



Faith  
CHURCH

2019  
ANNUAL REPORT



Church grows God's kingdom. From loving and teaching people in Reflectors (our special needs ministry), to accompanying a family member or friend with a life-defining illness to Overcomers, to organizing a playdate for moms and their kids, to adventuring on a mission trip to Brazil, to donating money towards a SpringHill Summer Day Camp scholarship. Every little thing matters!

Each year we create an Annual Report so you can see and be reminded of all God has done in and through Faith Church. While reading the following pages, be reminded how the numbers illustrated can also represent souls in our church family - and the Kingdom of Christ. I'm astounded by how God uses us to reach, serve, guide, encourage and care for His people!

Further, Faith Church's strategic plan for the next three years, The 1:1 Initiative, is underway. From 2020-2022 we strive to deepen our reach into the Northwest Indiana and Illiana region using the 4Gs - Gather, Grow, Give, Go. Each ministry and campus has created goals in support of The 1:1 Initiative. We are in this together, each person - no matter which campus you worship at, no matter which ministry you participate in, no matter where you serve.

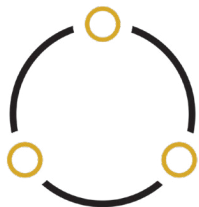
Upon review of this year's Annual Report, it is my hope it will amp you up for the year ahead. Be prepared to be stretched, to get your hands dirty and respond to where God should lead you to gather, grow, give & go. You may have never run a marathon, but you are about to, to run the race for God's kingdom (Hebrews 12:1-2). Don't be afraid, I'll be there right alongside you.

For His Glory,  
Pastor Bob

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Bob Brum". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dear Faith Church Family,

Each one of you that calls Faith Church home is the heartbeat of this church. Without you, we cannot live out our vision of restoring the world one relationship at a time. You see, each of you plays a part in how Faith



## GATHER

### Worship & Groups

- 1,001 new people gathering on weekends
- 51% of people connected in a group



## GROW

### Spiritual Health & Leadership

- 11% increase in people growing through spiritual disciplines
- 201 people engaged in leadership development



## GIVE

### Time, Talents & Treasures

- 51% of people increasing their generosity by giving more
- 51% of people serving once a month within Faith Church



## GO

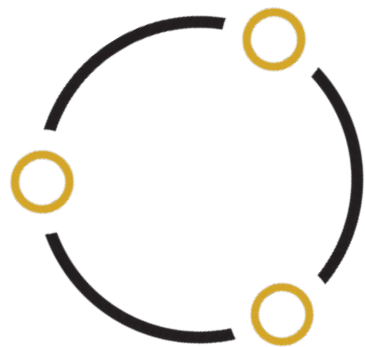
### Locally & Globally

- 1-3 new worshipping communities: plant, enfold, launch new campus
- 11% annual increase in people serving outside our church walls

# THE 1:1 INITIATIVE

RESTORING THE REGION  
ONE RELATIONSHIP  
AT A TIME

Use the 4 G's  
- **Gather, Grow, Give, Go** -  
to impact Northwest  
Indiana and the Illiana  
region. We must establish  
goals for each "G" that will  
stretch us and deepen our  
reach into our communities.



# GATHER

## IN WORSHIP

Not only does God work through community, we have to be in community to experience Him fully. We worship together at services on weekends for this very reason and encourage all to be known in smaller communities such as small groups, Bible studies and/or other ministry gatherings throughout the week.

# 89

Infant / Child Baptisms

# 25

Adult & Youth Baptisms  
upon profession

# 276

New Members

- 97 Professions of Faith
- 68 Reaffirmations of Faith
- 57 Affirmations
- 54 Transfers
- On average over 3,540 people gathered in worship and 597 children participated in Faith Kids across all of our campuses each week.





## OTHER SERVICES

All Faith campuses worship  
together for Good Friday services  
(**2,548** including kids)

**5,400** adults and children at  
Christmas services  
(all campuses)

**7,260** adults and children at  
Easter services  
(all campuses)



## IN GROUPS

There are many different groups where people are known, loved, challenged and prayed for.

