

TO OUR FAMILY,

Would you answer a question for me? It might seem simple. What is a family? What might come to mind is a "picture family", like on the front of those frames when you buy them at the store. Maybe it's friends gathered for a meal or a holiday. Maybe the impressions are warm or maybe they're painful feelings and memories. Family is a powerful and complex thing.

The Bible calls all of us a family, says that we are all in one - no matter what our reality, history, or definition. It is the singular way that it speaks about us and God and about us and each other. It is the biblical synonym for church. To put it most clearly: the Church is a family and family is the Church.

In Napier, we are building a family. Our vision is to see the transformative love of God make strangers into neighbors and neighbors into family. Everything we do is to that end. And we are overjoyed to look back at 2022 and see that God has blessed us by forming one. Here is how we have seen that happen in the past year:

- From January to April we deepened individual relationships through an intensive door-to-door ministry of prayer and material support.
- From May to September, we began meeting in small Table Fellowship groups at different locations outdoors around the community.
- From August to December, we invited families to gather all together for larger Table Fellowship meetings at the local library where we began to talk about what God's family is.

We also saw two huge prayers answered in 2022. First, our faithful volunteer Nicole Valentine was brought on full-time in the role of Napier Executive Director of Community Relations. She immediately brought much needed strength and capacity to our team. Second, we secured a building for our ministry in the community that will include space for worship, youth ministries, and a commercial kitchen.

Now we would ask you to rejoice with us as you look over the report of what God has done in 2022 and pray for Him to continue to do "far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine" (Eph 3:20) in 2023!

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Jonathan Nash, Pastor, DeCarlos Robinson, Director of Ministry, & Nicole Valentine, Director of Community Relations

THE NAPIER TEAM



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT & FRONT TO BACK: KURT BERGMAN, JONATHAN NASH, SUSIE NASH, NAOMI HYLBERT, AMANDA KEY, ANGIE BERGMAN, DECARLOS ROBINSON, NICOLE VALENTINE, BRIAN HYLBERT, CHARLES KEY

Our vision is a thriving church family that supports a flourishing neighborhood community & becomes a discipleship force for the whole city of Nashville.

Y'all just don't know how much I love and appreciate y'all! The way you guys love on the children and the members of this community renews my spirit every day! Your influence goes far beyond the ones you touch and I am so blessed that I get to witness the miracle that is Napier Kitchen Table! We truly appreciate your love and commitment to the community that we all serve."

-THANK YOU NOTE FROM A NAPIER STAKEHOLDER



june-october weekly deliveries of affordable produce in

the Napier area

MOBILE **FARM** STAND

SEASON-LONG 116 subscriptions

SUPPLEMENTED THE WEEKLY MOBILE

MIDTOWN PRODUCE PARTNERSHI



STRANGERS NEIGHBORS BECOME



EXPOSURE

30+ kids

OF ALL AGES MEET EVERY THURSDAY FOR BIBLICAL TEACHING, GROUP TIME & LITERACY ACTIVITIES

monthly family-style

GATHERING WITH NKT FAMILIES AT THE LOCAL



mayseptember

Thursday meals in NKT families' front yards

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION FOR ALL OF **NASHVILLE**

GET CONNECTED WITH US



JOIN THE PRODUCE PARTNERSHIP

GIVE TO THE NAPIER **KITCHEN TABLE**





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