



SMOKEY POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH

2019 CELEBRATION REPORT



A SEASON OF CHANGE

At our Annual Celebration last year, we handed out tiny bags of coins. It was a sign of things to come; a **season of change**. Indeed, 2019 proved to be a year of change. Let's begin this celebration report by recalling four changes:

Ministry Changes

One exciting change was the start of Reach Training Institute. RTI is a fully accredited Bible college designed to prepare students for ministry to our neighborhoods and the nations. We were thrilled to launch our first cohort in the Fall! Another endeavor we stepped into was to serve as a greenhouse for a church plant, Church for the Nations. We began our partnership with Luis and Melissa Sanchez and the vision to plant a church in Marysville.

Staff Changes

In 2019, we experienced several changes to our pastoral staff. God brought our new worship pastor, Allen Hudson. Allen has brought a passion for worship through music and visual arts. We said goodbye to Byron Waggoner after 25 years of faithful service in student ministries. Justin Goheen stepped up to lead Student Ministries and Scott Calentine joined us from RTI Salem

to serve as Student Ministries Intern. Bryce McFadden also changed his role as he stepped into the position of RTI Director.

Facility Changes

Over the last year, a new audio/visual room was built and our lobby received a facelift. Our new space aims to create an inviting atmosphere to encourage people to stick around and engage with one another in community.

Heart Changes

The vision of Smokey Point is to be a COMMUNITY SET FREE! By God's grace, dozens of people made first-time decisions to follow Christ and many more experienced new levels of heart change. Through a sermon series called "UNSTUCK," we focused on God's ability to get us spiritually unstuck and to change us from the inside-out.

Would you invest some time to read through this celebration report, let it encourage your heart, and most importantly, may it prompt a response of thanks and praise to the GOD who did it all!



Pastor Jim Johnson





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Palooza & Clothing Closet



3,475 popcorn kernels
cleaned up by birds



We served over 1,100 children
in the community with clothing,
hair cuts, books, school supplies,
medical care and more!

Serve Sunday



1 drone taking footage of
our volunteers hard at work



16 different groups working to
love our community well

Community Christmas Dinner



6 organizations and
churches joining together
to bless our community
in a tangible way

Giving Tree



As a church we were able to
bless foster children in
Arlington, Lynnwood,
Everett & Darrington

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Arlington Health & Rehab Services



3 instruments
played each week
during the services

Meals 'til Monday Food Drive



1 enormous stage covered
in food. 3 van loads to
transport goods to the
food bank

Meals 'til Monday



An average of 200 kids fed by this program every
week in the Arlington School District



When Bri asked me if I wanted to be part of Meals 'til Monday, I was so excited! The thought of kids not having enough food when they aren't at school is something that had been heavy on my heart for a few years. I quickly agreed and am glad I did. Meals 'til Monday has made a huge impact in my life as a volunteer and as a member of our community. I have loved serving alongside other amazing people, seeing needs filled with joyful servants hearts and being part of such an impactful program! I can genuinely say that I look forward to packing days each week and can't wait to see what more is in store for this program. -Natalee P.

CHURCH FOR THE NATIONS



58 people attended
2 CFTN info sessions

26 people attended
the Friendsgiving
gathering

23 people attended
the Super Bowl
party



20 people committed
to small groups



I can't wait to continue on this journey. -Emilie R.

I'm super excited. I'm ready for growth. -Magdalena S.

I really love the mission statement and the all-around idea of CFTN. It is so welcoming and loving. - Jessica M.

If there's food, I'll be there. -Anonymous



Don't underestimate the power of God.

We all desire connection, to be understood and to be a part of something. God created us this way. But life here on earth is messy. We get lost at times, forgetting which way points Home. Jesus did not walk alone during His time on this earth and neither should we. Not only did God create us to be connected to Him but He created us for connection with others.

