



MINISTRY IMPACT

What difference has Good News Church made?

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November 2021 – June 2022

Thank you for your continued financial support of our brand-new baby church! It really means a lot that you're a part of what God is doing. As we enter into the summer months, we wanted to take a moment to look back and reflect on all that God is doing in and through Good News Church GA these recent months.

Our vision is *"to experience and express LOVE from God and to others."* The verse that undergirds our vision is, Galatians 5:5b, *"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."*

Summary Report

As we think back over the past several months, the highlights that stand out are outstanding Christmas Eve and Easter services, and the launch of these exciting new ministries!

- **"Dads on Tap"** - a quarterly community outreach to dads, meet at Monkey Wrench Brewing
- **"Hymns & Hops ATL"** – a quarterly outreach to the community, meets at various breweries around Gwinnett County and North Atlanta
- **"Life & Teachings of Jesus"** – this book (available for free at www.plusnothing.com) is a great resource for people interested in learning more about Jesus and we've given away nearly 500 copies to friends, neighbors, co-workers, and people at church
- **"Fishing Team & Club"** – Good News Church has been instrumental in helping the Principals at Lanier High School and Lanier Middle School launch a high school fishing team and middle school fishing club.
- **Good News Church Women's Connect** – a monthly gathering for women in our church and community, meets at our Hillside Retreat House

Dads On Tap (www.dadsontap.com) and Hymns & Hops ATL (www.facebook.com/hymnsandhopsatl) are providing great opportunities for our church to connect and build relationships with people who are open to and interested in faith but are not interested in church. The significance of the fishing team and club is that these are both initiatives that have been high on the priority list of both school principals because fishing opens doors for mentoring, ministry, and academic scholarships at the college level. Good News Church volunteers led the way in getting these started and moving forward.

Attendance and Giving

There are approximately 48 households (107 persons) connecting with Good News Church GA (as attenders or committed partners) with approximately 70 persons in attendance for weekly worship gatherings. We are so grateful for the 37 households who are providing regular financial support. Prayerfully, our next step is to hire a part-time staff position to help with administrative and ministry needs as we continue to grow. We're trusting God for His provision in personnel, timing, and funding.

Additional Ministry Highlights

New Visitors and Regular Attenders since November (85)

- New regular attenders (25)
- First time visitors (approximately 60)

New Core Supporting Households (19)

In our last update in October 2021, we had a total of 18 core supporting households. We now have 37 core supporting households.

People & Households Impacted (795)

- **Outreach - People & Households Impacted (465)**
 - Ministries include: All Pro Dad (Lanier Middle School), Longhorn Dads (Lanier High School), Dads On Tap, Monthly Women's Gatherings, and Hymns & Hops.
- **Worship – People Impacted (330)**
 - 100 people attended Christmas Eve worship service
 - 160 people attended Easter worship service
 - 70 people regularly attending weekly Sunday worship services

Quotes from Attenders

- *"I love this church! They took everything stupid about church out and what's left is amazing. It's held in a brewery and is super casual. Several people bring their dogs. We all sit on sofas or picnic tables."*
- *It was the best Easter service I've ever experienced. I felt comfortable in my casual clothes and felt that the message was presented in a down to earth, easy to understand way. I loved when Drue read the Easter story from the Storybook Bible. Keep doing what you're doing.*
- *"My family and extended family loved the service. For the first time ever, my non-church attending family members are interested in coming back! To put it simply, everybody felt comfortable and not judged. I really do think that the food and coffee and just general hospitality and gathering is incredibly unique and important."*
- *"I loved how friendly everyone was and the inviting atmosphere. My lil' dog loved it too!"*
- *"The community was very welcoming and friendly. The sermon and message was informative and held our attention. The location was awesome and food was great. The church welcomed everyone including children and pets. If someone wanted to use the bathroom or just walk around it was ok!"*
- *"Good News Church was very friendly and welcoming and not 'stuffy' as we've experienced in other churches. It was like a family gathering."*