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Advent Life Ministries

Looking Back:

- Facing the biggest single challenge to our ministry due to the pandemic I am grateful to God and to our incredible staff for their faithful and fruitful ministry that has led us not only to survive but thrive!
- Following the CDC and Health Department Guidelines our schools and Advent Square have remained opened through most of the pandemic providing an invaluable service to our students and families.
- Both of our church sites have found creative and powerful ways to minister to our members and to our community.

Looking Forward:

- Thanks to the generosity of our members and the success of our ministries we are developing bold visions for all of our ministries this year! We hope to reach new people in Lantana, grow our Boca congregation, expand our Assisted Living capacity, and achieve full enrollment in our schools.
- A new model for governance is being developed by the Church Council that will allow us to share service across all ministries, centralize leadership and focus on strategic planning for the future.

Boca Campus Pastor-David Franklin

2020 Church Highlights

- Saw an average attendance of 451 in person and YouTube viewers over the course of the year.
- Very proud of our church staff who made a series of seamless adjustments on the fly to meet peoples spiritual needs in the midst of the pandemic. Including live video streaming of worship, Zoom meetings, Bible studies, and small groups, digital daily devotionals and additional video content for or congregation.
- Added 6 new small groups in 2020 in the midst of a pandemic
- Partnered with Boca Helping hands to feed hundreds of families each week
- Started Little Food Pantry ministry at both Boca Raton and Lantana campuses

2021 Goals

- Have 250 people from our community connected in small groups
- Have 40 leaders go through new Equip leadership training

Family Ministries 2020 – Jessica Ballas

- Providing a safe and socially distanced Advent Kids Church service and brought fun filled Advent Kids videos provided during our quarantine
- Working with City House organization to have First Angel tree for Moms and children Hosted a Christmas party that included Santa and Mrs. Claus with their friends from the North Pole
- Mom’s weekly Bible Study that includes children and weekly chapels for our ECS students
- Two campus Little Food Pantries to help teach children and families about serving our community needs
- Successful Trunk or Treat event at our Boca campus
- Three Family Services this Christmas Eve that included a socially distanced walk through at Candy Cane Lane with Buddy the Elf and friends

Goals

- Continue to grow Advent Kids Church
- Safely teaching children how to better serve their community

Advent Aftercare and Summer Camp Programs

- One of the first and one of few summer camps that opened to our community
- Socially distanced groups with assigned counselor for both summer and afterschool programs

Goals

- Continue to provide a safe environment for families to have their children
- Provide In-House field trips and experiences for summer camp

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Student Ministry Pastor- Shayne Spurgeon

High School Youth

- Developing a foundational understanding of the Bible
- Developing new relationships and deepening old ones
- Video/ Zoom Meetings and lessons
- In House smaller scale events such as laser tag, food trucks, Capture the Flag, movies etc.
- Trying to keep the group together and committed during Covid 19

Middle School Youth

- Developing topical and foundational understanding of the Bible
- Youth Group by grade level every Friday after school
- Developing and producing #Free2Serve goody bags to share with those in need
- 8th grade leadership/teamwork development
- Chapel preparation and leading...
3 per week this year separated by different age groups
- Continue to develop deeper relationships with students and parents
- Video lessons
- Teaching Bible class...Biblical character profiles

Young Adults (Now... S.O.U.L)

- Created new program called S.O.U.L
- Several outreach/ worship events
- Continued Bible studies
- Developing deep rooted relationships
- Open Gyms and Volleyball nights
- Planning of future outreaches and service projects
- Adapted a plan to have several young adult small groups

Community Life Ministries: Ashley Mattocks

- Facilitated & organized Pet Blessing, campus-wide Care Packages, weekly Purposeful Acts of Kindness, Soul Keeping Tasks, Boca Helping Hands Thanksgiving Boxes and Angel Tree outreach
- Scheduled Sunday Morning Welcome & Worship Team volunteers while implementing appropriate safety and health precautions for in-person worship services
- Established & oversaw Care Circle Ministry
- Coordinated weekly volunteers for Boca Helping Hands Food Distribution at Lantana Campus

2021 Goals

- Continue to find new opportunities for both outreach and volunteerism in the Advent Community
- Develop our Lantana Campus for further outreach opportunities
- Utilize Realm App and other social media outlets for further communication, encouragement and motivation for our congregation

Facilities Manager-Bill Hickman

- Implemented cloud based facility work order system
- Remodeled four units at Advent Square
- Remodeled two ECS classrooms and turned old library into two new classrooms
- Replaced posts of EMS outside hallway overhang
- Removed trees from the church courtyard and rental property
- Added a Day Porter to disinfect all classrooms, offices and playgrounds

Goals

- Remodel church courtyard
- Update classrooms in both ECS and EMS
- New roof for ECS

