



2020 Annual Report

We are.....living in a relationship
with Jesus 24.7.365.

To.....help people take their
next step in their faith journey.

Outreach Ministries

Pantry 1*5*3 and the Clothing Closet: These ministries are a free on-campus outreach to our local community. It is open the first Saturday of each month. Once the quarantine started we opened with a drive-thru pick up that ran every 2 weeks for 3 months and allowed us to still be able to help those in need. We also received a \$2,500.00 Food Lion grant that is supporting this ministry and providing the little extras such as meats and Thanksgiving meals. We handed out jackets, coats and winter clothes as well as sent trailers of clothes to Crossville and KARM. We invested \$2, 621.03 total for the year helping a total of 314 people. This comes out to \$8.35 per person. What an awesome blessing!

Hospitality: This ministry includes all of the dedicated servants that want to be a part of the church's first impression. Everyone from greeters and coffee makers to those behind the scenes holding open doors and making sure that everyone who steps onto the property feels comfortable. This ministry spent \$451.13 this past year for the opportunity to show the love of Jesus to all.

Disaster Relief: Our team of dedicated volunteers went out on 3 missions this past year to assist in various ways. They helped a church camp for children with disabilities, cleaned up after the Derecho storm in Iowa and the hurricanes in Louisiana. This team spent \$2,166.84 to show others the love of God!



Church Camp of Defuniak Springs, FL



Derecho Storms in Iowa



Louisiana hurricanes

Worship

God has expanded our territory in the area of the singing of His praises this year! When Covid “forced” us to move our services outside, the challenges were great, but so worth it!!

Our Tech Team worked tirelessly to help make our worship excellent. Praise echoed through the holler and even made its way to the Missing Link of the Foothills. A couple shared how they sat at a pull-off and wept as God used the music to minister to them.



The Praise Team realizes the great opportunity and responsibility we have to worship the Lord not only with our talents, but with our very lives! Pray that God continues to pour out His Spirit on us more and more as we come together to worship Him each week!

Benevolence: 2020 brought us many opportunities to “give a cup of water in the name of Jesus”. We continue to pray that the Lord will open our eyes to see people as He sees them and to give us creative ways to share His love. This past year we gave several families a hand who lost jobs or hours because of Covid, by paying part of their electric bill, part of their rent, providing food, etc. We helped a family repair a car who recently lost their job and their teenage son. We helped families find much needed furniture, appliances and clothing. Because of your giving, people experienced God’s presence in their lives during a very difficult time. Please pray that much fruit will come through this ministry. Our total investment was \$7,321.27.

Fellowship and Breaking Bread: 2020 forced us to make some changes in how we feed His people. Breaking Bread was put on hiatus, but we still took opportunities to feed bellies as well as souls. These ministries spent \$925.28 in food .

Missions



Our Give \$5.00 missions ministry invested \$650.00 in Bibles for African Pastors in their own language.



Children’s Bible Ministries: As a church we have invested \$10,200.00 this past year into this ministry and it’s servants. We supported 5 different volunteer ministers. These ministers have been involved in reaching 18,566 students with the gospel through their “Released Time” program. They have also reached 86,889 people through their other programs and have had 6,243 reported salvation decisions. (childrensbibleministries.net)



Crossville Mission Bible Training Center: The church invested \$2,600.00 this past year to support this Christ centered residential discipleship program specializing in alcohol, drug and emotional problems. These funds helped them to grow a garden for food and purchase small gifts for Christmas. (crossvillembtc.com)





Wycliffe Bible Translators believe that the Bible is God’s Word to us—something that everyone should be able to understand in a language and format that clearly speaks to their hearts. But at least 2,000 languages around the world are still waiting for a translation project to start. COTC has invested \$600.00 this past year to support one of our own in her endeavors to reach the unreached. (wycliff.org)



We are your neighborhood life enrichment outreach, focused on triage, prevention and community development in distressed communities where many others do not want to go. We do this by transforming lives through restoring hope, healing and purpose for individuals, children, families and communities. The church has provided \$1,200.00 in support of this local ministry. (harboursgate.org)



