

# Cornerstone Church

## Annual Church Conference 2020-2021 Ministry Report







2020-2021







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# **Annual Church Conference & Vote**

## **Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 12NOON**

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001 Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Fiscal Year Beginning 10/1/2020  
2022 Budget Summary



Acct # Description	Account #	2022	2021	Diff
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Program expenses:</b>				
5201-5232 Missions		\$ 340,000.00	\$ 331,200.00	\$ 8,800.00
6909-6911 Assimilation		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ (2,000.00)
5103-5105 Evangelism		\$ 42,150.00	\$ 36,750.00	\$ 5,400.00
6801-6807 Leadership Development		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,450.00	\$ (1,450.00)
6101-6121 Youth		\$ 22,360.00	\$ 26,760.00	\$ (4,400.00)
6201-6222 Children		\$ 31,010.00	\$ 30,150.00	\$ 860.00
7201-7205 Fellowship		\$ 4,100.00	\$ 7,100.00	\$ (3,000.00)
6401-6423 Worship		\$ 21,660.00	\$ 27,200.00	\$ (5,540.00)
6501-6514 Education		\$ 41,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
9005-9027 Communications/Special Events		\$ 156,150.00	\$ 182,300.00	\$ (26,150.00)
6601-6614 Counseling		\$ 13,220.00	\$ 18,720.00	\$ (5,500.00)
6901-6907 Men's Ministry		\$ 15,695.00	\$ 26,195.00	\$ (10,500.00)
6700-6704 Women's Ministry		\$ 27,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ (6,000.00)
6955-6961 Stewardship		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,950.00	\$ (2,450.00)
5310-5412 Ministerial Personnel		\$ 1,853,016.92	\$ 1,668,688.68	\$ 184,328.24
<b>Total program expenses</b>		<b>\$ 2,581,361.92</b>	<b>\$ 2,445,963.68</b>	<b>\$ 135,398.24</b>
<b>Supporting services:</b>				
7405-7412 Building Fund Expense				\$ -
5502-5513 Office administration		\$ 186,900.00	\$ 188,658.00	\$ (1,758.00)
5655-5655 Amortization Expense			\$ -	\$ -
5651-5651 Interest Expense		\$ 165,000.00	\$ 207,000.00	\$ (42,000.00)
5591-5593 Operations		\$ 102,700.00	\$ 127,008.42	\$ (24,308.42)
5514-5514 Facilities		\$ 331,000.00	\$ 343,369.90	\$ (12,369.90)
<b>Total supporting service expense</b>		<b>\$ 785,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 866,036.32</b>	<b>\$ (80,436.32)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 3,366,961.92</b>	<b>\$ 3,312,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,961.92</b>
<b>Total FY 2022 Budget Needs</b>		<b>\$ 3,366,961.92</b>	<b>\$ 3,312,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,961.92</b>

# Administration Report

*Church Administration exist to equip the staff and members of Cornerstone to be the church and to do the work of the church in a coherent and comprehensive manner. It is the guidance provided by church leadership to lead the church to use its spiritual, human, physical, and financial resources to move Cornerstone toward reaching its objectives and fulfilling its purpose.*

The following is a summary of the 2020/2021 fiscal year accomplishments:

- Hired a Youth and Young Adult Minister, a Children's Minister, and Assistant Media Tech
- We retrofitted 90% of the fluorescent lights in Building B with LED lighting. This helped save money on the electric bill.
- We remolded some of the classrooms by removing badly stained and soiled carpet and replaced it with wooden floors.
- We changed 95% of the parking lot lights to LED lights.
- We added security cameras to the existing system.
- We recoated the parking lot.
- We fixed the roof (currently in the process) with a coating to prevent and seal leaks. We replaced the endcaps to keep animals from getting in.
- We had a major water leak that was addressed and repaired.
- Building B walls were completed with tiles to cover the lower half of the walls.
- Built stage steps for outside parking lot services.
- Purchased a fork-lift to use for food distribution and other work around the campus.
- We completed cutting over the phone system from Telepacific to AT&T.
- Sortly software was purchased for our church wide inventory.
- Trimmed over 100 trees growing out of control across campus.
- Installed new faucets to replace the dripping units.
- Working to fix the flooring in the restrooms from being a slippery hazard.
- Held staff training with Tarrant Baptist Association to develop a new 7 year vision statement and plan.
- Participated in monthly meetings with the Mayor of Arlington and the Chief of the Fire Department to get a real-time status update on the pandemic and Tarrant County.
- Assisted Pastor McKissic with several National and local news stories (the New Yorker, Roland Martin, Local ABC and NBC channels and more).
- Rolled out new giving software (Secure Give).
- Hosted Teacher Appreciation meals for TA Howard Middle School and Bebensee Elem.