I have valued Life Group so much since I started attending SPCC. The friends I've made have been voices of truth shining light into my life. Life has seasons we all go through, chapters of change. My life went through several big changes in 2019, one of which was finally surrendering to God calling me to lead a life group. When I sat down with Tim, I told him I wanted a group of single, childless women who were going through similar things as me. I went to the life group leaders retreat and started sharing my vision with the other women leaders there. I shared how it feels lonely being a single woman in her thirties at a church full of families, how I felt alone in my 20s when I came home from college and didn't have many friends because of life changes. As I shared my heart, several of the women thought of their own daughters who had voiced similar frustrations, feeling like they are having a hard time connecting. When I went home, I felt strongly that God wanted me to lead those women. That journey led to a beautiful little life group that God is working in. Not only in my own life, but I can see Him moving in their lives too.

My challenge to you is this... be open to what God wants you to do. He is a big God with big plans for your life. He wants to use you! Are you willing to be used by Him? Your story, your experiences, your skills have value. Connect with others.

The church is messy because it is full of messy people, but God uses our mess for His glory. Don't underestimate the power of God.

-Christie Howard



LIFE GROUPS



27 Life Groups



250 adults attended
Life Groups each
week



150 kids in D-club
from Life Group
families





That is why we are here

Just 1.5 years ago we moved to Smokey Point and began attending SPCC. I contacted Pastor Tim and asked if we could connect with a Life Group even though there were only a few weeks left before summer. He found us a group that enthusiastically welcomed us. We immediately established friendships and enjoyed some social events during the summer.

It is tough moving to a new community & leaving friends and support from our previous church of 20 years. You kind of feel lost. When we first got here, we even had to use our GPS to find the local grocery store. But at least we were starting to get to know some people in the Life Group. Then on August 6, our world went completely sideways. Kelly was diagnosed with breast cancer. So here we are, away from our old church and support systems, in a new community, and facing the toughest period of our lives. But God provided. Our new friends were already prepared to come along side of us. One of the members had recently beat cancer. The group was prepared in advance to provide us with so much strength and encouragement. Now we are visiting together, praying together, talking on the phone, texting, sitting together at church. Our new friends are truly doing life with us during this tough time.

Recently I was sharing deeply in our group about all the challenges we are facing and the great feeling of loss. I was a little apologetic because it was kind of a downer. One of my new friends came next to me and said "Tim, that's why we are here."

We thank our God for His provision for us through SPCC. This church has ministered significantly in our lives during the past months. I do want to report that after months of intensive treatments, the cancer in Kelly's body is responding well -- beyond all expectations. We have great hope for the future. Even though I try to give more than I receive at church, sometimes there is a season where you just need to open up and receive God's love through others. And so I can echo back the words spoken to me in our life group several months ago... That is why WE are here.



-Tim & Kelly Sooter

SENIOR ADULTS



542 round trip miles driven during the monthly outings



35 people were involved in the Seniors Bible Studies

ADULT MINISTRIES

Grief Share



8 women completed the course

The First Five



5 couples joined in this new ministry

How We Love



47 people attended [4 were returning for a second time]

Divorce Care



Attendees are thankful that SPCC offers the class and thank the leaders for their time. Through this class, they find that they not alone. With the Lord's help, this class, and others, they find the tools they need to navigate the road of healing.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Events



80 women attended the Missions Dinner - "Darkness to Light" with Angela Barnhart



60 women enjoyed Women's Retreat!
4 meals perfectly prepared by someone else!



70 women at the Spring Dinner
"Out of the Ashes"
with Debbie Jackson
100 churros were eaten for dessert



Women joined at the Fall Dinner to hear from Emily Johnson
"Finding Her Voice"

Women's Bible Study



40 women participated in the study in the Fall



35 women were a part of the study in the Spring



17 women took part in the Summer book club

Healing Hearts



Healing Hearts Ministry is a gospel based, grace driven ministry that offers hope and healing in Jesus Christ through God's Word to people who have been broken by sin. "The Hem of His Garment" study uses the Word to walk a woman through the healing process.



