



⌘ FORGET RELIGION. FIND GOD.

YEAR TWELVE

RUST CITY CHURCH
2023 ANNUAL REPORT
DEC 2022 - NOV 2023

TWENTY 23



WHAT A YEAR IT'S BEEN!

For us, personally, 2023 was an instrumental year of realigning priorities, focus, and energy to help more people find a new possible here in the valley and around the world — shaking off the rust and letting God revive His vision in our hearts. We were blessed to see several initiatives that we dreamed about come to life, like our Revive the Rust Conference being re-launched and the Christmas Miracle Moment making such a huge impact in the community.

But one of the main things that God revealed to me (Doug) was the transformative work of the gospel through five key behaviors of a disciple. **I believe we can see the transformation we desire — for the gospel to change us to be more like Jesus — if we lean into these practices daily.** I ended the year with a teaching series called Transformative Gospel, which I believe will be pivotal in the culture and development of Rust City Church moving forward.

As you look through this report, you'll see that **we chose to view the data from the year through the lens of the five behaviors**, and reflect on how we're helping people take steps toward becoming fully surrendered disciples of Jesus.

I want to encourage you to stay committed to the call of God on your life and to the call of our church — to forget religion and find God, to continue to move toward the new possible the Lord has for us. He has so much more for us! But it will require more *from us*.

We love each and every one of you who contributed to help make this year of Rust City happen. Don't forget that every number has a name and every name has a story and every story matters to God (and to us)!

THANK YOU!

DOUG + STEPHANIE GARASIC
FOUNDING PASTORS

TAKE
A
LOOK

OUR MISSION

Inviting People in the Heart of the Rust Belt to
Forget Religion, Find God and Move Toward a New Possible!

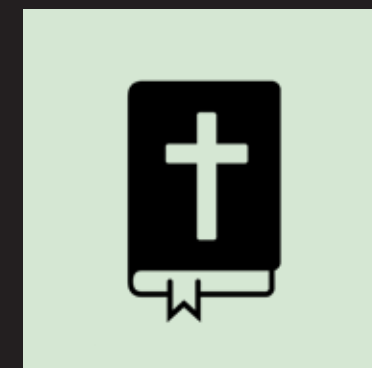
5 BEHAVIORS OF A DISCIPLE



THIS IS HOW
WE HELP YOU
FIND YOUR
NEW POSSIBLE.

BIBLE STUDY

Reading the Bible daily, memorizing Scripture, studying for directions rather than suggestions, and choosing to obey God's commands.



PRAYER+WORSHIP

Spending time with God in personal and corporate worship and prayer, learning to surrender and trust Him above anything else.



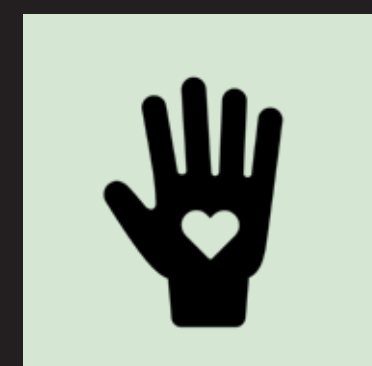
FELLOWSHIP

Engaging with other believers, sharing life and faith, encouraging and spurring one another on to grow in love and good deeds.



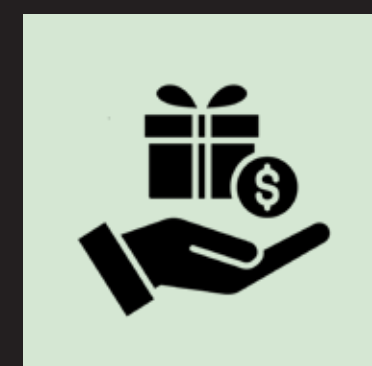
SERVING

Using the gifts and abilities God has given you to serve and support others, both in the church and in your daily life, for the purpose of building God's Kingdom.



GENEROSITY

Giving the financial resources God has given to you for Kingdom causes like spreading the gospel and helping the hurting and broken.



BIBLE STUDY

356 PEOPLE SAID **"YES"**
TO JESUS + RECEIVED A
LIFE BOOK (Gospel of Mark)



EVERY NUMBER HAS A NAME
EVERY NAME HAS A STORY
EVERY STORY MATTERS TO GOD



18 PEOPLE GRADUATED
FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Since doing Financial Freedom class, I've looked at money differently. I'm finally tracking my spending and setting goals for what I want to save for. Pastor Doug's little tips helped me so much, and this class will open your eyes on how your spending matters. After the class I decided to tithe, even though I was afraid that I would not have enough, but since then there has always been enough. I am so thankful I was a part of this class.

