



# ANNUAL REPORT 2019 —

*Make, Mature, and Multiply Disciples*



# FROM THE PASTOR

Storehouse Community Church,

Every year we get excited about what we hope to see God do in and through Storehouse McAllen. Toward the end of 2019, that usually becomes the center of our conversations and for a good reason: God loves His people for the sake of His name and as a result is committed to the work He has begun in us through Jesus.

However, one thing I have tried to work on is putting a brief pause on what we're asking God to do in 2020 and reflect on what He has done in the last year.

2019 was a year that, through God's faithfulness and our sanctification, produced a great deal of fruit whether it was through our missional communities or other ministry opportunities. If 2018 served as a year where our goals were relational growth and involvement, then 2019 served as a year of development in the grand ministry of discipleship.

In 2019, we started two new missional communities, launched discipleship groups, adopted a new curriculum for kids ministry in order to come alongside parents in discipleship, started recovery groups, and many other discipleship opportunities.

We did this because that's the mission of the church: to make disciples, mature disciples, and multiply disciples.

While all of these endeavors are excellent, I am more humbled by your growth in stepping up to the plate in ownership, vulnerability, and sanctification. All of this was in large part due to your faithfulness to protect and herald the gospel of Jesus Christ and your generosity that began with belief in the gospel.

2020, as I have said from the pulpit, is going to be a year of intentional growth in our spiritual maturity; something that is forever ongoing and simple, but not easy. I am looking forward to what God has in store for us, but most importantly, I am excited to continue living out the teaching of Scripture, worshipping alongside the saints, and serving alongside you as we declare and demonstrate the beauty of the gospel to the heart of McAllen and our Valley.

In Christ,

Marco De Leon





## OUTREACH SUPPORT

2018 TOTAL

**\$16,680.00**



Each year, your gifts and offerings support outreach throughout the Rio Grande Valley and the world.



Storehouse is blessed to partner with some amazing ministries. We come alongside local ministries Enviado Para Amar, Safe Haven for Kids, Young Lives, Taylor Community Center and Taylor Christian School. We also supported afar missionaries Dylan and Missy Brobst and Jeremy and Kaci Johnson. The generosity of Storehouse and the hours volunteered by our Missional Communities enables us to do many things with these partners such as:

- Annual school drive with Taylor Community Center
- Decorating Safe Haven for Christmas
- Mowing and taking care of various physical needs at Safe Haven
- Fundraising efforts for Young Lives
- Volunteering at small group ministries with Enviado Para Amar in Reynosa
- And the countless hours put in developing relationships and loving on the employees, participants, and communities of these ministries.

Trunk or Treat was a great success in 2019! Your generosity enabled us to expand parts of the event like never before, including a coffee vendor, enough candy for the whole evening, and a hay ride. We saw over 500 people participate in the evening and every single Missional Community was represented through trunks or volunteers. Many members of the local community expressed appreciation for an event so close to them with no entrance fee or cost to participate. This led to many great conversations with our local community.

Mercy Ministry presented us with the opportunity to provide many physical needs to our partners and their communities. Three of our partners, in particular, benefited greatly from the generosity and donations of Storehouse. Enviado Para Amar and Sparrow's Nest provided feminine products, diapers, and hygiene products to many families in Reynosa and South McAllen respectively. A couple families with five or more children in McAllen were especially grateful as they were able to put diapers on their little ones. Safe Haven for Kids, a safe house for abused foster children, was able to provide hygiene products for the children coming through their doors. This ministry made a significant and lasting impact for many families and children throughout the RGV.

**Nathanael Sommers**  
Missional Communities Director

## GIVING & OUTREACH

Benevolence	\$1,500.00
Church Planting	\$9,500.00
Acts 29	\$1,980.00
Guatemala	\$1,200.00
Local Missions & Missions Trip	\$2,500.00

## GIVING IS A PART OF OUR WORSHIP

We believe giving cheerfully and sacrificially is an act of worship that blesses the giver as much as the receiver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

### WAYS TO GIVE

Remember, in order to receive the appropriate documentation you need for tax purposes your name and address must be clearly identifiable on your Check.

- Place your gifts in an offering basket during the Sunday Gathering
- Give Online [www.storehousemcallen.com/give](http://www.storehousemcallen.com/give)
- Mail your contribution to:  
Storehouse Community Church  
PO Box 3084, McAllen TX 78502



# CHURCH PLANTING



Storehouse Community Church is a part of the Acts 29 church planting network and stands in the tradition of historic evangelical confessionalism. While we believe it is vital that the elders of each of our churches determine where they stand on doctrines of second importance, we do wish to make known our convictions on the following five theologically-driven core values:

- Gospel centrality in all of life
- The sovereignty of God in saving sinners
- The work of the Holy Spirit for life and ministry
- The equality of male and female and the principle of male servant leadership
- The local church as God's primary mission strategy