Since my first ministry fair at SPCC I knew that God would use the Healing Hearts ministry to heal the pain that had been built up inside me for years. From the first session, God began to open my eyes and my heart, breaking down the pride and lies Satan had led me to believe for so long. With the ministry leaders gentle guidance, God broke down barriers in areas I either didn't know existed or I thought were a normal part of life. God showed me that He knows me so much better than I even know myself. Most importantly, He also helped me see that He understands all that I'm going through. While there were times it was emotionally difficult, the leaders were always there encouraging me, lifting me up in prayer, and ready to talk when I needed it. The freedom that God gave me through this ministry has been profound and I will forever be grateful. -Angela Melum

MEN'S MINISTRY



30 men attended the
Golf Tournament



56 men got away at
Men's Retreat



103 men are connected
in a Life Group



230 men attended
men's events



CONNECTIONS MINISTRY



98 members of the Connection Team



300 pounds of coffee brewed



Over 8,000 volunteer hours



Greeted & welcomed over 19,000 visitors at 156 services



Chuck and Jan Laughlin have been part of SPCC for just over a year now and have made the decision to make this their church home through the partnership process. Here's what they had to say about getting connected here; "From day one we felt welcomed and became Members. We are plugged into our Life Groups, Men's Breakfast, Women's Bible Study and more."



Ken and Barbara Smith began visiting SPCC about a year ago. They appreciated the warm welcome that they received from our Greeter team and from the congregation during the "meet and greet" time. They also enjoyed meeting SPCC staff at the Welcome Lunch. Now that they have connected as Partners, they love meeting and greeting new attendees in the same way.



REACH TRAINING INSTITUTE



Spent at least 180 hours in the classroom, with 5 different professors, 8 different classes... and many pages of reading



Traveled 7,586 miles including RTI training, advertising in churches and schools, and a missions trip to Guadalajara, Mexico, interviewing missionaries and locals



Over 100 street tacos consumed in Mexico by a hungry cohort!



RTI has been an amazing blessing not only to me, but my wife, my kids, and church family. I've been challenged in my theology, my understanding of Christ, and my own character. Because of this program I feel I'm being equipped to put God's call on my life into action. I'm so excited to be a part of RTI.

-Richard



RTI is growing hearts for Christ

God put a call to ministry on our hearts several years ago and since then, we have been pursuing options. The requirements for service in the CMA held us back from serving with the Alliance. When RTI came to SPCC, it was pretty evident that God wanted me to enroll.

On September 16, 2018, Pastor Jim announced the start of something new at SPCC. He mentioned it would grow hearts for Christ, build our community, and take the gospel to foreign lands. I was not at church that weekend. I was away on a week-long backpacking trip. However, Sarah was at church that weekend and was deeply moved by God. When I arrived home, Sarah told me she was leaving the house for a few hours with the boys. She told me not to unpack my bags, nor do anything else until I had listened to the sermon from the previous weekend. I was shocked and she gave me no hints as to why I needed to listen to the sermon. My imagination ran wild with speculations so I had to listen to the sermon right away. As I listened to the sermon, all the speculations faded away, and the clarity of why my wife wanted me to hear it settled in. Pastor Jim in his sermon announced the decision to start the college. It was the answer to the key requirement I lacked for serving with the Alliance. When Sarah and I listened to that sermon, we both felt God tell us to sell our house on Camano Island and find a place to rent closer to my work. Selling our house allowed us to pay off some debt, have money to pay for tuition, and lessen the commute to my work.

RTI is the perfect fit for me. It allows me to work full time and I will not have years of school debt to pay back. I want to thank the whole church body for bringing this opportunity to our church. RTI is growing hearts for Christ, building our community, and will soon be taking the gospel to foreign lands.

-James and Sarah Pomeroy



CHURCH FAMILY

Our Church Body



17 people came to Christ



18 chose to be baptized



19 people became Partners

Campus Ministry Teams



25 people volunteer monthly

ON



3 Deacon led Campus Ministry Teams

GIVING



Over 1,000 volunteer hours on our campus

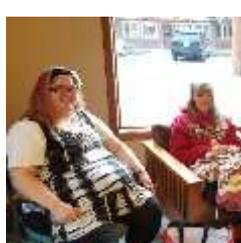
Deaconess Team



7,400 cups of juice prepared for communion



3 memorials and 5 Welcome Lunches planned



THE ALLIANCE AT A GLANCE

UNITED STATES 2019 STATISTICS



433,379
worshippers



in 1,958
churches



speak 38 languages
and dialects

9,710 new baptisms | 25,105 new believers



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF THE ALLIANCE



SERVING COMMUNITIES through vocational expertise that impacts the whole person and their surrounding neighborhoods



MULTIPLYING CHURCH NETWORKS that create even more churches to serve the unreached in their communities—and beyond



DEVELOPING PEOPLE who will disciple others to be effective leaders in their communities and church networks with a passion for Jesus

INTERNATIONAL 2019 STATISTICS



699 international workers



serve 70+ people groups



in 62 countries

62 new international workers

1,100+ short-term missions trip participants, interns, and residents



WHAT IS THE ALLIANCE WORLD FELLOWSHIP?

