

# SOMA

## A Church of the Christ

### Loving West Salem...

One of the things that we're learning about church planting with Soma is the reality that momentum is key. Last week God blessed Soma with a huge blast of momentum in West Salem through a team of 37 missionaries from the [Southwest Church of Christ](#) (our supporting church in Jonesboro, Arkansas). Here's a quick recap of the week while they were here...



On Wednesday we spent the day canvassing West Salem with flyers telling people about our free clothing giveaway on September 20 and inviting them to a free BBQ on Saturday. The next day turned into an amazing day as we cleaned and spread bark mulch at Brush College Park and ended up spending the afternoon at [Family Building Blocks](#). Thanks to a very talented SW crew, we were able to finish the building of a storage shed as well as clean and repair various things around the West Salem facility.

On Friday we were able to drive around West Salem to pick up and sort donated clothes as well as get things ready for the BBQ the next day. On Saturday Soma hosted a free BBQ for residents in our local community. Not sure how many people would be there, but we thanked God for the 150-175 people that came to be a part of all the fun at the park. Even better were the connections being made as people from Soma and Southwest made it a priority to welcome new people.



Topping off the week was Soma's 3rd "preview" worship gathering at Kingwood Bible Church on July 27. By the time the evening was through, we celebrated at the 61 people who worshipped with us that night. We also had our first baby blessing and dedication that evening for Kiandra Anglin (and her parents Eric & Nicole).

So praise God with us. He gave us a glimpse of his great love and power this past week at Soma.

### Please Pray 4...

- **People.** Especially the new people hearing about Soma. May they encounter Jesus as they participate within our growing church.
- **Work Funds.** Specifically, that God would provide \$10,000 for Soma to move forward with a very powerful mailing campaign in Salem.
- **Location.** Praise God that Kingwood Bible Church has been a great partnership thus far. Pray that we can finalize some details to secure a space for launch.
- **New LIFE Groups.** God has provided us with the leaders and team to move ahead with a new Spiritual Seeker LIFE group. Pray that we are able to launch 2-3 new additional groups before our October launch.



## We Need Your Help...

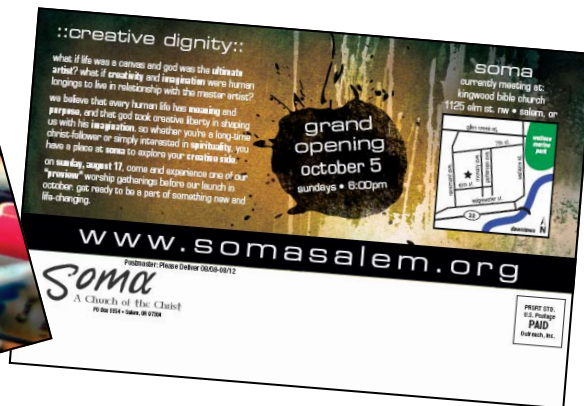
On Saturday, July 19 Soma's first postcard mailer went out to over 10,000 homes in and around West Salem. The responses have been huge so far and we're excited to see what God will do with the next postcard going out on August 11 (see below).

**Here's where we drastically need your help!** "Marketing" a new church is very important for name recognition and in helping us to launch large (200+) in October. We still need to raise approximately \$10,000 to be able to send out 4 additional postcards that will invite people to our preview worship gatherings, our clothing giveaway, and our launch Sunday on October 5th.

If you want to contribute to this cost, please let us know as soon as you can.

Checks can be mailed to:

Kairos Church Planting, C/O Soma Mailers  
11124 NE Halsey #497  
Portland, OR 97220



### Meet Herm Boes...

Herm has been a part of Soma's Intercessory Prayer Team since last December and is well known in the community of Salem for his work with [Salem Leadership Foundation](#) (SLF). SLF is an organization in Salem that partners with churches and local communities to help create city transformation. We were happy to hear that 2 weeks ago Herm was honored with the Vern Miller Key Citizen Award presented by Salem's mayor and city council. Way to go Herm!

Why highlight this here? Since March of this year Soma has been prayerfully seeking ways to love and serve our local community and Herm has been a huge part of helping us to make those connections. Not only that, but Herm is a faithful partner in our prayer network and has been a huge encouragement to us and our new church.

## By the Numbers...

# 61

The total # of people at our July 27 preview worship gathering at Kingwood.

# \$944.00

July's contribution total, which will largely be going towards launching Soma

# 290

The approximate # of new hits we had on Soma's website after our mailers and SW week

# 24

The # of Soma t-shirts our team and SW made last week (we learned that bleach goes a long ways)

# 400

The # of hot dogs bought for our free community BBQ at West Salem Park

# 100

The # of people we are praying for to come to our **August 17** preview worship gathering

## Budget Details

July Beginning Balance: \$6,957.76  
Income: \$5,747.37  
Expenses: \$5,068.41  
July Ending Balance: \$7,636.72

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Being Jesus to an Emerging Generation  
by

Creating Authentic Community,  
Practicing Missional Living,  
Engaging in Creative Dignity,  
& Nurturing Spiritual Formation