Lindsay Robinson

Graduated Financial Freedom – Aug 2023

200 PEOPLE ATTENDED
LUNCH + LEARN

A MONTHLY GATHERING TO LEARN
BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES
FROM OUR PASTORS AND EAT

FREE
CHICK-FIL-A
NOM NOM NOM





94

INDIVIDUALS WERE LED THROUGH A 3-MONTH DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

“Beginning my discipleship journey at Rust City has completely changed my life. It made me a better man, father, and husband. I love the journey that God has me on. It has taught me so much about who I am in Christ.”

Scott Criddle

START WHERE YOU ARE, BUT DON'T STAY THERE.
TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH
AND GET DISCIPLED.





PRAYER + WORSHIP

21 DAYS OF PRAYER + FASTING

JANUARY 22 – FEBRUARY 11



57 PEOPLE GATHERED
AT RUST CITY TO PRAY

PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN
THE STRETCH CHALLENGE **119**
Daily prayer, fasting, devotional readings and challenges

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEK

SEPTEMBER 5 – 7

48 PEOPLE GATHERED
TO PRAY FOR REVIVAL

PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN
READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER **53**

156

UNIQUE WORSHIP
EXPERIENCES
THROUGHOUT 2023

776

PEOPLE RECEIVED
PRAYER
ON SUNDAYS

REVIVE THE RUST

SEPTEMBER 8 – 10

957 PEOPLE ATTENDED
OUR 3 DAY CONFERENCE

PEOPLE TOOK A NEXT
STEP IN THEIR JOURNEY **26**

“ Revive the Rust Conference was a life-changing experience. I went into it thinking I was just going to learn about God and how to worship Him, but it taught me a whole lot more about who God has created me to be and how I can serve Him and others through fellowship. I learned to pray with deeper purpose. I learned how to worship with intention. I learned how to open my heart and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, and it was beautiful. We are truly better together and revival is possible. ”

Cynthia Ginkinger

NEED
PRAYER?

TEXT “PRAYER”
ANY TIME TO
330.299.4071

OR

SCAN TO SUBMIT A
PRAYER REQUEST



FELLOWSHIP

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

ADULTS BAPTIZED **61**

FRISBEEES THROWN TO NEW GUESTS **488**

SUNDAY

“ I started attending Rust City the day of baptism service. I was at the very lowest point of my life, but something told me “You need to go to church today.” I bawled the entire service and knew it was time to surrender. I’ll never be able to explain what happened to me that day. I thank God every day for allowing me to hold on just one more day and ultimately leading me to Rust City to find Him. ”

Mariah Smith



REAL LIFE CHANGE
HAPPENS IN MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS



GROUPS

27 GROUPS LAUNCHED

251 PEOPLE JOINED A GROUP

3 RECOVERY MEETINGS MET WEEKLY IN OUR BUILDING



ONLINE

@RUSTCITY

431 NEW LIKES

11,298 SOCIAL FOLLOWING

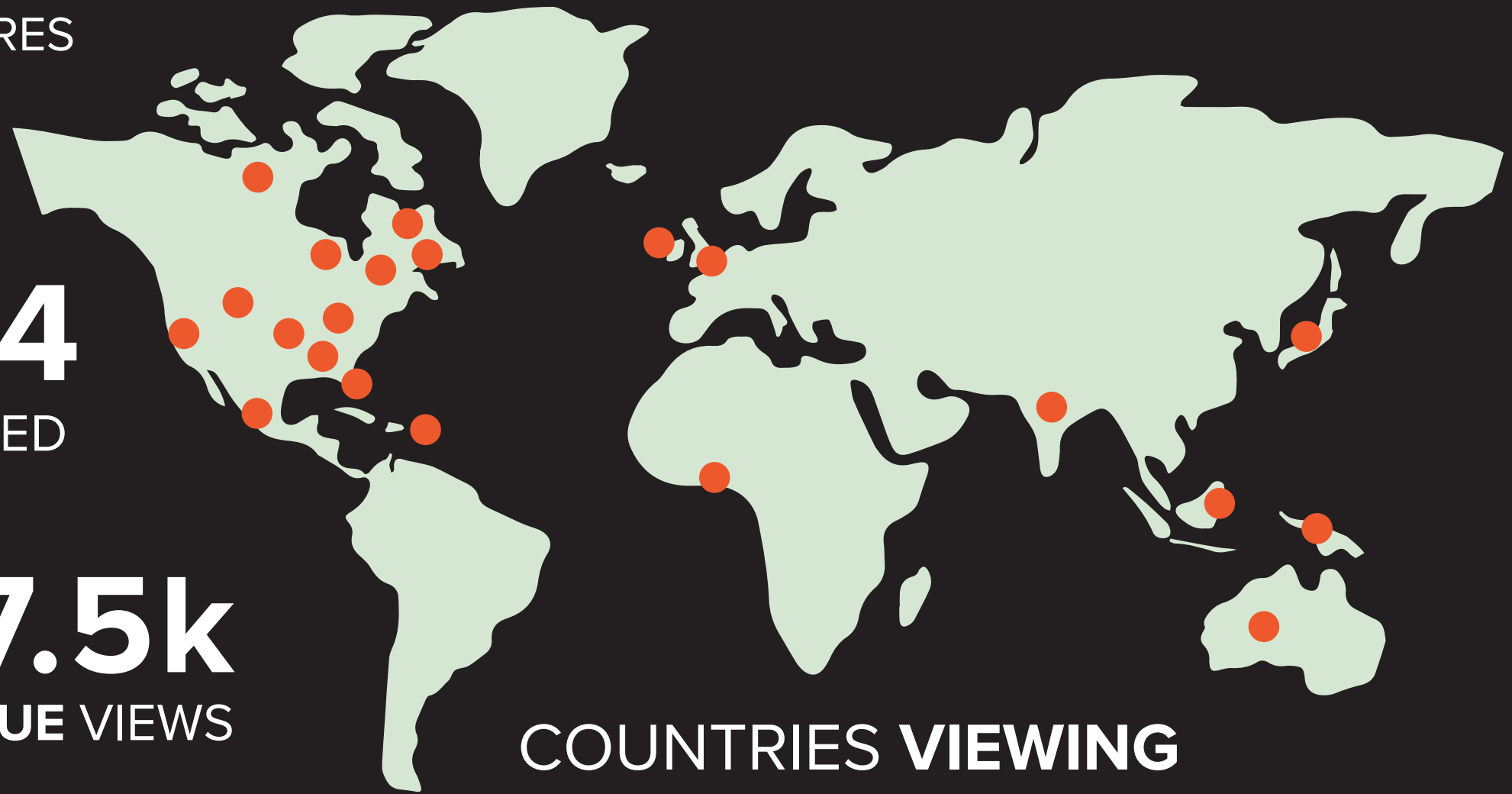
169 NEW SHARES

183,644 MINUTES WATCHED

7.5k UNIQUE VIEWS

STAY CONNECTED

EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN THE BUILDING ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE



COFFEE SHOP



IT'S COFFEE ON MISSION!

In September, we launched Rust City Coffee! Part of our desire was to create opportunities for Godly fellowship as people gather around a cup of coffee for conversation + connection. Plus, all the profits go back into our mission initiatives (find out more on page 12).

WOOW

1,271 CUPS OF TOTAL COFFEE SHARED

= 123.5 GALLONS OF COFFEE

FUN FACT!



THAT'S LIKE FILLING 7.71 CAMELS WITH COFFEE!



TOP DRINK

250 ICED CARAMEL MACCHIATOS

63 FREE DRINK GIFT CARDS GIVEN

ENDLESS CONVOS + CAFFEINE

WE'RE AT OUR BEST WHEN WE'RE
SERVING
 OTHERS



“Serving on the Dream Team allows me to give back to others and do the things that I am really passionate about, such as loving each and every new guest, helping people take their next step, and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ!”

Debra Thomas



DREAM TEAM

63 NEW TO DREAM TEAM

37 DREAM TEAM LEADERS

5 DREAM TEAM COACHES

OVER **13,000**
 HOURS SERVED

209 TOTAL DREAM TEAM MEMBERS

FUN FACT!

THAT'S LIKE **BINGEING** YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW (LIKE *THE OFFICE*)
541 DAYS IN A ROW
 WITHOUT SLEEP!

