welcome team in the evening at the 5:00PM service. The home setting fosters deeper relationships among attendees as conversations go further and continue even after the lessons end.”**

**- Kady Floyd**

**“It has been a wonderful blessing to teach kids again. I learn so much from them. Their joy and love for Christ and others are evident every Sunday. It’s inspiring to serve in the children’s ministry area.”**

**- Makayla Meyer**



# GOSPEL GROUPS

Grow with the gospel.  
Go with the gospel.

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# 4 Ways to be a Good Gospel Group Member

## **Be open to change.**

Avoid having the mindset that because you have always done things the way you have, that the current way is the only way. Begin to view change as an opportunity instead of a threat.

## **Seek out others to become part of your group.**

Look around in worship – whom can you invite to your group or to lunch in an effort to engage them in fellowship with your Gospel Group? You are the best resource for helping us reach new people.

## **Be faithful.**

Your attendance is an encouragement to your leader. Your participation in dialogue during Bible study strengthens the group. Your faithfulness connects you to the group to have support in both your celebrations and in your crises.

## **Serve like your leader serves you.**

The goal of church membership in relation to serving is that every church member would find a place where he/she can serve weekly. Our current Gospel Group structure is set up so that you can serve on Sundays and can continue to find an alternative time or day of the week for you to be involved in an adult Gospel Group so that you stay connected to your peer group.

# STAY CONNECTED



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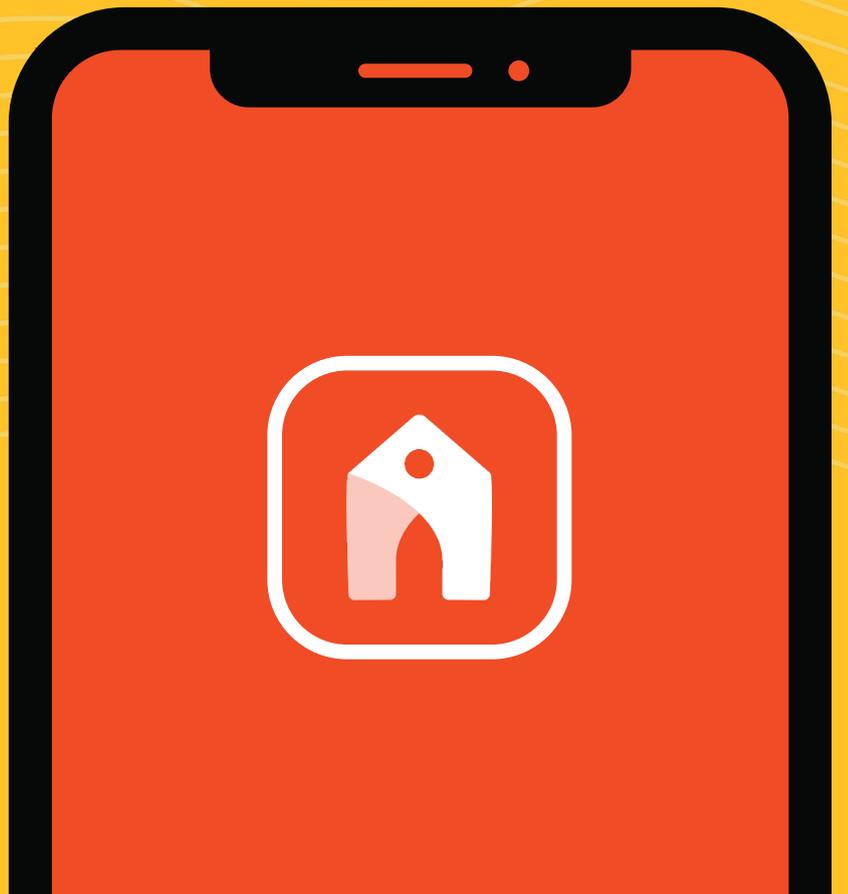


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