

God Is at Work

Oak Grove Church has been profoundly blessed this year with the extraordinary generosity of our Father. Since August of 2018 we have seen God bring an unusual number of people to our community of faith. We have seen a huge influx of at least 60 new people, mostly young Christian families looking for a relational community where they can make a difference. We affirmed thirteen (13) adults into covenant community (membership for those not used to our language) and we have about 8-10 more who will complete that process by the end of January. I am also aware of half a dozen to a dozen others who have expressed interest in making Oak Grove Church their home.

The dynamic of our Body clearly feels this new energy of lives God is entrusting to us and we feel the privilege and weight of shepherding and caring for these new families. Our children's ministries have virtually been overwhelmed with some classes doubling their numbers with this new dynamic of people the Lord has entrusted to us. We have found the spirit of our Body is cultivating a new humility and generosity in serving each other and extending it to every person who walks through the door. One of the most unique elements of our Body is their authentic intention to build relationship with everyone who walks in the door. This is one of the most distinctive and most powerful characteristics of our community. We constantly hear people being in churches where no one even talks with them and they have very few friends. It is astounding to us because one of the great hallmarks of the church ought to be the relationships, not the programs.

We have been profoundly humbled and are being stretched to consider how we keep adapting to serve this Body and reach our community for Christ. The culture here continues to change, gaining greater clarity on our purpose, greater focus on our mission, greater conviction about the kind of person we are building into and the outcome of that investment. We are very encouraged by His grace and look forward to being on our knees as we venture to follow His working into the next year. Our vision and prayer is that God is positioning us to be energized to the mission of the gospel and reaching more intentionally into the community; people need the gospel. We are constantly reminded of God's warning to Israel when they entered the Promised Land, don't think you have accomplished this by your own hand...God was at work. We are humbled, grateful, and encouraged by His grace.

Sincerely in Christ,

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