



# MINISTRY IMPACT & YEAR END GIVING

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Good News Friends and Family,

I hope you're doing well! I wanted to keep you in the loop on some of the encouraging things going on with Good News Church GA. I'm also including your year-to-date financial giving statement; in case you'd like to make any additional year-end contributions. God is doing some really exciting stuff, so take a look below and be encouraged! THANK YOU for your support and prayers!

## **"Jesus Storybook Bibles" for 50 Sugar Hill Elementary students**

Before we dive into the update, I wanted to invite you to help us purchase the "Jesus Storybook Bible" for the 50 Sugar Hill Elementary students in our afterschool Good News Club. \$15 will purchase a Bible. Feel free to purchase one or as many as you'd like. You can donate online at [www.goodnewschurchga.com/give](http://www.goodnewschurchga.com/give) or mail a check payable to Good News Church GA (address: 5602 Thistledown Terrace, Sugar Hill, GA 30518).

## **Quotes, a Story, and a Reflection**

*"I came to "Hymns & Hops" a few months ago, LOVED it, picked up a Good News Church drink coaster (how cool!) and decided to visit on a Sunday morning at Monkey Wrench. Wow! What a blessing! We've been so frustrated because we can't find a church that gives opportunity and prioritizes having real relationships with people. Good News Church GA does that so well and is the perfect fit for us! It's exactly what we were looking for." - Patti*

*"Thank you for starting this church. I was up all night and unable to sleep. I haven't been to church in years and would never have gone to a regular church, but you guys make it comfortable." - Justin*

*"I love the audacity of it all. This church feels more like what I read about in the gospels and Acts than "traditional" churches. I'd say it's an un-church. It is a very inviting environment where you can explore your faith with others, or simply sit back and listen." - J.B.*

**Great Story...** I (Drue) was hanging with friends at Monkey Wrench one evening and a young guy initiated conversation while ordering beers. We had an easy, enjoyable conversation for the next 20-30 minutes. He introduced me to his wife and newborn baby. I asked them how they met. The young guy said, "Well, actually, for my birthday a few years ago, my friends hired a stripper." And his wife jumped in and said, "And I was the stripper!" We all laughed hysterically! It was classic. Then a few minutes later, he asked, "So what do you do for work?" I said, "Well, actually, I pastor a church that meets here at Monkey Wrench." He said, "You've gotta be shi\*#ing me!" I said, "Nope. I'm serious." He asked, "What time do you meet?" I told him we meet at 10am and he enthusiastically said, "We'll be there!" And they were there on Sunday and they've continued to attend! He also went

on to tell me how he had grown up in church, been very involved (even in children's ministry), but got burned by church and religion and basically cashed it all in. He said, *"It's not that I'm not interested in faith or in God. I'm just done with church, but if this is what you guys are all about, we're definitely interested."* And, that's why Good News Church GA exists.

### Quick Summary

Since July, it's amazing how God is providing through growing relationships (173 people connected), weekly worship (averaging 70 each week), new connections (12 new households), financial provision, outreach and connection, and first time or renewed experiences with the love of God through Christ.

Everything we're doing is motivated by God's amazing grace and love in Christ and our desire for people to share in that experience with us. We're also driven by the verse, ***"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love" (Galatians 5:6a)***. People are connecting, real friendships are developing, and our church family is serving and expressing generosity towards one another and the community around us.

### In addition to Sunday worship, ministry highlights include:

- **Dads On Tap** - We're sponsoring and giving leadership to this quarterly connection / equipping for dads at Monkey Wrench Brewing.
- **Hymns & Hops** - Originally launched in Greenville, SC 7 years ago, we brought H&H to metro Atlanta where we sing the good news while enjoying good brews.
- **Good News Club** - We're sponsoring and giving leadership to the Sugar Hill Elementary after school Bible club for 2nd - 5th graders (about 45 kids are participating)
- **Lanier Middle School All Pro Dads** - We're giving leadership to this monthly breakfast for dads and students at school.
- **Lanier High School Longhorn Dads** - We're sponsoring and giving leadership to this monthly breakfast for dads and students at school.
- **Lanier Fishing Club / Team** - We helped start and are giving leadership to the Lanier Middle Fishing Club and the Lanier High School Competitive Fishing Team.
- **Monday Men's Group** - a weekly opportunity for guys in the church and community to connect, build relationships, and connect the gospel to everyday life and challenges
- **Beer & Bible Study** - We're meeting weekly at Monkey Wrench for a casual, comfortable conversation and discussion about the Bible (currently, Ephesians).
- **Women's Connect** - This has been a great monthly connection opportunity for women in the church and community to connect, have good conversation, and do something creative (i.e., crafts, painting, etc.).

I'm humbled by what God is doing and thankful to be along for the ride. We're also abundantly grateful for Wayne & Jane Baxter, owners of Monkey Wrench Brewing for their generous hospitality!

With gratitude,

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