



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2018

WE EXIST TO LOVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE BY BECOMING  
AUTHENTIC DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR THE GLORY  
OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF THE CITY.

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# LETTER FROM DREW

January 15, 2019



Watch the 2018 Highlight  
Video here!

## South City Family!

As I look back over the information and pictures that represent 2018, my eyes well up with tears and my heart is so full of gratefulness for all that God has done! The Lord continues to be so gracious to us as a church and leadership team as He is blessing us with great leaders as well as hurting people in need. We've had great opportunities last year to impact our community through events and organizations like; Minority Health Fair, AR Kids Read, City Church of AR, P.A.T.H, Classical Conversations, and of course Life Skills for Youth. Seeing our campus and partners being used to be a blessing and engaging in the community is why we're here and my prayer is that we'll continue to become more and more involved with what the Lord is doing in the lives of people around us in Southwest Little Rock.

I'm also so thankful for the events we've hosted that were focused on our family. We had some exciting preaching series last year, we had a beautiful and meaningful covenant service where we partnered with the Lord and each other to be the family He's calling us to be. We had one of our largest attended services ever last year for Easter and saw five people give their lives to Jesus. We're seeing our people disciplined in the First Principles of God's Word and our CityGroups are growing and continuing to develop through that material. We had the Family Bonfire and Thanksgiving feast, all with great attendance and hope for growth. We also hosted great outreach events like our Summerfest with St. Mark Choir, filling our building to capacity as well as Trunk or Treat. Both events have grown this year significantly and we're getting better at hosting these events every year.

I'm most excited about the fact that we saw 49 people give their lives to Jesus this year and through our What's Next groups saw 40 new partners make South City their family. We also had the privilege of baptizing 11 new believers (one of which was my little girl Daisy)!

As I dream and pray for 2019, my prayer is that we as pastors and elders of South City, work to help equip you for the work of the ministry (Eph. 4). Our desire this year is to see our family deepen in their knowledge and understanding of the Word of God so that together we'll have a unified vision for discipleship and mission in 2020. Through our ROOTS Bible study, Leadership Cohort (BILD), South CityGroups/First Principles, and our teaching series and services, we pray that we will become more developed disciples for Jesus. He's giving us a new paradigm for church. It's less about a church service and more about an authentic lifestyle of service where we know Jesus more and make Him known.

May God continue to lead and bless us as we seek Him more than ever this coming year!

Drew Cline  
Lead Pastor, South City Church



CORE VALUE

# TRANSFORMATIVE DISCIPLESHIP



PEOPLE SAVED

49

↑  
29%



PEOPLE BAPTIZED

11

↑  
83%

NEW PARTNERS WITH SOUTH CITY

40

## LEADERSHIP

### PASTORS



DREW CLINE



ELVIS GARCIA



JERRY KID



DARRELL ADCOCK

### ELDERS



DREW CLINE



DEE BROWN



JUSTIN ELROD



JERRY KID



JEFF FRANKS



## CHURCH PLANTING

- We want to plant 10 churches in 10 years!
- Mentoring Church Planting Intern - Matt James
- Baptist Missionary Association (Partnership)
- Grace Community - Myron Milholland - Myron has asked South City to mentor him in the process of planting Grace Community in Greenbrier, AR.

(Fellowship Associates class 2019 pictured)





## TEACHING SERIES

- Disciple Maker
- First Principles: Becoming a Disciple
- Easter Series
- First Principles: Family of Families
- I Love My Church
- Acts
- Vision Series
- Stories

BELONGING  
TO A FAMILY  
OF FAMILIES

First Principles of Community Life

I LOVE  
MY  
CHURCH

stories

Discovering God in Defining Moments

ACTS

THE STORY OF THE CHURCH

DISCIPLE + MAKER

South City Groups Gathering Jan. 28 - Mar. 4

CORE VALUE

PASSIONATE  
WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

125 ADULTS

↑  
13%

PEOPLE WHO CALL  
SC HOME

196

↑  
12%

EASTER

208

ENGAGEMENT  
INCREASE



2016 - 2018

50

2016

175

2017

196

2018

↑  
12%

COVENANT PARTNERS

92 PEOPLE

COVENANT SERVICE 6/10/2018





CORE VALUE

# AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS

SOUTH CITY GROUPS  
COMMUNITY / CARE / DISCIPLESHIP



CITY GROUP LOCATIONS



CITY GROUP LEADERS

30  30%

PEOPLE CONNECTED

126  7%

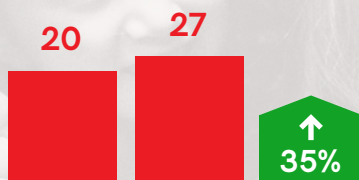
NUMBER OF GROUPS

12  20%

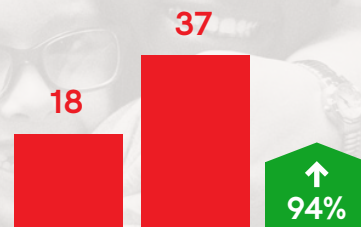
## SOUTH CITY KIDS



KIDS - RATE OF GROWTH



VOLUNTEERS



"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."

