

generosity AT REDEEMER

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR, REDEEMER!

As always, it was a busy fall at Redeemer with each ministry area in full swing and record Sunday morning attendance. More importantly, I'm thankful that we have pursued Jesus together, and I am reminded of what a gift it is that God has chosen to use ordinary people like you and me to accomplish His purpose.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." – 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

This passage reminds us that God doesn't necessarily use the most powerful people or the smartest to accomplish His purposes, although some of you may be just that. Any gifts that we've been given are given by Him, and He has graciously allowed each of us to be a part of carrying forth His mission.

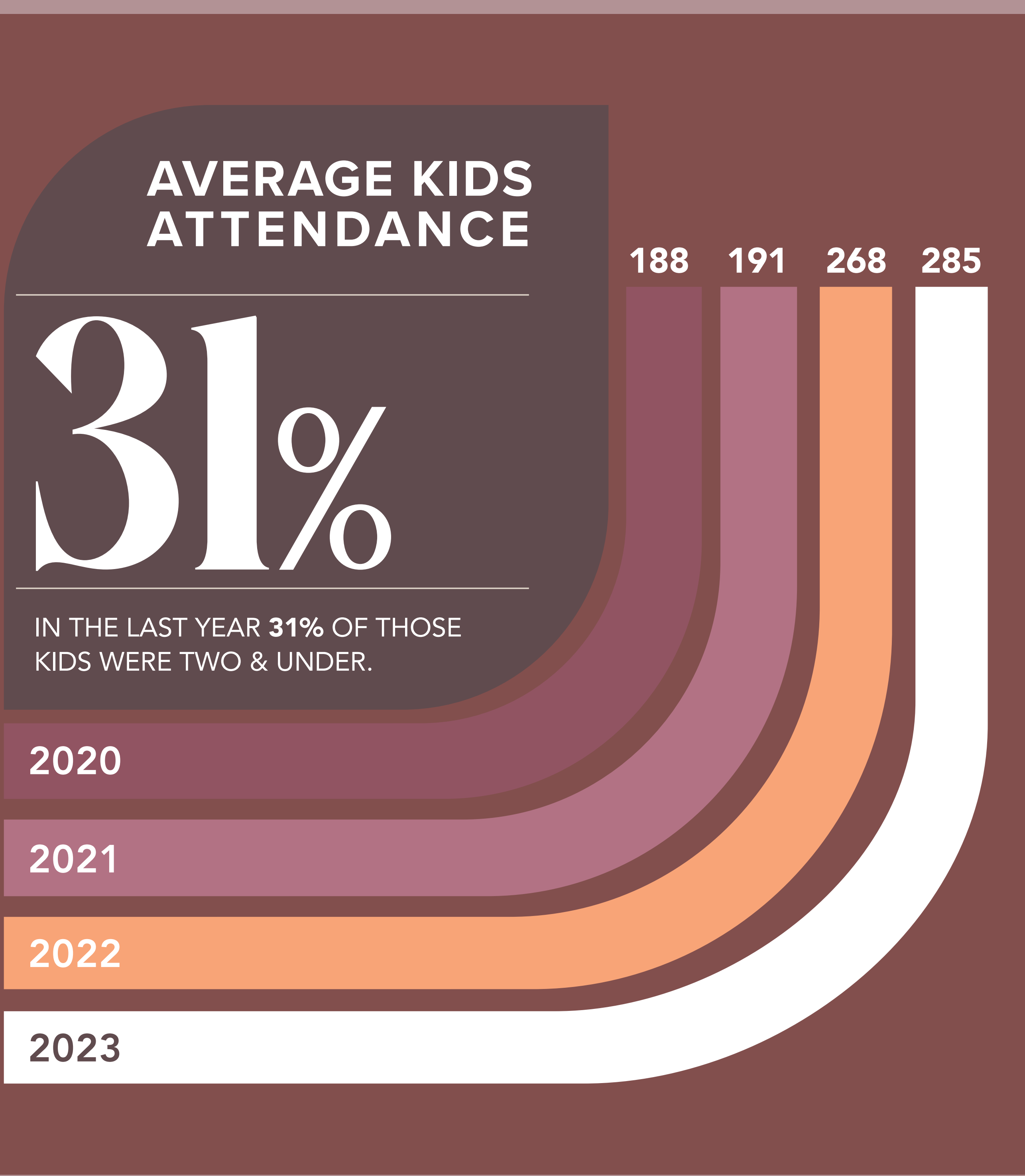
A few ways I've seen God use ordinary people like you and me in recent months:

- ☀ Baptisms week-after-week where the redemption of Jesus is proclaimed, facilitated by parents, friends, GC leaders, and ministry leaders that God has used to help write these beautiful stories
- ☀ New people coming to Redeemer every week that are greeted and cared for in ways that demonstrate the love of Christ
- ☀ Children that are faithfully taught the Gospel in their classes each week
- ☀ Goers willing to sacrifice the comforts of the western world to go where the name of Jesus has never been heard
- ☀ Volunteers that sacrificially give their time each week to invest in the lives of students
- ☀ Gospel Communities stepping into hard spaces in the lives of people and pointing them to Jesus
- ☀ Persistent prayer for loved ones and friends that do not know or understand the love of the Father
- ☀ Loads of you living out your faith in your schools, homes, and places of work

I'm grateful that God has allowed us to see some fruit of what He is doing in and through us at Redeemer.

LET'S KEEP PURSUING HIM TOGETHER,

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Connect Cards this fall

51

Baptisms in 2023

78

New Family Check-Ins this fall

87

Middle & High School Students at Student Gatherings

239

New students at College Gathering

88

New Covenant Members

CHURCHES THAT PLANT CHURCHES

In September, Redeemer hosted our first annual Redeemer Network Conference. The theme for our conference was "Ordinary Churches on an Extraordinary Mission" because that's who we are: ordinary churches on this glorious mission of making Jesus known in our towns, cities, and suburbs. Filled with connection and co-learning, these three days felt like a family reunion, as sending and planting churches were able to celebrate all God has done and will continue to do through our planting, replanting, and revitalizing initiatives. This conference was also an opportunity for potential church planters as well as churches interested in partnering with the Redeemer Network to meet and learn more, leading to five churches formally joining in the months since then.

COLLEGE OUTREACH

With more than 12,000 new students starting at Texas Tech this past fall, our college staff and leaders made a prayerful effort to engage new students on campus. Starting with Welcome Week events and College Gathering Kickoff, our staff built on this momentum by taking free coffee to the Free Speech area every week to engage students passing through. This resulted in over 350 conversations with students not meaningfully engaged in a church community or following Jesus, along with personal invites to Tuesday night College Gathering.

TASTE THE NATIONS

Cultures around the world share their lives and deep conversations over shared meals. During GOvember, our first Taste the Nations event was hosted by the Advocacy Teams of our 40 Goers on the field. More than 250 people came out to enjoy authentic dishes from these countries and learn how to pray for the gospel to go out among unreached peoples and places. Scan the QR code to access recipes and pray for our Goers.