Awakening Ministries International serves to reach the lost, develop leaders and serve as a catalyst to plant churches in unreached places around the world. We had a small part in reaching over 6,000 people with 52 making the decision to follow Jesus. COTC invested \$1,200.00 into this International ministry. (awakeningintl.org)



International Fellowship Christians and Jews is the leading non-profit building bridges between Christians and Jews, blessing Israel and the Jewish people around the world with humanitarian care and life-saving aid. Your generosity has allowed us to invest \$2,700.00 towards reaching the Jewish people providing food, shelter and so much more. (ifcj.org)

International Missions

Orphanage at Penier, Haiti



Sometimes God puts people in your life and you can’t help but notice it and acknowledge that it is for a larger purpose. The Haitian people have been through a lot of turmoil in the recent past and God has used it for the good of us believers. We now have become a part of their family. Specifically the orphans have become a part of us. God has called us to help the less fortunate not only in our community and nation but throughout the world. Although, we can’t help everyone, we can help in the areas God has called us to. Haiti is one of those places. These children are provided food, clothes, toiletries, and most importantly a home because of your generosity. The future for these kids is very bright and they are learning about the love of Christ because of your obedience. Pray for this country and for our orphans!

Your generous donations provided aid to Haiti for 2020 totaled \$14,850.00.

Gospel Friends at Chennai, India



COTC has been given the honor and privilege to be able to partner with Gospel Friends in Chennai, India. This ministry has been able to reach 12 states across the country this past year. Here are a few of their 2020 stats.

- 250,000 children, widows and beggars have been fed from the day the lockdown started across India.
- 10,000 families were provided groceries every month with rice, oil, and wheat flour to live a healthy life.
- 546 children were financially supported to continue their education. They also received two full meals with chicken that COTC provided.
- 2,700 families were given protein shakes and multivitamins to boost their immune systems.
- 2780 families were financially supported every month to help with basic necessities.
- 73 sewing machines were distributed in various places and occasions to widows and single women for their livelihood.
- 46 students graduated after completing a two year paramedical program. They will be placed in various cities, towns and villages to care for the poor.
- 257 villages with no churches or Christians have been reached with The Gospel.
- 2 new churches were built.
- 1843 people were baptized during the lockdown alone.

We have designated 3% of our church tithes to go directly into this ministry and last year we gave \$16,237.80 from your tithes. With your designated donations included we sent a total of \$74,035.82 over to India to pour back into Gospel Friends and their Godly endeavors.



The goal of a **Life Group** is to bring people together.

This is the life-line of the church. It is where you create friendships and share in each others lives. We currently have 8 life groups operating at different times through-out the week. If you are looking for an

opportunity to get to know the church better we invite you to look into joining a life group, or maybe creating another one. A life group can create meaningful relationships for you that can support you in your walk with God. COTC spent \$2,388.75 in educational materials in 2020.

■ NEXT//STEPS



Next Steps guides you on a path that allows you to get to know the church better and helps you to find your purpose in God's plan. It is a 4 step

process that provides the tools needed to take your "next step" on your journey with Jesus. \$202.64 was used in this ministry to help you on your journey with God.

Technology: Many thanks to those who stepped up and supported this ministry. Your time and energy was greatly used as we had to think outside the box this past year. COTC spent \$3,386.03 in upgrades and equipment to ensure that the services were available to you and the public. As we continue to grow we will be looking for different ways to share who we are and God's love to all. If you are interested in investing in this ministry please seek out leadership and we will get you plugged in.



Global LINK

Unlike any other single event in 2020, COVID-19 had a tremendously deep impact on our lives and our society as a whole. Though we could make a list of ways COVID affected us negatively, LINK can point to at least two MAJOR positive developments in 2020.

First, a platform for trainings and meetings all but fell in our lap. One topic of discussion before 2020 was the need to identify a reliable and effective way to communicate with individuals and groups. Well unless you've been under a rock, you know that Zoom has taken the world by storm! LINK will use Zoom as our primary video communication tool in order to interact with people all around the globe. And just think, most folks are already trained in its use!

