

# **COVENANT MEMBER CELEBRATION**



**SPRING 2023**



**“WE USED TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD  
WITHOUT GOD AND WITHOUT HOPE.**

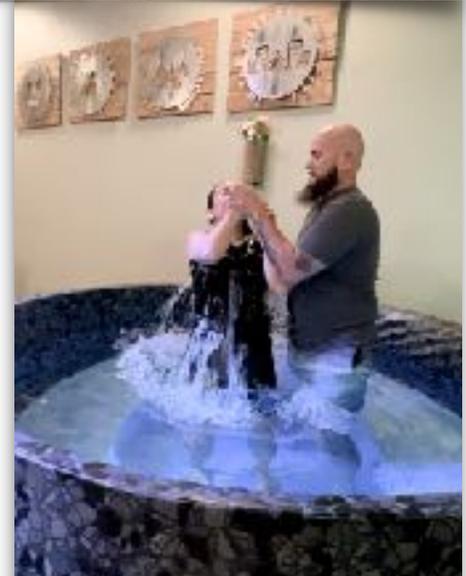
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**PLANTING A CHURCH RENEWS THE  
WHOLE BODY OF CHRIST AND IS THE  
BEST WAY TO MAKE NEW DISCIPLES  
OF JESUS.”**



# We gotta celebrate this!

- **New Members** - 12 new members since our last Member celebration.
- **Baptisms** - 13 people baptized since our last Member celebration.
- **Leader Launch** (current class) - Paige Rath, Colby Clendenin, Rick Walker, Kacie Depuy, Chad Keys, Andy Musick, Karen Ferrante, Chelsie Yorba, Halie Meiners, Isaac Reid, Jonathan Fitzgerald, Jason Hays, Rick Morrison, and Gabriel Orozco.
- **New Women's CG**
- **Serving the City**
  - 52 Holiday Meals provided to families of Sepulveda Elementary
  - Face-painting for Sepulveda Valentines Dance
  - Sepulveda Pancake Breakfast and Prayer Walk
  - Sepulveda Trunk-or-Treat. We brought horses, games, face painting, and more.
  - Hometowne Christmas : Over 80 volunteers served our city at this years Hometowne Christmas Parade
  - 3 Foster Families wrapped with Support Friends
  - Over \$12,000 given through Benevolence





- **'22 Revive Guatemala Trip:** Sean Moss, Kayla Shannon, Cassie Musick, Bryce Williams, Jen Williams, Bob Silva, Jason Hays, and Jonathon Snyder.
- **Restore Group-** 3 Members have joined Pastor Jim for Biblical counsel and restoration.
- **Love and Respect Marriage Conference-** Over 40 couples attended the 2 day conference.
- **Staff and Operational Changes**
  - Pastor Mark South- Lead Teaching Pastor
  - Pastor Gregg Katz- Executive Pastor
  - Stephanie Smedley- Worship Music Director
  - Gabrielle Torres- Events and Administration
  - Gabe Dye- Student Ministry Director
  - Ashley Clendenin- LS Kids Director
  - Donica Graham- Director of Connections
  - Pastor Jim Perkins- Director of Deacons and Benevolence
  - Pastor Taylor Sexton- Church Planter
- **Financials**
  - Year End Gift (YEG) \$28k
  - December giving nearly \$30K above projections. Not including the YEG.
  - Budget Surplus of \$20K for first six months of the fiscal year (July 2022-June2023).





# Next Sermon Series...

We continue in our Series The Church: Irrelevant, Dangerous, or Necessary? On Sunday, February 19th, we begin Paul's Second letter to Timothy and the church in Ephesus. This time, Paul is writing from a Roman prison. Paul's circumstances prompt him to make a broad appeal for perseverance in the faith amidst suffering and hardship. The invitation to fight the fight of faith is a relevant theme today as we keep our eyes on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.





# Going Outward

## O U T S I D E R S   B E C O M I N G   I N S I D E R S

**Exploring Christ Class** is a first step for those new to church wanting to know more about Jesus and those who new Christians needing to understand their new life in Jesus.

It will be offered through out the year beginning this May

## D I S C I P L E S   M A K I N G   D I S C I P L E S

**Discipleship Groups** are a step-by-step discipleship pathway for 2-3 men or women wanting to grow and be mentored in understanding the Bible following Jesus more deeply. You can sign up for a group or begin one out of your Community Group, Mens or Women's ministry, friendship, or even with someone new you met on a Sunday. If you are a person who loves to help others grow in their faith you can sign up for a training on leading a discipleship group.