The Garden-Julie Putnik

- All-volunteer leadership team created thoughtful events for women to grow in the Word, in worship and in wonder of Jesus involving 15 different women presenting and leading at 2020 events attended and/or viewed by 50-70 women each month.
- Completed The Garden season 2 in May 2020 focusing on being rooted in Christ and encouraged the ladies of THE GARDEN with “stay rooted” emails during the height of the covid quarantine to offer ideas, faith-building suggestions and coordinate service opportunities including writing letters of encouragement to shut-ins and Advent Square residents to mask-making with the Boca Raton Garden Club.
- Successfully pivoted to a live stream experience during April and May and transitioned to three, guided, outdoor prayer walks during June, July and August focusing. Transitioned in September to a combination of in-person and live streaming events from September to December with approximately 50 women in person and as many as 150 viewing the event online.
- Began Season 3 of The Garden with the theme of Nourish & Flourish by leaning in to what it means to nourish our faith life and how we are called as image-bearers to flourish in our faith.
- Curated a one-day, Nourish Women’s Retreat in November 2020 both in-person and online. More than fifty women participated in the event centered around Romans 8 with teaching from the 2020 IF:Gathering and live teaching by Susan Hagen. In-person participants also took part in creating Thanksgiving and Christmas wreaths to adorn the doors of residents at Advent Square.

Goals

- Continue to offer a nurturing space where women can
- find their voice and are encouraged to share their faith in new and creative ways and involve more Garden attendees in behind-the-scenes production of each monthly event.
- Foster a strong spirit of discipleship encouraging women to continue to enthusiastically invite their friends, family, neighbors, co-workers to The Garden.
- Cultivate more service opportunities and projects at The Garden.

Advent Square Highlights-Joanne Taylor

- Welcomed a new Executive Director, Joanne Taylor, and Resident Relations Coordinator Ann Sico.
- Scheduled three Covid Vaccine Clinics for Assisted Living, Independent Living residents and staff
- Added Men's group led by Pastor Andy, smart phone classes and resumed socially distant Happy Hour with entertainment and Bingo after a four month hiatus due to Covid.
- Despite Covid, ended the year ahead of budget.
- Added 18 new residents to the Advent Square Family.

Goals for 2021

- Planned improvements to the community include new windows on apartments facing Dixie Highway and also improvements to the drainage system to help prevent less flooding of sidewalks
- With the Assisted Living Facility at capacity, we look forward to doing the same with our independent apartments
- As Covid restrictions are lifted we look forward to resuming bus trips and Pet Therapy as well as adding new classes like seated exercise and music therapy

Early Childhood School- Barbara Leon

- **Best of the Top three Preschools in Palm Beach County for 2019-20!**
We were so grateful to receive this recognition again! Parents that have come for tours tell us that our program is highly recommended by their neighbors and co-workers.
- **Served over 250 families for the 2020 school year and summer camp!**The ministry continued its outreach to the community by hosting virtual activities for the 250 plus families that attended the Early Childhood School. In house special activities and days like Harvest Day, Christmas Celebrations and special guest visiting.
- **Opening of Rooms 10 & 16 doubles the number of Tiny Tots in our program**
We are now serving twice as many two year old children. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to serve so many parents of Tiny Tot age children.
- **Outreach to our community and Early Childhood families** Advent ECS offered 200 children the opportunity to return to school after being closed for three months due to the pandemic. Offering four different car line times for drop-off and pick-up.
- Our Harvest Days on the week of October 26-30 was a great success. The students enjoyed this fun filled day.
- Gifts of Bibles to Infant & Toddler parents and graduating Pre-K students – We love this opportunity to partner with the Church in sharing our faith.

Elementary and Middle School-Donna Centerbar

Highlights of 2020:

- Advent Elementary & Middle School successfully returned to in-person learning on August 12, 2020. Our enrollment is robust with a total count of over 195 students at this time. To maintain social distancing we capped the number of students per class and currently have waiting lists in a few grades levels. We were also able to open a second Kindergarten classroom as a result of the demand for in-person learning in our area.
- This year we began accepting three state scholarships. The Florida Tax Credit scholarship supported 25 students for a total of \$151,000 and the Family Empowerment scholarship supported 27 students for a total of \$194,000. The Gardiner scholarship is for students with special needs and supported 4 students for a total of \$32,000.
- We are currently working with the accounting department to implement additional components of the FACTS online school management program. The new components include a tuition management component and an online registration component.
- We have implemented three new web based instructional programs. Specifically, iReady for reading which is a data driven individualized learning and progress monitoring program; Reflex Math which is an adaptive and individualized program that builds math fact automaticity and My Access which provides writing instruction and assessment resulting in improved student writing proficiency.
- Although somewhat restricted due to Covid 19, we have been able to have several school events this year including: an 8th grade leadership retreat, High Touch High Tech in house field trips, a Book Fair, Red Ribbon Week activities, classroom Thanksgiving feasts, and our annual Christmas Show done virtually this year.

Goals for 2021:

- Focus on facility improvements including classroom renovations, improving curbside appearance and improving the front office appearance.
- Strengthen our technology program in the upper elementary and middle school technology classes. For example the learning of advanced computer skills through website design, computer game design, app design, beginning coding, and media editing including audio and digital image editing.