



RADIANT  
CHURCH



# IMPACT REPORT

First Half of 2022

# Dear Radiant Church

It's not magic, it's a miracle—a miracle that only God could do! We're halfway through 2022, and we've already seen God do more than we asked for or expected as we came into this year!

**Here are just a few of the miracles we have seen in the first 6 months of 2022:**

- A healthy, debt-free location launched in Clearwater
- Over 100k dollars raised & distributed for Ukrainian refugees
- 900 people enrolled in Foundations
- Almost 10,000 people at Easter 2022
- Over 10k dollars of gas given away to help people in our church

God has shown Himself faithful, as always, during a season of tremendous growth and life change! With so much to celebrate, I wanted to pause and take a moment to share these incredible wins with you.

**I asked our team to put together a short report for you to see just how much has happened in the first half of 2022.**

I want you to see how many people have encountered God and to see how many people we've reached together.

**Moving forward, my goal is to keep you MORE informed on where your generosity is going and how it's making such a huge difference.**

The result of your generosity and faithfulness shows the sacrifice you've made of putting God First. Thank you for personally saying yes to God. Thank you for saying yes to moving people towards Christ, community, and calling. Thank you for being the most generous church and staying consistent in your giving.

These are exciting times and truly the best is yet to come!

Blessings,  
Pastor Aaron Burke



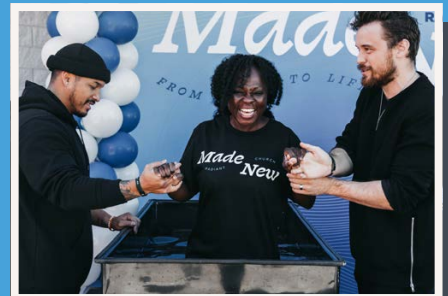


**The Burke Family**

THE FIRST HALF OF 2022

2,036

Decisions for Christ



151  
Baptisms





# EASTER 2022



Easter Attendance  
**9,866**



Decisions  
for Christ  
**315**



# MISSIONS UPDATES

# \$606,440.68

RAISED FOR MISSIONS SO FAR

We've helped launch six churches in the  
United States in the first six months!



There are 465 kids in our  
Sri Lanka programs!



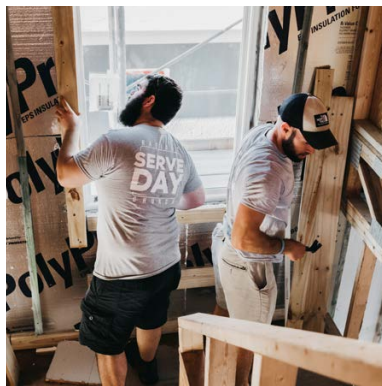


# SERVE DAY 2022



## MISSIONS GOALS

Reach \$1,000,000 given to  
Missions & Outreach this year.



# CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

**TITHES – \$5,698,169**

**LEGACY – \$1,428,448**

**UKRAINE FUND – \$139,422**

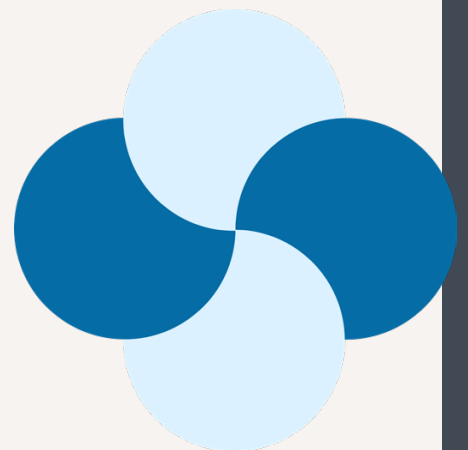
**\$7,266,039**

**IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2022**

**40%  
GROWTH**

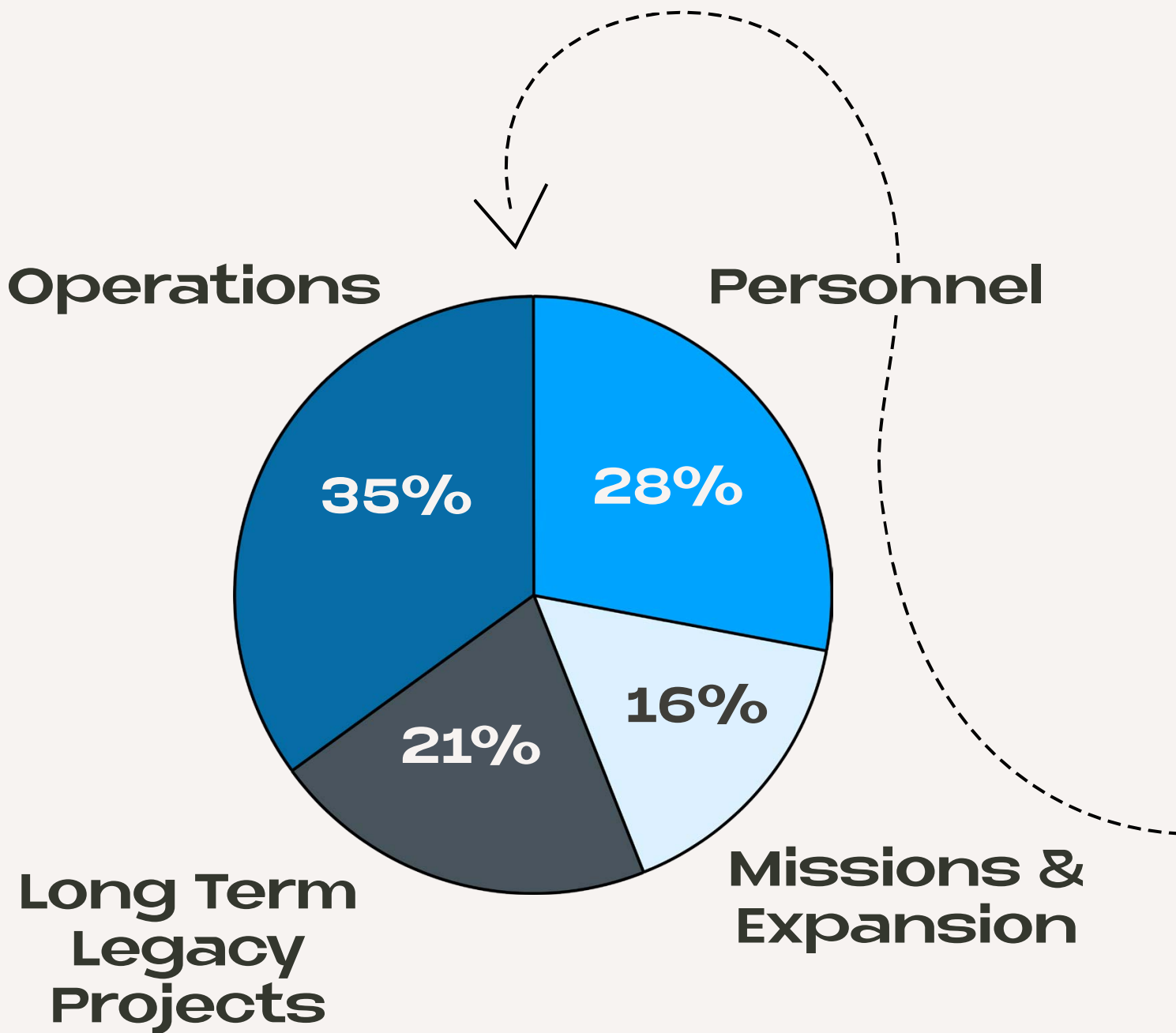


**COMPARED TO THE FIRST HALF OF 2021**





# STEWARDSHIP



# WOMEN'S NIGHT

638  
Attendance



706  
Attendance

# MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

# CLEARWATER LOCATION LAUNCH



**Attendance Numbers**  
455 on Launch Day  
636 on Easter Weekend  
4200+ since Launch





# CLEARWATER

# 82

DECISIONS FOR  
CHRIST IN 2022



## Location Goals

1. 300+ Sunday Attendance
2. 75+ Dream Teamers Serving Weekly
3. 60+ Kids Attendance
4. 20+ Students Attendance
5. 30 Small Groups

# STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

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## Brittany & Taylor



Before Radiant, Brittany and Taylor had been in toxic, unhealthy long-term relationships. Once they started dating, they attended Radiant on Sundays together. After their engagement, Radiant Clearwater was announced. After attending the Team Night and connecting with Pastor Ross and Temple, they both knew this was where God was leading them.

But, God had been convicting them both about not being married yet living together. It was a crucial crossroads - live a “double life” or take a step of obedience to honor God?

After randomly seeing Pastor Aaron at a gas station in Georgia and discussing their situation, they knew what to do. A few weeks later, Taylor, Brittany, and Pastor Ross met up at Honeymoon Island in Dunedin and held a wedding ceremony. It was perfect because it was God. Not only did they tie the knot, but shortly after that they got baptized together at Clearwater’s first Baptism Sunday.

Since then, Brittany and Taylor have been serving at Radiant Clearwater, from the launch day to today and have never felt more blessed to be a part of something so impactful for people’s eternity. God brought them not only a church home, but a community of godly people who are fantastic friends and incredible spiritual influences.

# SOUTH TAMPA

# 1207

DECISIONS FOR  
CHRIST IN 2022



## Location Goals

1. Auditorium Audio Remodel
2. Adding a Fourth Service
3. 150 Groups in the Fall
4. Kids Remodel





# STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

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**Matt**



I grew up Jewish, was bar-mitzvahed, and had Jewish roots on both sides of my family, but I never felt close to the faith of Judaism. I didn't feel like my journey was by choice, rather a responsibility to complete acts of passage to keep in line with cultural practice. I attended church a number of times growing up with friends from school, but never honed in to listen to the message. I met my girlfriend, Jackie, who—through her relationship with Christ—was able to show immense and unyielding love, compassion, empathy, and support for me and others around her. She would tell me stories of the Bible and the history of my people, because she's very passionate about both. This intrigued me, and I wanted to learn and find out more.

I attended my first intentional service at Radiant on January 9th, 2022, and Pastor Aaron delivered a message about "Slowing Down." I felt this message speak to me directly, and I was hooked. Funnily enough, before I even made it in the door for my first service I saw some guys on the safety team who I had gone to High School with. This immediately built my sense of community. I began serving on the Safety Team my second week at Radiant, went to Next Steps, and joined 3 Radiant Groups. The love and support I felt from those around me was incredible and I knew it was all made possible through Christ. On February 6th, 2022 I raised my hand in service signifying that I was ready to give my life to Christ and start my journey in Christianity. I followed up by my Baptism on May 29th, 2022. I'm extremely excited about the choice I've made, and I'm eager to live my life as a follower of Christ!