## U N I T Y   I N   D I V E R S I T Y

**Translation Ministry** beginning in April we will be offering our sermons for Spanish Speakers through an app based system that will transmit live to their personal devices during the service. We will also be able to supply devices and ear buds for those who need them.

**Revive Guatemala Pastor's Conference** is our YEG at work. Continuing our partnership with Revive Guatemala, Living Stones Sparks will be funding and leading a Pastor's conference the for the Pastors in Antigua and the surrounding villages. Nearly all pastors in Guatemala are bi-vocational, lacking resources, and theological training that we in the US take for granted. To be a blessing we are covering travel to/from the conference, lodging, food, church resources. We are sending Pastor Mark; Pastor Taylor; Pastor Candidate Carlos, and Doris April 24th- April 30th



# I N T H E C I T Y F O R T H E C I T Y

**Foster the City** Foster the City is a coalition of churches committed to providing a loving home for every child in foster care. From supporting foster families to advocating in the community, there is a place for every member of the church to serve in this ministry. You can say “yes” by attending an interest meeting.

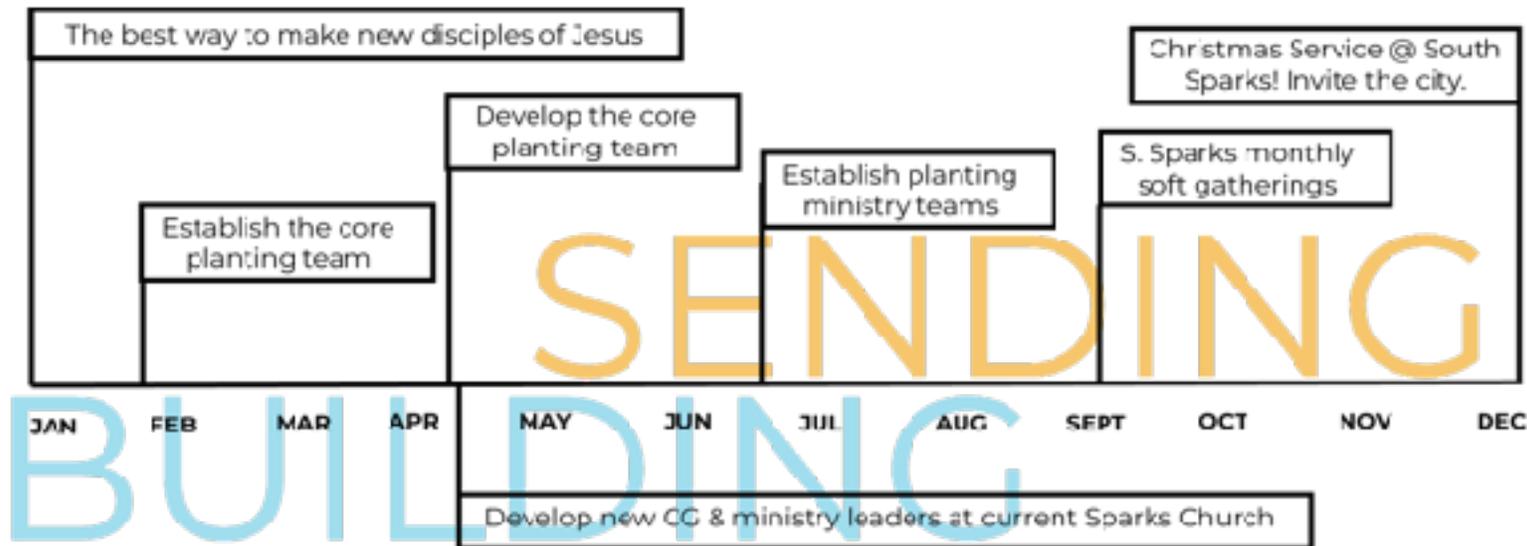
**Sparks Egg Hunts** On the morning of April 1st, meet at one of the parks nearest you or your CG and join us in our tradition of meeting hundreds of kids and families in our annual egg hunt. Parks: Del Cobre Park, Pah Rah Park, Eagle Canyon, and Willow Creek Park