## **Independent Bank Loan Balance:**

Beginning Balance FY 2020 \$4,488,203.50

Current Balance Sept 2021: \$4,150,484.31

**Ministry Leader from October 2020 - May 2021 Rev. Sultan Cole**  
**Current Interim Ministry Leader: Veronica Griffith**





**GATHER WITH US FOR  
IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am we will have in-person worship. Limited to 400 people. Must wear a mask.

*Together Again!*

**IN-PERSON AND ONLINE  
WORSHIP SERVICE**



# Children's Ministry

*The Children's Ministry primary objective is to disciple and nurture children so they can, with confidence, live and share their faith with others. We provide a safe and loving environment so they can enjoy learning about God while having fun.*

## OCTOBER 2020

- Continued Online Sunday School for ages 12 and younger
- Held AWANA via Zoom for the year. The AWANA store was held in-person with limited attendees.

## NOVEMBER 2020

- Book Club for Kids introduced – They read 3 books over the year in this ministry.

## APRIL 2021

- Hosted the first ever Kid's Resurrection Egg Hunt around the neighborhood of the church. We had over 45 families participate.
- Lil Girls Praise Dance ministered at the parking lot service April 4

## MAY 2021

- Sponsored desserts and lunch for Teacher Appreciation Week for Bebensee Elementary and T.A. Howard Middle Schools.

## JUNE 2021

- Held a first ever virtual VBS for kids online June 21-24. There was a week of packet pick-up at the church to give the students the materials, crafts, and cooking projects for the week.

## AUGUST 2021

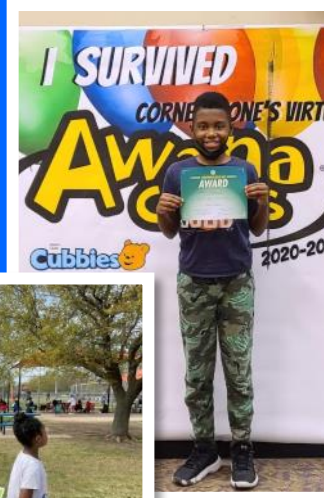
- Kids & Youth Back to School Service
- New Minister of Children added to Staff
- Kidz Sanctuary Sermon Notes Activity Bags created for kids in the church service
- Teachers taught hybrid Sunday School with on-campus and online classes
- Children's Ministry Parent & Teacher Surveys completed

## SEPTEMBER 2021

- Reopened Nursery Ministry on Campus
- Relaunched Children's Church on Campus September 5<sup>th</sup> with 26 children in attendance
- Relaunched Kidz Bible Study on Campus September 8<sup>th</sup> with 16 children in attendance
- Sponsored Bebensee Elementary School Dad's Engaged for Excellence Breakfast September 17
- Incorporated Grow Curriculum into Children's Services and as an online lesson resource
- Began Corporate Consecration Prayer for Children's Leaders & Teachers
- Provided skill specific Teacher Training for Sunday School teachers
- Offered Mommy & Daddy Date Night for married couples and singles moms in our congregation September 24

**Ministry Leaders:**  
**Vannessa Heatley/Janelle Taylor**











# *Communications, Special Events, Media, and Computer Services Min.*

*These ministries exist to support and help maintain an atmosphere conducive to worshipping God while promoting the ministry both inside and outside of the church walls. The ministries under this banner serve in a myriad of areas within the church. Participants are given opportunity for spiritual growth as they use their God-given abilities to advance God's Kingdom.*

## **Community Promotion, Events, and Outreach**

- Vaccine Pop-up Sites held at the church in March, April, May, June and July.
- Sponsored a winter Prayer Drive Through event in January 2021. Over 20 people came through for prayer. We had 35 volunteer workers.
- Coordinate the 24-hour prayer chain in January 2021.
- Produced digital and printed materials for the week of fasting in January 2021.
- Sponsored a parade and giveaway for our healthcare workers in February 2021.
- Hosted the church wide cleanup July 17 to reopen the church August 1, 2021.
- Participated in church fairs to promote the church on various school campuses.

