

THE HOFFSTETTER HERALD

The latest news and updates from the Hoffstetter Family and the Topton BFC Church Plant



As we've continued to see God's faithfulness in amazing and often unexpected ways, we have very much found ourselves in a season of waiting on the Lord. 2023-2024 will, in many ways, mark a new chapter in the life of the church and, so, we look to you to "cry out to the Lord" on our behalf!

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. (Psalm 40:1)



KINGDOM GROWTH

Over the last year, we grew in our regular attendance from about 70 people to an average of 110, including anywhere from 25-30 kids in our children's ministry! A lot of that was a result of many outreaches we did, especially our community VBS that had about 50 kids in attendance. In addition, we baptized 11 people, increased our life groups from 3 to 5, and added a regular men's and women's ministry. We also started a youth group and began a monthly after-school bible club at the Brandywine Heights Elementary School for about 20 kids. One of our highlights was our Christmas Day family service where we had brunch, worshipped, and read the Christmas story together. There is so much more I could add, but all I can say is, "God is good, all the time." Amidst the various challenges of a new and growing church, the Lord has proven time and time again that He has great plans for this church in this community!

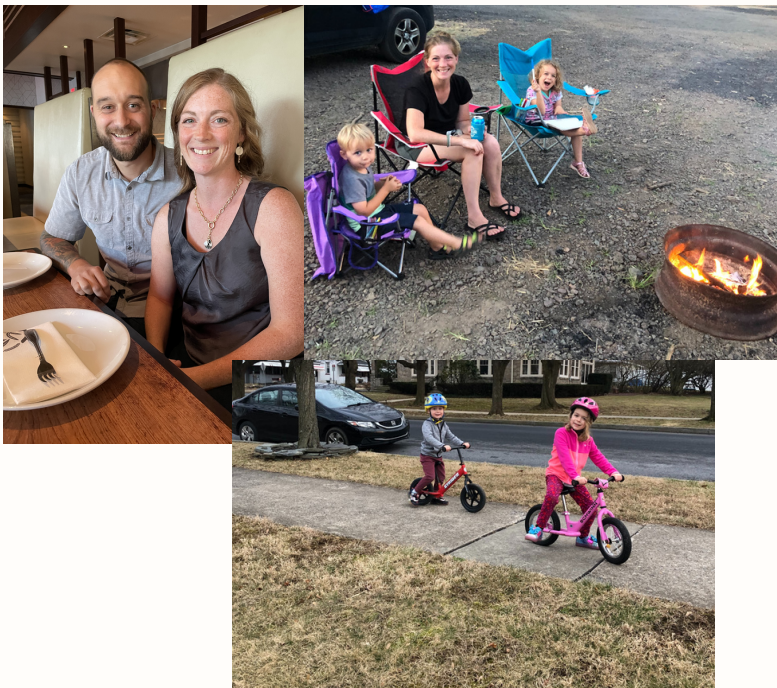


Looking Ahead to 2023 and Beyond

We have been blessed with strong finances and a committed group of attenders that are passionate about our vision and mission to bring Gospel renewal to a community in desperate need of it. As a result, Church Extension has determined that 2023 will be our graduation prep year so that, Lord willing, we will become an autonomous, particular church in the BFC in April 2024.

This means that this year, besides continuing to strengthen our ministries and cultivate committed disciples of Jesus, we will seek to work towards financial self-sustainability, get our "committed participant" (membership) roll in order, and raise up at least 2 elder candidates. We are working with three men currently towards this end (2 of which have been brought on staff part-time) and should be able to hit the other benchmarks with no problem.

Our biggest need for prayer is to find a larger space for worship and ministry. The grange has been great for us but will likely become "full" should we get closer to 140-150 each week. Please pray as we discern what the next steps are for us, whether it be a permanent space or a larger temporary rental.



What is Still Needed?

We are so thankful for all of you who are supporting us in this work. Here are ways you can continue to partner with us!

- Prayer Team - We send bi-weekly prayer updates to our committed prayer team. We would love to add more people to this team! Unless this work is supported by regular, intentional prayer, our labors will be in vain! To be added, please contact me using the info below.

- Financial Support - Thank you all for your generous gifts to us for our support! As our graduation prep year, 2023 will hopefully see us need very little financial support for my salary. If you would like to contribute to our support, you can go here: churchplantingbfc.org/donate.

As we look for 24/7 worship space, you can always give to our church as well for us to put aside for those needs by visiting our website (redeemertopton.org)!

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can support us!



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