



LIFEBRIDGE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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A LETTER FROM MATT

Joy seems to be at a premium right now. Everybody's hungry for it, maybe now more than we can really remember. Something to be joyful about, something to make us feel better, or something to take our minds off of the reality of our current circumstances. Joy doesn't disappear in crisis; it can actually become more real. At LifeBridge, we want to keep using the joy that comes from following Jesus to be generous, to build bridges, and to help people take their next step with Him.

Although being the church has looked different for us in recent months, we have been serving and loving our community just as much, if not more, as we have in the past! Because of LifeBridge's generosity, we've been able to encourage and support our community. In the following pages, you'll get a closer look at some of the ways you have been the church.

As we look to the next year, I'm excited about what the future holds for LifeBridge. While this is a difficult time in our history, Jesus is greater than any division there is today, and He'll be greater than any division we see tomorrow. Because He loves people on both sides of any division, our role as the church is to build bridges of grace that can handle the weight of truth so that more people can be introduced to Jesus' love.

Thank you, LifeBridge, for being a generous church. You have served our



community, loved your neighbors, and taken a posture of building bridges. I'm honored to be a part of our church, and I'm fired up for how God might use us in the months ahead. I'm looking forward to a year of continuing to be the church in new ways to help lead people in their next step towards Jesus.

Blessings,

Matt Hessel, Lead Pastor
LifeBridge Christian Church

Thank you to each of you who has donated, volunteered, prayed, and helped in some way, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are just a few of the ways you've shown up to be the church in recent months:

- Cheered on local hospital staff
- Delivered hundreds of meals to first responders
- Provided essential care items for those who are homebound
- Set up regular worship time at local elderly care facilities
- Provided Starbucks gift cards to Boulder County staff and the Longmont Police Department
- Delivered groceries to those in need
- Gave grocery cards and helped pay bills for single moms who have lost their jobs
- Wrote encouraging notes to grocery store staff
- Made masks and headbands for frontline workers
- Created yard signs for our church family to put in their yards as a source of encouragement
- Gave items to young adults who have aged out of the foster care system and moved into their own apartment for the first time
- Partnered with Mountain State Children's Home to replenish depleting supplies
- Partnered with OUR Center to help provide food



BE THE CHURCH

These past months have felt like some of the hardest in recent history. Despite all of the challenges, LifeBridge continues to be the church. There are many ways to get involved, build community, and stay connected.

ROOTED

lbcc.org/rooted

"I began the Rooted class on April 23, 2020. I feel it has brought me closer to God and helped my anxiety. I love the friends that I have made in this course, and I feel that I have made friendships that will last a lifetime. I have learned things I didn't know about God and find the readings and questions very interesting. I look forward to our Thursday meetings."

-ROOTED PARTICIPANT

"My husband and I decided to make LifeBridge home three years ago, even though it is an hour away from our house. We felt it was worth it. However, we were never able to connect in any way other than the weekly services due to multiple barriers. The virtual Rooted sessions eliminated barriers for me...it has allowed me to create a sense of community in our church from within my own house. Being able to participate in the virtual Rooted sessions allowed me to form friendships and grow in my relationship with God in ways that I wouldn't have been able to without this opportunity."

-ROOTED PARTICIPANT



BE THE CHURCH



“Rooted via Zoom has been such a blessing to my husband and I during this bizarre pandemic time. What a blessing Megan and Raul have been in graciously leading us through the content – some very easy to visit about and some very challenging. It has been an investigation into the Bible and His Word, but also ourselves, as we have examined our relationships with each other and with God. I am very thankful that we finally had the ability to attend this class, and I would highly recommend it to anyone – no matter where you are at in your faith journey.”

-ROOTED PARTICIPANT



BE THE CHURCH

FAMILIES

LifeBridge wants to be a resource for and partner with you as you raise your kids to love Jesus.

lbcc.org/kids-students



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We love seeing the ways our LifeBridge family is active in the community.

lbcc.org/local

SERVING

Meet people, make a difference, and feel like you belong! There are many ways to serve at LifeBridge.

lbcc.org/serve



BE THE CHURCH

MISSIONS

Loving our neighbors isn't just about relationship with those who are in our local community, it's about extending grace and love beyond our borders into different cultures.

lbcc.org/global



CARE MINISTRY

You're not alone. We're here to help you find healing during times of challenge or sorrow by offering resources of support.

lbcc.org/care

SPORTS MINISTRY

From basketball to pickleball, LifeBridge Sports is a place where the community can come together.

lbcc.org/sports



BAPTISM



In the past year, we've celebrated 58 people who took their next step towards Jesus through baptism. This is a powerful way of inviting Jesus in and saying "yes" to following His lead in your life.



Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.



LIFEBRIDGE EN ESPAÑOL



Celebrating **8 YEARS**
of Spanish ministry
at LBCC.



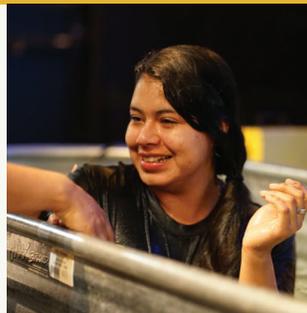
We added
AN EXTRA
midweek service.



We had over
1,000 LIKES
on Facebook.



We celebrated
5 BAPTISMS!



CURRENT ELDERS



CRAIG
EARHART



BRUCE
FARWELL



GORDON
HAMPTON



CHRIS
JEFFERSON



SCOTT
MARTIN



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MATTHEWS



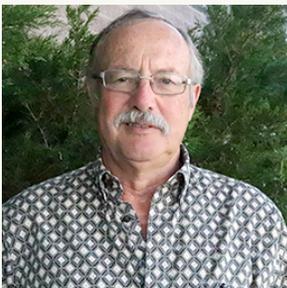
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