



River City Church

LIFTING JESUS UP IN THE INNER CITY

Average Attendance	Adults	Teens	Kids	Total
SUNDAY WORSHIP	30	8	13	51
SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS	30	9	15	54
MID-WEEK GATHERINGS	12	5	7	24

HAPPENINGS FROM THE MONTH

Operating Contribution for January:

- \$3,012

Benevolence:

SHARE AND CARE DONATION: \$200

- We bought bus tickets to help those in need of them. (\$79)
- We paid an electric bill for one of our youth's mom's having a hard time. (\$202)
- We helped one of our members pay a small portion of her electric bill that she couldn't cover and paid for her medicine. (\$37)
- We helped one of our couples with food. (\$8)
- We provided a household item for one of our members. (\$4)
- One of our families had a house fire. We provided a Walmart gift card to help with immediate needs. Thankfully the family weren't harmed and were able to move back in. (\$50)
- We provided food and gas for a family dealing with mental health challenges. (\$116)
- We paid for one of our young mom's electric bills, who recently moved into her own apartment. (\$280)

- We had a day of food, fun, & fellowship on New Year's day. It was a blessing to have the body serving each other, sharing a meal, and playing together. It's been quite some time since we've had this type of fellowship, and it was a great encouragement to everyone who attended. This year we plan to hold several more of these types of events so we, as the body of Christ, can grow in our relationships with one another. One of our ladies taught some of our younger ones how to play Chinese jump rope.
- Keith, Don, and some of our church family participated in Pleasant Valley's prayer month and 24 hours of prayer.
 - Don: "The month of January was dedicated to praying for people all over the world. They ended the month with a 24-hour prayer chain. It began on Saturday at 6 pm and went thru Sunday at 6 pm. Keith and I and five other members were able to facilitate the 2 to 3 pm hour at PV. It was in a rich time for all who participated."
- Keith and Don met with some of our members for a vision and planning meeting. This group was made up of about 15 people.
- Keith and Don had the opportunity to be refreshed by staying at a cabin in Leslie, Arkansas, for a night. The Lord graced them with warm days, so they could walk in the woods and enjoy God's incredible creation. They were grateful to get out of the hustle and bustle of the city, requests for assistance, and running errands. This allowed them to focus on our 2023 vision and planning for River City Church.
- We have a new theme and focused scripture for 2023. Our theme is "Walking Wisely in Wholehearted Worship," and the focused scripture is Ephesians 1:3-23. We are encouraging members to join in by reading a Proverbs a day, memorizing our focused scripture, and sharing passages of scripture, special topics, or issues to hear our various messengers draw from in preparation for their message.
- Cristina went to a national youth ministry conference during the first week of the new year. She returned with new knowledge, optimism, and formed friendships with youth and children's ministers from our area.
- Keith and Benji had a memorial service and meal for a man's wife who came to River City Ministry needing help. He would not have been able to have a memorial service otherwise. His wife's family and friends were encouraged by and grateful for RCC's support in this time of need.
- An elderly lady who used to worship at RCC moved to Jacksonville some years ago; she has recently needed significant help. Keith and Sonta spent many hours working with her trying to resolve some financial issues and help with some things around her house.
- The staff started studying the book, Freed to Lead, and discussing it in our weekly staff meetings.
- One of our members has started updating our logo, website, and Facebook page. We are thankful for her work in this effort.

Youth Highlights from Cristina

The beginning of the year has brought us many new faces in both teen and kid classes. We are overjoyed to share experiences with our new friends. All of our youth classes began a new curriculum this year which focuses on locations in the Bible where God has worked for our good and pairs them with a scripture and key term. It's been great for all ages and our teachers have been loving it. Our kids are currently learning the Spiritual Disciplines in midweek worship while our teens are studying our identity in Christ and the topic of baptism. On MLK day our teens took a day trip to Petit Jean for a hike and on the 28th, a group of 9 girls attended the Mid-south Girls Conference in Memphis. God has truly blessed us with an exciting start to the new year! I hope you will join me in praying for a joyful and fruitful year in our youth ministry.



Prayer Request:

- ◆ For the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to River City Church. Matthew 9:38
- ◆ To make, mature, multiply, and mobilize disciples for Jesus.
- ◆ To love and serve people with the heart of Jesus.
- ◆ To be faithful ministers of reconciliation--reconciling people back to God as well as all His riches and resources intended for human flourishing.



PV's 24 hours of Prayer



New Year's Day Event



Sunday Worship

Want to know more about the work at River City Church?

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