



Catalyst

TO REACH. TO DISCIPLE. TO CARE.

Reach the lost. Disciple the saved. Care for people.



This is the mission we've taken on together as the Texas District, and this past year again has demonstrated God's blessings on that ministry.

Nothing shows the power of our mission better than stories. In this special edition of our Catalyst newsletter, we'll share some of the rich stories that make our ministry so vibrant and so blessed.

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Cypress Chapel finds community in an unusual place.

When St. John Cypress flooded during the 2016 “tax day flood” it dramatically altered the plans for the new church start known as [Cypress Chapel](#).

Thinking creatively, trusting God had a plan and knowing the importance of community involvement, Pastor Stephen DeMik began a hunt for a worship space. Where did the Lord lead him? To a bar/restaurant named The Shack.

With beer signs hanging from the walls, Cypress Chapel has an unconventional look, but is very much a church that is sharing the Gospel and changing the lives of people around them. With a central ministry focus of relationships (with God, with other Christians and with people who do not yet know Jesus), they seek to follow His direction and mission through worship,

[home gatherings](#) and regular patterns of service.



La Paz Soccer Club makes walking with the Holy Spirit their goal.

Imagine fostering the "mission field" right here at home. [T2C2—Together Transforming Churches and Communities](#)—is a missional network of congregations and partners formed to launch faith communities that result in new church plants.

One T2C2 outreach ministry is the [La Paz Soccer Club](#) in Irving. Started in 2012 with only seven students, it has grown to more than 200 players and 14 teams. So far La Paz has seen 20 baptisms and 15 confirmation / communion students. The Holy Spirit is working in these children to walk away from negative influences in their life and walk with Him.

T2C2 is taking La Paz on the road. In 2017 they plan to bring the program to communities such as San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley.

Become part of the story.



Become a Texas Partner in Mission.

In partnership with God's people in LCMS congregations, the Texas District has started 113 new mission congregations since 2004. We have facilitated the start of **one new congregation every six weeks for the past twelve years!** Join this exciting mission movement by making a donation today.

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