Second, in 2020 three members were added to LINK's board of directors: Will Davis, Bryan Wigington, and Mattanja Intveld. These men bring needed expertise and perspective to an already diverse board. We are excited to yield the fruits of their labors as they serve.

As we begin 2021, we do so with great excitement and anticipation. We believe 2021 is the year LINK will finally move from "bedrock" and "foundation" building to "structural" building – 2021 will be the year LINK will become "visible" and will take its first steps as the mission organization we believe God will use to reach the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement:

Global LINK specializes in connecting organizations and individuals whose mission is to meet the needs of others.

Vision Statement:

Global LINK strives to play a vital role in all nations hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Values:

Love all
Individualized approach
Needs based
Kingdom focused



Events & Evangelism

Valentine's Dinner & Silent Auction: This was a great night of fun, food and fellowship. We raised \$2,400.00 from the silent auction that went into the building/vision fund. We look forward to being able to set this up again in the future.



Liege Men Men's Ministry: 2020 was a challenging year forcing many to pull away from friends, family and even the church. We needed a time to come together, cut loose and enjoy each other's company once again. A gathering of men competing in meaningless. Silly games for nothing more than bragging rights was the canvas for God to strengthen friendships and remind us He is in absolute control over everything we experience as we travel together through this life. Saturday, October 31st was the beginning of greater times to come. That day marked the first of the COTC Liegemen's Hill-Billy Olympics. This ministry looks forward to 2021. More events are planned with the expectation that lives will be renewed, restored and souls won over for the Kingdom as God uses each of us to expand His family as we do life together 24-7-365.



Vision / Building

This past year we saw more work on the amphitheater being completed as well as the foundation being prepared for the water tower. We were able to see the walls of the main sanctuary be poured. There was also upgrades completed in the parking lot. The vision team spent \$301,005.99 on this portion of the new building with the prayers and hopes that we will be able to reach more souls for Jesus!



2020 COTC Makers Market: This annual event hosted 60 handmade artists and crafters to shop from. We invite vendors from all craft forms onto the property to sell their goods. This event has raised enough funds to be on its own and asks for no church funds. The funds raised each year are poured back into other endeavors where God is leading us. This past year funds of over \$4,000.00 and were invested back into several church sponsored ministries including the vision, angel tree gifts and Crossville Mission Bible Training Center.



Education

Students First, I want to thank all the people that have invested their time, physically and spiritually, into our students. Your sacrifice goes further than we will ever know and I thank you. Also, I want to thank those who have been obedient and given financially as we poured \$4,243.73 in this ministry. Last year had plenty of highs and lows but we still managed to get together once a week for a majority of the year. The support from our church allows us to go and do many things. We attended only one conference this year due to Covid "Strength to Stand" Through this one event one of our students decided to follow Jesus! God is working in our students and we pray that the seeds we plant will grow into a relationship with Him. We are investing in the future and we can never stop doing that. Our God is able to do more than any of us can ever think or imagine. We cannot give these students hope, but we can point them to the One who can! Let's be obedient and trust Him to move in our students!

Young Adults The Church of the Cove Young Adults have been growing! (So has the nursery!) The Young Adults meet weekly in life groups. We are working on having new events in the future. 2020 put limits on the events we could do but it has been great to see them become more involved in what God is doing and to see them investing in the future of the church. Thanks to you, church, and the investment of \$705.22 that you have made in our young adults!

CoveKidz



Who would've thought that 2020 would be a year that God would use CoveKidz ministry in many creative ways? The unique year gave us opportunities to focus on what is important, and expand the way we reached children and their parents for Christ. Our CoveKidz classes continued throughout the year,

whether we were meeting in-person in outdoor class, inside, or online video lessons. We're so proud of our church families, teachers, and volunteers that continuously make Jesus a priority in their lives!

Our annual Easter event turned into online lessons combined with special delivered Easter egg hunt kits, where a costumed Easter Bunny "Egged" over 20 families! Each child received a cute box filled with plastic eggs, candy, and a booklet explaining the Gospel message of Easter. Since the country was in shutdown, this offered a wonderful blessing to some very bored children!



