



## Glendale City Church Celebrates 115 Years of Serving Its City



**Even in the midst of a pandemic,** there is still much to be grateful for. Glendale City church (GCC) recognized this as the congregation celebrated 115 years of ministry and service in the city this year.

“What we discovered about the congregation during the pandemic is that we’re strong,” Todd Leonard, senior pastor of GCC, said. “Our members really rallied together during this pandemic. The anniversary points to our longevity of a lot of good spiritual health that has been passed on from generation to generation in this church.”

Contributing to a history of engaged membership and pastors with creative and unconventional approaches to ministry, Leonard has helped the church position itself as the hands and feet of Jesus in the community for the past eight years. As such, GCC has partnered with and launched numerous organizations through the years, with the goal of making the city of Glendale better for all.

Through these initiatives, GCC has advocated for the arts, families, kids, interfaith connections, social justice reforms, and more. The church created Caesura Youth Orchestra in 2013, which gives low-income students musical instrument and orchestra training, and Communitas in 2015, which serves families at risk of becoming homeless and helps families recover from homelessness.

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