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Dear friend of d d c f,



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Whether you realize it or not, your story has now intersected with the d d c f family! d d c f stands for Downtown Community Fellowship - a small nondenominational church community located near Clemson University ([dcdcflemson.org](http://dcdcflemson.org)). Someone you love is involved with d d c f and wanted you to have more information about our ministry. Our hope and mission is to be a people thirsty for God living the Gospel together; and this is lived out by a lifestyle of *worship* unto God as the *family* of God in the context of the *kingdom* of God.

Here in the greater Clemson area, we hear testimonies of how God formed and transformed lives during college years and time at d d c f. We are humbled by the privilege of walking with many amazing people during some of their most formative years of life. Our small church community is currently made up of about 60% college students. The latest demographics from Clemson tell us that we are in the incredible position to connect with individuals from over 40 states and at least 43 countries - what an opportunity for transformation of the world!





One of d d c f's latest ventures has been the 2017 launch of The Living Room Coffee House ([thelivingroomcoffeehouse.org](http://thelivingroomcoffeehouse.org)), located in the storefront portion of the warehouse we rent. Believing that the Gospel runs along relational lines and that Jesus changes lives through conversations, d d c f volunteers have extended our ministry through offering a Third Place (not home or work) where people can experience connection and belonging. These volunteers have creatively developed a welcoming space which pays for itself. We are seeing students and townsfolk find their way into the d d c f gatherings through The Living Room. Further, we have already seen the neighboring businesses in our complex impacted. It is thrilling to show and share Jesus by exercising love and hospitality in His name!


As an independent, nondenominational church; the only support network d d c f enjoys is the relational one, through Christ-followers who have experienced belonging with our church community and their friends/loved ones. Would you prayerfully consider how you might partner with d d c f in our endeavors? Please imagine what it looks like to invest in this generation of college students. Many are not yet able to make financial contributions, but continue to amaze us with the ways they volunteer their time and talents to our community. We are committed to equipping and empowering young Jesus-disciples unto maturity in preparation to be sent out into the marketplace near and far. This is enacted through the housechurches, the gathering and The Living Room. Our hope is that every

person who intersects with  is able to continue pursuing what it looks like to live the gospel together in whatever context they find themselves next.

Michael shares of his experience: *I knew God wanted me there that first day during my freshman year.  has been an overwhelming, meaningful community for me the last four years. I joined a housechurch my freshman year and developed deep relationships there... it was incredible to have a place where I could fellowship with other believers, eat a meal not cooked in a dining hall, pray and worship together and learn from God's Word together. After a year, God pulled me (kicking and screaming!) to help start a new housechurch where I became even more aware of God's intentions for my life. Now, I am one of the leaders of that housechurch and love inviting people into my home as we share life together. I fully believe that God created people to be in community... and  and my housechurch are such a biblical expression to how we are meant to live the gospel together.'*

Cindi shares about her experience: *'As a parent of two university students, I know it is crucial that our young people are mentored and encouraged to build godly relationships. I have witnessed the wonderful impact that a thriving Christian community has in the lives of university students. I am so grateful to be part of a body that both gives and receives from our young people.'*

As 2017 gives way to 2018, would you consider partnering with  through a monthly donation or year-end gift? Investing \$100 per month would sponsor a college student for their time with us. Your year-end gift would go to our renovation fund to better steward our space for increased missional partnerships with our community. Our goal amount for these renovations is \$10,000. The generosity of  alumni and friends can have a significant positive impact on the financial health of our community. As a 501(c)3 organization, we can provide a tax receipt for all donations. Giving can be done through checks, Paypal via our website, or a Venmo account (@DCFClemson). God has been faithful to  over many years through many seasons! Every new year is a testament of God's providence, provision, and purpose to and for .

Thank you for considering how you might participate in the  story... as we live out the gospel, the story of God and our hope.

Your co-laborer in Christ,

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