

THE YEAR OF FULFILLMENT

CITY OF GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

2022



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PASTOR'S STATEMENT

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11
"...but the people who do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.
Daniel 11:32b

Welcome to Vision Casting 2022!

This year 2022 is quite significant for City of God Ministries International. It marks 20 years of active ministry and service for the Kingdom of God. Twenty is twice ten and represents a complete or perfect waiting period. God made us many promises over the years, and God now promises that this is the year of manifestation. We are excited about this "Year of Fulfillment!"

The necessary posture for the people of The City to remain in to see this promise come to pass:

- We are our ministry's confession personified. We wait and work in faith.
- We submit and participate as the Spirit leads, guides, and strengthens us. We do not measure our success by the world's standards.
- We actively engage with others. We are intentional about sharing Christ and growing our ministry. We are spiritual magnets. We are not ashamed about who we are and what we are called/chosen to do. People are drawn to us, and we lead them to The City.
- We continue to pray for all tiers of the leadership of The City.
- We look for Divine favor and Divine connections.
- We prophesy, decree, and declare with our God that, "these people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise" (Isaiah 43:21). We anticipate the greater glory.

These are exciting times for The City, and we are glad you are here! Do not be moved! Do not be distracted. Stay the course and together, let's enjoy this year of fulfillment!



**APOSTLES GARY & MYRA
BELLINGER**

Lead Pastors

2021 REVIEW

Here's a list of our 2021 WINS.

- **15.8% Church growth in 2021** (Healthy churches grow at a rate of 5-12% year-over-year)
- **28% Increase in Operational Giving** (our goal was 5%)
- Welcome Song is now copywritten
- Successful Easter Invite Campaign
- Transitioned online services to YouTube
- June Invite Sunday & 21-Day Digital Invite Campaign
- CityFest- 2 Food trucks; 1 partnering congregation, Outreach Campaign for Cabarrus Christian Ministries
- **Exceeded Refreshing Summit budget and attendance expectations**
- Launched a New Members Welcome Page, Welcome Kit, gift, welcome card & brochure
- Revamped 1st-time guest brochure
- In-service Welcome Cards w/text numbers and QR invite code
- Launched formal reviews & Share Your Story page
- Revamped Guest Follow-up sequence
- **Accepted into the Thriving Prophetic Congregation Cohort**

2022 MINISTRY GOALS

**5-12%
INCREASE**

5-12% increase in # of adult members (both campuses)

15

Win 15 new & recommitted souls for Christ

**FRESH
START**

Launch a new discipleship class for new believers

**5%
INCREASE**

Obtain 5% of our total operating budget in grants, in-kind contributions, and corporate donations

SERVE

Relaunch our volunteer structure & iServe volunteer orientation

LAUNCH

Launch a business ministry for Kingdom entrepreneurs

PRAYER STRATEGY

Every Wednesday morning at 6 AM on Zoom

Pray boldly and specifically:

- For our church to reach more people than ever before
- For God to send us highly capable leaders and just volunteers
- For an increased level of generosity
- For God's divine favor to open doors for us to preach the gospel
- For incredible, life-change stories to start coming out of our church
- For a fresh vision, wisdom and direction
- For people in our church to be passionate about personal evangelism



GROWTH STRATEGY

We will increase the number of guests each month by creating a **culture of invitation** through invite cards, custom invite landing pages, special invite campaigns, and increased invites via social media.

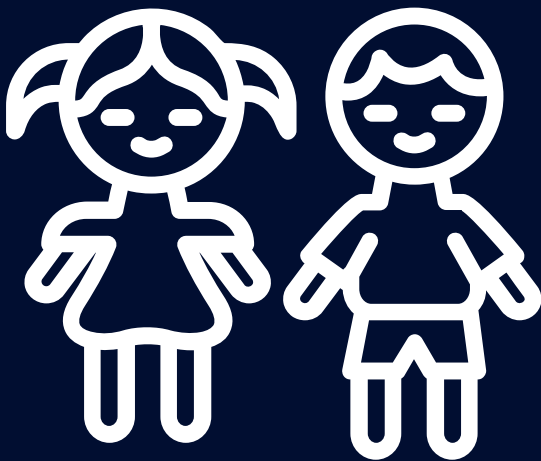
VOLUNTEERS

We will live out our membership commitment to SERVE by encouraging every member to serve in at least one area of ministry. Also, we will host iSERVE, a volunteer training pathway, training for administrators and managers, provide monthly RAMP UP encouragement emails for leaders, team building activities, and more.



OUR GIVING

Our monthly budget requires **\$14,233.77**. *It is important to support operating funds (tithes, offerings, & BOOST).* Giving to special offerings (i.e. pastoral celebrations, Senior Sunday, etc.) by taking away from operational giving is counter-productive. *We also want to increase donations to Processing Costs. This will help to minimize the amount of money we spend to process debit & credit giving.*



YOUTH MINISTRY

- CityKids will resume in 2022. Weekly worship packs are coming!
- EYC will continue on Tuesdays at 7 PM via Zoom. EYC fun events & youth trip will resume for 2022.
- NEW LAUNCH: Young Adult Ministry for ages 18-30!

