

**Report Period January thru December 2020**



**Newcastle  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**

**Presented  
On  
February  
7, 2021**

# **Newcastle Christian Church Congregational Meeting**

## **Annual Accounting of Church Business for 2020**

**Call To Order/Prayer/Elders report: Rick DeWeese, Elder**

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## Elders Report

Our Church and each of us have been through a lot since our congregational meeting last year. Who would have thought we would be living through something out of a Steven King novel? But despite what this year has thrown at us, our Church has adapted and continues to move forward. When the pandemic began, all of the Churches had to adapt quickly. For some, going completely on-line was only a small step since they had been doing it for some time, but for us it was a giant leap. Amazingly, our staff was able to put together our first on-line service in just one week. Throughout this time they continue to put in a lot of extra effort to ensure the Church remains engaged by developing a great Wednesday night bible study, and programs for our children and youth. When we were able to resume in-person services and some activities, the on-line service, bible studies, and programs were continued so we could still reach members who couldn't come in person. Even our in-person services have required a lot of adaptation. While the 6 ft row spacing and the lack of a meet and greet time are the most obvious changes, we also had to come up with safe ways to take Communion and collect the offering. Resumption of the Sunday morning Bible study is a welcome step toward normalcy, but of course it looks a bit different, and includes the necessary on-line component.

What I have observed thru this time is that for every challenge we have faced, the Lord has provided a way to overcome it, and even use it to further his kingdom. While our original intent for the on-line service was to reach our members at home, we have ended up having people from all over watching it. When home schooling suddenly became the norm, we have been able to provide two faith-based home school groups a safe place to meet each week while continuing our own pre-school. While we were sad to see our worship leader move on last summer, we have had other members step forward and use their talents in a big way for the Lord.

So even in this time of uncertainty, the most important things have not changed. The Lord continues to bless us. Although some of our congregation have come down with Covid, most of us have not. While we miss our regular fellowship times, the exceptional way this congregation cares for each other continues. And most important of all, the Lord is being lifted up and the Gospel is still being preached.

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## **Congregational Status:**

### **Members:**

<b>Families</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>154</b>

### **Non-Members:**

<b>Families</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>11</b>

<b>Joined by Transfer</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>8</b>

### **Average Weekly Attendance through March**

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>125</b>

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2021****Contributions:**

<b>General Fund Gross:</b>	<b>\$273904.26</b>
<b>Less Missions Donations:</b>	<b>\$28152.14</b>

<b>Net contributions:</b>	<b>\$245752.12</b>
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<b>2020 General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$283257.00</b>
<b>Project 2019 Loan Contributions</b>	<b>\$15226.67</b>
<b>Project 2019 loan balance (12-31-20)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>

**2020 Net General Contributions were 8.9% under the projected total.**

**2020 expenses were 5.7% under projected levels.**

**Additional contributions were given for specific building repairs, benevolence and youth projects.**

**FULLY RELIANT ON GOD**



## **Deacons Report**

**There are currently 2 men serving as Deacons**

**Travis Cotten  
Garland Hawkins**

### **2020 Highlights:**

- **Helped coordinate remainder of Project 2019 improvements**
- **Assisted Care and Share ministry with monthly Food Pantry distributions**
- **Replaced men's room faucets and repaired some toilets**
- **Changed emergency light batteries**

### **2021 Plans:**

**Working with ministry leaders to ensure they have adequate resources as we implement new budget guidelines.**

**The deacons help take care of the physical needs of the congregation. If you know anyone in need of assistance, please contact one of the Deacons above. We are praying for more of our men to step forward and become part of our leadership here at NCC.**



## Children's Ministry Director 2020 Report

Our Children's Ministry provides opportunity for children 3 years old through 5th grade to learn and experience the love of Jesus.

Our Ministry relies on Volunteers to help share their love of Jesus in teaching or being a helper to our teachers. We provide intentional and age appropriate lessons.

This year has been unusual and challenging. I had to rethink how to provide Children's Church to our families homes since we could not meet in person. If we are not teaching our children about Christ, the world will teach them not to. Words from Toby Mac > The best Children's Ministry program is kids watching their parents follow Jesus. In Deuteronomy 6:5-7 says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Most will say children are resilient, but some are not.

Showing our children and teaching them how much Jesus loves them will help them through the difficult days and coming together as a family for the Kingdom of God will be your greatest victory. Our Ministry wants to partner with your family through your journey for the Kingdom.

### Family Ministry Opportunities:

Children's Church at Home > a complete lesson with very little prep time.

Wednesday Night > a devotion to read with your family with engaging questions.

### KFC Kids Events:

All events were canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

### Community Events:

All events canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

### Our Focus for 2021

Is to continue to be in prayer for our Ministry program and to be able to create some normalcy in our kids and community events. To help children come to KNOW Jesus Christ.

Building a personal relationship with Him through His Word. GROW to like Jesus. Learning how to behave and be the best citizens they can be (the Fruit of the Spirit). GO serve Him, in their homes, in church and in their community.

