

2012 - The Year in Review

Changes In Leadership - thanks for flowing

- Pastor - Kirk lead pastor - Paul outreach pastor - an unusual scenario - very proud
- Worship Team - Ryan stepped in to help - added new worship team members
- Director of Sunday School - Deb Larson
- Director of Nursery - Jeremy & Lisa Gonzales
- Bill Powell - ordained as a prophet

Church Remodel Project - thanks for helping

- Interior remodel and refresh (many who helped - stand - Nate, Dave, Jenny)
- Revamped sound system (thanks to Christopher, Jeff, Jason and others)
- Video archive of our services as well as Sunday morning live (thanks Nate)
- Opened a room for overflow in the back
- New landscaping (thanks to Micah & Abby Norcom)
- Opened up some public access (living room, log in for some bible study tools)

Other Recognitions - thanks for all you do

- Men's Challenge off to a great start (Paul Dykshoorn)
- 2nd year of the bible school (thanks Reijo, Paul, Ted)
- Launched 2 new small groups (Kurt Klingelhoffer, Canton midweek)
- Prayer groups - Various Bible studies - Sunday School seminars - Youth retreats
- Outreach on Easter Sunday & Back to Church (thanks to those who helped)
- Took two mission trips - Guatemala and Dominican Republic (Kurt Klingelhoffer)
- Thanks to the staff (April, Jeremy and Jason Hahn)
- Ladies who have served at weddings and funerals (April, Diane, Gail, Rachel)
- Thanks to people who have fixed dinners for the sick, new babies being born etc

In 2012 - The LORD gave me insight for how to mold the church for strength and sustainability...This will be a pattern we will focus on for the foreseeable future.

Deepen our reliance upon Jesus - without this we can do nothing

- John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Continue to lay basic foundational doctrines - this is needed for maturity

- Hebrews 6:1-2 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, (2) Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Develop leadership - it is His way of solving problems and meeting needs

- Titus 1:5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
- Acts 6:2-3 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. (3) Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Create an environment for ministry to thrive

- Ephesians 4:11-13 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, (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.

2013 - The Year Ahead

2013 - Focus on our Mission

REFLECTING Jesus Christ & REACHING Our City

Isaiah 37:31 “Once more a remnant of the kingdom of Judah will **take root below and bear fruit above.**”

- “Roots Downward and Fruit Above” describes the growth of a tree simultaneously in two directions - roots below and fruit above...a great illustration for our 2013 focus.
- John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. **If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**
- It is important that we remain rooted in Christ and His word, so that our fruitfulness springs from a relationship to Him.



A Disciple is One Who is Becoming Like His Master **Roots Downward**

Luke 6:40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

A Disciple is One Who is Bearing Fruit **Fruit Upward**

John 15:8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Discipleship Groups

A discipleship group is **3** people who meet **1** time per week for **1** hour to do **3** things. A group of three is like the 3-fold cord: Ecc 4:12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

This is one way for us to engage in becoming and making disciples. **We can pursue roots downward as well as fruit upward.**

Three Components of a Discipleship Group

1. Discuss the week's Bible reading

- Joh 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.
 - We are building a discipline of reading God's word
 - We are learning to hear His voice
 - We are being taught by the Holy Spirit

2. Discuss where the Lord is pursuing growth in our lives

- Mat 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord.
 - He who began a good work in us and will perform it until the day of Christ

3. Pray for unsaved friends and family who do not yet know the LORD

- Mat 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
 - This keeps us engaged in evangelism
 - Every person in our geography - an opportunity to hear the gospel
 - if you shared the gospel 1 x per week = 52 presentations
 - if 30 of us shared the gospel 1 x per week = 1,560 presentations

Outreach Night (Fruit Upward)

I am envisioning a night of the week (Thursdays) when we would meet together for short time of prayer, encouragement and planning, then move outside the four walls of the church and focus on reaching out to people. You could be part of this on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis.

What would it look like

- Reach out and visit members who are struggling
- Reach out and visit people who have visited the church
 - Over 280 people have visited ACC this past year
 - Our current follow up is to send a letter
 - We can step it up, go visit them, pray for them, encourage them see if there is a need
- Reach out in evangelism - friends we know, our neighborhood, etc or to people we are sending cards to (those who move in our city), people we are praying for in our discipleship groups
- Prayer Team - Phil Dudek has a burden to pray for the vision of the church - perhaps others could pray with him on this night

It is time to pass on the things we have received

- Matthew 10:6-8 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. (7) As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' (8) Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. **Freely you have received; freely give.**
- Genesis 12:2 "I will make you into a great nation, and **I will bless you**; I will make your name great, and **you will be a blessing.**

Reaching Into Our Community

When I speak of community - I am talking about a regional area that encompasses the reach of our church (about 11 miles diameter)