## **IT Support**

- Oversight was given for day to day IT support, help, maintenance and training for all church operations.
- Inventoried all computers and ordered and set up additional lap-tops for staff members.

## **Wellness Ministry**

- Hosted the Lose To Win **Heroes Challenge** Weight Loss Challenge VIRTUALLY. A very successful program..
- Hosted a survey to discover the needs and desires of the congregation to better serve them in the areas they desire or need help.

## **Media Ministry**

- Installed additional Smart TVs in various classrooms
- Installed new equipment to upgrade the audio/visual department to improve our weekly online church service platform
- Completed the new recording studio for video and audio.
- Installed new processors to replace the ones from 1999. These allow the sound to be distributed everywhere on campus.
- Due to the covid-19 pandemic the media, communications, and worship ministries have turned up the work to create videos and content to fill our online presence with quality material that involved the members of the church to keep our church community connected.
- Produced 10+ videos for services.
- Wrote 3 songs for CBC: Why, Welcome Song, Thank You Song
- Installed additional security cameras.

## Online Services

- Converted the bulletin to an online flipboard style for ease of viewing.
- Increased our social media presence, posts, and involvement with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

## Church Social Media Web Stats

Cornerstone website:

- **21,588 users** (Users who have initiated at least one session during the date range listed for the data.)
- **20,938 new users** (The number of first-time users during the selected date range.)
- **101,325 page views** (Page view is the total number of pages viewed. Repeated views of a single page are counted.)
- **41,948 sessions** for the year. (A session is the period time a user is actively engaged with your website. All usage data - screen views, events, e-commerce, etc. - is associated with a session.)
- **2.42 pages/sessions** (Pages/session is the average number of pages viewed during a session. Repeated views of a single page are counted.)

**Facebook Page:** 4,269 followers (up from 3,526)

**YouTube:** 1,743 subscribers (up from 1.12K)

**Instagram:** 543 followers (up from 459)

**Twitter:** 384 followers (up from 365)

**Ministry Leader: Veronica Griffith**  
**Media Director: Tim Meekins**

**Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.**

**~Luke 14:23**





## Theological Thursdays

7PM

Join us for our upcoming series throughout February called Theological Thursdays. We want to celebrate and study the Black Voices Who Shaped Our Theology...we want to celebrate the works of Black men in the theological and historical circles. Theological Thursdays will take place each Thursday at 7pm online via YouTube and Facebook.

Our lineup of speakers includes Pastor D.A. Horton of Riverside, CA and Dr. Maurice Pugh of New Life Fellowship in Arlington along with our own Dr. Win. Dwight McKissic, Sr. Dr. Tim Fuller will host each week.

Each Thursday we will delve into the lives of leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Malcolm X, and others who shaped the theology of the Black church like Bishop C.H. Mason, William J. Seymour, Dr. Tom Skinner, Dr. E.C. Morris, Rev. Richard Allen, Dr. James Cone, and more!

You will have an opportunity to participate by posting questions via Facebook and YouTube chats or email to [questions@cbcarlinton.org](mailto:questions@cbcarlinton.org). Set a reminder on your phone for Thursdays at 7pm throughout February for Theological Thursdays.

**Rev. D.A. Horton**  
February 18

**PASTOR MCKISSIC**  
@GUMBLE



# Counseling and Pastoral Care Min.

The Counseling Ministry exists to provide Christian Counseling, Pastoral Care, and a wide range of ministry support focusing on improving and maintaining a healthy physical, emotionally sound, and spiritually based Christian lifestyle. This ministry incorporates Divorce Care for adults and children, Prison Ministry, Senior Adult Ministry, and First Time Visitors Fellowship.

