

HERE'S TO LOOKING FORWARD...

We are so thankful for this year, 2022. Its been a great one and a busy quarter to end the year well.

A brief summary...Allison and I had felt led back in 2013 to move to Florence to plant a Vineyard church there were some challenges including difficulty selling our TN home, navigating a relocation with kids in high school, losing both of my parents in 2016 and 2017, me changing careers in 2020, losing Marlena in 2021 then losing Allison's mom in 2022. Through it all, we have taken a few months off here and there to heal and regroup. We are so thankful for the Lord's favor and our community of friends and family. Following a five-day silent retreat in May this year at the Abbey of Gethsemane in KY, I felt very strongly we are exactly where we are supposed to be. We absolutely love the Shoals, our city, our neighborhood and the home that God has provided for us to use for His glory.

Reviewing this year...We thoroughly enjoyed opening our home to house shows, firepit nights, a Back-to-school tea party, two food parties, weekly home groups, game nights, a Superbowl party, a graduation party, so many band rehearsals, thanksgiving and just loving on folks where needed for prayer, laundry, storage or the like. We are so thankful to have participated this year in areas including UNA Friends of Internationals, West Florence community cleanup, Holiday Dinner at the W. C. Handy Rec. Center as well as serving with Room in the Inn Shoals homeless ministry.

Looking forward to 2023...we are excited to step out as we grow taking steps to gather publicly on a regular basis while we continue supporting and serving in similar areas as this year. We plan to partner with Vineyard India missions to provide opportunity for community to serve globally. We are planning multiple groups locally to impact new populations within downtown.

As we dream about all that 2023 holds, we know that we are better in community and are dependent on doing the work together. There is still time to make an essential last-minute gift for a tax credit for 2022. Some of our practical and financial needs currently include upgrades for a dependable sound system and a printer. We would be honored if you would consider giving to help us begin this new year strong!

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Blessings for a healthy and prosperous 2023!!

Following His commission,
Chad Mackey, Lead Pastor.

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