Our City Evangelism - every person a chance to hear the gospel

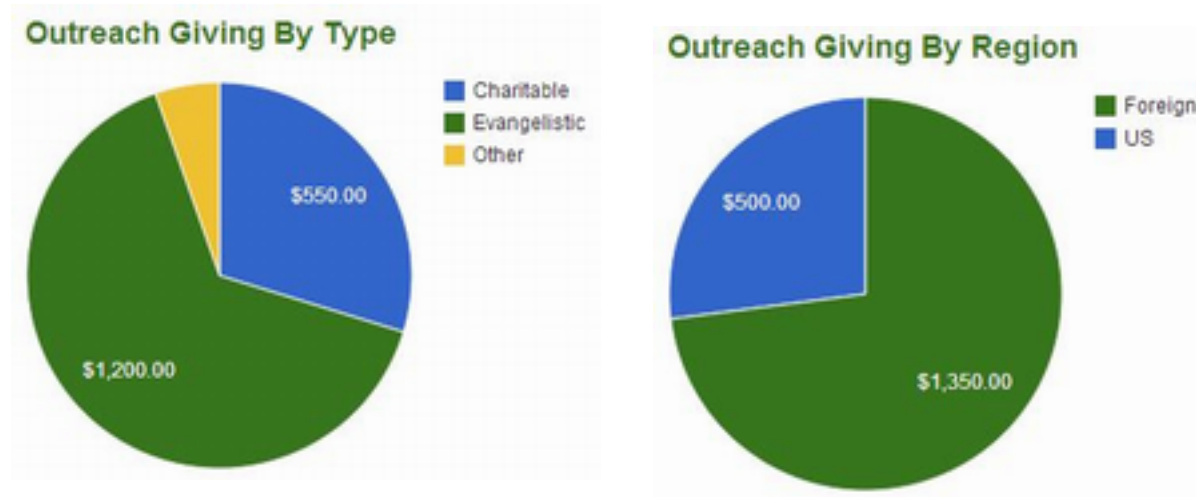
- Can we reach out to families (Funerals, Birth of a child, Weddings)
- Is there a new area or group of people we could consider? The makeup of our city (among other things) - Can we set a focus on certain sectors?
 - College - 2231 students

- Single Mom - 896 households
 - Hispanics - 583 people
- <http://www.clrsearch.com/Alliance-Demographics/OH/44601>

Get involved in ministries that are already operational

- Stucki Family Interfaith Day Care is looking for some board members.
- Marlinton Schools are looking for people to help with troubled students.
- Men's Challenge (office help, mentoring, speaking, testimonies, devotionals)
- The Alliance Pregnancy Center (office help, clothes sorting)
- Alliance area Habitat for humanity (board member, assistance on building homes)
- The Alliance Summer Mission Project - First Baptist (assistance on fixing homes for one week in summer).
- The Neighborhood Center Tuesday evening meals (help serving food with one of the churches already doing this, such as First Friends).
- The Neighborhood Center kids basketball in evenings (police kids games, maybe even do devotions)
- Alliance Food Pantry (sorting food, assisting clients)
- Maranatha "Once More Thrift Store" (sorting items)
- Alliance Homeless shelter (The friends church brings Pizza and does devotions two Fridays a month).
- Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter (sorting donated items on an as needed basis).

Reaching Into Our World - Thanks For Your Generosity



<u>Organization</u>	<u>Ministry or Focus</u>	<u>Amt</u>
Alliance Ohio Salvation Army	Provide Food for Needy in Alliance	\$100
Alliance Pregnancy Center	Work to Save Children from Abortion & Help Moms	\$150
Campus Crusade (Berkleys)	Mt Union University Evangelism & Discipleship	\$100
Campus Crusade (The Olsens)	Evangelistic Ministry to Hungary	\$100
Frontline Ministries (Jerry Mishler)	Church Planting and Leadership Dev in Cambodia	\$250
Ministry Dev Network (The Bibles)	Church Planting and Leadership Dev in Russia	\$250
Peter Siakama / Gospel Light	Church Planting and Leadership Dev in Kenya	\$250
Hope Ministries Int'l Jacob Beera	Church Planting, Evangelism & Children - India	\$100
Bill Rumble (Dominican)	Widows and Farming - Dominican Republic	\$ 50
Hope Haven Int'l (Mark Richards)	Wheelchair ministry - Guatemala	\$100
Wheels of Hope - Patrick Rimke	Wheelchair ministry to foreign nations Thailand	\$100
Brad Mellon (China)	Ministry to China (Similar to TESL)	\$150
ALCC (Dick Benjamin)	Contribution to retirement income	\$100
Christian Law Association	Provide Legal Services to Churches	\$ 50

Projected Outreach Giving Per Month for 2013: \$1850