Mission
To unite, empower, and mobilize churches in Spring/Woodlands to multiply collective impact on critical needs in their community, respond to crises, and prepare for future disasters.

2021 Key Initiatives / Accomplishments
- Established Monthly Meeting Schedule
- LA Hurricane Supply Donations
- Developed Leadership Team
- Winter Storm Uri Response
- Food Distribution

STORY: The Church Coming Together

By May of 2021, the world had been "sheltering in place" for over a year. Isolation and inward focus were a new normal for many. Gathering with others had become awkward and even created anxiety for some. That didn’t stop the Holy Spirit from recruiting a diverse group of people to serve strangers together in the Central Houston community through the Acts 2 Houston service event.

Over 200 people from 10 area churches showed up on a rainy, muggy day to love our city through acts of service in Houston’s historic Third Ward. Volunteers chopped away dead vegetation, pulled weeds, washed windows, applied fresh coats of paint, removed trash and debris from city blocks, mended fences, planted flowers and shrubs, organized libraries, and more. The power and purpose of biblical community were on full display.

Wendy Cox of City Church said, "When the work was complete, and we left the elementary school where we were working, I imagined the kids smiling on Monday morning—surprised and wondering how their school makeover happened. I hoped they would feel encouraged, loved, protected, and important."

The following day these same churches gathered to sing, celebrate, and worship together. The featured speaker, Dr. Tony Evans, reminded everyone that the church’s job is to represent the kingdom of God through our histories, cultures, experiences, and color uniqueness. In his closing, Dr. Evans shared about the church being the preview of the coming attraction. He said, "There is a big show coming. God is the producer, the Holy Spirit is the Director, Jesus Christ is the Superstar, and it will be a worldwide production. It’s called the kingdom of God. In the meantime, God’s people are the preview of the coming attraction. When people see one church and one cause, they may want to buy a ticket, but it is free. The ticket has already been paid for."

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place." Acts 2:1

Leadership Team

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LOVE Missionary Baptist Church

Mary-Floye Federer
First Presbyterian Church Houston

J Hill
South Main Baptist Church

Debra Mitchel
Riverside United Methodist Church

Amanda Poole
Antioch Central Houston

Aaron Pyle
City Church

George Steed
Jericho Road Renewal Project

Steve Winstead
First Presbyterian Church Houston

2021 Highlights

Thanks to the churches and organizations who made the collective impact in our community possible.

- Participating Churches: 30
- Volunteers Hours: 53,177
- Homes Restored: 4
- Families Served: 8,748
- Pounds of Food Distributed: 154,219
- Value Invested in The Community: $408,911

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Monthly Convening

In 2021 a new local leadership team recognized the need to get to know and trust one another more. They decided to meet monthly, twice each quarter by Zoom, and once each quarter in person for luncheons hosted by a participating congregation. Convenings have focused on building relationships, expanding participation, and conversations about community needs and how churches might collaborate to address them. In addition, participants have begun to use a messaging platform for sharing needs and resources.

Food Distribution

New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and Riverside United Methodist Church provided regular food distributions, mobilizing local church volunteers to help meet one of their community's most pressing needs. Riverside UMC also offered COVID-19 vaccine clinics at Thompson Elementary, and New Mount Calvary MBC sent several teams to Southeast Louisiana to prepare thousands of meals for Hurricane Ida survivors. These are just a few examples of the impact that Central coalition churches are having on their community and the opportunities being created for collaboration and multiplication as congregations unite and support one another in their work.

2022 Goals

Church Participation
Double church participation, including churches that better represent the diversity and geography of Central Houston.

Stronger Relationships
Cultivate more and trusting relationships amongst church and community leaders.

Asset Mapping
Develop a usable database managing as much information as possible on available resources and services offered by church and community partners.

Collaborative Initiatives
Undertake at least two collaborative initiatives that engage most participating churches in addressing a community need.

Disaster Readiness
Equip local churches to create their own internal disaster readiness plan and develop a plan for coordinating efforts in the event of a crisis or disaster.

Participating Churches

- Antioch Central Houston
- Bethany Missionary Baptist Church
- Beulah Land Community Church
- Bibleway
- City Church
- Christ Church Cathedral
- First Presbyterian Church Houston
- Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church
- Greater Outreach Missionary Baptist Church
- Houston Canterbury
- Houston's First Baptist Church Downtown
- Houston Praise and Worship Center
- LOVE Missionary Baptist Church
- Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
- McGregor Palm Community Baptist
- Mercy Missionary Baptist Church
- Mission Missionary Baptist Church
- New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
- Restoration Community Church
- Riverside United Methodist Church
- Rose of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church
- South Main Baptist Church
- St. James Missionary Baptist Church
- St. John’s United Methodist Church Downtown
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church
- Wheeler Baptist Church

Participating Organizations

- Bread of Life, Inc.
- Endeavors
- Pleasantville Community Center
- Lyfe Depot

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