

Church Survey #1 Analysis

Note: Total respondents = 39

Next meeting

12.18.2022

5 pm

1.8.2023

Question 1. How long have you been attending or been a member of the church?

1 year or less (4)

3 years or less (1)

5 years or more (34)

Question 2. What brought you to the church? Summarized into broad categories based on responses. Some provided more than one reason.

Family connection (20)

Invitation from a friend (7)

Convenient location (7)

Right fit (6)

Question 3. What has kept you at the church? Summarized into broad categories based on responses. Some provided more than one reason.

The Holy Spirit/Not been called away (7)

Fellowship/Kinship/Love of Members and Pastor (26)

Biblically sound teaching (9)

Leadership (1)

Parents/Family/Habit (5)

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Question 4. How long have you been a Christian?

100% of respondents = 5 years or more

Question 5. What age bracket best describes you?

Under 20 (2)

Under 30 (1)

Under 40 (7)

Under 50 (4)

Under 60 (5)

Under 70 (6)

71 or older (14)

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Question 6. How would you rate the general condition of the church at present?

1 (1)

2 (8)

3 (17)

4 (9)

5 (4)

Question 7. When was the church last at its peak or most effective ministry season?

10 years ago (17)

11 or more years ago (10)

2 years ago (4)

5 years ago (8)

Question 8. When did your church last celebrate baptisms?

The correct answer to this is October 2022 (Dana Granberg)

4 respondents either did not know or said "last summer"...the rest were within the general timeframe.

Question 9. When did your church last welcome a new baby born in the church family?

The correct answer is June 1, 2018 Baby Slater

Most of the respondents did not know. The ones who got it right were coached and/or knew because of their closeness with the family and grandparents (McDuffy's).

Question 10. Why do you believe your church is where it is in terms of health, effectiveness and vitality? (Answers are verbatim)

A lot of our actively involved members have passed away over the last ten or so years and the roles they once fulfilled have suffered tremendously because it has been difficult finding people both willing and equipped to fill in those gaps and take on those roles.

our church no longer looks like our community (age, race, family structure) and therefore

our traditional structure doesn't meet the needs of the community, and most families have moved away from the area and switched churches to be closer to their homes. so we hardly have any young families, and we have ZERO families and leaders with kids in the local school district which is a primary place to draw in families and create life in the church

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Numerous church's in area, members moving & leaving - not enough people joining

There is not enough youth/young families and people are dying or leaving the church.

We don't understand our community, and it's easier to stay in our comfort zone.

Most of our people are elderly

We have an older congregation and the young people are not willing to work.

A lot of its members are not apart of the community

We have had a HUGE amount of our congregation die in the past 10 years...sometimes as many as 10 in 2 months. The deaths were due to old age mostly, but some younger people have died due to Covid and other health issues. We are NOT attracting any younger people. Sometimes they might come for a week or even 2, but then they seem to drift off.

Many people have moved away

There are so many younger people not coming to our church.

Too few workers, too few young families to develop in leadership and therefore little evangelism outreach and discipleship

Not enough of the people

No young family lives within the community

in all honesty, i didn't put a 5 because we have not grown very much in population the past years. i feel some of us may go to church just because it's a routine, so it is hard to see personal growth in it too. that may just be a personal thing

We have no programs in place that appeal to young people with kids.

Changing community, changing culture, death of workers

I believe God has a mission for Spring Valley

Lack of sharing the Gospel with people outside our walls.

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I cannot provide a good answer to that question.

lack of outreach

Growing pains - change in leadership

Many difficulties due to Covid restrictions. There is a great deal of faith and belief in the Gospel that is evident in the way they show concern and love to one another.

Decline of members

We've lost so many Christian families

We have a lot of true Christians here.

I don't think we are effective at this point. I think we can see that the church is very effective when actively engaging the community like with the fall festival but we need to be more proactive about reaching out to our neighbors regularly.

.... Unknown

Leadership or pastor issue

I think it's because everybody believes in it.

losing people and not getting as many new people

Maybe demographics...bringing in new members ?

aging membership and changes in community

Its Members and Paster

Neglect

Because of COVID

So many members have left

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Question 11. In terms of conflict, our church has had...

1 (1)

2 (2)

3 (9)

4 (12)

5 (15)

Question 12. How unified do you believe the members of your church are?