## Prayer Ministry

January 7 - 8, held a 24 Hour Zoom Prayer Chain monitored by the staff.

Secret Place Prayer Holy Week held in homes with families committing to 15 minutes of Bible reading and prayer each day. Sunday March 28 – Sunday April 4.

Prayer requests were received not only by email, but by calling in to speak to a live person on the prayer line from 11:15-11:30. There were 10 calls on Sunday mornings and 8 prayer cards received in the foyer prayer boxes.

We held a Prayer Drive Thru Event January 23 with over 20 people coming through for prayer.

The Saturday morning men's prayer and women's prayer conference calls increased to over 80 people on the call.

The Noon Day Prayer Zoom continued with an average attendance of 14.

Facilitated the morning prayer conference call M-F (6am-7am) with an average attendance of 43. That's up dramatically from years before.

Through the new online prayer tools on the website and via email ([connect@cbcarlington.org](mailto:connect@cbcarlington.org)) 25 prayer requests were submitted and prayed over throughout the year.

Led Easter prayer Emphasis on Good Friday during Morning Prayer

Held a Staff Prayer and Fasting session for 7 days March 28 - April 3, 2021.

Staff Prayer and Fasting - Prayer Walk for 3 Days prior to opening the church August 1, 2021. The staff prayed and walked covering every part of the church and grounds.

The Prayer Ministry exists to empower and develop men and women of Cornerstone to be disciples of spiritual growth and maturity, to become a true House of Prayer.

Luke 19:46

*He declared to them, It is written: My house will be a house of prayer.*

Ministry Leader: Rosie Pea



## PASTORAL CARE

Hospital/Home Visits	18
Weddings	7
Funerals	14
Baby Dedications	2
House Blessing	0
Baptisms	0
Repast Meals	5

## COUNSELING

- \* Held over 700 counseling sessions via phone and Zoom; some calls were out of State and International.
- \* Resumed in-person counseling sessions August 2021 (mask required due to pandemic).
- \* Hosted a Zoom Panel on Grief in January of 2021 with over 50 participants.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

- Divorce Care for Kids, Divorce Care and Grief Share met virtually for two semesters via zoom.
- The 3 groups attracted participants from out of State.
- All support groups experienced an increase in registration.

I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.

Matt 25:36

## SENIOR ADULTS

- Taught a class to the Seniors: How We Got The Bible
- Had several Parking lot meetings with the Senior Adults during the Fall
- Delivered Valentine's Flowers and Cookies on Saturday February 13 to Senior Adults
- Hosted in person Juneteenth celebration on Thursday June 17, 2021
- Had in person Birthday celebration for Seniors on July 29, 2021
- Annual Senior Adults Picnic and Croquet competition help on May 14, 2021
- Sis Edna Carlo is the 2021 Croquet Champion

## PRISON MINISTRY

Prison Ministry team recorded 5 Worship Service videos with the Media Ministry that were viewed in Gatesville Prison during the Pandemic lock down.

The team resumed in-person worship in the prisons in August 2021. Only four team members are allowed per visit.

The next visit to the prison will be September 19, 2021.

## Visitors Fellowship

- We did not meet with visitors due to pandemic from October 2020 to July 2021.
- We had 10 visitor cards completed online.
- There were 27 in-person visitors during August 2021.
- We developed a text in church guest card for visitors to text in their visit registration.

Ministry Leader: Rev. Cecil Cornelius

# Education Ministry

*The Education Ministry serves the members of Cornerstone and the community in the areas of Sunday Morning School, the University of Transformation, Vacation Bible School, and the First Friends ministry. The Minister of Education is responsible for each of these ministries.*

## **Sunday School Connect Groups**

The total enrollment for 2020-2021 is 1,115. The average weekly attendance from October 2020 to June 2021 was 356. By the end of August, the average fell to 317 for adults. The average attendance for youth and children was 32! Being on Zoom and other online platforms for school made it difficult to keep the children and youth engaged for Connect groups. The adults continue to enjoy study from the *Explore the Bible* Series by LifeWay, while the children, youth, and young adults use the *Bible Studies for Life* series.

