

Anthem House Church in West Chester Celebrates Grand Opening!



Pastor Alton Alexander and Associate Pastor Kristan Dooley share the teaching time for the Grand Opening message.



Anthem House Congregation ended the worship service with the joyous baptism of five persons!

On Sunday, September 13 Anthem House Church in West Chester celebrated with a grand opening. It was a joyous worship focused on worshipping our Lord and committing to be persons engaged in disciple-making. Pastor Alton Alexander shared the mission of the church to be a church of spiritual mothers and fathers discipling the next generation to become spiritual mothers and fathers. The worship culminated with the baptism of 5 individuals that are being disciplined into mature, deep walk with Jesus. The community has responded very positively to this new church in their neighborhood and, in order to accommodate the numbers in a responsible and socially distanced manner, Anthem House is planning to add a second worship option in the near future.

Anthem House is a young congregation with several of her members and leadership having deep roots in the Church of God. This congregation chose to join the Movement earlier this summer. We welcome them into our family!

Anthem House Church was identified in the Spring of this year when a group from V2X (Vision to Multiply, a group of Ohio Church of God pastors partnering together to help plant churches and micro-churches and develop campuses) was meeting to discern the best path for the use of the Journey Church facility, now that this congregation had made the painful decision to close. Would we have to sell the property and thus lose our witness in this growing area of the state? Could we merge the church with another stronger church in the area and create a campus? Are there other options? After powerful prayer times and lots of discussions, the idea emerged that if Anthem House Church wanted to join the Movement that we would welcome them and give them a home to abide, utilizing the Journey Church facility. Pastors Wes Duff and Steve Southards led the way in creating conversation with Anthem House Church leaders. They too began to pray and discuss if they could fit with the Church of God and if this was an open door from the Lord. Kristan Dooley, Associate Pastor of Anthem House Church, shared that bringing Anthem House into the Church of God was an answer to prayer. It is the bringing together of her love for the Church of God, having grown up in the Church of God in Southwest Ohio, and her love for this congregation she serves.

This summer the Anthem House congregation has invested countless hours of sweat equity and finances to repair and renovate the building with an eye to reaching their community with the Gospel message of hope and redemption. To help them reach their renovation and repair goals of the facility the Towne Church, Breiel Blvd Church, Salem Church, and COGO Ministries have partnered with them.

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