
State of the Church Address 2020

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Grace Chapel Franklin

- Total Tithes & Offerings — \$10,247,835 (6% increase over 2018)
 - Total Debt — \$2,714,863
 - Total Outreach — 28% of tithes & offerings (which includes Fairview)
 - Total number of active people at Grace Chapel — 6,218 (2,403 families)
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Life Groups Stats

- 102 Life Groups, 30 open
 - Around 1,000 people in groups
 - Upcoming Community Sunday (February 9) where you can get connected in a group (more details released soon, but if you need community — mark your calendars!)
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GC Kids Ministry

- We have had 922 kids for the Franklin campus since August.
 - 201 for the Fairview campus, same time period.
 - We had approximately 159 salvations for the year.
 - VBS
 - 535 kids including:
 - 204+ visitors
 - 43 outreach kids bussed in
 - 207 volunteers
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Middle School Ministry

- MSM had over 150 students get connected to small groups on Wednesday nights where they engaged with one another and their leader in discussions about faith, life and how to follow Jesus
- MSM had 27 adult volunteers that committed to faithfully discipling the next generation by serving as small group leaders
- MSM had 30 students that volunteered to use their gifts to serve on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings on our Tech, Welcome, and Worship Teams.
- MSM took 70 students to Winter Retreat at Camp Highlands in Elijah, GA, where we spent each morning learning to hear God's voice, each afternoon building relationships and community, and each evening in small groups, worship, and prayer
- MSM took 75 students to Summer Camp at BigStuf in Panama City Beach, FL, where we encountered God in worship, teaching, small groups, and had lots of fun!

High School Ministry

- Worship
 - Our HSM worship ministry has grown to over 40 student musicians and singers.
- Mexico
 - HSM took 19 students and 6 leaders to Navojoa, Mexico, to serve and love the community
- Dominican Republic
 - HSM took 8 students to the Dominican Republic to serve with Josiah's House and Giovanna's House.
- LUAU
 - Youth Ministry had 300+ students come out for the annual LUAU to get plugged into community
- Summer Beach Trip
 - HSM took 52 high schoolers and 13 leaders to summer camp, to grow in their relationship with Christ
- Pastor David has also created two classes to equip families
 - "Launch: 7 Conversations Every Parent Should Have" is in its 4th year and has equipped over 87 parents
 - This past Fall, David & his wife Katie began a marriage class called "Together: 7 Conversations Every Couple Should Have."

1 NE Young Adults

- Friday Nights
 - Meets in the Sanctuary
 - Attendance can reach 175 on any given night
- A Typical Friday:
 - At 6:15 – Dinner is Served
 - Over 3,250 meals were served in 2019
 - At 7:00 - Worship begins. Includes prayer, tithes and offerings, and message (Looks like a Sunday Morning)
 - At 8:45 – "The After Hour" Community based fellowship time. Volleyball, frisbee, games
- Life Groups
 - Currently 11 Peer Led Life Groups are operating
 - 2 more will start in February
- Missions
 - 4 Missions Trips
 - 2 to Mexico
 - 1 to the DR/Josiah's House
 - 1 to Panama City for Hurricane Relief
- Serving
 - Serving is the key component to 1NE. This is where people connect, grow and find purpose. Serving one another and serving our community is who we are.
 - On Fridays
 - Greeters
 - Musicians/Worshippers
 - Hospitality
 - Setting Up and Tearing Down
 - For events
 - Set up and tear down/Facilitate
 - In Missions – Foreign and Domestic

- In Our Church on Sundays/Wednesdays
 - Children’s classes
 - Youth Ministries
 - Sunday Morning Worship

TALKING POINT: New Family Ministry – Marriage, Parenting, Conferences, Family Outings, Classes, etc.

Fairview

- 400 + People on Sunday mornings in weekly worship, prayer, and the Word
- Various Bible studies, student ministry, life groups throughout the week
- **Service/Events etc.**
- Sponsored local events in the community
 - 3rd of July
 - Pork in the Park to raise money for the park playground
- Worked on helping people get on their feet, paid for food/gas
- Baptism service with over 120 people
- Coordinated projects with local families with other local churches
- December 14th we hosted a food distribution with One Gen Away
- Donated hall passes to Fairview Middle for all teachers and classes
- As a church body, we provided gifts for roughly 100 students in the local schools who were a part of the Angel Tree program for Christmas.

