



annual report

2018





letter from pastor lee

As I look back on 2018, I am struck by the faithfulness of the Lord. God has been so good to Radiant Church, and not a year goes by where I don't find myself in awe of His kindness towards us. We serve a generous Father!

As you look over our Annual Report, I want to encourage you to read it with fresh eyes. These are not simply a collection of stats and numbers that we have thrown together out of obligation. Each page you are about to read testifies to the work of the Holy Spirit at Radiant, and each statistic you see serves as an altar of remembrance for all that our spiritual family has done to partner with the Lord in our community. So as you read, let your heart well up with pride and joy, knowing that you played an important role in the story that God wrote through us in 2018.

Thank you, Radiant Church. Jane and I love you with all our heart, and we count it a privilege to be your pastors.

Sincerely,
Pastor Lee Cummings



campus highlights



attendance
125,378

**richland
campus**



attendance
51,648

**portage
campus**



visitors
2,850

salvations
1,946

baptisms
147





good friday
1,286
easter weekend
5,112
salvations
145
visitors
82

easter weekend

**two good friday
services & seven
easter weekend
services.**



attendance
4,874



christmas eve



at the movies



attendance
15,822

salvations
706

boxes of candy
30,000


services
24

team radiant

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Worship | 39 |
| Ushers | 48 |
| Bookstore | 19 |
| Cafe | 55 |
| First Impressions | 189 |
| Prayer | 71 |
| Safety/Medical | 67 |
| Radiant Kids | 324 |
| Radiant 56 | 17 |
| Students | 30 |
| Counting | 18 |
| Parking | 14 |
| Production | 13 |
| Special Events | 34 |



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH



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[Faded text describing the missionary's achievements]

DRINKS

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| AMERICAN | 00.10 | 00.50 |
| ESPRESSO | 00.10 | 00.50 |
| CAPPUCINO | 00.10 | 00.50 |
| ESPRESSO, STEAMED MILK W/FOAM | | |
| (EEO FLAVORS) | 00.10 | 00.50 |
| LANE | | |
| ESPRESSO, STEAMED MILK | | |
| (EEO FLAVORS) | | |
| COFFEE MOCHA | 00.20 | 00.50 |
| ESPRESSO, MOCHA CHOCOLATE SAUCE, | | |
| STEAMED MILK | | |
| GREEN TEA LATE | 00.20 | 00.50 |
| STEAM TEA W/FOAM, COFFEY & CREAM, | | |
| STEAMED MILK | | |
| FRUIT SMOOTHIE | | 00.50 |
| ESPRESSO, MILK, COCOA, COCONUT, | | |
| W/TEA COFFEE | | |
| FRUIT SMOOTHIE | | 00.20 |
| SEASONAL DRINK | 00.20 | 00.50 |
| BOTTLED WATER | | 01.00 |
| STILL AND CARBONATED | | |
| SEASONAL | | |
| ESPRESSO, MILK, COCOA, COCONUT, | | |
| W/TEA COFFEE | | |
| FRUIT SMOOTHIE | | |
| SEASONAL DRINK | | |
| BOTTLED WATER | | |
| STILL AND CARBONATED | | |





groups

- Active Groups 152
- Active Participants 1,916
- Courses Offered 8
- Classes 19
- Participants 235
- Total Classes Offered 19
- Participants 235

marriage retreats

- Retreats 15
- Participants 126

144 people were assisted with care ministry and marriage mentoring.

worship & prayer

Total Hours

684

Total Minutes

41,040

Hours of Live Worship and Prayer

380

Minutes of Livestream

22,800





radiant kids & radiant 56

**Average Radiant Kids
and Radiant 56**

Weekly Attendance 686

Radiant Camp 290

Child Dedications 84

Volunteer Hours 6,490

Diapers Changed 5,404



radiant students

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Attendance | 5,980 |
| Salvations | 66 |
| Fall Retreat | 140 |
| Bold Conference | 65 |
| Baptisms | 42 |
| Summer Internship | 25 |
| Student Leadership | 20 |

Keckler Family

Little Alayna Keckler bolts to the playground, her ginger pigtailed bouncing side to side. Jennifer and Nick walk behind her, hand in hand, down the covered path to a small lake in a Richland suburb. The wind breezes by as geese call out from the water. Holding their “rainbow baby” Liam, Jennifer looks to her husband and smiles softly as he playfully laughs and calls, “Slow down, Alayna!”.