# HEIGHTS

# 242

DECISIONS FOR  
CHRIST IN 2022



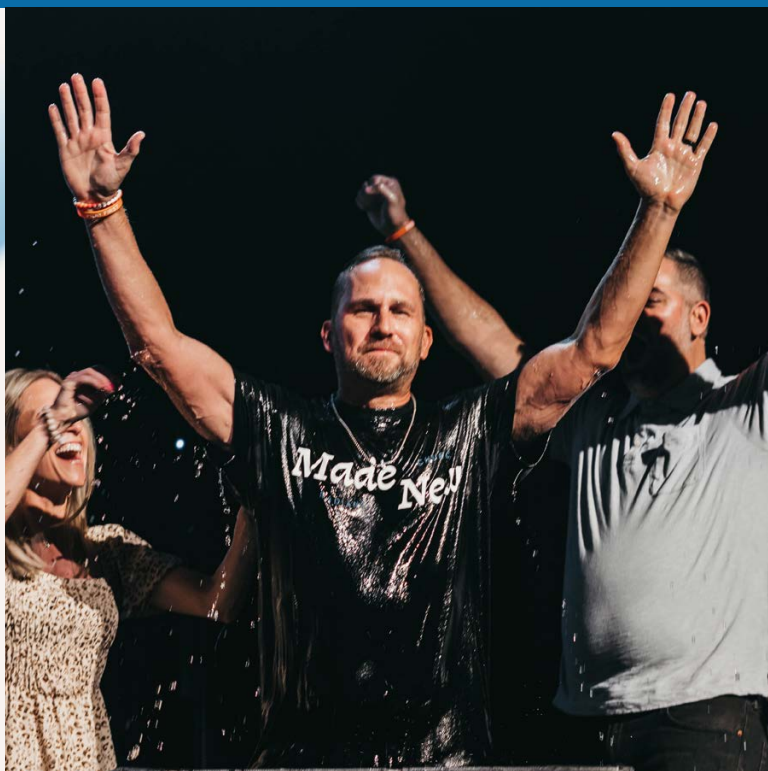
## Location Goals

1. 40 Baptisms in 2022
2. 500+ Sunday A.M. Attendance
3. 100+ Kids Attendance
4. 25+ Students Attendance

# STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

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## Shawn



I walked through the doors of Radiant Church for the first time on Easter Sunday of 2019. I got an invite from my family and my daughter, Carsyn, encouraged me to try it out. Growing up in the Episcopal Church and attending Catholic Church with my wife, Jessica, the Radiant experience was different to say the least. But I remember getting teary eyed and just overwhelmed by God's love and presence.

I didn't immediately jump all in, but I kept attending. My family and I started attending Radiant Heights location for a few months before we attended Next Steps. Once we attended Next Steps and learned more about the heart of Radiant and that God had a part for us to play, my wife and I felt God leading us to get plugged in on the dream team. My wife joined the greeters and I joined the parking team. After serving on the parking team for a little while, I stepped in as the parking coach. I began attending a small group with my wife and I began to co-lead a men's group alongside Pastor Matt.

On May 29, 2022, I felt God leading me to go public with my decision to follow Christ by being baptized. My life has been changed forever and I am forever grateful for Radiant showing me what a relationship with Jesus is. I am living out the purpose and plan God has for me and I am honored I get to serve on the team to help other people find Jesus at Radiant too.



# BRANDON

# 208

Decisions for Christ



## Location Goals

1. Outside & Next-Gen Remodel
2. 30% Next Steps Attendance Growth
3. 20 Baptisms every Baptism Sunday
4. Stronger Outreach Presence
5. Worship Night with SEU Worship

# STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

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## Dayanara



I had never been forced to follow religion. I had been struggling in my junior year, and the one close friend I had started to isolate me, so I started to make a ton of bad decisions. I was invited to a christian club at Brandon HS led by another student, Ace Shelton. I gave my life to Christ on November 2, 2021, but for months I didn't want to step outside of my comfort zone. I was invited to VIBE in Brandon but was too scared to ever come in person and chose to watch at home.

My friend continued to invite me and in April I decided to take a step and finally come! Still super introverted it was overwhelming for me, but I was introduced to Deanna, the Brandon student Director. She encouraged me to come up front for worship and sat with me afterwards. I had such a great experience that the entire family decided to come back Easter Sunday. After Easter service I took another big step by attending City Group. After attending City Group every Sunday, I have become more comfortable with all the other teens making plans and hanging out. After coming to church seven Sundays in a row, I was offered the chance to go public with my faith and got baptized May 29, 2022. Once again overwhelmed with emotion because I knew I was taking the next step in my walk. After being baptized, I decided it was time to do Next Steps to discover more about Radiant and where God wanted me to serve. My parents continued to support me and took Next Steps with me. Now, I am in the process of starting to serve with kids!

