



# FRANKLIN CITY

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## CHURCH

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## TO ALL OF OUR PARTNERS,

A little over a year ago, God gathered a people who have a desire to grow in Christ together and make disciples by beholding God, building up the body of Christ, and blessing the city and world.

Over the past year, we have been greatly encouraged by what we have seen God do in and through Franklin City Church. God has been so gracious and good to us by raising up a plurality of leaders whom I believe God is equipping to do a great work. A lot of the excitement and encouragement about the future work that God will do is based on the fact that many leaders are being developed and stepping forward to love and serve our church and our city.

We believe that we are missionaries participating in the great commission by planting a church here in Franklin. Our members take seriously their commitment of being “congregationally responsible,” which means we are all actively on mission together, rather than passive observers. We have already been blessed by the faithful ministry of many of our church members, and we are confident that many more individuals and families will be blessed as we continue to grow together in ministry.

God has given us the calling, the love, and the desire to see this new church develop in Franklin and we have tried our best to obediently follow His call. Heading into the future, we feel that God is on the move, His people are taking part in a new work, and we genuinely thank you for being a part of that. We often

repeat the phrase to one another, “we can go faster alone, but further together.” As we move forward, we need continued wisdom, prayer, encouragement, friendship, and support. Essentially, we need the body of Christ to rally around us as we follow after Him. I’m excited about going further together by continuing this work of planting a healthy church that will have a lasting impact on the people in our city.

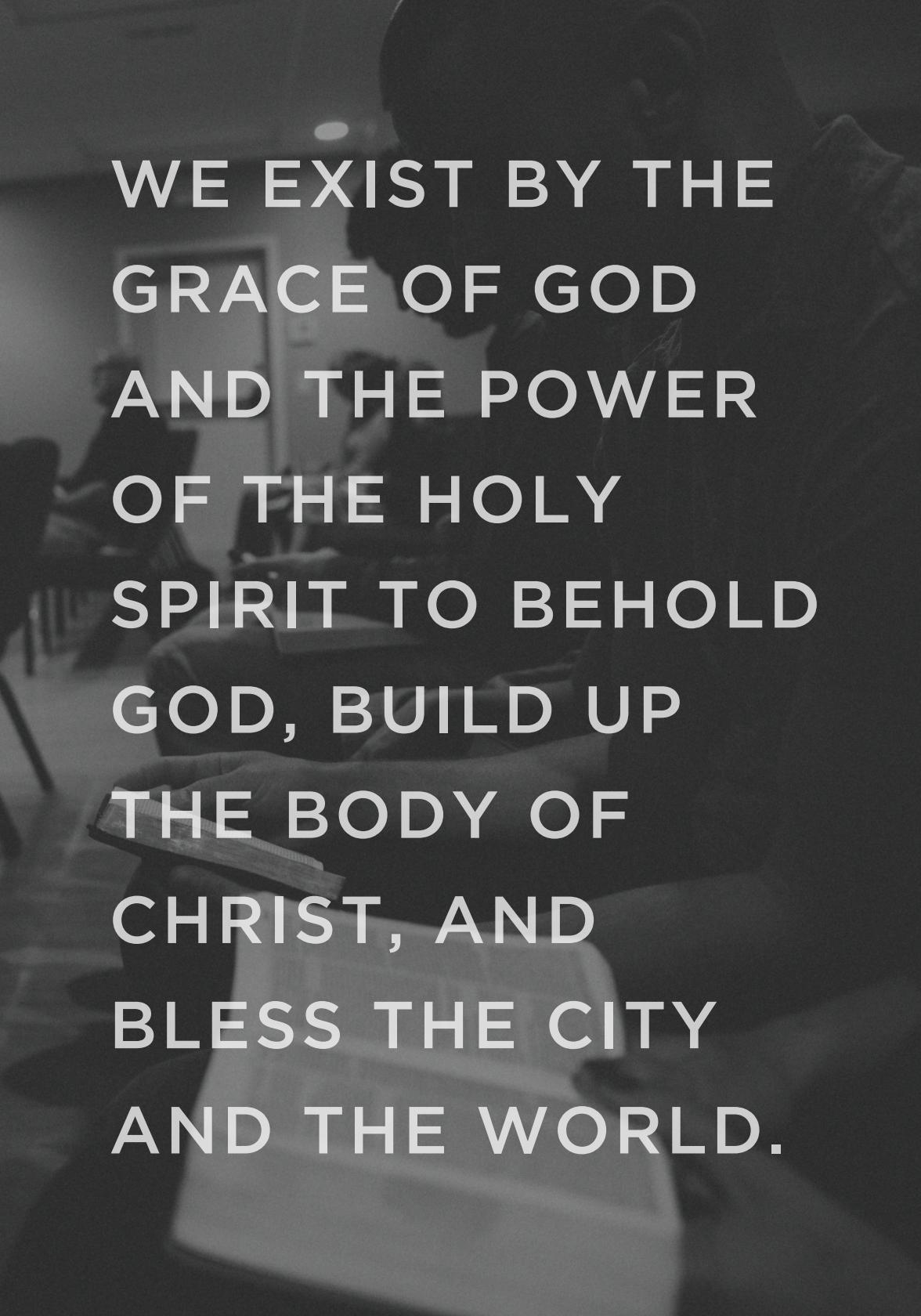
If you have further interest in what’s happening through Franklin City Church, I would love the opportunity to meet you in person, have a phone call, or correspond through email to share with you more of our heart for Franklin.



