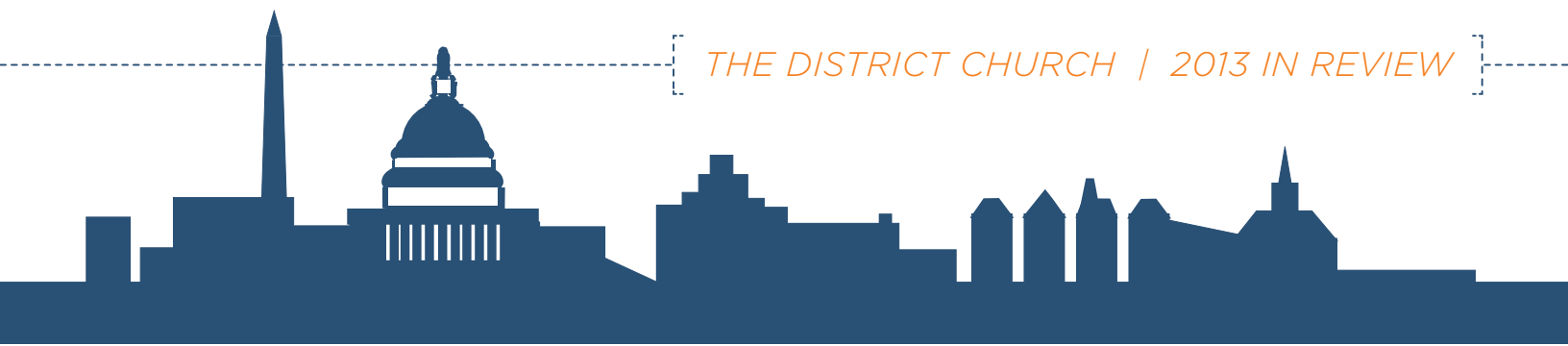


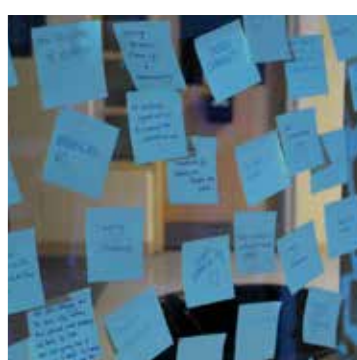
# *WE EXIST FOR CHRIST AND THE RENEWAL OF OUR CITY*

*THE DISTRICT CHURCH | 2013 IN REVIEW*





*I had not attended church for a few years before being invited to [The District Church] and had become very jaded and turned off by the institution of the church. When my friends invited me to come with them to [The District Church] a few weeks ago, I did not anticipate enjoying it. In fact, I really wanted to dislike it just to validate my frustration and distrust of the church. But I wasn't turned off at all and I was actually really encouraged by both the message and the general attitude, warmth and mission of [The District Church].*



*I just want to say thank you for all that you do. I feel like I walk out Sunday after Sunday just mind-blown.*

**- SARAH**





# DEAR CHURCH,

Over three years ago our church was meeting in our living room. We didn't have much more than a big dream, a few dozen people, and a few thousand dollars. **TODAY OUR CHURCH WORSHIPS IN TWO LOCATIONS AND MEETS IN OVER 30 LIVING ROOMS ACROSS THE CITY!**

You have made this possible. You have purposefully invested your time and resources into a movement called **THE LOCAL CHURCH WHICH, WHEN IT DOES ITS JOB, IS THE MOST STRATEGIC WAY TO ADVANCE THE MISSION OF GOD IN THE WORLD.**

As we look back on 2013, we are humbled by what God has done through your involvement in the church. You have helped us start DC127, our city-wide foster care initiative, and launch our first campus on the East Side near Capitol Hill. Together, this increases our reach beyond Columbia Heights.

**THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE WORSHIPING CHRIST, LIVING IN COMMUNITY, AND DOING THE WORK OF JUSTICE HERE IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL BECAUSE YOU MADE THE DECISION TO NOT JUST GO TO CHURCH BUT TO BE THE CHURCH.**

As you read through this celebration of what God has done in us and through us, I hope you will do so in an attitude of prayer and with a thankful heart for how God is actively moving in people's hearts and lives today.

Thank you for being a part of The District Church.

Greater things are yet to come!

