

## Evangelism Report January 2013

Our mission is and will always be...to make disciples. It's clear and simple to understand, but not always so easy to execute. To become a growing, vital congregation we will be inviting friends, relatives, associates and neighbors. We will do this on a consistent, intentional basis, not just for highlighted Sundays throughout the church year.

The Evangelism team focuses on inviting and welcoming. Our church is becoming more welcoming as we continue to focus on our assimilation process and to improve the many aspects of that process, ranging from greeters to expanding our footprint in the community to bringing new members into the church. The challenge is the inviting aspect. For the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012, the staff set objectives of 100 new first time guests and 30 new members. We can celebrate the results: 132 guests and 5 new members. Although we fell short on new members, that is not unexpected since there is a lag between guests arrival at Community and their eventual membership.

Even more encouraging are the attendance numbers for the last 6 months of the year:

	2011	2012	Yr./Yr. Change
July	216	268	+52 (24%)
August	234	265	+31 (13%)
September	255	306	+51 (20%)
October	240	297	+57 (24%)
November	254	313	+59 (23%)
December	246	428	+182 (74%)

Christmas Eve worship was equally exciting. For the three services in 2012, attendance was 680, compared to 571 in 2011, an increase of 19%. Although we know that guests were with us in worship, we were not able to accurately identify how many.

In 2013 the teams focus will continue to be...how to become more inviting, more welcoming...in our mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.