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# onechurch ONEYEAR

On July 1, 2018, One Church celebrates one year since our launch. Let's take a moment and look back over our first year.

On July 1, 2017, we prepared to gather for our first ever ConnectOne Conference. One of our friends, Omar Kennedy lost his mom that week, so, as our first act as a new church, we collectively decided to postpone the conference in order to support Omar and attend his mother's funeral. We rescheduled the conference for July 15 and had over a dozen in attendance. From that conference, we received our first five members representing four families.



For the first two months of our soft launch, we worshipped in the Alexander home every other Sunday, spending the alternate Sundays worshipping with our two parent congregations: First Church of the Nazarene and Pine Grove Baptist Church. On Thursdays, we gathered around the Alexander dining room table for *One Church, One Table*.

During August, we attended the SC District Marriage Day in order to invest in our marriages.

## One Church - Chester Mission & Vision

One Church is a multiethnic church who exists to:

- *UNITE* people through a common story
- *EQUIP* people for a common life
- *SEND* people in a common mission

"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God!" – Romans 15:5-7



In September, we began worshipping together weekly. On two Saturdays, we hosted park days at Wylie Park. We spent the Fridays before going door-to-door inviting people to join us for a fun day at the park. On Saturday, we grilled hotdogs and played games with families and hosted 60+ people from across the Chester community. Also that month, we launched our partnership with Chester Park COLT with a school supply drive and weekly service.

On October 1, we held our first worship service in our new facility on Columbia Street. During this celebration service, Dr. Eddie and Diane Estep, our district superintendent family, gathered with us to celebrate all that God was doing in and through One Church. Later in October, we baptized two dear ladies, attended the SC District EQUIP Conference for lay ministry training, and hosted a "Trick-or-Treat."



During November, we continued our partnership with Chester Park COLT by serving at Santa's Workshop in order to help kids shop for their families for Christmas. In December, we practiced *Advent Conspiracy*, in which we sponsored two children for Christmas, caroled at Chester Nursing Center, made Chrismons, and hosted a pastors social for our mission area. On the Sunday before Christmas, our kids led us in two cheerful Christmas worship songs!

In January, we held our next ConnectOne Conference and received 9 new members representing 5 new families. We baptized 6 kids, instituted our Nazarene Safe program, and took 2 teenagers to SC District Breakaway teen retreat. In February, we held a family movie night, celebrated Ash Wednesday, shared with community churches for Lenten Lunch on Tuesdays, and celebrated Rhonda Price's China Experience. In March, Trina Alexander preached about *Living in Christian Community*. We shared a *Pastor Swap* with Metropolitan AME Zion (Rev. Angela Boyd), celebrated Holy Week, and sat in the wake of Jesus's death during Tenebrae Service.



We began April by celebrating Easter while baptizing 3 children. We held our first *Spiritual Deepening Week* with guest speakers: Rev. Jerome Boyd (Pine Grove Baptist), Rev. Angela Boyd (Metropolitan AME Zion), Rev. Ben LaPlace (Greenville First Nazarene), and Rev. Mary Forester (Waverly Church of the Nazarene, TN). Unite Kids hosted an African Night sharing all they learned during their *Passport to Missions* series. We ended the month with a community revival service hosted by the Chester Ministerial Association.

In May, we participated in SC District's first ever Young Adult Retreat. We hosted *Vision Sunday* and celebrated our first year with friends from our partner churches. We ended the year by hosting Fitness Camp during which 40 kids learned to be *FIT in Jesus*.



Let's keep moving forward! See you Sunday.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Matt



**Sundays**  
Prayer: 9:30am  
Worship: 10:00am-11:00am  
**Thursdays**  
One Table: 6:00pm-7:30pm

- July 1-8: New Members
- July 11: Church Board Meeting, 6pm
- July 15: Organization Day, 6pm (Carpool 4pm)
- July 16: NMI/NYI Convention, 8:00am-5:00pm
- July 16: Ordination Service, 7pm
- July 16: District Assembly Business, 8am-5:00pm