*Grant Walker*

**Grant Walker**

Pastor/Elder of  
Preaching and Vision

A person is seen from the side, holding an open Bible and reading. The background is a church interior with other people seated at tables. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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## OUR MISSION

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Our desire is to make disciples of Christ, so we developed our discipleship process to ensure that we stay intentional about equipping the saints for ministry.

### **BEHOLD** God

We believe the greatest gift and blessing we could give to people is to help them behold God more fully. Our goal each Sunday as we gather is to exalt Him and treasure Him above all, focusing more on God and less on ourselves. We do this through singing, praying, reading scripture, taking communion, and studying God's Word together through expository, verse-by-verse preaching.

### **BUILD** up the body of Christ

God graciously allows us to take part in the work of building up His local church. Our members are committed to God and to one another through serving during our corporate gatherings and through our city groups, where we study the Word together, pray for one another, care for one another, and see/serve the city.

### **BLESS** the city and the world

We believe our ultimate purpose in this city and the world is to proclaim the good news that Jesus saves. We not only want to proclaim God's love using words, but show God's love through good works. Our goal as a church is to empower our people to serve the city and the world as God leads them to go and make disciples.

# THE CITY OF FRANKLIN



## FAST FACTS:

Population: 25,089

County seat of Johnson County

Located 20 miles south of Indianapolis

Home of Franklin College

# THE FCC LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are a Jesus-ruled, Elder-led, and congregationally-responsible church.



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**Don & Cyndi Harrington**  
Hospitality Leaders