## **Vacation Bible School**

There was no adult class this year to ensure there was enough support for the youth and children VBS groups.

## **University of Transformation Fall 2020**

**University of Transformation** – The COVID shut down of church led us to use Facebook and YouTube for Wednesday night discipleship. Pastor McKissic, Dr. Tim Fuller, Rev. David Bumgardner and First Lady Vera McKissic led the Bible studies and panel discussions. Wednesday night individual classes were discontinued.

**Ministry Leader: Min. Vera McKissic**

## **Marriage Ministry**

- Sponsored a Singles Game Night online for the singles at the church and in the community.









# Evangelism Ministry

*The purpose of Outreach /Evangelism is to present the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ at home, in the community, and abroad to those who have not accepted Him as their personal Savior.*

## Evangelism

Hosted a Pray and Go Outreach activity during the Resurrection weekend. Over 200 invite cards were distributed in the neighborhoods of our members.

We provided an online opportunity for people to give their life to Christ. 4 decisions were made over the year.

## Food Pantry

Food Pantry - Distributed over 250 food baskets for Thanksgiving.

We served 125 senior adults for the Senior Shopping Experience.

## Community Involvement

Community Outreach – We distributed 5,800 boxes of Food from October through November of 2020.

We distributed 10 pallets of water to the community after the winter storm caused pipes to freeze and break.

**Ministry Leader: Open**









# Men's Ministry

*Developing disciplined men of Cornerstone who know God's uniquely designed purpose for them and live it.*

## Accomplishments

- Men's Bible Studies – Pastor's Tuesday night discipleship class with an average attendance of 30.
- Men assisting with Thanksgiving, Christmas and Covid - 19 related food distribution.
- Men's Saturday morning prayer.
- The Sons of Daniel had a good year holding sessions via Zoom.
- Held the first ever men's brunch with 20 in attendance May 15.

**Ministry Leader: Sultan Cole through May 2021/ Currently Open**





# Stewardship Ministry

The purpose of this ministry is to help God's people faithfully manage the assets (Time, Talent, Temple, and Treasures) God has entrusted to them to manage on His behalf.

## Accomplishments

Provided individual financial and budgeting coaching to those requesting it

Supporting the Benevolence Ministry by providing budgeting and/or debt reduction coaching to those requesting financial assistance from the church.

Continuing to participate with Tarrant County Church's Stewardship Ministries in The Arlington Financial Roundtable.

## Goals 2020-2021

Continue to develop relationships with Dallas and Tarrant County area stewardship ministries

Initiate church wide 21 day financial fast

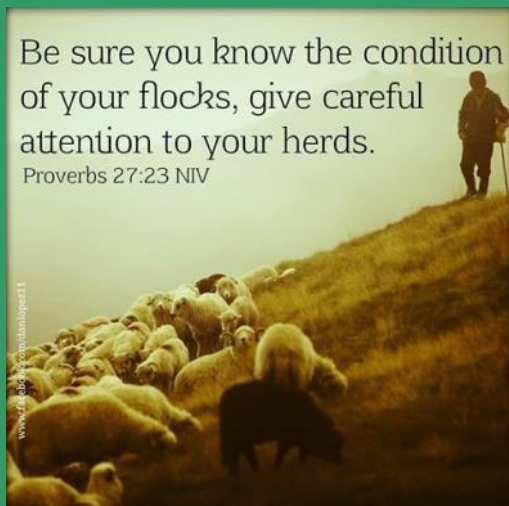
Provide workshops on how to start a business.