## REFLECTORS

*For individuals with special needs*

- Weekends in Dyer & Cedar Lake  
**107** participants
- Teen & Adult Socials over **300** individuals  
*(not including their families)*
- Friendship Ministry at Highland  
**23** participants

## FAITH KIDS & STUDENT

- Faith Kids (infant - 5th grade)  
**596** per weekend
- Faith Students (6th-12th grade)  
**155** per week
- **506 NEW** kids from all campuses who had not previously participated

## GROUPS

*\*not including MomsNation, marriage, Journey, or care groups*

- Women's Groups  
**24** Groups
- Men's Groups  
**17** Groups
- Small Groups  
**73** mixed groups and  
**993** participants



## MOMSNATION

*Dedicated to encouraging, equipping and empowering moms in motherhood*

- **456** moms participate
- **166** volunteer leaders
- **525** children participate
- We have **12** MomsNation groups that meet at **4** campuses



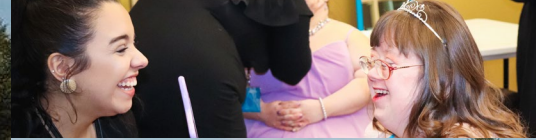
## CARE

*Providing assistance, support and sometimes rest for individuals and families*

- Marriage Ministry - **27** couples participated in Marriage Enrichment or Preparing for Marriage
- Care Teams - **361** people received care from the Care Ministry
- Faith Family Market - over **127** families are served
- Beecher Mobile Food Pantry - **132** people served
- Support Groups (Overcomers; Celebrate Recovery; Mental Health; Hurting Moms, Mending Hearts; Grief Support) - over **230** active members



# EVENTS





### Faith Students SpringHill Winter Retreat

— **191** student participants

### Ladies Night Out

— over **800** women in attendance  
*featuring Candace Payne*

### SpringHill Day Camps

— **431** kids participated  
*held at Beecher, Cedar Lake and Dyer campuses*

### Global Leadership Summit

— largest attended GLS since Faith started hosting 15 years ago; first time attendees included local police officers, chamber members, students, nonprofits, businesses, churches and Summit partners

### Night to Shine

— **204** guests  
*more than half were not from Faith Church*

### Christian Aid

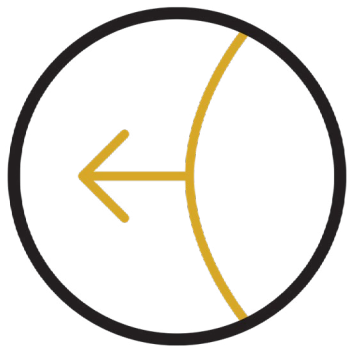
— raised over **\$15,000** through the Christian Aid Golf Outing (*these funds help us walk alongside and support individuals and families struggling through financial hardships, as members and attenders of Faith Church*)

### Gobbler Classic

— near record attendance with around **800 runners/walkers**; over **\$9,000** raised for local food pantries in Faith Church communities

### Behold the Wonder

— over **4,500** individuals in attendance over the course of five performances to celebrate the hope of Christmas



# GROW

## COVER TO COVER 4 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

If we want to grow daily as followers of Jesus Christ, it is essential we spend time in our Bibles. God's Word is a source of life! Our 4-year schedule includes reading a daily chapter from the Bible and a devotional, Monday through Saturday. We have over 2,500 people signed up to receive a link to the daily Bible passage and devotional. Currently,

- **2,016** receive texts
- **545** receive emails

## JOURNEY GROUPS

The Journey is a 22-week course, designed to provide a safe place for a group of 7-10 people to slow down and be intentional on focusing on their relationship with Jesus – our personal discipleship. It provides a place where God can meet us, teach us, shape us, bless us and help us grow.

- **Participants discern: Who is God? Who am I? How do I fit into His plan?**
- **59** people from Faith Church participated

## TIME & TALENTS

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

40%

of people serve once  
a month

525

Faith Kids  
volunteers

41

Faith Students  
small group  
leaders

137

Reflectors/Friendship  
volunteers

77

Kids Hope  
Mentors serving  
at 4 local schools  
(Bibich, Kenwood,  
MacArthur, Southridge)