ESCAPE camp 2020 had a "Set Apart" theme and was rescheduled to a 1 day event in late July. We offered a virtual option that served children with t-shirts, games, and video lessons. But the in-person camp was AMAZING! Our church showed up with so much love, enthusiasm, and energy to safely give 35 children an experience they'll always remember!



Our annual Cove Country Fair was a combined effort to minister to whole families, (young and old) so Bryan and the rest of the staff led the planning to create a huge success! We guesstimate that there were 300 people participating in games, horseback riding, wagon rides, chili eating, and trunk or treating. Being outdoors with families laughing and "feeling normal" was so refreshing!



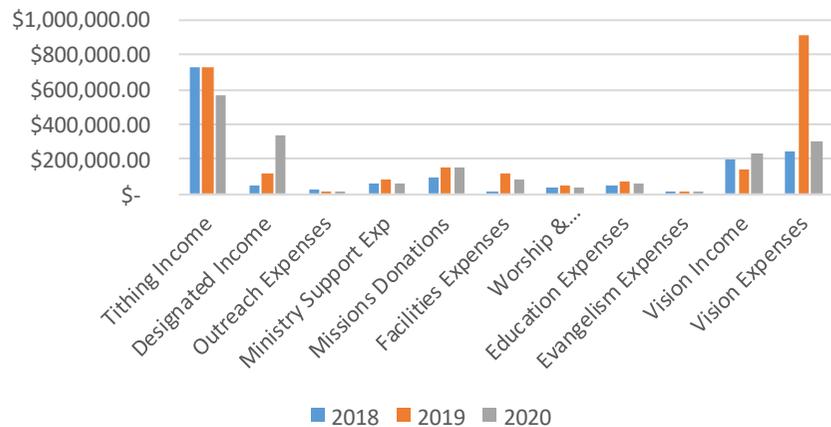
Budget & Finances

2020 started with a bang and then the pandemic hit. This past year has shown us that we can endure and still be able to reach out to those who may need God's love and support. We have had to make adjustments and think outside the box, and outside the building doors. We have been able to continue to hold up to our commitments locally as well as in India and in Haiti. The stewardship team is astonished by your continued giving throughout this past year. Our tithes did take a dip in giving but your designated donations continued to pour in which helped to offset the church stepping up to bridging the gap when necessary. We still hold fast to the church giving back out 10% and investing in ministries that we believe are honoring God with their works. We have supported locally by giving \$7,321.27 into benevolence. Haiti received \$14,850.00. India received a total of \$74,035.82. This is COTC's 3% of our tithes and the designated funds received specifically for Gospel Friends. We invested \$10,200.00 into Children's Bible Ministry, \$2,600.00 into Crossville Mission Bible Training Center and \$600.00 into Wycliff International Bible Translations. We sent 4 people to Africa to support pastors and look at ways we can get better involved. We have also poured into International Fellowship of Christians and Jews for \$2,025.00, Harbours Gate \$1,200.00 and Awakening Ministries International for \$1,200.00. Our expenses have decreased due to the pandemic, but we have stepped up our technology to create new ways to reach souls. We had to make some adjustments but were still able to host Easter with the Easter Bunny visiting families at their homes. ESCAPE Camp and Cove Country Fair allowed families to gather together in a safe environment and have some needed God sized fun.

The stewardship team prays that you and your family's are safe and healthy this coming year as we look forward to what God has in store for us here at Church of the Cove.

Church of the Cove's vision is to see that everyone who attends becomes a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. We strive to help you develop your relationship with Jesus to be able to walk with him 24-7-365. Your generosity and giving can change lives. It's amazing to see God's creativity, love, and generosity on full display each and every day. You, our church family gives freely of your time, services, talents, and treasures through so many acts of worship, and we invite you to join us in our endeavor to show everyday generosity!

