

2017

ANNUAL REPORT



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OUR MISSION

TO REACH THE **DISCONNECTED** AND GROW THE **CONNECTED**

Faith Church is committed to reaching out to those disconnected from God and/or the Christian community. Our goal is to embrace them and connect them to a community of believers who can help them to grow and develop in their faith and Christian walk.

OUR VISION

A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN **RESTORING** & **TRANSFORMING** THE WORLD

OUR VALUES

RELATIONSHIP

INSPIRATION

INTEGRITY

TRANSFORMATION



Dear Faith Church Family,

The beginning of a new year prompts a time of reflection. As I look back on our accomplishments during 2017, I am truly amazed at God's goodness towards Faith Church. He continues to give blessing and life each week across our various campuses in ministries such as Reflectors (*special needs*), Kids Hope, Faith Kids, Faith Students, Mom's Nation, Men of Faith, Celebrate Recovery, small groups and so many others.

Our Annual Report is created so you can see and be reminded of all of God's goodness to and through Faith Church. From 255 new members joining Faith Church, to approximately 500 people participating in a cross-campus Financial Peace University class, to sending our first serve team to Brazil, to hosting Joni Eareckson Tada during a weekend service, 2017 was an unforgettable year. While reading each page, be reminded how the numbers illustrated also represent souls in our church body.

I am blessed by our integrity-filled staff and leaders of Faith Church. But most of all, I find such joy in each one of you who calls Faith Church home. We are truly better together.

As I look forward to what God has in store for us in 2018, please join me in marking it a year of steadfast prayer. "And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us." (1 John 5:14). I look forward to seeing how God responds to our prayers this year in order to expand His Kingdom in our lives and communities!

Blessings,

Pastor Bob Brown

WORSHIP

We have over **3,000** attendees in worship and **540** children participating in Faith Kids each week across all of our domestic campuses.

84

CHILD
BAPTISMS

28

ADULT & YOUTH
BAPTISMS

255

NEW MEMBERS

6,583

ATTENDED CHRISTMAS SERVICES

48

REAFFIRMATION
OF FAITH

WEBSITE

- **435,332** page views
- Visitors from all **7** continents
- **47.7%** viewed from Desktop
- **41.7%** viewed on Mobile Device
- **10.7%** viewed from Tablet

112

PROFESSION
OF FAITH

6,826

ATTENDED EASTER SERVICES

LIVESTREAM

130-180

UNIQUE VIEWERS
PER WEEKEND

CONNECT

At Faith, we believe we get more from life and do better in our spiritual walks when we connect with other believers. There's just so much more for us to enjoy and experience when we walk alongside and serve with others in God's mission. We have a number of ministries connecting and serving members and attendees.



GROUPS

SMALL GROUPS

1,922 participants

84 SMALL GROUPS

23 WOMEN'S GROUPS

8 MEN'S GROUPS

MOMSNATION

Dedicated to encouraging, equipping and empowering moms in motherhood

374 Moms participate (9 groups)

124 Volunteer leaders

397 Children who participate

- Praising God for the many ways women across 5 campuses are connecting in authentic community and being inspired and encouraged to parent well ~ *but also to grow in their knowledge of and love for Jesus Christ.*

CARE

Providing assistance, support and sometimes rest for individuals and families

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

- Marriage/Parenting Event - **200** attendees
- Marriage Enrichment - **15** couples
- Preparing for Marriage Class - **21** couples

CARE TEAMS

- 533 mentored

FAITH FAMILY MARKET

- Over **85** families served

Support Groups

- Divorce Care, Overcomers Celebrate Recovery, Mental Health, Hurting Moms, Mending Hearts, Grief Support
- Over **140** active members

SERVE

God has created each one of us to have unique gifts and talents. When we use those gifts to serve others, we become participants in God's plan to transform the world.



LOCAL (VOLUNTEERS)

- We have over **20** different Serve Teams representing over **1,500** volunteers.
- **225** Reflectors volunteers
- **325** Faith Kids & Students volunteers per weekend
- **61** Kids Hope mentors serve at 5 local schools

GLOBAL

- We gave prayer and financial support to **21** full-time missionary families and an additional **26** local and global partners.

- **Serve Teams**

A team of **24** served at Joni and Friends Family Camp in Michigan

Two teams of **19** served God's Littlest Angels Orphanage in Haiti

A team of **11** served for the first time alongside our partnership with the First Presbyterian Church in Manaus, Brazil

MISSIONS

The focus of our efforts both locally and globally are directed toward one of three focus areas: **Leadership Development**, **Community Development** and **Unreached People Groups**. Below are the highlights from those focus area partnerships.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Continued training **12** pastors through a cohort in Indonesia in partnership with Leadership Resources International.
- Sponsored **25** pastors in their final years of schooling at Onesimus Nesib Seminary (ONS), in Aira, Ethiopia.

