



# VICTORY REPORT

SUNBURY CHRISTIAN

Our ministries worked with pure joy despite all the trials we have faced. Our faith at times may have seemed tested, but God showed us through our perseverance that he would continue to bless this congregation. Below is a brief glimpse showing how our Serve Teams worked to fulfill the mission statement of “Connect, Grow, & Reach” For the past two years.

#### **OUTREACH TEAM VICTORIES:**

- Helped the Neighborhood Bridges Personal Care Drive.
- Provided Personal Care Bags to those families served by Bountiful Backpacks and those who receive free or reduced lunches from the school district.
- Helped Neighborhood Bridges throughout the summer with food pick up.
- Provided food to fulfill the needs of the ministry.
- In 2020 provided 115 meals each week during the month of May for families at McGill Street and provided additional Care Bags for those who needed them.
- Supported the workers at Kroger, CVS and Dollar General, every Friday for five weeks, by providing meals and snacks as they stayed open to serve the community.
- Distributed and coordinated over 500 volunteer-made masks for local businesses, assisted living centers and our community.
- Supplied Big Walnut Local school teachers with over 300 first aid kits.
- Delivered treats and notes of encouragement for teachers and staff at each school as the school year began.
- The summer concluded with a drive-in movie co-sponsored by the Sunbury Chamber of Commerce.
- The Outreach ministry worked hard with the youth ministry to hold our yearly Trunk or Treat event.
- Members of the ministry also connected with members by writing about 150 inspirational cards and notes to church attendees who are not well connected at SCC.
- Delivered tabletop Christmas trees to the residents of the Inn at Walnut Trails.
- Our outreach team continued its ministry this past summer conducting the backyard BBQ .

#### **THE FOREST (NURSERY-KINDERGARTEN) TEAM VICTORIES:**

- Wintacular was a family-focused event that brought bounce houses and kid-focused activities to connect young mothers with other mothers and members of the church.
- Completed a full year of “Orange” curriculum which is family activity-based learning.
- Staffed the forest during both services even during difficult Covid times; allowing families the opportunity to continue coming to in-person services.
- During the March quarantine, children’s lessons were provided online, and materials were mailed home to children who attend “The Forest” with a personal letter to keep kids connected.
- Created and posted special children’s video sessions on Facebook discussing lessons and inviting children to participate.

#### **CHILDREN’S/TEEN TEAM VICTORIES:**

- Sunday Night Collide had 30 students attending pre-COVID.
- Attended CIY Believe.
- Continued to captivate an online presence even during the pandemic.
- Our Elementary area reopened on September 6 with classroom lessons and worship.
- The middle & high school classes resumed in September and kicked off MS/HS Collide on September 27.

#### **WOMEN’S TEAM VICTORIES:**

- Women’s ministry was able to host the IF Gathering in March. SCC was one of the few churches in our area to host the event in person. The ministry team connected with 35 women during this event including many ladies who do not call SCC home. Attendees were engaged in worship, teaching and fellowship during this yearly event.
- Women’s ministry also continued “Java at Janelle’s” a monthly opportunity to connect with the ladies of SCC. Java is a time of coffee, conversation, and connection. Each second Saturday, deeper relationships are being formed as we get to spend time with one another.

### **MEN'S TEAM VICTORIES:**

- Continued Saturday morning (8am) men's group and has never missed a morning session in the last year. (This team committed two and a half years ago to, "no matter what's going on to have a Bible study on Saturday mornings.")
- Held a successful fishing derby with over 100 attending.
- This year a Tuesday (7pm) night men's study/support group was started to give the men in our community another opportunity to get together. It was started for those that could not meet on Saturday morning due to work schedules or family commitments. Although it is a much smaller group, it is just as potent as our Saturday morning gathering and also includes men coming from many different churches to study.
- This past September a large group of men gathered for our annual Aiming Straight event. We had a group of men camp out on the night before the event despite 32-degree weather. The actual event on the 25th was a three-gun competition that hosted men from young-to-old and some that have never had the opportunity of shooting a rifle, pistol or shotgun. The food and fellowship was amazing.
- Within the last year we have also committed to meeting once a month (the second Friday of every month) around the fire at the church.
- Only one event in the last year brought us to the inside due to weather. This event we had roughly 50 guys watching a movie, playing corn hole and fellowshiping.
- In the second week of November, we hosted a fish fry and wild game dinner for our wives and families. Due to the success of this event, we will be coordinating a second one.
- Our men's ministry in the last year has also experienced great loss, however some of our men have rallied together and mowed lawns, raked leaves, power washed houses, and made time for conversations over coffee with those who faced death, cancer, addictions, and tragedy. There are numerous other ways our men's group has supported our church family and non-Church families as well.

### **COMMUNION TEAM VICTORIES:**

- Our communion servers and ushers were very pleased, pre-COVID, with the two communion serving teams.
- The team utilized Planning Center for sign ups which increased and helped so much to get the ministry going.
- During the pandemic our communion team did a lot of prep work to make sure the Lord's Supper was taken care of each Sunday.

### **CARING HEARTS TEAM VICTORIES:**

- The Caring Hearts team continuously reaches out to dear ones in our church family and community to connect with them and let them know they are loved . -We continue to emphasize we are here to help them with whatever needs they may have.
- Our Caring Hearts ministry helped with the care of a "Senior Saint" by assisting her with transportation to church every Sunday and with her needs throughout the week.

### **MOM'S ON A MISSION TEAM VICTORIES:**

- The MOM's Serve Team was also challenged during the pandemic, yet continued to offer and host virtual meetings so the moms could stay in touch and grow through each other's company.