ENTREPRENEURSHIP MINISTRY

We're launching the business ministry to position entrepreneurs to build better businesses and have greater impact, influence, and affluence in the marketplace. Additionally, we are hosting our first business + ministry conference in 2023.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Our health & wellness ministry, led by Sis. Ann White, is implementing an aggressive effort to improve the overall health of our congregation by promoting health awareness, L.I.F.E. classes, and special activities throughout the year.



Take an active role in your health this year by participating in health and wellness at COG. Here are some highlights!

HEALTH FOCUS

- VillageHeart Beat Team 2022
- Monthly Health Awareness Emails
- Cooking Classes
- Meds to Med (Mediterranean Dietary Lifestyle)
- Battle of the Sexes
- Youth Health Challenges
- No Fry February
- Count the Greens (March)
- Meet Me At the Tracks
- Jump Rope June
- Cooking with Co
- Rocking with Roxanne
- Speak To My Heart (Aging Gracefully)
- Health Fair (April)
- Gardening Class
- Canning & Preserves Class
- **L.I.F.E. Classes**

NEW CLASSES

We are fulfilling our mission of Christian education by offering additional classes for spiritual growth and maturity. These courses are separate and distinct from CityGroup studies. Here are our 2022 offerings:

- Graced To Grieve (Spring & Fall)
- Ministry In Training (MIT)
- Go Deeper Courses will include Courts of Heaven, How to Study the Bible, and Wind & Fire (an in-depth study of Holy Spirit)

2022

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

- Tithe (10%) based upon pay cycle
 - Offering (Weekly)
 - BOOST I Love My Church (\$20/week)
 - Capital Stewardship Pledge (as you are able)
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- **20th Ministry Anniversary Celebration- \$400**
 - Gala Ticket Cost \$200 due on May 15th
 - Ministry Gift of LED stage screen and re-carpeting the facility- \$200 due on Oct. 2nd
 - Refreshing Summit
 - Christmas @TheCity Celebration
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Ministry License Fees

- Un-ordained Ministers & Deacons (\$25)
- Ordained Ministers \$30
- Ordained Elders \$40
- Ordained Pastors \$50

THRIVING PROPHETIC CONGREGATIONS GRANT COHORT

We're in!

ITC's Thriving Prophetic Congregations Initiative provides churches with top-notch leadership training and technical assistance through our partnerships with MIT Co-labs and the Okios Institutes. churches will have access to pre-development loans and grants through our social impact investors. Our program is designed to help churches develop models of ministry that lead to greater social impact.

Cohorts will participate in a learning process consisting of four phases over three years and conclude with a Capstone Conference highlighting the cohort's learning outcomes and community development projects. During this learning process, cohort members will have access to grant funding through the Lilly Endowment Fund and project support from the Nonprofit Finance Fund.

- Access to a resource of potential funding for predevelopment loans (up to \$500K)
- \$20,000 in grant funds from the Lily Foundation for developing a capstone project (i.e. architectural drawings, land planning, etc.).
- Our project team will receive monthly training and seminars.
- Complete community analysis.
- Relationships with other social investors to promote our missional vision

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Access to funders is a great opportunity to grow our missional vision for our community. Your continued support financially and through volunteering will reinforce our commitment to transforming our community for Christ. You can help by

- Praying for the vision, mission, and strategy of COG
- Invite new believers and new guests to experience COG
- Support the ministry through attendance and financial giving
- Volunteer to serve whenever available
- Care about our community
- Offer fresh ideas for expanding ministry at COG

CALENDAR DATES

Dates are subject to change.

Recurring Dates

- CityGroup & EYC | Tuesdays @7 PM via Zoom
- L.I.F.E. Classes | 1st Tuesdays @7 PM
- Corporate Prayer | Wednesdays @6 AM
- Imparting the Vision | Bi-monthly

FEBRUARY

4-5 Singles Conference
26 iSERVE Volunteer Day

MARCH

17-20 Leadership Retreat

APRIL

17 Easter @TheCity

MAY

15 First \$150 of 20th Anniversary
Celebration is due.

JUNE

25 iServe Teambuilding Day

JULY

No major dates

AUGUST

4-7 **REFRESHING SUMMIT**

SEPTEMBER

14th Apostle's 50th Bday

OCTOBER

8 Strategic Planning Day

NOVEMBER

11th 20th Ministry Anniversary
Gala

DECEMBER

16 **Christmas @TheCity**



GUEST INVITE LOG

keep a record of the people you invite to church for follow-up.

Name

Phone

Email

Name

Phone

Email

Name

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Name

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks to the servers (volunteers) who go above and beyond to ensure ministry happens at COG. Without your contributions, our ministry may not have survived the striking challenges brought on by the global pandemic. You sacrificed and served well despite the risks to yourselves and your families. We believe that God honored your acts of service and will continue to honor your "labor of love".

WE THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN
OUR MINISTRY