

Annual Reports

SUNLIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH 2012 ANNUAL REPORT DISCIPLES MAKE DISCIPLES

While the total expense of this facility upgrade is bigger than what any one of us could do on our own, it is well within our reach if we all do what God allows us to do. To learn more about the project and follow the latest updates, visit sunlightcc.org/legacy.

The Timothy School

Pastor Scott Vander Ploeg
For the past few years, Sunlight has developed a partnership with Calvin Theological Seminary of Grand Rapids, Mich., in order to offer a number of courses to more than 20 students located here in Florida. This partnership has now moved beyond just offering individual courses to now being able to offer a full course of study. In fact, in 2012, we advanced our partnership by officially founding a school here called The Timothy School. The Timothy School's mission is to provide theological and biblically based seminary training in the context of missions. We believe that theological education is at its best when connected firmly to the church-in-mission. For individuals who feel called to pursue biblical and theological training with an eye for church planting, church renewal and missions, The Timothy School is now here to serve you.

We believe God is calling us to help reach South Florida with the Gospel through church planting, and that is really the heartbeat behind
"Continuing the Legacy"

YOUTH TESTIMONY:



Luke Fallon

Since I was young, my family was an Easter and Christmas church family. I went to a youth group weekly until I was in 4th or 5th grade, but for the entire time I was in middle school (and my first few years of high school), there was little religious influence in my life. I've always been interested in math and the sciences, and I thought I could explain life – even find God – on my own. It was not until I went to *Acquire the Fire* in April that I was able to humble myself before God and realize the only way to "find God" was to offer myself before him, sinful and unworthy, in hope that he would lift me up and save me. After ATF, I found myself going to church regularly and actively serving the church. I have a new passion for learning about God and the Bible, something I would've never been able to get on my own.

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SUNLIGHT YOUTH

Youth Group

Aaron Mamuyas, Youth Ministries Director

This year has been a very busy time in youth ministries. We started three new bible studies and many additional one-on-one discipleship classes. Our main focus at youth group has been to develop future Christian leaders equipped with the knowledge, skill set and character that reflects Christ. We've gone over topics such as apologetics, relationships, eschatology and various books of the Bible, as well as how they all point to Christ. I'm excited about the plans God has for the youth group in the future and would like to ask for your continued prayer and support. The students, leaders and I are very grateful to be part of a church that loves us the way you do.

Youth Missions Trip

Once a year the youth group goes on a mission trip. In 2012, we decided that it would be best for us to help out our friends in West Virginia again. For a few of the teens, it would be their second trip to the area, but for all 20 who participated this year, it would be a new experience. A key part of our trip was hosting a Vacation Bible School at an outreach center there called the Wade Center. In addition to sharing the Gospel with at-risk youth, we also helped Wade through construction tasks and heavy bathroom plumbing. It was a very successful and impactful trip for everyone involved. We are so thankful for those who supported the youth and allowed them to have this experience.



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NEW MEMBER TESTIMONIES

David & Olive Scott

When we first visited Sunlight, Fran Torres and Pastor Scott greeted us with such warmth and we decided that day that we would come to Sunlight the following Sunday. After hearing Pastor Scott preach, we knew that Sunlight was the church for us. One of the things we love most about Sunlight, is that the Word of God is at the center of our worship. Now we are involved in the greeting and visitation ministries.

Mitchell McGarr

I'm 22 years old and I'm from San Francisco, California. My current job is serving the city as a Realtor. I was a youth pastor for a couple years and now I serve with the youth group at Sunlight Community Church. Seeing kids awaken to the glory of Jesus and seeing them grow as Creatures of the Word makes me smile ear to ear. I'm grateful to serve here, watch Jesus work here, and to see the fruit that comes from the faithful ministry that takes place here. What I love about Sunlight is that we know how big our God is.

Steve & Sarah Quick

Sarah and I visited different churches in the area, but when we visited Sunlight Community Church, we could tell something was different. The members at this church are so loving and caring and there is a real sense of God's presence here. We love the sermons, the music, and the family here at Sunlight. We are excited to become a part of the Sunlight family and get involved in different areas of ministry. We have searched for a church where we feel like family and we feel that we have found that with Sunlight.

(Pictured below, left to right: David & Olive Scott, Steve & Sarah Quick, and Mitchell McGarr)

Prayer

William Rehbor, Prayer Ministry Coordinator

At Sunlight Community Church we believe in the power of prayer. We pray because God has instructed us to pray. And we pray because God uses prayer for our spiritual growth. Our prayer ministry has several subministries for specific needs, like a prayer chain and praying for each other. Additionally prayer is growing. The growth is noted by God's actions, prayer services, prayer at the start of meetings, written and verbal requests received from Sunday services, and prayer at educational and social events. Our Intercessory Prayer team meets weekly averaging 75 prayers.

"When our hearts are in tune, focusing upon the Lord, and living out the calling He's placed on our lives – that is the kind of worship He desires (1 Samuel 15:22)."