Because of additional interest and giving, we were able to support the printing of curriculum for the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) for the distance learning project at ONS which will provide resources needed for the next 5 years.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

World Vision

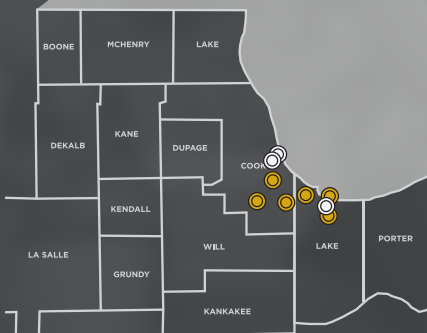
- After **9 years** of partnering in Karaba Rwanda, we celebrate the successful completion of an Area Development Project with World Vision as of September 2017 and officially began our new Area Development Project partnership in Simbi, Rwanda.
- Completed our sponsorships of children in Karaba, Rwanda and transitioned to sponsoring **423** Children in Simbi, Rwanda.
- Raised **\$97,108** and had **85** individuals run the ½ and full marathons with Team World Vision.

First Presbyterian Church of Manaus, Brazil (IPM)

- Through the REACH project, we continued work on building a vocational school in Intapecau in partnership with IPM (First Presbyterian Church) of Manaus, Brazil. The expected completion of the school is early 2018.
- The serve team was able to paint many of the classrooms in the vocational school as well as participate in a celebration hosted by missionaries from IPM, Ana and Marta.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

- We began a renewed partnership with Talking Bibles with continued efforts to place audio bibles in fishing villages along the coast of South East India. This partnership has resulted in the establishment of **2** churches with over **100** believers worshipping regularly.



- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

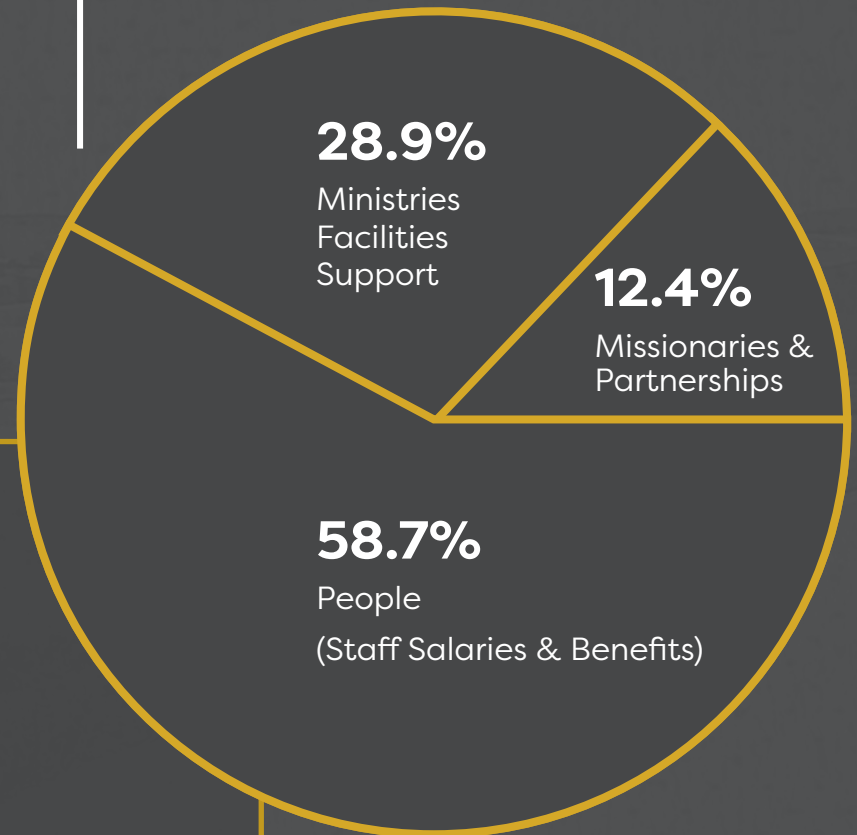
BUDGET

2017 Operating Expenses: \$6,744,706.95

GIVEN TO FAITH

- GENERAL FUND: \$6,479,940.17
- REACH: \$1,820,057.08
- HIGHLAND BUILDING: \$194,285.07
- DEBT REDUCTION & BUILDING REPAIRS: \$126,539.90
- CHRISTIAN AID: \$51,117.43
- FAITH FAMILY MARKET: \$30,834.52

TOTAL GIVEN: \$8,702,774.17



THE REACH PROJECT

The Reach Project was a giving initiative from 2015-2017 to fund special projects designed to reach people with the gospel locally in this region but also globally across the world. We had a number of great projects happen in 2017 through the Reach funds. Because we were not spending funds until we received them, we still have more projects lined up that will be funded through the Reach project. Here are some of the projects that the Reach project made possible in 2017:

KEY PROJECTS 2017

OVERALL

- New signs in Beecher and Highland

HIGHLAND

- Small Group Room
- Balcony and Video
- Ground-breaking for building expansion

MUNSTER

- Remodel of the building and launching of Faith Munster

DYER

- Family Bathroom
- Preschool Bathroom
- Updated Sound System

BRAZIL

- The building of a vocational school in conjunction with First Presbyterian Church of Manaus (IPM). Our Brazil missions team was able to help with some of the final phases.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- Faith Santo Domingo launched in 2015 and has seen good growth in 2016 and 2017.
 - 60-70 people in worship
 - Average 3 new visitors per service
 - 6 small groups
 - 8 strong leaders and another 3-4 leaders in training
 - 5 disciples were baptized
- Distributed over 1,200 Bibles at 3 schools to 6-8th graders during National Bible Month in the D.R
- Soft launch of a 2nd site; identification of a 3rd site for ministry
- Ministering to 170 kids each week in 3rd through 8th grade

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