Grace Chapel Navojoa (new property!)

- Building
- Baptisms
- Jail
- Christmas

Grace Chapel Knoxville

- Growing, expanding – moving out of the cafeteria!

Noteworthy Events and Involvements

- **25th Anniversary Celebration**
 - 2-Minute video of timeline, Michael W. Smith, Dr. Dan Brown, Pastor Don Finto, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, with footage of altar being flooded during “It’s Our Turn” message.
- **TN.10.10**
 - Governor Bill Lee’s call to Prayer for the State of Tennessee
- **Gov. Lee Prayer at Inauguration**
- **Jerusalem (Israel + London) Prayer Breakfast**
- **South Sudan Peace Talks**

- **Sarah Berger and Jo Beth Woodward in Jordan**
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Outreach

Love Your Neighbor Events/Saturday Serve

- Major Events include:
 - Serving widows with home interior and exterior cleanup.
 - An exterior fixer upper for a single, elderly neighbor of Grace Chapel.
 - Bringing homes back to insurable standards.
 - In 2020, we will install a ramp and paint the picket fence we built

Hosted and Participated in One Generation Away Events

- **February:** Hosted the event on our campus
 - Distributing food to our hungry neighbors
- Also participated in various food distributions throughout the year.

Bonnaroo (Missions and Outreach effort)

- Participated in a ministry effort:
 - Saw hundreds of people come to Jesus/many baptized
 - several were given hope and the gospel message
 - Many felt the love of Jesus and encountered people who love them
 - Supplied 10,000 bottles of water for distribution as a ministry tool

Community Involvement

- Brought children in via bus from Franklin's inner-city neighborhoods to VBS
 - Several said yes to Jesus for the first time
 - Baby Girls Club w/Nicole C. Mullin: Pouring into the young girls in our neighborhoods (up to 40 every Wednesday):
 - Instilling the hope of Jesus using Dance, the Arts, Gratefulness, Honor and above all the Word of God
 - Every week we help feed, mentor, and love the next generation
 - Thankful for Nicole Mullin, Karen Brockington, and Lasonya Thompson for allowing us to partner with them
 - Grace Chapel supports via:
 - Transportation, Classrooms, Financial, and Volunteers/mentors
 - Thankful for ALL of our volunteers from the GC congregation
- Franktown: Mentoring the inner-city youth of Franklin through:
 - The Gospel, Basic Life Skills, Trades, Mentorship, and Hope
 - Grace Chapel supports via:
 - Transportation, Classrooms, Financial, and Volunteers
- Participated in the Franklin and Leipers Fork Christmas parades
- Participated with High School, Life Group, and Young Adult Ministry in Franklin's Pumpkinfest
 - Interacted with our community through photo booth, giant jenga, connect four, and crafts.

Missions

- **Haiti** – Delivered Christmas gift boxes to 120 school staff and teachers. Taught a men’s conference on “Going the Distance with Jesus.”
- **Uganda** – Attended the YWAM graduation for the first 12 South Sudanese pastors from the Merle and Dinka tribes, who will facilitate the South Sudan Peace & Reconciliation Initiative in cattle camps in Boma and Jonglei states.
- **Ukraine** – Taught on discipleship and spiritual formation at a national conference for worship leaders and musicians from across the country, and across all denominational traditions.
- **India** – Taught faculty on becoming master teachers and business students on leadership in a Christian college and Hindu university. Conducted a two-day pastors conference on Spirit Empowered Living. Ministered to women from the untouchable class on freedom from shame.
- **Mexico** – Taught a two-day seminar on Spirit Empowered Living, ministered on freedom in a women’s prison, and facilitated a women’s conference with women who attend Grace Chapel Navojoa.
- **Dominican Republic**
 - Freezer Meals and Projects at Josiah’s House
 - 1st Medical Missions trip – saw 375 Patients in 4 different villages
 - Women’s Conference at Josiah’s House – 35 women from 3 different villages
 - Passed out 100 Christmas backpacks, food to last a week for 60 homes, and served food to over 100 children

Before the Throne 2020

- January 15th
- February 11th
- March 10th
- April 1st
- May 5th
- June 2nd
- July 14th
- August 11th
- September 2nd
- October 13th
- November 11th

21 Days of Fasting

- Going live on Facebook every morning at 6:30 am
- For those not on Facebook, you can go to gracechapel.net/fasting to see all the videos, and get tips for fasting!