Ephesians 4:11-16

CORE VALUES

# MISSIONAL LIVING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

# 120 PEOPLE REACHED

- Soccer Bible Study to 60 boys
- Hispanics Attending Service: 20
- Hispanic CityGroups: 2
- Individual Discipleship: 8
- Baptisms: 1

## SUMMERFEST

# 350 IN ATTENDANCE

↑  
40%

- Operation Feed the Need - BBQ
- South City Hispanic Ministry - Tacos
- St. Mark Baptist Choir Concert - Full House!



## 2018 MINORITY HEALTH FAIR



## MLK SUMMIT



## CITY-WIDE HISPANIC

# MAYORAL DEBATE



## LIFE SKILLS FOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER

# FALL FASHION SHOW

P.A.T.H.  
TRAINING  
CONF.  
HOSTED



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSION TO AUXORA ARMS APTS.



## CITY CHURCH NETWORK MEETING FOR "REBUILD"



## FOOD PANTRY

- 72 Households
- 261 Individuals
- 108 people under 17
- 110 people ages 18-59
- 43 people over 60

## LIFE SKILLS FOR YOUTH

- Larry Clark
- Number of kids - 275
- Number of mentors - 20
- Volunteers - 10
- SC Ministry - 100 kids in weekly Bible study

## VBS

**275 KIDS**  
**16 VOLUNTEERS**

↑  
33%

## SOUTHWEST EAGLES SOCCER CLUB

- Coach Alberto Blanco
- Number of kids - 200
- Number of coaches - 5
- Pastor Elvis support / Chaplin
- 1 Sunday's recognizing the team, praying over them.
- Hosting a celebration for the teams and families

## COMMUNITY BASKETBALL GAMES

**50 MEN EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT**



# LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS

## MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

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### LOCAL MISSIONS PARTNERS

- Michael Hight, BMA Hispanic Missions Nationally
- City Church Network
- Exodus Project
- Little Rock Rescue Mission
- BMA El Samaritano Clinic
- LSY Mentoring Program in development
- Benevolence
- AR Food Bank (Food Pantry and Clothes Closet)

### GLOBAL MISSIONS PARTNERS



#### RWANDA

**JOEL SENGOGA**



#### CAMPACHE MEXICO (SUPPORT THROUGH BMA)

**ERLIN PECH**



#### THAILAND (SUPPORT THROUGH BMA)

**JOE AND JESSIE YAEBEANG**



#### CAMBODIA

**DR. ETHAN HELM AND FAMILY**

**BMAA MISSIONS**

CORE VALUE

# CREATIVE EXPRESSION

## SOUTH CITY COMMUNITY & EXPANSION

- New Sign

- "This Is My Story" song production and giveaway for "Stories" series

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# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



TOTAL TITHES & OFFERINGS  
2018

**\$315,512**

NUMBER OF GIVERS  
2018

**140**

BUDGET  
2017-2018



TOTAL TO MISSIONS  
2018

**\$36,149**

- LSY Facilities Reimbursement - \$83,200
- Special Gifts - \$100,000
- Other Income - \$6,836

## CHURCH PLANTING PARTNERSHIPS INCOME

BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

**\$24,000**

TOTAL INCOME FOR 2018

**\$529,548**



# METRICS

SOCIAL MEDIA  
@SOUTHCITYLR



FACEBOOK

618 FOLLOWS



591 LIKES



INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

125



TWITTER FOLLOWERS

82

## PODCAST METRICS



TOTAL PLAYS

6150



VIDEO PLAYS

2695

AUDIO PLAYS

3453

# LETTER FROM DEE BROWN

Dear South City Church Family,

God has been so good to us over this past year. He has held us in His Sovereign hand through miraculous financial support, tremendous leadership of our staff and elders, all the while adding many new partners to our Family of Families. We truly are very thankful for the Lord sustaining us in 2018.

As we move full steam ahead in 2019 our Lead Pastor Drew gave us a tremendous challenge to be equipped for ministry.

## **WE MUST REMEMBER TO:**

- **Pull the Weeds**
- **Prepare the Soil**
- **Plant the Seed**

I am confident that God has much to teach us in this year as we follow Jesus together. These words from Paul's letter to the Ephesians are a constant reminder of Jesus desire to grow us and equip us, the Body, for service:

**4: 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

**14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.**

We endeavor to put our shoulder to the wheel to do the best equipping possible. Drew will be leading our new Roots series and we are also launching a Biblical Leadership Cohort starting with the books of Acts which I will be leading.