IT'S TRUE!
 -PRISON MIKE





MIDWEEK

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 6P

376,193 POUNDS OF FOOD

10,211 FAMILIES FED

824 PEOPLE PRAYED FOR

28,550 DIAPERS DISTRIBUTED

371 TOTAL VOLUNTEERS

6,523 MEALS PROVIDED



SERVE THE CITY

CONFERENCE MORNING | SEPT 9

35,000 POUNDS OF FOOD

506 FAMILIES FED

105 PEOPLE PRAYED FOR

6,000 DIAPERS DISTRIBUTED

127 TOTAL VOLUNTEERS



GIVE BACK BEFORE YOU KICK BACK

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

366 THANKSGIVING DINNERS

57 PEOPLE PRAYED FOR

115 TOTAL VOLUNTEERS

416,383
TOTAL POUNDS OF FOOD

FUN FACT! 

THAT'S EQUIVALENT TO
63.5 KILLER WHALES
IN POUNDS OF FOOD THIS YEAR!

→ SEE, WE'RE KILLIN' IT!





FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

- Payroll - 47.4%
- Programs - 23.8%
- Property - 19.5%
- Missions - 9.3%

TOTAL GIVING

2023
\$541,966.84

*"The world of the generous
gets larger and larger."*

PROVERBS 11:24

GENEROSITY

Giving allows us to demonstrate that God is more important to us than material things. We are so thankful for the faithful, generous people who give to help us bring a new possible to our valley.



HOPE OFFERING

We sowed into 8 different mission initiatives that are committed to bringing hope and impacting lives for Jesus.

TOTAL GIVEN **\$11,908.13**

CHRISTMAS MIRACLE MOMENT

We partnered with RIP Medical Debt to pay off bad medical debt right in our valley.

\$11,084.98 TOTAL RAISED

\$1,084,491.98 TOTAL AMOUNT DEBT RELIEVED

RUST CITY COFFEE

Now you can support missions just by grabbing a latte, because all profits from Rust City Coffee are invested into our mission initiatives each quarter. So keep sippin!

TOTAL PROFIT **\$2,434.49**



WALES, UK



Hello, Rust City family! We are so overwhelmed by your generosity to our ministry here in Wales. Thank you for the recent gift from your Coffee Shop profits. It is truly a blessing to us. In 2023, we were able to hold community outreaches, continue our weekly kids and youth clubs, and take 14 students to summer camp. We had the privilege of seeing 13 salvations and 8 baptisms. Thank you for your partnership with us. Your continued financial support and prayers help make a difference here in North Wales.

The Williams Family
Missionaries to Wales, UK

FUN FACT!



#1 RATED FOOD SPOT
BY RC TRIBE PASTORS
YA, THAT'S OUR TOWN!

22
PASTORS IMPACTED

PASTORAL TRIBE

We love blessing pastors from all over the US as they desire to come and learn from Rust City. We treat them to some of the Valley's best food, give them whatever resources we can, and encourage them to continue reaching their communities.

KIDS

SUNDAYS
9 | 1015 | 1130A

PROVERBS 22:6
TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO
AND WHEN HE IS OLD **HE WILL NOT** DEPART FROM IT

275 NEW KIDS

143 ATTENDED
KID CONFERENCE

41 SAID YES TO JESUS

8 KIDS BAPTIZED

“ Rust City Kids has impacted my children and my life in so many great ways. Two years ago, my 6 children lost their father to a drug overdose. Since finding Rust City Church and my kids coming to Rust City Kids, my children have opened up their hearts to amazing leaders and have begun this journey with God. I couldn't ask for a better group of individuals to lead my kids to Christ. I can get fed in service with my mind at ease, knowing my kids are in amazing hands.

Felicia Cunningham ”

89 NEW STUDENTS

23 STUDENTS BAPTIZED

36 STUDENTS WENT TO YOUTH CAMP

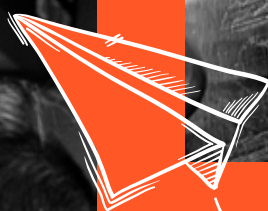


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WEDNESDAYS 7P
DOORS OPEN AT 630P



OUR YOUTH PASTOR
KOYAE IRVING

YOUTH



SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2024

REVIVE THE RUST

C O N F E R E N C E

GET YOUR



TICKETS TODAY