The U.S. Alliance enjoys a fraternal relationship with the Alliance World Fellowship—a global family of 60 autonomous national church networks consisting of 23,000 churches in 81 countries with more than 6 million "Alliance" worshippers.

RESCUE MEDICAL SUPPLIES



415 boxes of
supplies shipped



Weighing 8,400
pounds



Costing \$16,300
to ship

RMS was proud to support a clinic in Papua New Guinea that saw about 20,000 locals in the past year. They showed the Jesus film & health ed videos over 200 times. They served another 8,000 mothers & children through 12 community clinics & partnered with YWAM to provide healthcare services & New Testaments in localized languages to 20 villages accessible only by sea. [www.rescuemed.org]



RUSSIA MISSION TEAM



Our team served in Tyumen, Russia, May 22 - June 4. They insulated and put siding on a cement block church building that we began in 2017, preached on weekends, shared their testimonies, encouraged, loved on, worshiped with, and did life with their Russian host families!

Jon & Linda Senn, Dawn Stoelting, David Rutledge, Duane Weaver, Bryce McFadden & Ron Rech pictured with St. Basil in the background

MISSIONS



Chad Africa



Papua New Guinea



W Family
(Currently back home)



Goheen Family



B Family
(leaving August 2020)

go into all the world...



Cambodia



Indonesia



Jorgenson Family



Jim Healey



Kern Family
(leaving July 2020)

MOPS & MOMSnext



84 moms

+



100 kids

+



1,650 volunteer hours

=



90 bottles of creamer

&



2,520 cups of coffee





My world changed that very first day

Starting back in 2015 when I was pregnant with my 1st child, every time MOPS was brought up during announcements at church, I felt a tug on my heart that I should go. The tug felt so strong when I was going through some really hard things in my marriage and life as a mom. I finally decided to sign up and go the Fall of 2018. My world changed that very first day.

I was nervous and excited and had no idea what to expect. At small group time, we shared things going on in our lives and I cried and poured my heart out to these women I just met. That's how welcome I felt from the moment I met them. I was comforted with genuine support and wisdom from my mentor mom Kim Anderson, who I cherish so much. Throughout the year, different areas/subjects were brought up and although I didn't realize it at the time, I hadn't dealt with a lot of things that happened in my past and how they were affecting me. The bonds that were created are lifelong and these women pulled me up from the pit I was in and shared God's promises and truth. It helped ignite a fire in me and realization that although I believed in God I didn't have a relationship with Him. I went to my first women's retreat that year and felt the roots go deeper and plugged in. It helped me start to change my behaviors and habits.

This year I've gotten to take a leadership role and be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving on other women who are doing this very rewarding but very exhausting job of raising little humans. I'm serving others so that they may come to know God and Jesus through sharing my testimony and God's grace. My children have also begun to truly know God and start a relationship with Him. They are loved on and taught by amazing volunteers every week. They were dedicated last Mother's Day at church and Kim Anderson, my mentor mom and who is family now, stood up beside us. Our worlds are forever changed for the better. I'm forever grateful for this ministry and all that it has done in my life.

-Heather Herdt



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

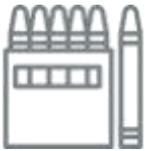
Kids



105 kids attended weekend services on average



85 kids attended D-club each week on average



2,400 crayons used



Stories from 21 different books of the Bible told



9,480 Nilla Wafers consumed



Volunteers



55 adult volunteers in Kid Ventures



14 High Schoolers & 16 LITs Volunteer in Kid Ventures



How many volunteer hours were served in Kid Ventures & D-club in 2019?

