

CELEBRATION CHURCH DC 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW + WHAT'S NEXT

2020 Year in Review

- Since officially becoming a Celebration Church location in 2020, we have experienced quite a few breakthroughs and blessings that you may not even know about.
 - Our staff has remained healthy and fully employed, while working virtually 6 days a week.
 - See *About our Family* page on the website to get to know our team and find ways to connect with us
 - Our Care Team has been consistently present throughout the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, connecting with and caring for those in our church who need someone to talk to. In this unprecedented time of isolation, grief and loss, the need to connect with someone who cares for you is greater than ever.
 - In addition, we've developed a great partnership with Safe Harbor Christian Counseling, which provides anyone seeking pastoral care easy access to long-term, professionally trained, Christ-centered mental and emotional health services.
 - Since March of 2020, we received and were able to immediately respond to hundreds of requests from families in need of everyday items – groceries, household necessities, diapers and wipes, clothing, cleaning supplies, financial assistance and more. *Every single request* we have received was filled within 48 hours.
 - During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we were able to bless over 250 families with *hundreds* of bags of food for Thanksgiving, as well as food and Christmas gifts for children. Volunteers delivered food and gifts (completely contactless) to families all around the DMV – from Centreville to Oxon Hill, Vienna to Del Ray – and the response was overwhelming. Children who had never experienced the joy of opening a gift on Christmas morning were given the opportunity to open pre-wrapped gifts that were picked just for them.

2021 – Next Steps

- Our local community partnerships and outreach initiatives make it possible for us to impact families all around the DMV. This year, we will begin introducing you to some of our new partners and plans, including a variety of organizations in the city of Alexandria, DMV area elementary schools, Food Truck Fridays, and more. You can be a part of any of these outreaches by simply checking out [Currently](#) or visiting our [groups page](#). A few highlighted partners are listed below:
 - [DC Homeless Outreach](#): join us the second Friday night and second Saturday morning of every month as we bless the homeless and those in transitional housing by packaging and delivering care kits, food, clothing and more.
 - [Carpenter's Shelter](#): this year, we're supporting families in the shelter by providing breakfast on Saturday mornings and hosting holiday parties and special gatherings.
 - [Rise Against Hunger](#): our partnership with Rise Against Hunger allows us to assemble and prepare thousands of meals each month that will then be distributed to families in 78 of the most impoverished countries around the world.

- As we begin to take next steps to regather, we will continue to operate in accordance with CDC guidelines and maintain the safest, healthiest environments possible for you and your family. We recognize that many of our church family may not be able or comfortable to meet in person, so we will continue to keep our virtual church at home service as an option each week. Here's what we have in store for the upcoming months:
 - March: Small gatherings held in our Alexandria offices (ex: Dream Team Night, EQUIP classes, small groups and outreach projects). Registration is required for attendance. Masks will be required at all times for all staff and guests. Temperature checks will be provided upon arrival, and hand washing/sanitizing stations will be available throughout the meeting space.
 - April + May: In addition to small gatherings, we will introduce gatherings at outdoor venues (ex: family picnic/park days, outreaches, Easter Sunday Communion Service) as guidelines permit. Registration will be required for attendance. Masks will be required at all times for all staff and guests. All regular outdoor venue regulations will be observed.
 - June: In addition to small indoor + outdoor gatherings, we will introduce small in-person Sunday services at a variety of venues in

the Alexandria area. Registration will be required for attendance. Masks will be required at all times for all staff and guests. CKids will not be open yet, instead families and children will be encouraged to attend service together.

- To stay up to date with the latest regathering information, receive reservation reminders or find what gathering works best for you, check Currently or text “Gather” to 703-844-4409.

FAQ'S About our Regathering Plan:

- Why aren't we planning on regathering back at our Fairfax Campus?
 - In November of 2019, we sold the Fairfax Campus to a residential developer which has helped position us to be completely debt free. The Fairfax Campus has a significant number of costly repairs needed in order for us to gather safely, and we believe it was the wisest move to sell it and invest the revenue towards a future location.
- When will we be gathering for church services?
 - Our team is working very hard behind the scenes to secure a regular meeting space in the Alexandria/surrounding area, build our volunteer teams, and develop a kids ministry that will keep your children safe. We anticipate regular in-person services starting Sundays in June.
- What about people who are unable to join in person due to high-risk exposure or comfort level?
 - We will continue to stream our church services virtually each week. In addition, our groups and classes are offered both virtually and in person, allowing everyone the opportunity to connect with us in whatever way they are most comfortable.

FAQ's about Celebration Church DC

- How does being a part of Celebration Church impact us here?
 - Our local church has been significantly strengthened by our family ties to Celebration Church – in a variety of ways. Since becoming a fully functioning location of Celebration Church in the Spring of 2020, we were able retain all of our local church staff throughout the pandemic.
 - Since becoming a Celebration Church, we have been able to fulfill our commitments and grow our local outreaches and community initiatives. Our monthly homeless outreaches, Red Cross blood drives, various food donations, ACPS support, holiday meal and gift delivery, and so much more were made possible through the strength of our family.
 - Being a part of the family of Celebration Church means that we went from one location to 27 locations around the world! Celebration Churches can be found along the East Coast (from Ft Lauderdale to Orlando, Jacksonville to Amelia Island, North Carolina to DC), as well as internationally in Belgium, The Netherlands, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Paris. Our family grew exponentially, and you are now a part of a church that reaches all around the world!
 - Our 19 locations in Zimbabwe serve as spiritual, humanitarian, and social hubs that provide care, meals, and water for over 150,000 people. This year, our farming programs coupled with the existing demand to feed over 80,000 children per day in 88 local schools and has opened new doors. Instead of importing the food that we provide, we are establishing a *local*, holistic business that harvests, processes, and distributes the food for 1.6 million meals each month.
 - In Europe, we provide food, job skill training, language fluency and Biblical programs at migrant resettlement centers in 5 nations. Our human trafficking rescue shelters provide safety and rehabilitation in some of the most heavily trafficked zones in the world.
 - Here in the states, our partnership with the AWKNG Alliance network of churches allows us to make a global impact through mission trips, projects, child sponsorship

programs, resources, events and more. We have ministry impact in Thailand and the Philippines, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel, Columbia, Brazil, Honduras and Haiti. As a part of the Celebration Church family, you have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of global outreaches. To learn more about our global partnership and how you can be a part, visit awkngalliance.com.