As you review this annual report we ask that you thank God for His provision and also ask for His continued blessing on South City Church that we might be a shining light for His Kingdom in this community and beyond.

In Christ and on behalf of the Elders of South City Church,

Dee Brown, Chairman

P.S. To see some of the work our Elders have done this last year visit the links below.

**For New Bylaws** [click here](#)

**For Elder Governance Document** [click here](#)

# LETTER FROM DARRELL ADCOCK

2018 was a big year for our church. We have seen a lot of change and a lot of growth! I am so grateful for the leading of the Holy Spirit and our church's obedience to follow Him.

## WORSHIP

We continue to grow in our expression and participation in "ascribing worth to God" through music, preaching, prayer, and the sacraments of Communion and Baptism. Coming alongside the faithful work of Paul Terry, Luke Williams has stepped up to lead our Production Team (sound, lighting, graphics, video and IT). Luke has added members to the team and expanded our technical ability to prepare for the future and add online streaming. Our Worship Team (band/vocals) continue to grow in number and skill. We want to continue to grow our musical diversity.

As a worshipping "family of families," thank you for embracing and celebrating our amazing Father. We want to help you learn to experience worship in your CityGroup, even if you are not musical.

## ADMINISTRATION

In my role as Executive Pastor, this past year has been all about infrastructure. We engaged Sheila Shroyer, CPA specializing in churches, to update our accounting practices. We fully implemented our church management software, Planning Center Online, which helps us manage people, rooms/equipment, events and registrations, small groups, and service planning. Lastly, we increased our communication through texting, allowing two-way communication among staff and our community.

## FINANCES

With better accounting came a more accurate picture of actual expenses and income. We are blessed with partners and regular attenders who support the ministry. The Lord has been gracious to us with financial support from the Baptist Missionary Association, friends of South City who give, and our partnership with Life Skills for Youth.

Yet, we have a long way to go. While God continues to bring new people to South City, 2018 was a turbulent year in attendance and giving. We are thankful for the engagement of 140 people who gave last year. Yet, only 36 partner and regular attender families gave more than \$250 last year. Giving back to God demonstrates our trust in Him; that everything we have belongs to Him. 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." I urge you to become regular in your giving... not for the church's sake but for your own spiritual growth as we grow as a generous people.

Setting up my family's online giving has been a great way to put God first. You can easily and securely do this on your phone or computer at [southcitylr.churchcenter.com](https://southcitylr.churchcenter.com).

Thank you for your steps of faith. Continue to live a life of worship to the One who sustains us.

**Darrell Adcock Executive Pastor | Worship Director**



# LETTER FROM ELVIS GARCIA

Hola hermanos!!

**"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."  
1 Corinthians 15:57 (NASB)**

As we start in 2019, we reflect on the past year and what has been for us in our Hispanic and Discipleship Ministries. First of all, we want to say thanks from the bottom of our heart for all the support we have received, spiritually, emotionally and financially. We are just starting to see the first principles of a movement between our church and among the Hispanic congregation, but the task is great and the laborers few. Pray that this current year we can keep multiplying our small groups and train leaders.

Statistic says there are around 35,000 Hispanics living in Central Arkansas, most of them bound by religion, addiction or the loneliness and cultural shock of not being in your own country. Relationships drive the Hispanic culture; they need to see that we are really interested in them, this takes time and intentionality.

Pray for us that we can continue to visit them, disciple them and invest in them so they can not only become attendees but change agents in a city that more and more needs to see the Love of the Lord.

In Christ,

Elvis Garcia  
Hispanic Ministries Pastor

# LETTER FROM JERRY KID

Church family,

What a blessing it is to minister to the Seniors of South City Church, the members who have been so faithful for so many years! Their enthusiasm is contagious, and their willingness to worship in spite of changes is admirable. Truly, these "Legacy Lifers" are leaving an example of dependability and faithfulness.

"Legacy Life" meets every Wednesday morning at 10:30 with every third Wednesday being a special time of fellowship around the lunch table in different restaurants. Our meetings consist of prayer, Bible study, inspirational videos, games and a whole lot of great conversations.

We minister to our shut-ins at home, retirement centers, nursing homes, hospitals and rehabilitation facilities. These convalescing seniors are encouraged by phone calls, cards and occasional flowers for special events. Our desire is to respect and honor these for the contributions they have made to the Lord's service through the years. We thank them for the "legacy" they are leaving.

Jerry Kidd  
Legacy Life Pastor



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