Warmly,



Aaron Graham

Lead Pastor





*I just want you to know how much of a role you've played in...making me excited about the work I'm set to engage in for hopefully the rest of my adult life...I can remember multiple times listening to podcasts of your old sermons while biking to the DC jail, calming my heart and soul before either a tough visit or a high-stakes parole revocation hearing. You've helped me grow in my faith and my work - hopefully two things not to be kept separate - and I am very, very grateful. - WADE*



*I have never felt closer to God than I do now, and I know The District Church has been a major factor in this. - BRANDON*





## OUR CITY

*On some levels, Washington DC is a city of contradictions.*

It is the most educated city in the country and yet has some of the lowest performing public schools. It is the capital of the richest country in human history and yet has one of the highest poverty rates.

At The District Church, we want to be a church that helps pastor the world changers who move here while coming alongside those who are on the outskirts of society. We want to be a community that is actively helping people find their way back to God while also helping them find their God given mission in life.

## OUR VISION

*To be a church that exists for Christ and the renewal of our city.*

## OUR MISSION

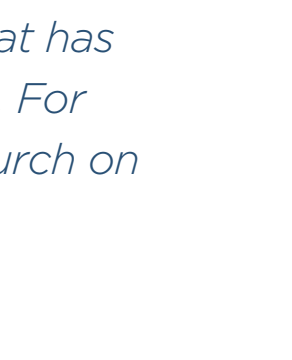
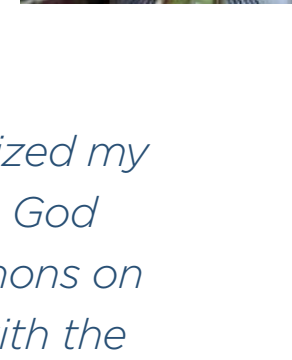
*To make disciples of Jesus who are committed to living out their God-given mission in life.*

## OUR CORE VALUES

*Worship, Community, Justice*







*I drove more than 3,000 miles in search of a new home here, and I found it at [The District Church]. Not just in the city, but in my faith as well. I walked - well, more like sprinted - away from the church in search of something more real, relevant and relational: [The District Church] found me and welcomed me into my new family and has solidified my faith in Christ. - DAVID*

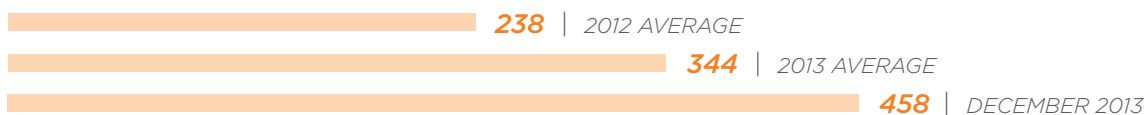
*Becoming part of The District Church has revitalized my relationship with God and I have grown closer to God than ever before. From small groups, to the sermons on Sundays, I am constantly challenged and filled with the Holy Spirit. I have never been part of a church that has encouraged my spiritual growth so much before. For the first time in my life, I cannot wait to go to church on Sunday mornings. - RACHEL*



# WORSHIP

*Every number has a name, every name has a story, and every story matters to God.*

## Attendance

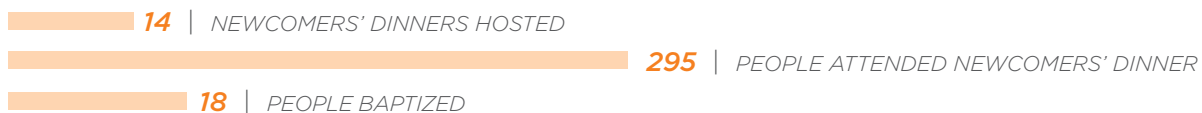


## Serving



THIS INCLUDES PEOPLE SERVING AND GIVING THEIR TIME ON THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY TEAMS: WORSHIP, CREATIVE ARTS, PRODUCTION, HOSPITALITY, PRAYER, AND KIDS' CITY.

## Welcome



## Digital



\* ALL NUMBERS ABOVE ARE A COMBINED TOTAL FROM BOTH COLUMBIA HEIGHTS AND EAST SIDE CAMPUSES



*There hasn't been a single time in the past year, since I've said yes to God, that when I cry out he doesn't answer. He always answers in a real and big way that just blows my mind. Being baptized today, even in my sin, is me saying, 'I trust in you and I believe in your promises'.* - EMILY



*There came a point when I realized I had to claim my Christianity for myself, it's not something that I can inherit. I have this sense of purpose that is so wonderful and renews me even in my darkest times.* - STEPHANIE

*When I was in Haiti, I was involved in helping baptize one of the pediatricians I was working with... It really just convicted me in my life and how I was dragging my feet. I guess I was just scared that once I got baptized then it would be a lot harder for me to ignore God's calling!* - BENJAMIN






# COMMUNITY

*Our church began as a small group.  
We have always been a church of small groups.*

