



Christ Centered Church

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Fruit Cove Baptist Church
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Dear Fruit Cove Baptist Church,

In some ways, it seems like February 9, 2014 was 10 years ago! In other ways, it is hard to believe that it has been over a year since that day – the day we all prayed for, supported financially, and worked tirelessly towards – Launch Day.

From the beginning, we have worked hard to be great stewards of the gifts you have given. I am happy to report that your investment has been multiplied many times over. Because of your support and God's work through you, so many great things have happened since Launch Day. Here are a few highlights:

- Our average attendance for 2014 was 110.
- Our average attendance so far in 2015 is 176, and our highest attendance yet was 329 on Easter of 2015.
- We've had 13 different native languages visit a worship gathering since launch day.
- Our Leadership Team has grown to twelve people representing seven countries.
- Over 400 other volunteers served with us through mission teams in 2014, and over 700 mission volunteers will serve with us in 2015.
- We have been featured in the Florida Baptist Witness four times, The Alabama Baptist several times, the Florida Baptist Mission magazine once, and NAMB's On Mission magazine twice.
- We have a strong partnership with two local schools: David Lawrence K-8 Center and North Miami Senior High.
- God has moved three families and three individuals from Alabama to Miami specifically to serve with us.
- On May 31st we baptized seven people in the pool on FIU's campus where we meet.
- Best of all, we just celebrated our 100th profession of faith since launching!

The Lord has been so faithful to us, and your prayers, financial support, and encouragement have been a vital part of God's work in Miami through Christ Centered Church. When I think of your support, I am reminded of Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 9:13 which says of those who benefit from the support of believers like you,

"They will glorify God because of . . . the generosity of your contribution."

It's one thing for me to say thank you, but this passage tells us that those whom you have helped us reach actually give praise, honor, and glory to God because of your generosity!

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We are so thankful for the work God has done through Christ Centered Church, and we believe that He wants to do even more! That's why we are excited to announce that we plan to launch a second campus in an area of Miami known as Doral – an area of 50,000 people, a 10% growth rate, and only one English speaking church. Doral is the place to be in Miami as business, new residents, and new construction flood the area. The only thing missing is gospel-centered churches, and we want to be a part of changing that.

Please pray for us as we continue to advance the mission we have been called to. Ask the Lord to give us wisdom and discernment to know which opportunities He wants us to pursue because there are so many. Pray, using Luke 10:2 as a guide, that God would send more people to Miami to help share the gospel. The people here are so hungry and receptive, but there are so few churches and leaders. Finally, pray and ask God to continue to provide for our needs. We count on your prayers, your financial support, and your trips as an important part of our strategy to reach Miami.

Sincerely,



Derek Allen
Lead Pastor
Christ Centered Church

Your support and prayers
have been so important to
us as we have worked
to follow God's call to
start Christ Centered Church
in Miami.