# ST PETE

# 223

DECISIONS FOR  
CHRIST IN 2022



## Location Goals

1. 500+ Sunday Attendance
2. 40+ Students Attendance
3. 100+ Dream Team Members
4. 100+ Kids Attendance
5. More Foundations tables in the Fall



# STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

## Alyssa



I started attending Radiant back in the fall of 2021, because my friend had invited me to church. At this time, I was lost, broken-hearted and weary. I was searching for purpose in any and all things: relationships, traveling, work, friends, and hobbies. All of them left me feeling empty and life lacked all meaning and purpose. I knew it, but didn't know where to look or what to do to find it. I attended Radiant on the day that we honored teachers for being on the front lines of teaching during the pandemic and was so impressed by that, because I am a teacher. I kept coming back even though attending church is something I had never done before.

I loved the messages and worship and in January of 2022 gave my life to Jesus. I then got baptized on January 30th. After getting baptized, I went through Fresh Start to learn how to do this new relationship with God thing. Then I joined a small group called Faith Journaling and for the first time began reading the Bible. I learned and was so hungry to grow that I read the entire new testament in 2 months.

Around Easter I began serving in Radiant kids and absolutely love pouring into these little ones.

Since giving my life to God, I have experienced lots of life change: loss of a job, change in living situation, and financial struggles. Yet God has led me through all of it and given me so much faith and strength. I have purpose and meaning in my life now and feel so blessed to be on this journey with God. Accepting Jesus was the most amazing decision I've ever made!

# NORTH TAMPA

# 74

DECISIONS FOR  
CHRIST IN 2022



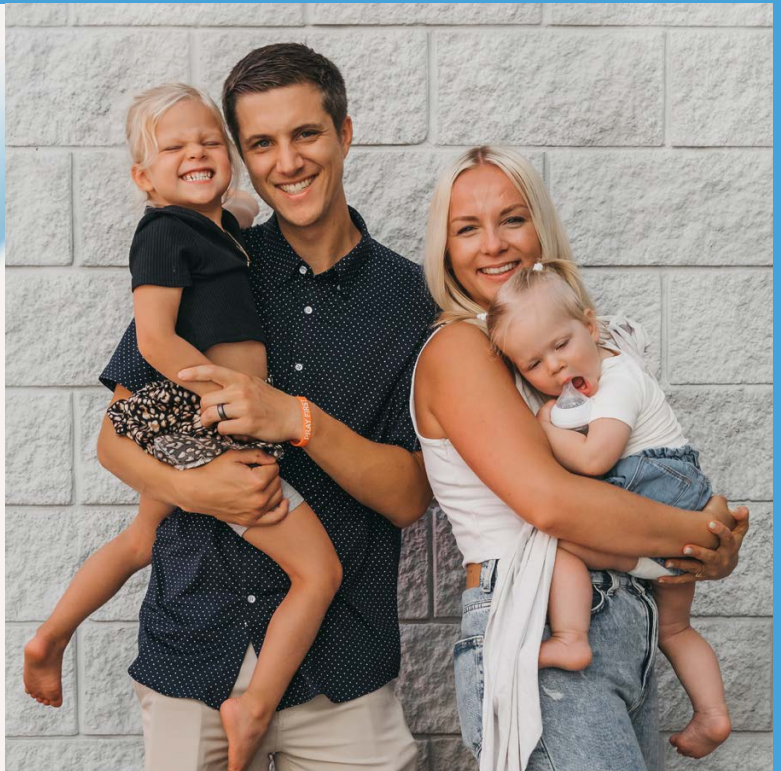
## Location Goals

1. 400+ Sunday Attendance
2. 100+ Kids Attendance
3. 20+ Students Attendance
4. 50 new Next Steps Members
5. 20 Baptisms in 2022

# STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

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## Justin & Oksana



Justin Luiten moved to Tampa in the fall of 2021 from Oregon. One of their first priorities was to find a local church for their family. They tried several churches in the area, including some Radiant locations outside of their community, but wanted to find a close to home. They came to Radiant North Tampa right before Easter of 2022, hoping to find the right church for their family. They immediately felt that this was their church, and their lives have been changed ever since!