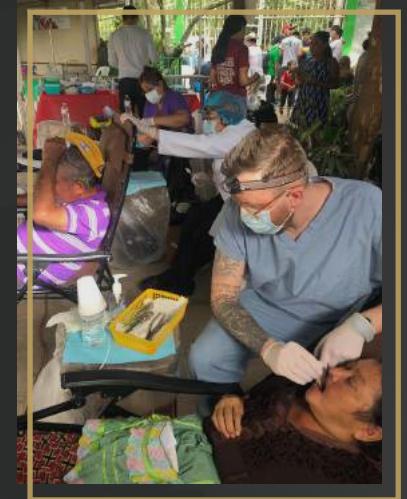
**Joshua Codispoti**  
Worship Director



**Kevin Good**  
Administrator

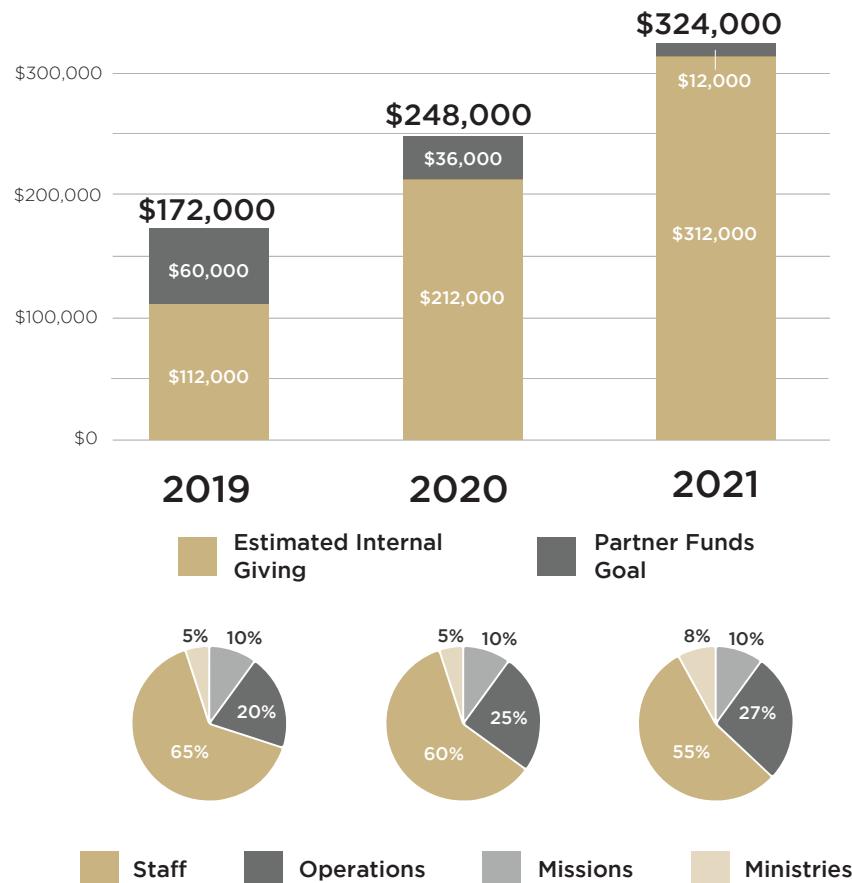
# HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018

Established an intentional plan for making disciples |  
Established a healthy rhythm for City Groups | First and  
second membership classes completed | First members  
installed | **Celebrated our first baptism service** |  
Established ministry leaders | **Coordinated annual  
mission trip to El Salvador** | Established and started  
eldership training process | **Partnered with other local  
church to lead a community Praise and Prayer event at  
Franklin Community High School** | **Participated in the  
local Habitat for Humanity build** | Began partnership  
with Sojourn Network, which exists to help pastors  
plant, grow, and multiply healthy churches that last |



# BUDGET TARGETS & PARTNERSHIP GOALS

We are so thankful for all of our partners and how they joined us in pursuing the Lord's plan for FCC through 2018. Below are graphs of projected budget totals and fund allocation for the next three years, including estimated internal giving and partner fundraising goals. Thank you so much for your support and prayers.



# PRAY WITH US FOR...

1. God to send more co-laborers with a desire to help see this church planted and established
2. A continued meeting location that would meet the needs of our people and those that God would send (we are very fortunate to have our current meeting location, but there is not much more room for growth until having to go elsewhere)
3. More partnerships with individuals and churches that would provide friendship, wisdom, prayer and other avenues of support
4. Humility and unity amongst our leaders
5. The gospel to be proclaimed more and more, and as a result, people's hearts would be awakened to faith in Christ
6. Endurance for our people in the early years of church planting

# TESTIMONIALS FROM FCC

“We love being a part of this community of people seeking to grow in spiritual maturity. Pastor Grant preaches from the Word with great passion, humility and a genuine love for God’s people. We are blessed to be part of this exciting time, seeing God plant this church in Franklin and work through His people! FCC is a place you can come as yourself, just be you, and be loved.” - FCC MEMBER

“The shepherding of the church body is taken seriously, and I really feel cared for.” - FCC MEMBER