3 (6)

4 (20)

5 (13)

Question 13. The future of our church looks

1 (4)

2 (7)

3 (4)

4 (8)

5 (6)

Question 14. I would be willing to surrender my preferences (service time, worship style, ministry approach etc.) if that would help our church be more effective in reaching the community.

2 (1)

3 (7)

4 (11)

5 (20)

Question 15. In your opinion, what are the main concerns or issues the church is facing? Summarized into broad categories based on responses. Some provided more than one concern or issue.

Not reaching the lost/making disciples (22)

Leadership burnout (1)

Finances (6)

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Question 15 (continued). In your opinion, what are the main concerns or issues the church is facing? (Summarized into broad categories based on responses. Some provided more than one concern or issue).

Lack of workers (2)

Low attendance/Lack of follow-up on people who stop coming (7)

Lack of a permanent Pastor (3)

Our church doesn't look like the community (3)

Closing down for good (3)

No opinion (2)

Question 16. How open to change do you feel the church is right now?

2 (4)

3 (10)

4 (14)

5 (11)

You can change without improving, but you can't improve without changing.

Question 17. Why is the church in its current condition?

Church resistant to leaders/change (1)

Lack youth/too old (27)

Poor leadership (1)

We are unified and prayerful seeking God's future for our church (8)

Most of the leadership and membership lives away from the community and that makes it very difficult to reach a working class, transient community like Raytown (1)

Poor leadership and lack of youth outreach (1)

Question 18. What church ministries or programs do you lead or serve in?

None (18)

Did not answer (3)

Help in various areas (3)

1 area (5)

2 areas (3)

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Question 18 (continued). What church ministries or programs do you lead or serve in?

4 areas (4)

6 areas (1)

7 or more (2)

Question 19. Our church exists to... Note: Three respondents did not answer this question. (Answers below are verbatim).

Glorify God by following Jesus, sharing our faith, making disciples, and loving our community well.

Show people Jesus and his Love

worship Jesus

Bring people closer to God & do the best best to within themselves to repress the teachings

Inviting people in to hear the word of God

To minister to it's members and serve the community where possible.

reach the lost and minister to them in a Christ like attitude.

Be a light on the hill

teaching what God says.

Plug In/Power Up/Shine Out Plug In to Christ, Power Up with God's help, Shine Out to our community and present them with the Gospel.

Spread the word of the Lord

help people come to know Christ and love Him and work for Him.

Unite people with Christ and each other

To serve our Lord in christ

Preach the gospel and reach the community

keep our church family united and to hopefully reach the community we are located in.

Spread the Gospel

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Bringing people to Christ, bringing glory to God, making disciples, fellowship, and encouraging believers.

Fulfill Jesus' commandment to spread His gospel

Spreading the good news about Jesus.

helping the community and the world.

The glory Of God and spreading the love of Jesus

Strengthen the members faith in and knowledge of the Scriptures, bring this knowledge to others in our community and beyond.

Reach Raytown

For the love within it and desire to continue

serve God and the neighborhood

for the glory of God

To serve God in this community

God to spread the gospel.

to bring God to everyone that wants God.

lify up god to communnity and missions

glorify God, share the good news and minister to our community.

Minister To The Community

serve the community.

To reach the community

Question 20. Our church really needs... (Answers are verbatim).

an evangelism strategy and people to help us implement it.

To be able to reach the next generation if it is going to survive.

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a black pastor with a young family in the schools who looks like the community, or other leadership that is black

To grow in membership.

Prayer

An influx of energy.

To join with another church to survive

dedicated working members.

A shack up* (*a shake up??)

more togetherness.

a LOT more people, especially those who are willing to serve.

New blood

To partner with a church in the community with young and diverse leadership and members

a Bible preaching minister plus one that works well with the congregation.

More people/youth

Expand out to the community

to gain more youth/young adults and more diversity

Youth, energy

More dedicated believers

To serve God's will

More outreach, again sharing the Gospel.

more youth.

open doors

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Question 20 (continued). Our church really needs... (Answers are verbatim).

Engaging activities

More youths, and a strong leader who will be a steady part of the church. I really believe that Dr. Funk has been a very positive force, but am concerned when he is no longer with us, as he is interium.

Help to be stronger and reach the lost

More members

Young families

to a better job of letting the local community see how glorious He is.

Work harder to make an impact in this community

New outreach and drive.

younger kids coming to the church and families.

strong leadership and go gettres

Youth, members.

a new energy sparked by leaders and workers

More members

a permanent Pastor.

More youths

More members