Before the family walks and Sunday picnics, the Keckler family knew a very different life; a life full of betrayal, shame, and heartbreak. For years Nick struggled with addictions to pornography and alcohol, leaving their marriage in shambles. After months of struggling, Jennifer suffered a miscarriage, and in the midst of grieving discovered that Nick had been unfaithful with a coworker and subsequently lost his job. The week of Nick’s confession, Jennifer found out she was pregnant. Still struggling with depression due to her recent miscarriage as well as being the soul provider for the family and raising a daughter with an unfaithful husband, Jennifer was at a loss.

“To forgive or not to forgive? Stay married or get divorced? Now, deciding to raise a new baby alone or as a family—a broken one at that,” Not knowing what else to do, Jennifer cried out to God.

On September 3rd, 2016, the Keckler family walked into Radiant Church. God met them in their place of brokenness—clinging to hope—and encountered them. Nick experienced a divine intervention; knowing that the only thing that would save their marriage and growing family would be complete sobriety, Nick surrendered himself to the healing grace of his new-found redeemer.

“It was not what I wanted to hear at the time, but Nick said to me that he was going to fight to be sober for me and our family, but it was the Lord he needed to be sober for.” Jennifer recalls.

While it was hard to hear, and difficult to believe, Jennifer knew he was right. Battling through the trauma of years of addiction and

abuse, Nick broke free from bondage that Saturday night and has never looked back. Both Nick and Jennifer found healing and counsel through Radiant’s Care Groups, and continue to be greatly involved. Jennifer has found support and guidance through the Betrayal and Beyond group at Radiant, while Nick helps other men battle for their lives and marriages against their addictions to pornography.

Jennifer states, “Now with God on his side, there is no stopping him from flourishing and spreading the good news, ultimately bringing more warriors to fight for him.”

Today they watch their daughter swing and play and hold tight to their “rainbow baby” Liam, a fiery red-head, who is a daily reminder of the storm they braved. After years of thunder and lightning rocking their marriage, the Kecklers could finally see the summer sky. They look at each other and smile, knowing their story isn’t finished and God’s promises will be revealed in their lives as they continue to run toward Him—hand in hand.

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RADIANT STORIES No. 001
THE RAINBOW BABY

April Lehman

The porch steps are concrete, and recently swept. It's a beautiful house. I hope they're kind to me. I struggle with opening up to people. Is everyone here going to judge me? They're all probably so close to God, I doubt they'll understand. "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". The tin and hollow sound of glitchy 1960's audio echoes in my ears as I roll my eyes at myself. I take a breath, and I take the step.

I used to be close to God. I'd pray before bed and before every meal. I'd talk to my friends about what Jesus was doing in my life, and I'd celebrate what He was doing in theirs. I was vibrant in worship, I could feel His plans for me, I felt His love surrounding me everyday, but somehow I walked away. It happened so slowly that I didn't even realize it was happening. I was just numb, and I didn't know how to get back to where I was before.

And now I'm here, sitting in a circle with a room full of new faces, unsure of how this will go.

I look down at my coffee cup, almost empty from all my nervous sips. Around me are some seriously fantastic women. It's week one of this Community Group and we've already laughed, cried, and opened up, some of us as perfect strangers. Now it's my turn. One small step. I raise my head and spill it all. My crumbling marriage, my nonexistent relationship with God, all my fears and worries that I'll never feel loved by God or my husband again. As I speak my eyes filled with tears, but so do theirs. I feel safe; I know in this moment that these women are going to be here for me, that they truly want to help me, and that they will do anything they can to get me back to God. They gather around me, praying words of hope, love, and encouragement over me. They assure me that God still loves me and that my hunger for Him is a sign that I can find my way back to Him.

That day sparked hope in me, and lit a fire in my heart to pursue God again. In the weeks that, my Community Group continued to pray for me, and never failed to celebrate my deepening relationship with Jesus. I began to develop friendships with the women in my group, and small steps of progress, like praying and reading the bible, fueled my spiritual growth. I was back in His word and my marriage began to flourish as I prayed for revival. I was finally beginning to feel the love of Jesus again.

At the beginning of that year, I was hopeless and numb. No part of me believed that I would find my way back to God. But through the smallest of steps—the whisper of a prayer, the turn of a dusty page, the knock on a door—I made it. I walked up those concrete steps and leapt into the hope of a better life.