## ACTS 29 GIVING



## WHO WE SUPPORT



**Pastor Martin Medina**  
Christ Redeemer  
Reformed Church -  
Moreno Valley, CA



**Pastor Josh Guerrero**  
Refuge Community Church -  
Austin, TX



*"Storehouse Community Church! Here's a quick update on where we are. Refuge is so close to our Spring 2020 launch date, and we could not be more excited. We are closing in on a building shortly, freeing us to start community promotion.*

*Our team has grown to just under 40, and we are extremely excited to be taking steps to get the word out about our church. Additionally, please pray for us as we plan two major events that will serve our community's spiritual and physical needs. A community outreach day and a job fair to aid those in need.*

*None of this would be possible without you! Thank you guys so much, and love y'all!"*

## MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Staff & Interns

5

Covenant Members

65

Average Attendance

165



## ASH WEDNESDAY & HOLY WEEK

As a church, we take the opportunity to observe Ash Wednesday as it marks the beginning of the season of lent which leads us directly into Holy Week. For us, these occasions in the church calendar serve as opportunities to teach, focus, and preach on specific seasons of the life and ministry of Jesus.

These occasions and events are opportunities for us to grow in our sanctification which ultimately magnifies the work of God for us in Christ.



ASH WEDNESDAY & HOLY WEEK ATTENDANCE - 435

## BAPTISMS

In 2019, we celebrated four more baptisms within the life of Storehouse Community Church! This means that, as a church, we had the opportunity to celebrate the work of redemption in the lives of four different people. Baptism, in its simplest definition, is a public proclamation of the work of God in a believer; that God has not only redeemed someone but regenerated their heart.

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BAPTISMS IN 2019







*"Opening up our home to lead a Missional Community has brought many blessings! Our group has become family to Jon and I. The relationships made will last a lifetime."*

*We pray for and walk beside each other through the seasons that life brings to each of our families and us. We have come to know what a true Christian community is, and have witnessed JESUS moving! We are so thankful for what our MC has brought into our lives."*

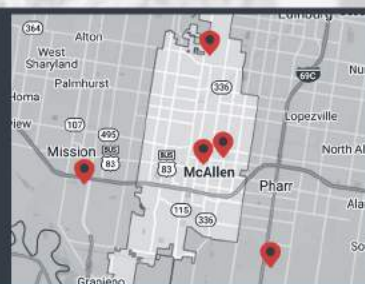
**Patty & Jon Klement**  
Wednesday Night MC Leaders

## MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES IN 2019

**Number of MCs:** 5 Groups (McAllen, Mission & Pharr)

**Percentage of church in Groups:** 48%

**2020 Goals:** Plant 4 New Groups



In 2019, we began our Discipleship Group (DG) ministry as an extension of our Missional Communities. DGs are small groups of 2-3 people designed to grow each other as disciples of Jesus.

DGs are gender-specific, bible-based, and they meet regularly for an intentional means of discipleship through reading & studying scripture, prayer, and confession & repentance.

Many of our DGs were planted out from our Missional Communities, and we hope to see more as we walk into 2020.

For more information on DGs, talk to your Missional Community leader(s).



This past year we also launched Recovery Groups. This group is for those who struggle with addiction and habitual sin. Our goal is to help people find redemption in Christ; to identify and address the patterns of sin and behavior as well as its roots—idolatry. We work together to uproot our sin and exhort each other to holiness within a confidential community.

In 2019 we saw three people walk through the recovery process and are praying to see more as we get ready to restart Recovery Groups in Spring 2020.

For more information, Email: [nate@storehousemcallen.com](mailto:nate@storehousemcallen.com)



# STOREHOUSE KIDS



In 2019, Storehouse Kids went through a great season of development and growth for the team and its leaders. Volunteers were provided with support with orientations specific for reviewing policies & procedures, inclusion in ministry for children of different abilities, and learning how to teach a new curriculum called The New City Catechism.

More importantly, we transitioned into 2019 with a clear mission for SH Kids so that we, as leaders and volunteers, would be unified in the same purpose; which is coming alongside parents in discipling and developing our children for the glory of God.

Aligning ourselves to this mission has allowed clarity in leadership and volunteer roles and expectations, volunteers to become leaders in different areas within the team to meet ministry needs, and for Gospel-centered care over our families and teaching for our children. Communication with parents on Sundays, leadership in monthly meetings, and with the team on a weekly basis was another area we saw flourish.

At the very core, our leadership team has realized how relationally based the ministry is intended to be as we've come to understand our dependency on the relationship we have with our Savior Jesus Christ. We understand being intentional with others is worth the time because the Lord is at work, and Storehouse Kids is the avenue to facilitate the discipleship process for both child and adult for His glory!

Laura Christina Ruiz  
Storehouse Kids Intern



CHURCH CONSIST  
OF CHILDREN



KIDS  
LEADERS



KIDS  
TEACHERS



OTHER  
VOLUNTEERS

# WALK THE LINE

This year, our student gathering went from simply being Storehouse Youth to Walk The Line student ministry. And here's the biggest reason why: our students face cultural norms and teachings that are contrary to the teachings of Scripture. And in their daily walk, they are challenged and socially persecuted for believing in the person and work of Jesus.