### **WORSHIP TEAM VICTORIES:**

- During the pandemic, this team continued to practice and lead Sunday morning worship without hesitation.
- While the ministry continue to go through much change and transition, it remains strong, reliable and focused on leading folks to Christ through music and worship.
- Successfully held our first annual summer concert series.

### **CREATIVE ARTS TEAM VICTORIES:**

- During the pandemic, this team provided live-feed worship service to hundreds of families in quarantine and continues to offer this service for those who are unable to attend Sunday morning worship.
- The Video Production team successfully simulcasts a broadcast through live stream every Sunday on sunburycristian.com, YouTube, Facebook Live, Vimeo, and the church app.
- Creating an opportunity to share worship and the love of Jesus across the nation and overseas.

#### **UPWARD TEAM VICTORIES:**

- Christian virtues through practice and game day devotions affirming relationships with their coaches and volunteers was presented to over 200 children and their families through the Upward program.
- Forty-five percent of Upward players did not identify with a church home. This allowed SCC to spread the Gospel to these families.

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM VICTORIES:**

- Like other ministries, VBS had its share of challenges. Our team rose to the challenge of unknown COVID restrictions and made VBS a very special week for the kids in our congregation and community.
- While VBS looked a little different this year, we shifted our focus to building intentional relationships with the kids. Staff attended training sessions that prepared them to form those deeper bonds. Our VBS hospitality team provided delicious meals all week for volunteers, and ended the week with a Super Saturday family event complete with bounce houses, balloon animals and food trucks.
- VBS partnered with many other ministries to make this church-wide event a success. Newer members were able to connect with our ministry and volunteered to help.
- Church members also donated 90% of our supplies! SCC is blessed to have a generous congregation.

#### **LIFE GROUPS TEAM VICTORIES:**

- The Life Groups successfully kicked off in September and will go through December.
- Many people signed up to be Life Group leaders allowing us to form nine Life Groups.

#### **PATH TO ENGAGEMENT TEAM VICTORIES:**

- In 2021 we were able to roll out our Path to Engagement program for member involvement. The Path to Engagement lays out steps a member can take to get involved in the church and develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ by serving.
- In October we were able to conduct the initial "First Step" class as part of the Path to Engagement. The First Steps class is designed for new members and tenured members as well as an informational meet and greet with Leadership and Staff. The class introduces members to SCC, our beliefs, and Serve Teams that they can serve with.

#### **PRAYER WARRIORS TEAM VICTORIES:**

- The prayer Warriors operate internally to lift the church family in prayer. They worked hard to set up our prayer room and organize folks to be available to those in need of prayer each Sunday.
- Successful events held this year touched over 200 people via prayer and include The Via Dolorosa (A Good Friday experience), Back-to-School Prayer Night (on-location prayer at each of the surrounding schools to pray for students, staff and teacher), National Day of Prayer, Upward Basketball Support (praying before games, praying at coaches meetings and offering prayer support throughout).
- Created an online prayer wall to be made available to the entire church family in the coming year
- Joined forces with the Gospel Conversation to reach folks outside the church family with prayer and a knowledge of Jesus.
- Joined the Gospel Conversation at both the Sunbury and Galena summer festivals to offer prayer and connect with folks about Jesus. Many prayer requests were submitted.
- Has initiated the planning for a youth training on prayer.

#### **GOSPEL CONVERSATION TEAM VICTORIES:**

- The Gospel Conversation training was successfully launched and taught church members how to approach people in the community about Jesus and pray for them.
- This team has also begun training other churches and had successfully gone out on the streets in surrounding communities to talk with them about the Gospel.
- Joined forces with the Prayer Warriors to acknowledge new faces within the church family and support them with prayer.
- Set up a booth at both the Sunbury and Galena summer festivals to offer prayer and connect with folks about Jesus. Many prayer requests were submitted.
- Will support the Upward program and the preschool by being available for prayer or to answer questions about Jesus.

**Many of our other serve teams, not highlighted here, are also victorious and are busily working in the background to support our church families, community and overall desire to grow a knowledge of Jesus:**

- We also acknowledge the Sunday Coffee & Doughnut Fellowship for making it a welcoming time to catch up with our brothers and sisters in Christ between services.
- We also thank our building maintenance teams for keeping the buildings clean, the lawn and landscape looking good, and operations for events running smoothly at both church campuses.
- Lastly, thank you to the Bountiful Backpacks program and every one of the volunteers who help to provide food to hungry families in Big Walnut Schools.

**All our ministries have helped Sunbury Christian Connect Intimately, Grow Selflessly, & Reach Fearlessly and Lead Intentionally in the community and beyond for Christ and we celebrate their victories!**

Our Serve Teams are a valued part in the connections with members, the community, and operation of our church. Peter reminds us in **1 Peter 4:10** "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." If you feel called to serve in one of our ministries, please visit our ministries page on our website at [sunburychristian.com/ministry](http://sunburychristian.com/ministry) and we will get you connected with a Serve Team leader.



Kitchen  
Bountiful Backpacks  
Caring Hearts  
The Forest (Nursery - Kindergarten)  
The Treehouse (1st grade - 6th grade)  
High School (9th grade - 12th grade)  
Communion Preparation  
Communion Servers  
Missions  
Mens  
Womens  
Missions  
Prayer Warriors  
Sonshine Preschool  
Prime-Timers  
Safety & Security  
Life Groups  
Worship (Praise Team, Sound)  
Creative Arts (Video Production)