2020 Income & Expenses



WHO WE

We believe everyone is on their own journey of faith and every journey consists of steps and there's *always* a "next step". We exist to help people learn about and take that next step on their personal journey of faith in God. Everything we do is driven by our desire to see people know Jesus Christ as Savior and then make Him Lord over their lives as they grow as disciples, then serve others and then help them on their faith journey. Church of the Cove's vision is to see everyone who attends become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

OUR BELIEFS

GOD (FATHER) God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God. Genesis:1, 26, 27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

JESUS CHRIST Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return to gather His Church and defeat evil once and for all. Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13

HOLY SPIRIT The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. God gives every believer a spiritual gift (or gifts) when they are saved. 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18

BIBLE The Bible is God's Word to us. Human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit, wrote it. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error. 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 12:6; 119:105,160; Proverbs 30:5

SALVATION Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith. Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self effort of the Christian. This security does not give us the license to sin, but a greater desire to serve Him. Romans 23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3: 1-7; 14:6; 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:17

ETERNITY People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is what is known as hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life (heaven). Heaven and hell are real places of eternal existence. John 3:16; 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9

SATAN The Bible states that there is the existence of an evil personality known as the devil or satan (which means "adversary"). The devil is a being created by God; therefore God is more powerful than he. Everything the devil does is against the Kingdom of God. The devil is the enemy and was defeated by Jesus at the cross of Calvary. The day will come when he is bound and cast into the lake of fire and will no longer cause sorrow or pain. Job 1:12; John 10:10; 8:44; Colossians 2:11-15; Revelation 20:1-2

END TIMES We believe Jesus Christ will return to gather His Church. We believe that there will be a Great Tribulation upon this earth. We believe Jesus Christ will once and for all do away with Satan and evil. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Revelation 19-20; Revelation 4:1 thru 19:21

A Message from Pastor Darren

2020 was a WoW year in many ways!

We saw God at work here at the Cove throughout the year of 2020! Covid didn't slow us down. God has taken care of this body in a special way. Here are few areas where we saw God work.

We saw God work in Africa as Rhonda and I, along with Tom and Dianne Weekly were able to go to Kenya in February to do a Pastors/Wives Conference. They were so hungry for the Word of God. **You sent us** and we also sent \$600 worth of Bibles to several congregations who were in desperate need of Bibles. We had a great opportunity to teach the pastors/wives the Word of God. We were able to tell them about the Church of the Cove and how God is working here. They were amazed and everyone wanted to come home with us! Thank you for investing – lives were changed as a result.

Due to Covid we had online services only starting on March 22nd and we did that for 2 months. Then on May 17th we were excited about getting back on the property together as we started our outdoor services. God allowed us to go 6 months without a rain out! Praise the Lord! God blessed the services as they were outside and online at the same time. Our tech crew were amazing as we would sing and preach from a flatbed trailer. It was a great success. Your giving allowed us to do these services and to keep it also online in a professional way.

Our children's summer camp "ESCAPE" almost didn't happen because of Covid but because of our great Children's team led by Tahnee Jones we decided to do a condensed version of the camp. God was in that. This brought about some normalcy in such a weird year. The Kids loved it and we saw several lives changed! Once again – thank you for your giving of tithes and offerings! It's making a difference.

In October our Cove Country Fair was a welcomed event in our community. After months of a lot of people being stuck at home, people were ready to get out. This outdoor event was a great success – it seemed like the whole community stopped by. The Cove was able to minister to the community in our own back yard. We spent so little to have such a great response to this event. Thank you for investing in our community!

Also - we saw the WALLS poured on our new building! God gave us another step in completing the Vision that He gave us for a Worship and Mission Center. We are expecting to use these facilities to carry on the Lord's work. We will wear these new buildings out. Awesome year – but keep praying for financial blessings and great favor on the project.