“Franklin City Church is such a blessing to our family!”  
- FCC MEMBER





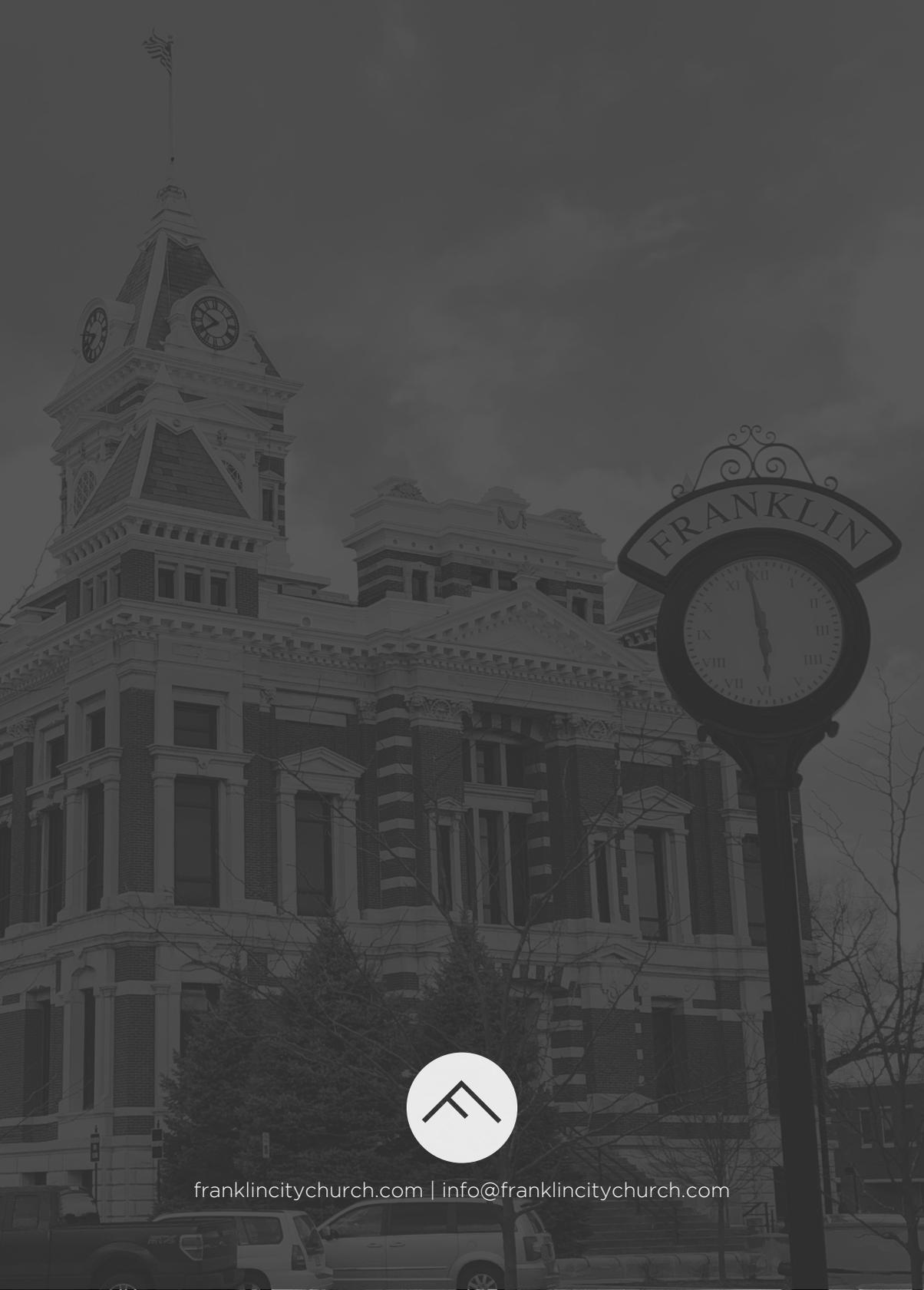
Group leader went something like, 'Thank you for your questions! They made me think. What else you got?'

For the first time in my life as a believer, it doesn't feel like my questioning nature is a bad thing or a liability. It feels like a gift and a blessing. Franklin City Church is a place where the growth of the body is more important than the leaders' pride or church tradition." - *FCC MEMBER*

"Building up the body comes in many forms. For me, in 2018 it was about being heard. Being encouraged to think and ask questions. Having those questions taken seriously and answers given. Even when the answers are, 'I don't know.'

I have always asked questions and sometimes I see things a little differently. It has not always been encouraged. But from my first day at FCC, the leadership took my questions seriously. Before I became a member, I emailed pointed questions and received thoughtful and Biblical answers from both pastors. One of my first conversations with my City





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