One of my favorite aspects of student ministry is that I get the honor to see our students for who they are, how they think, and witness the development of their own personal convictions. While our group is small, it is dense with Gospel conversations centered around Jesus and the cultural challenges they're facing.

I am so proud of what God is doing in and through our students, as they seek to know Jesus, grow in their understanding of Jesus, and make Jesus known in their contexts for the sake of the Gospel, His glory, and their good. I'm looking forward to seeing them continue to mature in their beliefs and convictions as they walk the line in their daily lives.

Pastor Marco De Leon

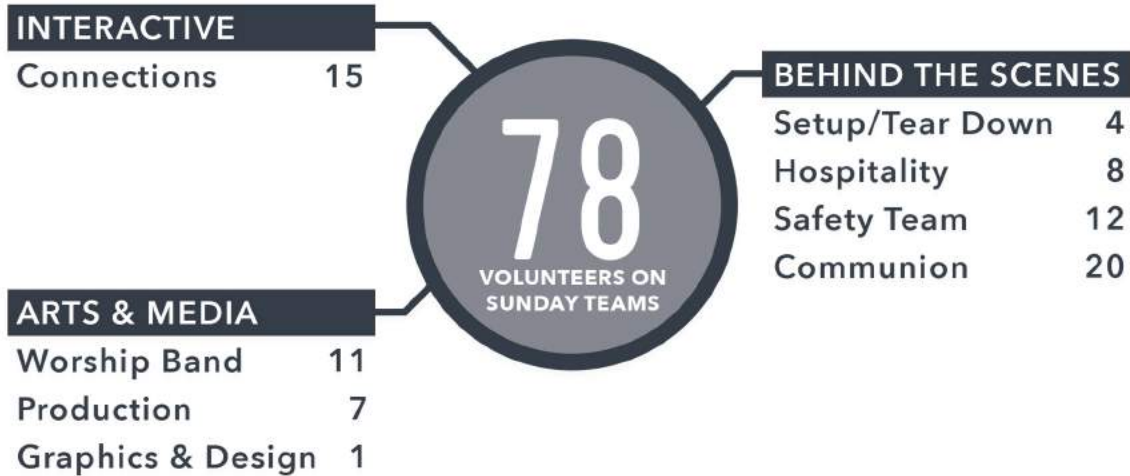


8 STUDENTS  
IN WALK THE LINE



# SERVING TEAMS

## TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS



**UP 4% FROM 2018**

At Storehouse, we love the Sunday Gathering! We desire to see both members and visitors experience the gospel through fellowship, praise, worship, and to hear the gospel through the preached Word. Sunday mornings are essential because it's when the saints gather to celebrate and worship Christ Jesus!

Sundays are an opportunity for new visitors not only to learn about who we are but also experience the person and work of Jesus. Sunday's could not be possible without our volunteers who are incredibly talented, creative, and faithful.

In 2019, our Sunday morning teams grew in number to 78 total volunteers serving with our gatherings. This includes everyone from our interactive ministries, to the behind the scenes works, to creative design throughout the week, and to the gifted and talented musicians you hear every weekend. Our volunteers selflessly devote many hours a week to meet the needs of our church ministries. Thank you so much to all who volunteer! We really could not do this without the time and effort you put in. Your faithfulness to the Gospel has a significant impact on the lives of those who walk through our doors.

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

1 Corinthians 15:58





# BUDGET REVIEW



With the 2019 budget, Storehouse Community Church was able to accomplish so much through equipping our church, as well as faithfully serving our missional partners. A significant area of growth was the work God was able to do through the expansion of our group ministries. Your faithful giving has been the catalyst that allows us to invest in the life of Storehouse, and we hope to see that trend continue as we go further in 2020.

This past year we made some one-time purchases for several of our ministry teams, allowing them to be more effective in our outreach and service. As we step into 2020, we saw the need for these investment purchases reduced, allowing us to decrease our Ministry and Services budgets. This year we are also expanding the roles of our part-time and stipend personnel so that we can be more effective in completing the day-to-day operations of our church.

Our 2020 financial goals are to:

- 1) Continue to put money in the area of Ministries; so that we can continue to see sustained growth and better equip our congregation to advance the Gospel.
- 2) Continue increasing the health of our Savings and Church Planting funds; the goal has been to maintain the rate of 5% of our general giving throughout the year.

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

-2 Corinthians 9:7

## OVERVIEW & PROJECTIONS

### Ministry

Worship, churchwide teaching, missions, church planting, spiritual formation, groups, connections, resourcing

### Services

Operations, facilities, technology, production, communications, finance, human resources and capital equipment

### Personnel

Saleries, benefits and professional development for all full-time and part-time staff

### BUDGET

### 2019 Overview

### 2020 Projection

Ministry	\$17,800.00	\$17,650.00
Services	\$67,960.00	\$67,750.00
Personnel	\$103,247.00	\$108,125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$187,007.00</b>	<b>\$193,525.00</b>