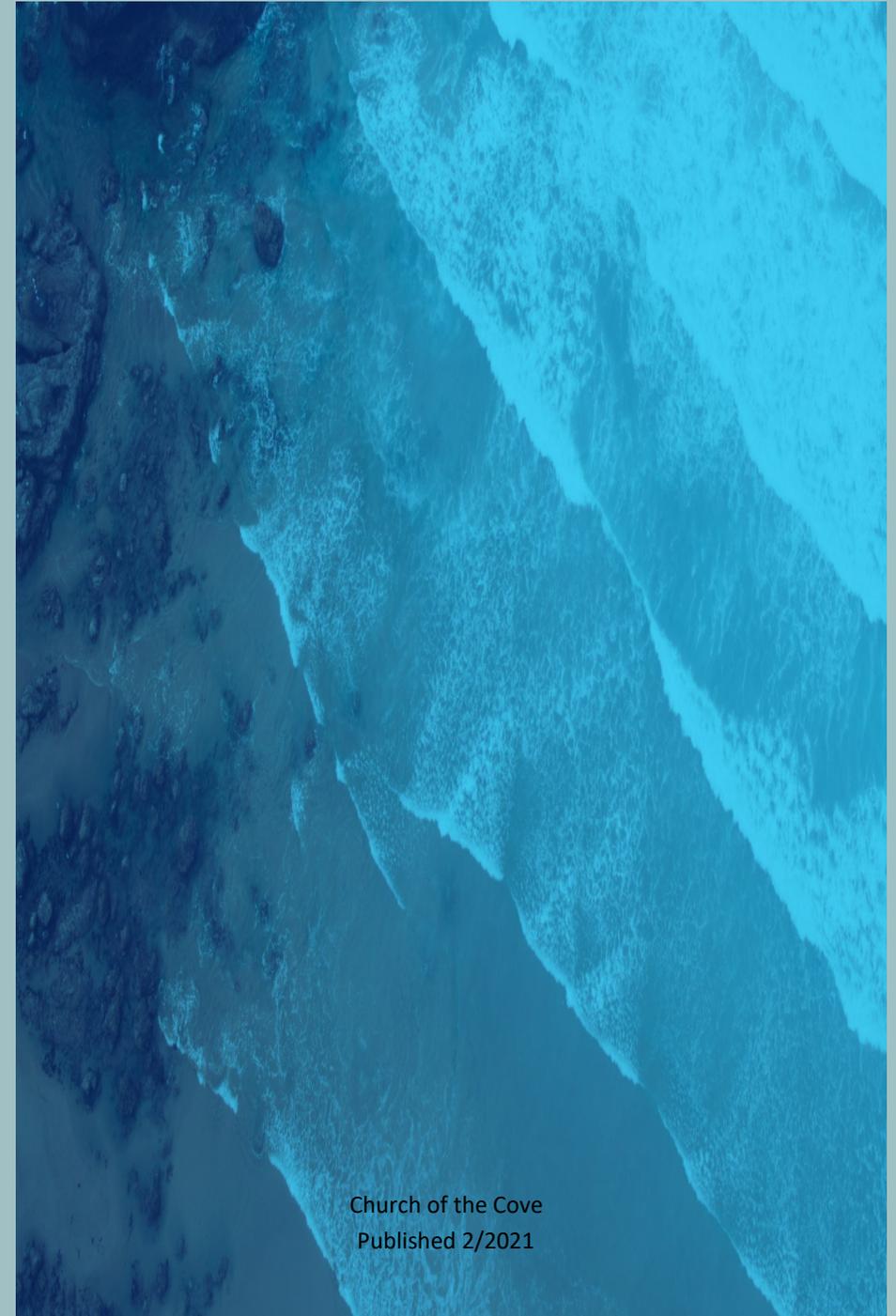
The last adventure of the 2020 year was the large team that went to Beatyville, Kentucky to minister to the folks there. The Church of the Cove stepped up and many of you donated funds to purchase gifts for the needy children. You gave exactly what was needed to give gifts to the children and teenagers. We had a puppet show, preaching of the gospel and then passing out the gifts – it was amazing and it was funded by the Cove – thanks for your generous hearts! We saw souls come to Christ!

Like I said this was year to remember – but the greatest part of the year was watching souls coming to Christ and going down to the river for baptisms! Your prayers and support are making a difference in the Kingdom of God – Thank you Church of the Cove!

I pray that the Church of the Cove will always be about the Father's business! Bringing souls into the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Pastor Darren



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