A) 1,459 B) 8,112 C) 11,934

Answer: C

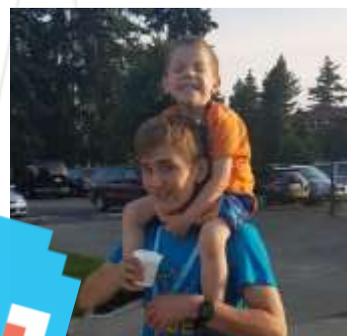
VBS



268 kids
experienced VBS



126 volunteers
served 2,220 hours



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



This year the children of SPCC have found many ways to make a difference.

For 5 discipleship students along with parents & leaders, it meant traveling down to Blodgett, Oregon to serve at a Vacation Bible School.

They led preschool groups, organized & led the games, and even taught the Bible using Science demonstrations.

They also made a difference in the lives of our Kid Ventures leaders by sending dozens of cards to Kevin & Dennis while they have dealt with serious health issues.

They have prayed for our missionary families: the Goheens, Jorgensons, Weibes, & Jim Healey as they serve Jesus in other cultures.



LITTLE LIGHT PRESCHOOL



2 new staff members
(Ms. Diona & Ms. Emily)



1 new Pre-K Class
opened



90 children enrolled in
the 2019-2020 year



560 people attended
Christmas programs



Our staff learn new things from our kids too. When Ms. Diona was introducing community helpers, she asked “ Does anyone know what a community helper is?” Her newest 4 year old said “a Pastor”. Ms. Diona said “I was gonna say a dentist or a doctor but you’re right, a Pastor is a community helper.” Then she asked “What do community helpers do?” A different child chimed in and said “tell people about Jesus”. It wasn’t where she was going with the lesson but she loved where their little hearts took the class. Next year she is definitely including pastors, Sunday school teachers, etc. as a community helper with a field trip around the campus to visit a few pastoral offices.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



-127 middle schoolers walked through our church doors

-45 students attend Illumin8 each week on average



Lucas began attending Illumin8 late 2018 and it was his first experience with church. The food, fun, and games might have brought him through the doors, but quickly he became interested in more meaningful things.

He signed up for summer camp because his friends were going and thought, "Maybe I will learn something." In the weeks to follow, a team of people began praying for his searching heart.

On Thursday night of camp, he made the decision to follow Jesus. It was not in the hype of the moment or something he felt pressured to do, but a choice to put his trust in the only One who could save him. "It was clarity, like I was able to finally clear my mind and focus on Him. I could actually pray and it's like I felt Him with me." When he arrived home, he asked his parents to buy him a Bible. Two days later, he received his very first Bible. Since that time, he has been growing in his faith and getting more plugged into Church. He has also been reading his Bible as much as he can. He said, "Every once in a while I will have a really long day and I will open my Bible and almost every time I find something that helps me in that moment."

Praise God for what was lost is now found and there is a new member in God's family!

HIGH SCHOOL



18 MS & HS students fasted for 162 consecutive hours together from all media during the summer



137 Filipino students participated at the sports camp put on by the HS



Only 2 busses broke down on the way to camp



A few students attended an 'unreached people groups' seminar & were significantly impacted. They saw a 40' long list of people groups that don't have the Bible in their language. After that, multiple students have sensed God's call on their life for missions & a heart to reach the unreached.

"I need to trust in Him a lot more with my future after school. I've spent so much time just trying to plan it out myself & it's not working. God really called me to missions, to go out & share the gospel with people who don't know it." - Bella

"I've always struggled to share my faith & have the courage & boldness to do that. But after going to the Philippines, I enjoyed sharing my faith & having the ability to go into their schools & tell them about Jesus. It was the greatest experience & I want to continue that in my life at our school & pour out God's love to everyone around me who doesn't know Jesus." - Alexia

YOUNG ADULTS



This summer the Young Adults ministry had a new launch. Emily Johnson and Allen Hudson oversee the ministry and are working to build a community with times of connection and activities.