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RADIANT STORIES No. 002
STEPS



RADIANT STORIES No. 005
FROM ADDICTION TO
DELIVERANCE



Michael Voiles

For Michael Voiles, drinking started off as a way to relax. He'd use it to socialize and let loose. A drink with friends, a sip here and there, a glass of wine to celebrate a milestone—it was normal and seemed harmless. Michael lived his life this way for years. But one day Michael woke up and realized that the occasional drink with friends had morphed into a drink before bed every night, and a sip here and there became too many drinks for one night. A drink to celebrate turned into a drink because he was angry, a drink because he was sad, a drink when he wanted to, and drinks when he didn't. Over time, Michael's life had become utterly chaotic and completely controlled by alcohol, and he hadn't even noticed.

As his drinking compounded over time, Michael's faith began to dissipate. It eventually became easier to drink his life away and ignore the consequences than face the harm he was causing to others. It seemed like the only person who still cared about him was his wife. Every day, while he was out drinking, she was praying. Faithfully she cried to God, asking him to soften his heart and lead him back to church. Despite the years of hollow promises and empty bottles, she held onto hope. But to Michael, it was hopeless. It seemed impossible that he could conquer the anxiety, the fear, the feelings of uselessness, and the incomprehensible demoralization that came along with being a slave to a substance.

Things wouldn't change until the day that Michael woke up in the hospital. Groggily he opened his eyes to the repetitive beeping of a heart monitor, the subtle sting of an IV, and the smell of fresh bandages. There in the hospital bed he learned that he had broken his back and pelvis, and was covered in lacerations. In that moment he couldn't deny that he had reached a breaking point. If things didn't change, he knew he would eventually lose his family, and likely his life.

Michael had hit rock bottom. But it was there, in the loneliest moment of Michael's life, that God spoke to him. As he was laying in the hospital bed, he felt a wave of calm rush over him and heard the words, "Give this to me, I can do this."

In one moment, Michael's life was forever changed. He knew God was calling him home—back into the healing, loving embrace of Jesus. He knew he was being called to surrender his drinking, and his entire life, to God.

The day he was released from the hospital, Michael and his wife he went straight to Radiant, prayed with a pastor, and Michael recommitted his life to Christ. Despite the circumstances and stains of his past, Michael knew that he was truly a changed man.

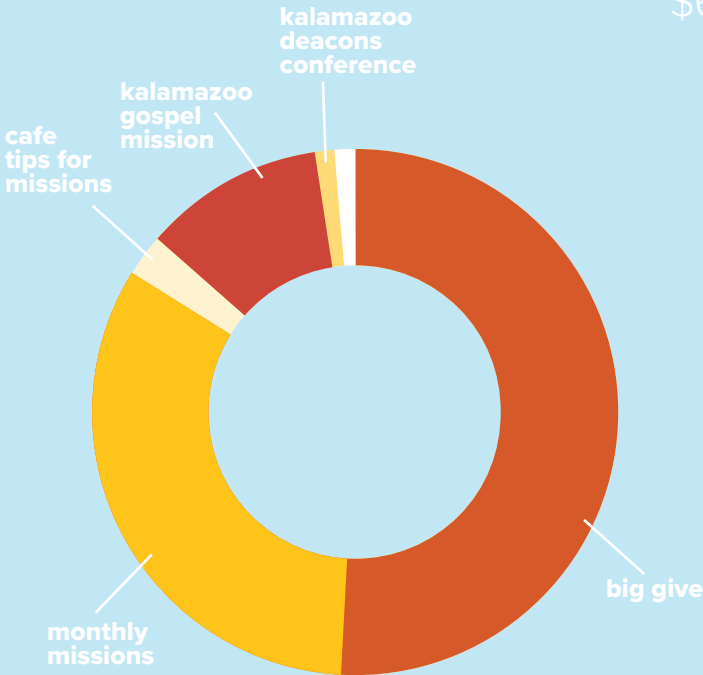
Today Michael is proud to share that since his hospitalization he has not consumed a single drop of alcohol, he has healthy friendships, has joined a Radiant Community Group, has been baptized, and his marriage is thriving. Not only has he recovered from alcoholism, but he is now a better father, husband, and son of God.

