



# DAVIS UPDATE

We are so deeply honored to update you with all that has been happening in our family and the ministry at New City Church. Before we get into it...let us first say that **none of this could have happened without your sacrifice and the step of faith you have taken to invest into this ministry and our family.** A big part of my heart coming to New City was to bring support to the pastors there. I love the thought that as I supported them, I could feel you guys supporting me. I continually thank God for your generous hearts. Our pastors do too! **God has been so faithful to us, and with your support, we have been able to try new things & be encouraged in seeing the gospel go out from our church family.**

## *Here are the highlights!*

- We witnessed **10 baptisms and 10 child dedications** this last year!
- We **kicked off last summer by coming together in small gatherings called Meetups.** MeetUps are fun events around the city that create opportunities for people to connect, belong, and be known. They were so successful that we are hosting them again this summer as I write this update!
- We **launched small home groups called City Groups this past fall.** City Groups help center our community life on the gospel and connection with God. We do this by joining around a meal and growing through study, discussion & prayer together. We were amazed at the eagerness there was to be family together. Our groups filled up so fast and filled to the brim! **We hope this coming fall to add more groups so everyone has a place to be together.**
- We started **hosting a two day event in our home called “The Story of God” for people to connect with God and to help them better understand how the Bible was written as one beautiful story**



**pointing to Jesus.** We look forward to hosting these a few times each year at our house. We have hosted three so far and our next one is this fall.

- We successfully met at the bay for over a year and towards the end of 2021 we were miraculously given an opportunity to **transition our gatherings to a building through a local church in the Normal Heights neighborhood.** Love when churches help churches!
- **Meeting at a building brought amazing volunteer teams & leaders.** It felt good to be working alongside each other to create a space for people to come hear the good news and celebrate on a weekly basis because of this good news!
- **Trevor & Anja headed to Tijuana, Mexico at the end of May with a group from our church to build a home for a family through Amor Ministries.** Amor Ministries has been dedicated to keeping families together who couldn't afford to provide for basic needs. Parents can spend less money on rent, and more on their children's education. We hope to do more trips there on a continual basis.
- **We launched a yearly Bible reading plan as a church called "Seeing Jesus Together."** Here is a video of Pastor Vince sharing about our heart for the reading plan and talks about the journal that goes with it: <https://youtu.be/a4J8hjt8W68>. If you are looking for an amazing way to connect with God's word we highly recommend this resource in your own lives. Here is a link for you to check it out: <https://seeingjesustgether.com/tool>
- **Trevor has been preaching!** Trevor has been preaching ever so often since we last sent out a newsletter. He plans to keep working on his preaching abilities. **He is scheduled to preach again coming up on August 7th.**

---

**You can view all his sermons here:**

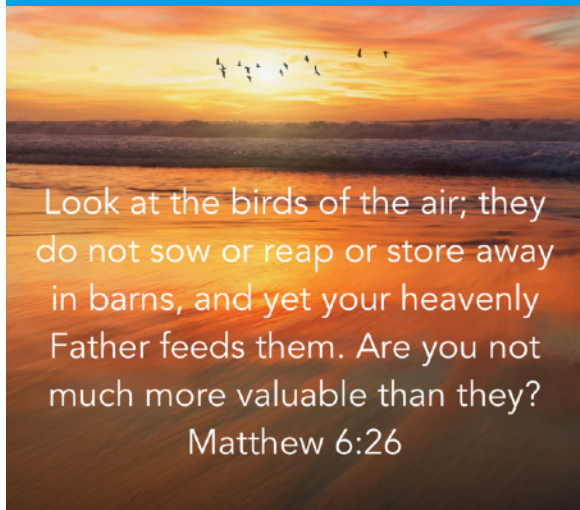
- "Lay It Down" Luke 11:37-54  
<https://youtu.be/NZujcm6JeNU>
- "Think Better Feel More" Psalms 40  
<https://youtu.be/CkpcKWSqel4>
- "Chosen Instrument" Acts 9  
<https://youtu.be/JBEIUeJaqCw>
- **You can watch live on August 7th here:**  
<https://newcitysd.online.church>





- **Easter & Anniversary Sundays were such a celebration!** This past Easter weekend was a reminder of the beautiful things God is doing in and through our church family. The Good Friday service was a reflective moment for us as a family and an opportunity for our junior leaders to lead the younger kids through a special sensory experience of the stations of the cross. Easter Sunday was quite the celebration of the resurrection with family and new visitors, complete with pinatas and grabbing photos together in the photo booth. This Easter marked 8 official years as a church! We celebrated this momentous occasion the following Sunday with a potluck style gathering where everyone brought a cultural or family favorite dish and it was quite a feast!

A couple of our teachers took our kids on a prayer walk one Sunday and got to practice being attentive to God's creation all around and the whispers of the Holy Spirit during their walk. They stopped and watched some birds and discussed how valuable we are to God. We hope & pray we all remember how loved we are by our heavenly Father!



Thank you for celebrating with us and remembering what God has done. Thank you for holding us in your prayers and for all the ways you are giving to New City Church. We are forever grateful for your generous hearts.

**With sincere hope!**

**Trevor, Heidi, Anja & Hendrix**

### **OUR PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Pray for Trevor as he prepares to preach on August 7th.
- Pray for our growing children's ministry and Sunday gatherings where we continually see new visitors. Pray for the wisdom of moving to 2 services or not due to growth and building capacity needs.
- Pray wisdom for Trevor as he makes AV/Tech decisions.
- Pray for our first ever Men's Retreat coming up in August.
- Pray for our City Groups launch this Fall & more leaders to step in.
- Pray for our next Story of God event at our home in Nov.
- Pray for God's vision & wisdom for our pastors as they continue to lead our church and start their first ever Elder process to find others to link arms with in shepherding and leading the church.
- Pray for the families who are hurting & weary and that we find tangible ways to love them well
- Pray for Heidi in her promptings to continue her studies with Jude 3 Project (Through The Eyes of Color), Exiles in Babylon Conference and the book Confronting Christianity with others
- Pray for our marriage as we maneuver through ministry
- Pray for our kiddos Anja (6 years) & Hendrix (3 years)

- **PRAY** – Pray over our prayer requests above.
- **CONNECT** – Your support & wisdom in our lives is a key component of encouragement & discernment to us. Feel free to reach out anytime by email at [Trevor@newcitysd.com](mailto:Trevor@newcitysd.com)
- **GIVE** – If you feel led, [Click Here to Give to the Davis Family](#) - Choose the "Davis Family - Pastor Support" fund and either one time or reoccurring donation