WORSHIP



52 people served on the worship team



780 songs were sung between all 3 services



OUR STAFF



New Staff This Year



Allen Hudson
Worship Pastor



Ellen Smith
Office Manager



Debbie Jackson
Custodian



Emily Johnson
Preschool Asst &
Young Adults



Scott Calentine
Student Ministries
Intern



Celebrated 10 Years

Darrcie Inman
Financial Manager

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 15

Partners (members) will be voting on elected church leadership positions and budget. Here are the Nominating Committee's Recommendations:

Elder Board

3 Year Term



Bob Walker

Governing Board

2 Year Term



Bill Basher



Anthony DuRyea



Debi Gilmore



Stacy Anderson

1 Year Term

Deacon



Jon Bergstrom



Jeremy Bohnsack



Dale Clark



Emerson Hevia

Deaconess



Gale
Andrews



Sue
Bakken



Carole
Clark



Heidi
Hesselman



Deb
Lara

Nominating Committee



Zach
Hawkins



Kim
Holp



Leslie
Pokswinski

Annual Celebration Service

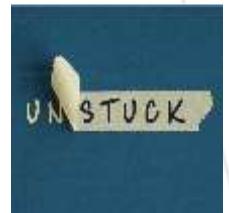
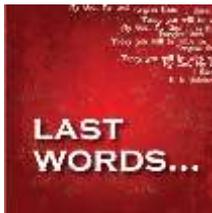
SUNDAY MARCH 15 @ 10AM

FINANCIALS

BUDGET	2019/2020 Approved Budget	2020/2021 Proposed Budget
Pastor and Staff Salaries	\$488,052	\$495,575
Benefits and Tax	\$147,434	\$125,658
Ministry Programs	\$98,785	\$105,190
Support of other SPCC funds	\$5,500	\$5,500
Administrative	\$129,124	\$129,288
Buildings and Maintenance	\$67,105	\$74,789
Total	\$936,000	\$936,000
Monthly Amount	\$78,000	\$78,000
Weekly Amount	\$18,000	\$18,000

SERMON SERIES

— Some of our sermon series of 2019



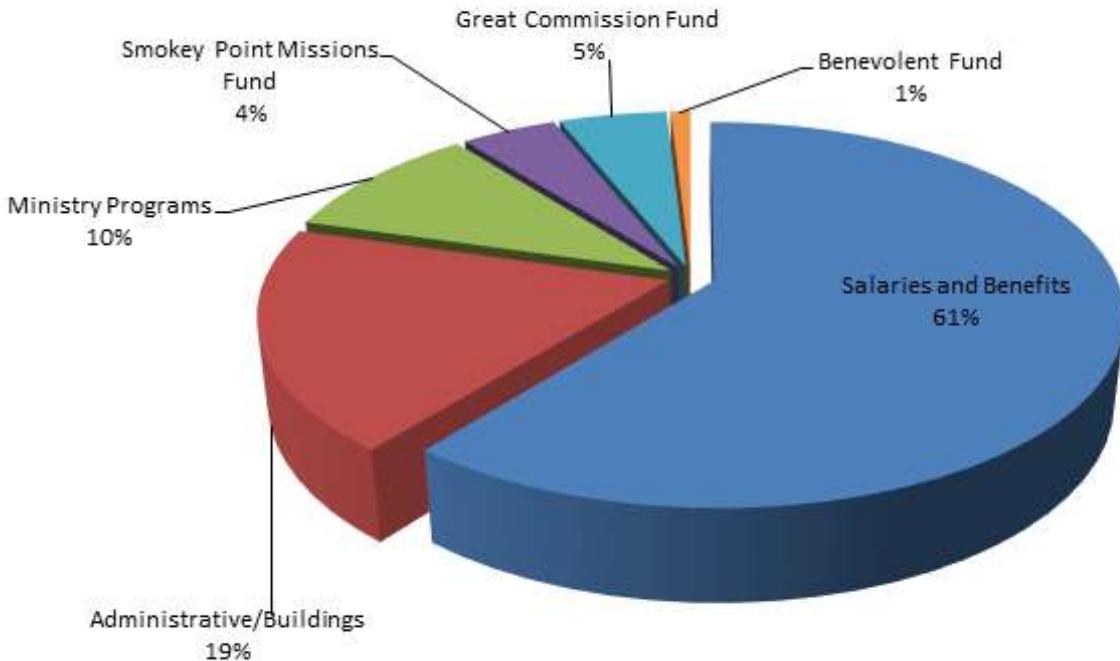
GIVING

Benevolent Fund



\$8,112 was distributed to families in need and used to support the Arlington Resource Center thanks to the generosity of our church family

Your 2019 offerings supported



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