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“We’ve worked very hard at updating our church website, expanding our social media presence, and live-streaming our services. The goal is for anyone who walks in on a Sunday morning to be able to understand the sermon (by taking out typical church and religious lingo), sing along with the worship portion (using more contemporary songs that people may have already heard on the radio), and know where to go to get connected after service (by introducing a Connection Table that has a map of all our house churches and people to answer questions). These may seem relatively simple, but we’ve already heard so much positive feedback from members and visitors about their ‘Sunday experience’,” said Elena.

One year after Tony was appointed an evangelist, the Broward Church lead evangelist moved to the mission field to lead a church in Scotland. Although blessed with natural leadership skills, Tony understands that forging a collaborative leadership team is a wise



Nilson, Elena and Harper Ramirez of the Anchor Point Church in Tampa, Florida

way to lead a church of nearly 500 members. He and Cassandra describe working with the elders as “nothing but joy. They believe in us, inspire us, guide us and work right by our side.” Whether considering repairs or a remodel to the Broward Church building, a sermon series, or church member concerns, Tony and Cassandra meet regularly with the elders and their wives and opinion leaders to form decisions that will benefit the whole body of Christ. Under their leadership, the Broward Church is on a healthy course after a year of growth.

All three couples experienced parenthood for the first time in 2017. During state wide retreats, conferences and leadership meetings, at some point you will find them together - laughing and swapping stories about taming their toddlers; comparing notes on media trends and encouraging each other to fight the good fight of faith. As church leaders, they are determined to defy the generational divide, with a little help from their friends!



Kyle, Kristin and Rowan Eastman of the Gainesville Christian Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sweetstock: Mature Singles Retreat
Hershey, Pennsylvania USA
June 1-3, 2018

International Campus Ministry Conference
Cincinnati, Ohio USA
July 5-8, 2018

2018 NE US Christian Conference
Providence, Rhode Island USA
July 20-22, 2018

Florida Discipleship Conference
Orlando, Florida USA
August 3-5, 2018

International Singles Conference
Phoenix, Arizona USA
August 30 - September 3, 2018

Central American Conference
Panama City, Panama
October 5 - 7, 2018

2020 World Discipleship Summit
Orlando, Florida USA
July 2-5, 2020

CONNECTING DISCIPLES IN CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLD

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By Pat Brush – South Florida, USA

Most of us hate being labeled. But we’ve become accustomed to multi-generational terms: Baby Boomers, Gen-Xers and Millennials. Each generation brings different values and viewpoints to the playing field, often competing – and sometimes complaining – when it’s time to work as a team. In the last two years, the Florida family of churches witnessed the appointment of three young evangelists and women’s ministry leaders who partner with mature leaders and bring fresh perspectives to winning communities for Christ. It’s counter cultural – and it’s cool!

Kyle and Kristin Eastman (Gainesville Christian Church), Tony and Cassandra Fernandez (Broward Church/South Florida Church of Christ) and Nilson and Elena Ramirez (Anchor Point Church in Tampa) appreciate the experience, wisdom and insight that older evangelists and elders bring to the table. Despite different communication styles, younger evangelists get the message that their ideas and their input is welcomed by older church leaders.

“We feel incredibly believed in and empowered,” said the Eastmans. “The leadership team listens to our suggestions and values our insights, even on the most sensitive matters. They include us in their decision making, far beyond just campus ministry related topics. They entrust us with responsibilities that affect the whole church. We really feel like partners.”

Sharing the gospel is the call for every disciple of Jesus. Reaching this generation with the message of good news presents a challenge these young church leaders readily embrace. When Nilson and Elena moved to Tampa, they were eager to learn from experienced leaders and, at the same time, were ready to pursue dreams of making outreach and Sunday services more “visitor friendly.”



Tony, Cassandra and Cadence Fernandez of the Broward Church in South Florida

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Happy Mother's Day

In the Louisville Church we are blessed with so many godly mothers. They are examples of love, patience and service. We are grateful to God that these women have changed the church, the city and our world. May God bless you on this day.



Central Park Improvement Day May 19

Due to weather the Central Park Improvement day had to be rescheduled to May 19. This is one of our two Hope Projects for the year. Do we know the scheduling is less than convenient? We sure do! Please make every effort to attend and serve. Please be inviting your friends to serve with us.

Special Missions Contribution Drive

We are in the middle of our Special Missions Contribution Drive. The drive goes through the end of the month of May. We have two more Sundays left in this month! The goal is to collect \$85,000 which represents eleven (11x) times our weekly contribution. This contribution will go to assist the Papua New Guinea mission work, our local mission work and the Bowling Green Church planting that goes out this summer. Please pray and please be generous!

Thank You Sound the Alarm Workers

Yesterday many of us had the opportunity to serve our city, especially the Portland area. We had the opportunity to knock on doors and educate families about fire safety. We also had the opportunity to install smoke alarms. Many of our members served as "block captains" having 3 to 4 teams of three people to work with. Thank you servants!

Campus Fundraiser

We will be having a Campus Fundraiser following the worship service on May 20th. You will be offered a meal with an appeal for donations. The fundraiser is used to help cover the cost of attending the ICMC (International Campus Ministry Conference) in Covington, KY. Make plans to attend and help our campus disciples!

2018 Special Missions Contribution

Goal
\$85,800



We are at 32% of our goal!

Last Day Register For Teen Camp 5/20/18

Next Sunday 5/20/18 will be the last day to register your high school student for Teen Camp in Ohio. The registration has been extended an extra week. This is always a life changing event for every teen that attends. You can register for \$50 and pay the balance before your teen attends the camp. <http://www.cincinnatichurch.org/ministry/youth-and-family/camp-registration/>

Give Online Now

- No Cash? No Checks? No Problem!
- Text GIVE to 502-512-0130
- Or click GIVE in the mobile app
- Either option will provide guided instructions

On Time = Late
Early = On Time
Can we get an Amen!

CONTRIBUTION on 5/06/2018

Budget	\$7,800.00
Contribution Total	\$6,812.10
2018 Special Missions	\$3,733.57
2018 Special Missions YTD	\$27,233.68
Poor	\$70.00
Music Media Ministry	\$167.17

Along with our regular contribution we will be taking up a contribution on the first Sunday of each month for our Music/Media Ministry. On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays we will collect unrestricted funds to be sent to Hope Worldwide to be used to help the poor throughout the whole world and also to fund some of our local benevolence projects we are working with in Louisville. Just make the notation on your check for "the poor". We will make sure it goes to the right places. Thank you for your support. -Sean Finch

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UPCOMING EVENTS

5/13/18
Sunday Worship
(Mother's Day)

5/16/18
Split Midweek (M/W)

5/19/18
Central Park Cleanup

5/20/18
Sunday Worship

5/20/18
Campus Fundraiser

5/20/18
Last Day to Register For Teen Camp

Louisville Church of Christ Purpose Statement
The purpose of the Louisville Church of Christ is to bring people to Jesus and membership in his family—by connecting them with a vibrant, spirited church family that reflects the diversity of our metro Louisville community—to help them grow in Christ-like maturity and to become equipped for their personal ministries in the church and their life's missions in the world—in order to glorify God and advance the cause of Christ.

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