## *Small groups*

 **33** | GROUPS IN ALL FOUR QUADRANTS OF DC, MD & VA

 **62** | SMALL GROUP LEADERS

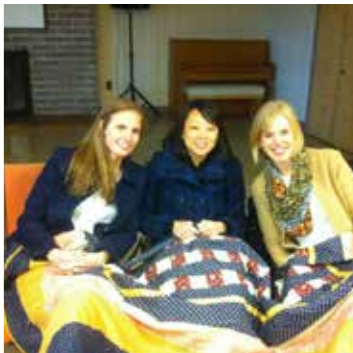
 **26** | HOST HOMES

 **440** | ATTENDING SMALL GROUPS

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*I was super apprehensive about even coming [to a small group] in the first place, and, looking back, Alpha was such a blessing for my new life in DC. - LAUREN*

By far, this is the most far-reaching and productive partnership [with DC127] we have had with faith-based organizations in a really long time. - MINDY GOOD, CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY, TIME MAGAZINE



Rarely do I attend a church so evidently and painfully aware of its surroundings and a city's needs. - SARAH



I'm so grateful for DC127 because, [without them] we would have felt kind of like lone rangers.

- KATIE FORD, FOSTER PARENT, WASHINGTON POST





# JUSTICE

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. - JAMES 1:27*

## Our Impact and Involvement

**PARK VIEW KIDS ZONE** - Neighborhood-based relational ministry led by Angela Strange serving hundreds of children and families

**HOMELESS PLAYTIME CHILDREN'S PROJECT** - Serving homeless children and their families every week at both DC General and in Columbia Heights

**HIV / AIDS** - Uniting the church to bring the compassion of Jesus to the 14,465 people living with HIV in the District

**ANTI SEX-TRAFFICKING** - Educating and uniting the church to care for victims of trafficking in the District



**Our Mission:** To unite the church in order to reverse the foster care waitlist

**Our Vision:** To be a city where every child has a loving home, and families are waiting for children rather than children waiting for families.



**Foster the City:** November 2, 2013 - Held in DC Convention Center

80 | VOLUNTEERS

15 | FOSTER CARE AGENCIES PARTNERED WITH US

67 | SIGNED UP TO FOSTER OR ADOPT

119 | SIGNED UP TO BE MENTORS

40 | SIGNED UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR CHILD CARE FOR FOSTER PARENT TRAININGS

28 | CHURCHES REPRESENTED



...After a tough year, I chose to follow Christ, and I'm so happy that I did. [My] empty void has started to fill as I started consuming myself in His word, attending [The District Church], and joining a small group. The feelings of loneliness as if I were missing something in life started to go away. I am so blessed to have found The District Church... I've been able to make new friends, been adopted by a church family, and finally started to feel the love from the Lord that I didn't know I could have before.

- PAULINE

There is a simple humility in meeting in the basement of a school on chairs that the congregation readily stacks up afterwards.

- SARAH





# BUDGET

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

**\$383,500** | PERSONNEL\*

**\$20,500** | CONTINUING EDUCATION AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

**\$17,350** | DISCIPLESHIP

**\$11,300** | HOSPITALITY

**\$8,750** | KIDS' CITY

**\$24,350** | WORSHIP

**\$60,500** | OUTREACH

**\$30,100** | PARK VIEW KIDS' ZONE

**\$114,298** | DC127 FOSTER CARE

**\$30,100** | COMMUNICATIONS

**\$7,500** | FINANCE

**\$14,710** | ADMINISTRATION

**\$92,000** | SPACE RENTAL

**\$24,200** | LEADERSHIP RESIDENCY

**\$60,000** | LEADERSHIP RESIDENCY HOUSE RENOVATION

**\$43,000** | ADVENT OFFERING

**\$947,858** | TOTAL BUDGET

**\$431,314** | ACTUAL EXPENSES (JULY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013)

**\$439,146** | ACTUAL GIVING (JULY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013)

**THE DISTRICT CHURCH IS 100% DEBT FREE**

\*INCLUDES SALARY, BENEFITS AND RETIREMENT EXPENSES

# THE DISTRICT CHURCH TIMELINE

## *The Beginning*

**APRIL 2010**

Pastors Aaron & Amy Graham begin hosting a small group & launch team meetings in their home.



## *Park View Kids Zone*

**JANUARY 2012**

Partnership begins, with Angela Strange serving as director, extending The District Church's neighborhood reach.



## *Public Launch*

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

The District Church holds its first public worship services.

**Fun Fact:** This building used to be Central Presbyterian Church where President Woodrow Wilson served as an elder.



## *Leadership Residency House Purchased*

**APRIL 2012**

Justin Fung joins pastoral team and is the first resident of the Leadership Residency House.