## C H U R C H E S P L A N T I N G C H U R C H E S

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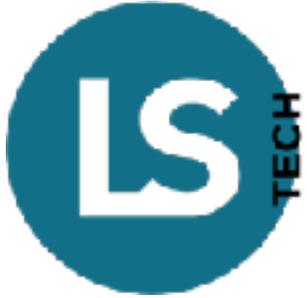
# WE ARE PLANTING A CHURCH

2024





# Building



Tech Team: Serve the church in the tech booth. sound and slides positions available.  
Sundays | 7:30AM - 12:30PM |



Worship Team: Serve the church with your musical gifts.  
Practice | Mondays 7PM-8:30PM |  
Serve | Sundays | 7:30AM - 12:30PM |



Art Team: Help create series art and build projects. Multiple mediums and times of service. Particular help needed for series changes and church holidays.



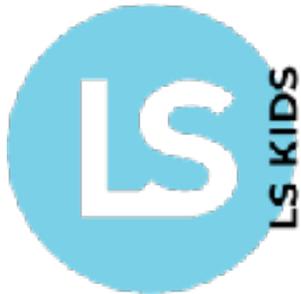
Prayer Team: Pre-Service prayer and prayer with/ for people during the service. Sundays First and second service times available.



LS Students: Leaders making lasting disciples of the next generation. Study the Scriptures and build relationships with 6-12 graders.  
Wednesdays | 6:30PM | Church Building



# Keep Building



LS Kids: LS Kids Teachers and Helpers discipling and caring for our children with your loving presence, prayer and bible teaching. 90 min commitment a couple times/month.



Connect Team: Help people get information about the church and upcoming events. Sundays first and second service times available.



Hospitality Team: Prepare coffee, tea, and communion. Sundays first and second service times available.



Greeting Team: Welcome the family of God and guests to our Sunday gatherings. Sundays first and second service times available.



Safety Team: Help ensure that our congregation, particularly our youngest members, are safe and watched over during the service.



# Ministries



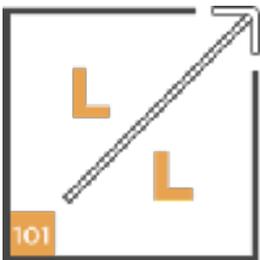
**Moms in Prayer:** Join mothers in our church/city, who pray for our kids, schools and their faculty.  
Mondays | 9am | Church Building  
Email [dorisd21@gmail.com](mailto:dorisd21@gmail.com) to sign up.



**Restore Group:** A 13-week group aimed at experiencing the healing power of God by reunite our lives with God's story and meditating on scripture.



**Foster The City:** Foster The City is a coalition of churches committed to providing a loving home for every child in foster care. From supporting foster families to being a regional advocate, there is a place for you to serve. Sign up for an interest meeting today.



**Leader Launch:** Leaders Launch for training men and women to love, lead and serve in Living Stones Church as an upfront visible leader or the behind-the-scenes equipping leader. It's the natural work of the Holy Spirit in Christians to grow them from regular attendees to invested influencers in His church. Leader Launch will give you a vision for God's church and equip you to lead others and ministries faithfully, effectively, and fruitfully.



# Save The Dates

**February 17th** | Women's Ministry Galentine's Bunco

**February 22nd** | Ash Wednesday 6AM and 6PM

**February 23rd** | Foster The City Interest Meeting (Online)

**March 3rd** | LS Students Girls Night

**March 12th** | LS Student "Parent" meeting

**April 1st** | LS Sparks Easter Egg Hunts

**April 7th** | Good Friday 7PM Service

**April 9th** | Easter Sunday Services at 8:30AM | 10A | 11:30AM

**April 24th thru April 30th** | Guatemala Pastors Conference

**May 20th** | Women's Ministry Tea Time Brunch

**June 2nd** | Women's Ministry Bingo Fundraiser

**May/June** | LS Sparks Start Of Summer BBQ

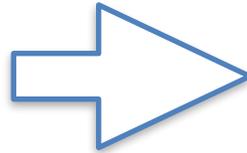
**July 10th thru July 16th** | LS Sparks Middle School Camp

**July 24th thru July 29th** | LS Sparks High School Camp

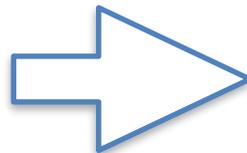


# Sign Up

**Serving Sign Up Form**



**Download the LS App**



**Foster The City  
Interest Meeting  
Signup**