*Blessings, Courtney Loveless*

**KNOW** Jesus Christ, **GROW** to be like Him, and **GO** serve Him.

# STUDENT MINISTRY REPORT



Newcastle Christian Student Ministry



► Our community involvement has allowed us to get the opportunity to serve the Newcastle Racers football team meals during their season. We enjoy getting opportunities to see students at extra-curricular activities. We also have been picking up students every Sunday night from the community and bringing them to the church. Because of Covid-19 I have had to change the way I connect with the community. Instead of being able to attend games I have now been helping in the concession stands. I have made connections with parents and other volunteers in the community.

► in the midst of Covid we have had to change what we do. We started a youtube channel to create teaching videos for the students. This served a purpose for a time until we met together again. Now we use TIK Tok videos to connect during the week.

► There are multiple options for you to stay in the loop with what's going on in Student Impact; they are: youth bulletin board, bulletin/website, group texts and verbal announcements.

► This summer we are excited to be attending our mission trip at the Navajo Indian Reservation for high school students. Then our Junior High students are going to CIY MIX.

► **Sunday School Average: N/A**  
**Sunday Night Average: 16**  
**Wednesday Night Average: N/A**

**Known, Valued, and Loved** is what our Youth ministry is about. These things are extremely significant. We want students to know that they are **KNOWN** by a God who created them and loves them. That this same God **VALUES** them and wants them to be in relationship with Him and to use their gifts and talents for His glory. Finally the student needs to know that they are **LOVED** by this God and by us.

**We focus on growing in our faith with these three principles:**

1. **Reasons** - We want to discover what we really believe. We encourage students to ask questions about their faith so they can discover that faith is not blind but is well informed. If a student is asked the question "Why do you believe in God" we want them to have a well informed answer they are confident in.
2. **Rhythms** - We desire to help students create habits of bible study, prayer, worship, and gathering together as a community. These things help us to develop a mature faith.
3. **Relationships** - We believe that we all grow together in our faith when students have mentoring relationships with older youth sponsors, when they mentor younger students, and when they hold their peers accountable to walking in their faith.

**We want to partner with adult leaders who have a passion to see students' lives changed because of the Gospel. If that sounds like a team you want to join come and find me at anytime.**

I would also like to let everyone know my office door is always open. Feel free to come by or contact me by phone, email, text, Instagram, Snapchat, or Facebook. I am looking forward to continuing in this journey with parents, youth, teachers, and leaders together as one family.

Thank you all very much for your support as we continue to serve Jesus and students in our communities.

Caleb, Michaela, and Ronun





# Sr. Minister's Report



## OUR CHURCH THEME!!

This is our theme here at Newcastle Christian Church. My prayer is that your excitement will grow as well. These three things are what we are **DIRECTLY** called to in scripture. Let me outline them now...

**LOVE GOD:** The greatest commandment is to love God with all that we have. Whether it is in study, prayer, worship, giving or just everyday life. Everything belongs to Him. WE belong to Him. We have several ways that allow you to grow in this area:

- Sunday School & Worship
- Wednesday Night Study
- Men's/Women's Bible Study and Events
- Youth/Children's Studies and Events
- Real Life Groups

**LOVE PEOPLE:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest commandment is to "love others as yourself." Our love for God can easily be measured by how we love people. Here at NCC, evangelism and community outreach are a **MUST**. Your faith is not to be lived out in a vacuum. Nor just in a church service. There are **MANY WAYS** to live out your love in God:

- NCC Ministry Program (22 ministries)
- Serve the community in ANY way!
- Serve the people here at NCC!
- ALWAYS be ready for an opportunity!!

**MAKE DISCIPLES:** Again, straight from scripture. We are called to make followers of Jesus every day. This is more than just a wish that people would see Jesus. This is **LIVING LIKE JESUS** so that people **WILL** see Him in you and desire to know HIM. We can't send people to where they can become a disciple, we have to walk with them and join them. This takes time, but only by being one can we make one.



New this year I will be doing a "Ministry Minute" each morning (Mon.-Fri) to encourage you as you live for the Kingdom. I hope these put a smile on your face and a "pep in your step" as we walk this road together.



My Sermon Series for the year is, The Gospel: It's Even More Than You Hoped. As we continue live streaming and using social media, there are many that may be hearing the message OF Jesus for the first time and I want them to hear the "good news"! I also hope that, for those who are among the saints, you can hear ways of sharing and answering to those who ask you for "the hope that you have." In each sermon, my hope is that you take to heart, through gospel stories, ways to pass the invitation of Jesus to your "communities".



Each week, along with the sermon, I will have, both on our website and in the entryway a copy of "Diving Deeper". This is the discipleship part of the Gospel sermon series. It is follow-up questions and study to grow deeper in your relationship and understanding of Jesus and living as a disciple of Jesus.



I would also like to **HIGHLY** encourage you be a part of a Real Life Group. This is our approach to "small groups". These are so important for deep meaningful relationship with saints that can "walk with you" in a very strengthening and accountable ways. This is Church!!