# LINE

## DC127

MAY 2013

Chelsea Geyer begins as director and monthly prayer gatherings are launched.



## Preparing to Launch

AUGUST 2013

Matthew Watson joins pastoral team and moves into Leadership Residency House with his wife, Lisa, and family.



## East Side Launch

JUNE 2013

Justin Fung becomes pastor and services are held at Miner Elementary School.

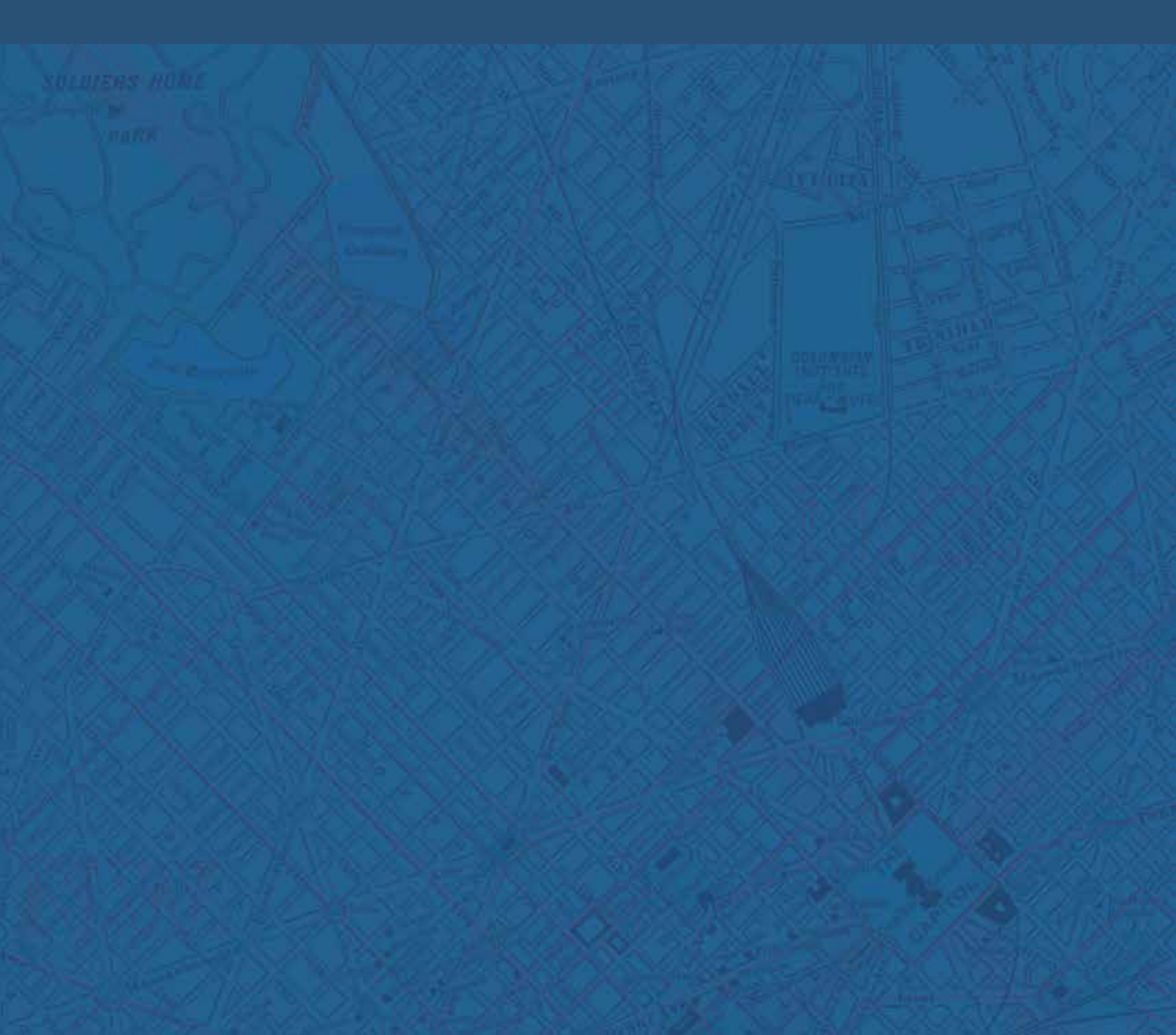
**Fun Fact:** Our East Side Campus is the only church in DC that's been given permission to meet in a public school.



## Foster the City

NOVEMBER 2013

28 churches from across DC unite to begin a faith-based movement to reverse the foster-care wait list.



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**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CAMPUS**  
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