Create on demand stewardship videos

Continue to provide financial coaching to those who require it

Continue to research materials to make available to the church body

Continue to participate in conferences and workshops to improve the quality of the stewardship efforts at Cornerstone



**Ministry Leader: Dawud Mabon**





*Women's Ministry Continued Throughout The Pandemic.*





# Women's Ministry

*The women's ministry exists to prepare women for kingdom living both on earth and in heaven.*

Women's Ministry was able to continue monthly W.I.S.E. (Women in study and encouragement) There was an average of 80 to 100 women on each Zoom meeting. The women met each month except December and June-August. There were topics on Guarding the Heart in Crisis, Being Serious about Praying and Playing, Living in Safety, Organizing the Home led by Clarette Hayes and Social Media by Veronica Griffith, Preparing for Emergencies, Thriving in Perilous Times by Min. Pat Ashley to Nursing by retired nurse, Bernie Porter. These meetings kept several hundred women connected during a difficult time.

The women's daytime Bible study group studied the Book of 1 Thessalonians in the fall and the life of Abraham in the spring. All meetings were held on Zoom with an average of 35 to 40 women.

Many of our women participated in a "Sisterhood Gone Live" study on Thursday nights with the First Lady of Truevine, Regenia Crane. Minister Pat Ashley and Lady Vera McKissic assisted her in teaching. Debra Shankle from Cornerstone helped to facilitate the group that reaches women across the nation. The group that was intended to be a six-week journey continues to this day.

The first ever Ladies Christmas Zoom Brunch was held December 5 with over 120 ladies and young girls in attendance. Lady Ogletree was the speaker.

We opted not to hold the annual Prayer Tea due to rising COVID infections and the over-use of Zoom for other meetings.

The women of Cornerstone collected purses full of toiletry items along with canned goods which were donated to Arlington Charities in January of 2021.

## Women of Influence

Three groups completed their studies over the past year. The meetings were held mostly on Zoom with a few social distanced gatherings. The women provided their impact statement through video to be shown in service.

## Daughters of Deborah

The mentoring program for girls in 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades met on Zoom. We maintained an average of 60 girls. Twenty-six mentors were faithful in leading the young women in lessons and activities. They ended the year with a celebration on campus with the groups meeting across the foyer and parking lot.

**Ministry Leader:**  
**Min. Vera McKissic**





# Worship Ministry

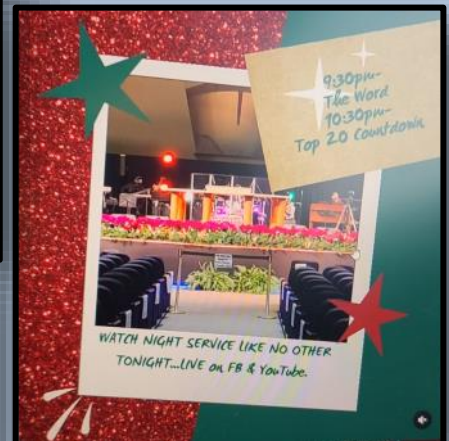
*The Worship Ministry exists to create and maintain an atmosphere conducive to worshipping God. Worship ministries are primarily serving ministries, where volunteer participants are given opportunity for spiritual growth as they use their God-given abilities to advance God's Kingdom.*

## **Review of the Year:**

- The worship ministry has served at every service held on Sunday mornings.
- Held the Anniversary Parking Lot Service October 18./Resurrection Parking Lot Service April 4/ and First Sunday Parking Lot Service May 1, 2021
- Dad's Jokes video for the Holidays.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> held an in-person 10am service until the pandemic hit our staff and the county again in December and we went back to online only services.
- Watch Night - held a year in review for the service with guest speaker Pastor Brown speaking via video.
- Theological Thursdays held online March – June.
- The praise team ministered music all year.
- The Youth Choir, under the direction of Torrey Brown, began rehearsing again in September of 2021.
- Produced the first ever Kid's Say video for Mother's Day.
- The ushers have served at in-person services and a few funerals throughout the year.
- The Hospitality ministry served diligently Sunday mornings since our return to services August 1, 2021.
- Held a dry run service July 18 to get the ministry volunteers acclimated to the new normal for services at Cornerstone.
- Had the Arlington Police Department worship with us and had a time of prayer for them.
- We've had guest worship leaders: Gaye Arbuckle, Dana Hemphill, & Jerard and Jovaun Woods.
- Celebrated Letha Gaines as she stepped down from ministry after 30 years of service.

