



234
BAPTISMS
**Since July 1, 2016*



73,062
SERVICE HOURS
**July 1, 2016-August 31, 2019*



THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE FUELING A MOVEMENT

Thank you. Thanks for the 234 moments of celebration. Thank you for 234 times I was encouraged. Thank you for a chance to look on at 234 life transformation moments.

What am I writing about? The 234 baptisms that have happened as a part of REACH.

As you may remember, two years ago we set out to help Fuel a Movement to Reach People and Renew Communities. In an effort to measure our progress, we set out several specific metrics – e.g., we tied our efforts to Renew Communities to a goal of 100,000 service hours outside the walls of the church.

The metric about reaching people was linked to the goal of seeing five hundred people get baptized. Of course baptism is not the ultimate goal. What we want to see is five hundred people make a new decision to follow Christ. But that can be hard to measure, so we said, “We want to see five hundred people get baptized.”

And it’s worth noting that 234 is not 500. Our work is not done. But 234 is a big number. Each one is a real life that has been impacted for eternity. Thank you for playing a part in this.

Thank you. You are making a difference.

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.



Mike Woodruff
Senior Pastor / CHRIST CHURCH

YOU ARE REACHING»



YOU HOSTED A COMMUNITY BBQ

My friend and I are walking around the park inviting people to come to the free Christ Church Vernon Hills BBQ. As I begin to invite a couple, the lady interrupts me to say she is a vegetarian and not interested.

We kept walking and praying for the Lord to bring the right people. As we head back to the car we run into the couple again. She stopped us and said "Wait, are you guys part of a church?"

I hesitantly responded with a "yes."

She then proceeds to tell us, "My husband and I were just praying for God to send us a church in our own community. We are part of a group of friends who currently have to drive a long way and leave Vernon Hills to go to church but we want something that is here where we can invite our neighbors."

A few days later we saw her and her husband at the BBQ. It's stories like this that remind me of the need for a church in Vernon Hills and it's stories like this that excites me to see how God is drawing people to Himself.

-Jonathan Neef, Vernon Hills Campus Pastor

YOU BUILT HOMES

My name is Mark Everding and I volunteer with Matthew Homes. You know, I pictured myself in front of the Lord someday and He'd say, "what did you do with all that stuff I gave you?". David Weil helped me start volunteering with Matthew Homes gave me a channel that I didn't have before. Without that I'd be stuttering in front of the Lord going "you know, I played a lot of golf." I'm very grateful for the opportunity to work on the Matthew homes and feel like I'm helping even just a little bit. I don't know how many people I've helped in North Chicago but I know for sure that I'm a better person for having done this.



Matthew Homes completed: 7

Matthew Homes in progress: 9

New Builds: 2



YOU SERVED YOUR CITY

"It was fun and I learned how to build beds. I made new friends and invited two families who were community volunteers to visit Christ Church. We exchanged phone numbers and they were excited to visit."

"I loved seeing some families looking over the lake at Foss Park after we finished landscaping. Each year, there is less trash on the ground. It seems like visitors care more for the park."



SYC 2019

20 projects

1,875
Serving hours

YOU LAUNCHED A SERVICE

On Sunday, September 8, the new Rev. 7:9 service at Highland Park officially launched. Worshipers moved to engaging and energizing music, singing some in Spanish and some in English in a beautiful picture of biblical worship. Rev. 7:9 is an intentionally multi-cultural worship experience, particularly geared toward the 2nd generation Hispanic community in Highwood and Highland Park.



REV. 7:9

The name refers to Revelation chapter 7.

PRIMARY GOAL 100% ENGAGEMENT

SECONDARY GOAL \$19M OVER TWO YEARS

GOAL UPDATE:

535
TOTAL REACH
COMMITMENTS

282
FIRST TIME
GIVERS

1271
TOTAL NUMBER
OF GIVERS

\$16.34M
TOTAL PROJECTED
GIVING TO REACH

\$409K
FIRST TIME
GIFTS

\$10.23M
DOLLARS
COLLECTED