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2018 financials

missions, outreach & benevolence

\$673,687.55



breakdown of expenditures

staffing **43%**

operations **27%**

ministry **17%**

missions, outreach & benevolence **13%**

total revenue
6,485,577.13





kingdom builders



2018 missionary support

Life Outreach International
Lifewater

Love Botswana

The Shead Family

The Doorlag Family

Brother Abraham

Marriage Today

Paraclete Ministries

A21

Jewish Voice

Kalamazoo Deacons Conference

The Vereecken Family

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

Carrie Kennedy

The Babor Family

The Renner Family

Radiant Network

Alternatives of Kalamazoo

Crosswinds | Julie Forsyth


ACTS | Jordan Bates

Living Hope Myanmar

Intersivity | Winston Lewis

Assemblies of God World Missions

One For Israel



Woods Lake Elementary is a Kalamazoo public school with approximately 640 students enrolled. Of those children, 85% are on a free or reduced lunch program. Simply put, this means that 85% of the school's students come from families living at or below the poverty line. While the school's teachers and administrators do as much as they can to alleviate the circumstantial burdens that many of these families face, the reality is that the challenges they face outweigh the resources they have available for community aide. Some of the most pressing needs these families have are for high-quality winter coats, boots, socks, hats and gloves to help their children get through the harsh Michigan winter.

In 2018, we invested \$150,000 of the Big Give offering in the students and families from Woods Lake Elementary School. With the help of 400 volunteers, Woods Lake was transformed into a winter wonderland full of food, activities, games, and completed with an unforgettable free shopping experience. Every child in the school was gifted with a personal shopper who helped them pick out their very own, brand new winter gear. For many of these children, it was the first time they had ever received new, appropriately-sized, high-quality coats, boots, gloves and hats.

Not only did we gift all students with winter supplies, but we sent 90 families home with pre-lit flocked Christmas trees. Each classroom received a tote with sensory items such as weighted stuffed animals, noise cancelling headphones, squishy toys, and more. Teachers were also blessed with rewards to hand out to students with good attendance, academics, and attitude. All leftover items were gifted to the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission as well as 6 other local schools in need.

We have had such an amazing ongoing relationship with the faculty and teachers of Woods Lake Elementary. We came into this season wanting to meet specific needs and were blessed with the resources to go above and beyond what we had ever hoped for. We are so grateful to our community for coming together in this effort, and are incredibly thankful for having this opportunity to share God's love!

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CIRCLE ONE:
BOY GIRL

CHILD NAME: Angelinae
LAST NAME: Olson-Sobavera
GRADE: fourth
TEACHER'S NAME: Ms. Miller
ROOM NUMBER:

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW THE SIZE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE WEARING THIS WINTER SEASON BY CIRCILING THE APPROPRIATE OPTION.

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| HAT SIZE: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Children's Small <input type="radio"/> Children's Medium <input type="radio"/> Children's Large <input type="radio"/> Adult Small | GLOVE SIZE: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Children's Small <input type="radio"/> Children's Medium <input type="radio"/> Children's Large <input type="radio"/> Adult Small |
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give



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2019

reaching for more


2018 was a year of growth and fruitfulness for Radiant Church, and for that we are humbled and full of gratitude. But we believe that all which is ahead of us is greater than all that is behind us.

We've all heard the stories of revival, awakening and renewal in the past. We've read about miracles, city transformation, and prodigals coming home. Church history is overflowing with testimonies of God's power and presence manifesting on earth as it is in heaven, and it's with this in mind that we set our faces toward 2019.

We believe that the best is yet to come for our church, our city, our region, and our nation. As we look to the future we see revival on the horizon; and we are crying out to the Lord in prayer, filled with faith that He will pour out His Spirit on our city. We are contending for transformation, restoration, salvation, and Holy Spirit habitation throughout our region. We are believing for a mighty move of God that upends the culture of the world, and replaces it with the life-giving culture of the Kingdom.

We are praying for godly men and women to be established in places of authority in our city. For anointed business people to flood the marketplaces of our region. For godly teachers, leaders, artists, entertainers, communicators, public servants, filmmakers and more to invest in our city and leave deposits of God's presence in every sphere of influence. We are asking for more than growth at Radiant Church. We're asking God to make us a Radiant City.

As we move onward and dream about the future of Radiant Church, we are praying a simple prayer: *God, we've seen you do it before. Do it again.*







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