**Ministry Leader: JE McKissic**













# Young Adult Ministry

The Ambassador Young Adult Ministry exists to empower students and young professionals to **Know, Grow, Show, and Go** share the love of Jesus Christ in the world.

The ministry focuses on the spiritual, social, and emotional needs of young adults ages 18-35 in the body of Christ.

This year, under the leadership of Pastor Al Curley, along with the support and collaboration with Alice Ward, the group completed the following activities:

- Wednesday Night Bible Study Summer Series through *The Good Life* by Derwin Gray
- Name change to Ambassador Young Adult Ministry
- Comeback event which hosted over 70 youth and young adults.
- Instagram page creation to connect with young adults in a relevant social media setting
- Monday Meditation – 50 second video of an encouraging verse that takes place on Instagram
- Formation of the Ambassador Leadership Council which assists in the discipleship, fellowship, and outreach branches of young adult ministry
- Updates to Portable East
- Monthly men's and women's fellowships
- Fellowships with churches and colleges (UTA)

***Ambassador Young Adult Team: Al Curley, Alice Ward, Allen Tillotson, Alex, Hill, DaRondrick Edwards, Rochelle Wilkins, David Bumgardner***

**Ministry Leader: Al Curley, III**







# Youth Ministry

The STONECrew Youth Ministry seeks to build a foundation of Christian faith by providing and implementing Biblical instruction which is relevant, timely, and current for youth in an ever-changing media driven society.

- The year opened up in January with participation in the city-wide MLK program.
- Youth Connect Group and Bible Studies are the main Bible teaching tools of the youth ministry. Youth Connect Group meets on Sunday Mornings at 9am and is currently spread over 2 classes, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls.
- These classes averaged 25 students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades with 7 youth teachers.
- The Wednesday Night Bible Studies were facilitated by Pastor Al Curley from March to present. During the summer of 2021, the youth were in a teaching series through the book *The Good Life: What Jesus Teaches About Finding True Happiness* by Derwin Gray.
- The youth enjoyed a fun fellowship event called The Comeback, which represented a resurgence of youth ministry after a while away due to COVID-19 and also not having a youth pastor on staff for a few years. At this event, food was prepared by Slim's Grill and Catering and snow cones were provided by Kona Ice. There were over 70 youth and young adults in attendance.
- As a part of the "Comeback" initiative, the youth ministry relaunched with a new name and logo. An Instagram page was also created to easily connect youth through relevant social media.
- Other fun events took place such as a couple of game nights, and a virtual paint night.
- In June, VBS was in full swing virtually this year with near 40 students in attendance. The week consisted of lessons about building upon foundations of love, forgiveness, worth, and life. The week ended with a pizza making competition.
- A few youth-centered services took place during this year as well. During these services, youth were invited to participate in a number of ways including, singing, spoken word, and dancing while receive a youth-oriented message as well.
- The youth enjoyed a back-to-school drive which consisted of school supplies and prizes such as free haircuts for young men and free manicures and pedicures for young women, given to those students who registered. Supplies were prepared to be given away to 70 students and over the course of a few days, almost all the supplies were distributed.
- The graduating seniors participated in a graduation ceremony in the foyer of the church. At this celebration, 15 youth were honored and \$15,000 in scholarship was distributed.

**Youth Ministry Team: Pastor Al Curley, Rochelle Wilkins, Kendall Fields**

**Ministry Leader: Al Curley, III**

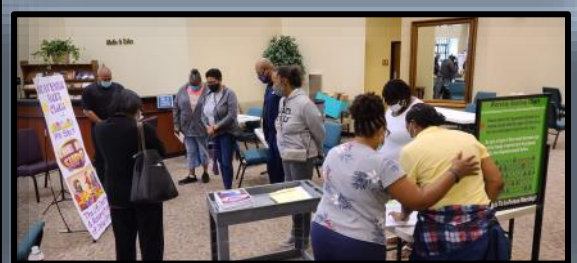




Daughters of  
Deborah 20-21









*We celebrated with Pastor McKissic and Lady Vera McKissic in 2020 as they graduated with their Masters Degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.*



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