Justin and Oksana wanted to get connected and went through Next Steps their first two weeks at North Tampa. They were able to make friends by being involved in Radiant Groups. Their kids have loved the Radiant Kids ministry, and their youngest daughter Oaklee was recently dedicated. They've started serving on the Dream Team and just went through Culture to prepare to potentially step into leadership roles!



# ONLINE

# 205

DECISIONS FOR  
CHRIST IN 2022



# 5000

AVERAGE ONLINE  
ATTENDANCE  
PER WEEK



# RADIANT GROUPS



**245 groups in Spring 2022**



**2,138 unique members**



**376 leaders**



# FOUNDATIONS FREEDOM NIGHT

We asked some Foundations members what their win was from Freedom Night:

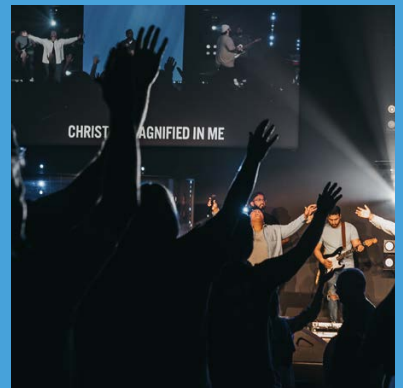


**Blane from South Tampa:** One of the greatest freedoms I found in Foundations was laying my issues at the cross. I discovered that our surrender is all He needs to work miracles in our lives.

**Gloria from Clearwater:** Foundations provided such powerful teaching. The content challenged people to be serious about going to the next level and doing the harder things: obedience and walking out freedom. It was so good!

**Jessie from Brandon:** Foundations taught me to stop holding on to things I should have forgiven. Also, that if you live for Jesus, you can't live in the world's culture.

**Frank from St. Pete:** I learned that my freedom comes with a cost. The revelation of Jesus' sacrifice for me and my willingness to be fully committed changed everything.



**Jimmy from South Tampa:** The Holy Spirit reminded me of what I really needed to nail to the cross, not what I had originally thought, and now, "I am free." I personally prayed for two individuals that had been hanging onto anger, disappointment, and unforgiveness from parents that mistreated them. I believe they both were finally able to give it to Jesus and be released. One person said that was the first time they came forward and engaged with a person to pray over them.

**Georganna from South Tampa:** I really learned to move life forward in the direction God wants me to go and stop looking back.

**Joey from St. Pete:** It was life changing. Tearing up the piece of paper at the cross and releasing the guilt and burden of unforgiveness was so powerful. Praying for each other was very impactful as well!





# RADIANT KIDS

**596 Average Attendance**  
**33 Baby Dedications**  
**16 Kid Baptisms**



Olive is almost 11 and has been a part of Radiant Kids for three years at our Brandon location. About 6 months ago, she began serving as a junior Dream Teamer in the Explorers classroom with 2 and 3 yr olds. She has taken so much ownership in that classroom, serving as the Tech Lead in some services, and buying extras for the classroom with her own earned money. Studies show that church kids feel more a part of the church and community when they find their niche to serve, and it has been so wonderful to see this principle in action with Olive and a few other mature Radiant Kids who "sit one and serve one."

## **GOALS:**

Average attendance of 650  
Discipleship groups for Kids  
3% increase in attendance at each location

# RADIANT STUDENTS



**123 Average Group Attendance**  
**170 Average Vibe Attendance**  
**95 Student Dream Team Members**  
**41 Decisions for Christ**  
**3 Baptisms so far this year**



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## LEGACY DINNER

NOVEMBER 7TH

ARMATURE WORKS

## LEGACY OFFERING

DECEMBER 11TH

ALL RADIANT LOCATIONS





**THE  
BEST IS**



**YET TO  
COME**