25

Faith Students  
serving volunteers

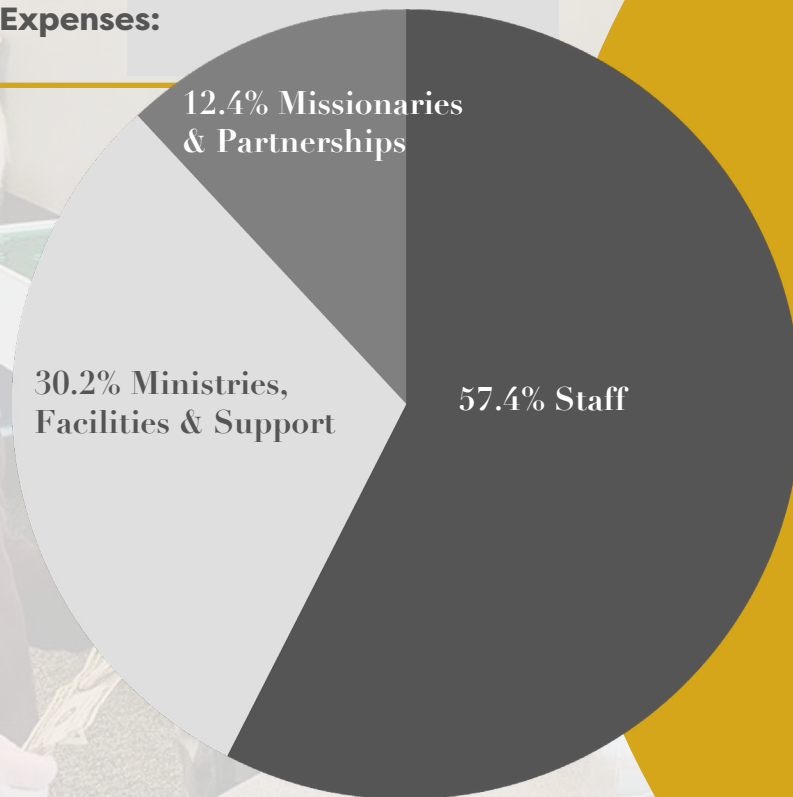
GIVE





## RESOURCES

**Operating Expenses:**  
**\$7,151,002**



**GIVEN TO FAITH:**  
**\$7,846,689**

General Fund:  
**\$7,399,071**

Debt reduction  
Dyer & Cedar Lake:  
**\$198,338**

Christian Aid:  
**\$47,213**

Faith Family Market:  
**\$28,367**

Other:  
**\$173,700**

## GLOBALLY

Faith Missions strives toward mobilizing people and resources to restore the world one relationship at a time. We do this primarily through partnering with like-minded, vibrant evangelical churches and organizations in targeted communities around the world or impact areas. Our engagement within these partnerships is focused toward leadership development, community development and reaching unreached people.

## IMPACT AREA HIGHLIGHTS

### **BRAZIL: WORKING WITH THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MANAUS (IPM)**

- Hosted the Faith Kids Fun Run through which 180 people participated and raised \$15,900 for water wells in Brazil. Depending on the location and scope of the well projects, this will provide 4-6 villages with access to clean water!
- Commissioned a team of 19 to serve at IPM in Brazil in August. The team was able to visit 4 villages along the Amazon River, assist in medical care for 185 individuals, and minister to 296 children through Vacation Bible School along with other evangelism and discipleship opportunities. Through their efforts, the Lord added 24 adults to His kingdom along with countless children.
- Purchased and sent a projector and sign to be utilized at “Faith School,” which previous Faith Church funds helped build in the strategic missionary village of Intepeceau, Brazil.



## RWANDA: WORKING WITH WORLD VISION IN SIMBI, RWANDA

- Celebrated 11 years of partnering with World Vision in Rwanda!
- Grew our sponsored kids number by 88 to a grand total of **573** kids sponsored in Simbi, Rwanda.
- This is the equivalent of nearly **\$270,000** of financial gifts outside of our budget that is given towards the community of Simbi annually!
- 52 individuals ran the Chicago Marathon with Team World Vision and raised **\$125,168**, bringing us to a grand total of **\$920,146** raised through running with Team World Vision!

## ADDITIONAL AREAS TO CELEBRATE IN MISSION

- Hosted a 5-week mission series titled “On Mission” in early summer. Through this series we had the opportunity to pray for unreached people groups and participate along with our families in the Matthew 25 Challenge focused around poverty.
- Sent a team of 26 to serve alongside Joni and Friends at their Family Camp in Muskegon, Michigan. These folks served through providing respite to families of those with special needs in a fun, action packed God focused week.





## BEECHER

### ***Mobile Food Pantry:***

In conjunction with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, we host and staff this mobile food distribution effort approximately 8 times per year. It is available to anyone with an Illinois zip code.

### ***4th of July Festival:***

We enter a float in the parade and also organize a group of volunteers to cover the food service provided for three days of the festival. This includes taking orders, preparing & serving food, etc. All proceeds go to the Beecher 4th of July Commission for the following year.

### ***SpringHill Day Camp (July 8-12):***

Faith Beecher hosts SpringHill, which is held at Beecher Junior High each summer. We participate in the Beecher Garage Sale days in June to raise funds for scholarships for Beecher area children to attend SpringHill Day Camp (and SpringHill Winter Retreat). Of the kids who attend Day Camp, 79% are from the community.

### ***Student Ministry:***

Approximately 70% of the students who attend Student Ministries on Friday nights are from the Beecher community and

are not members of Faith Beecher. In addition, a fundraiser is conducted each fall to help community students attend the SpringHill Winter Retreat.

### ***Partnerships with Beecher Clubs:***

We partner with various groups in the community. For example, we have helped the Beecher Lion's Club at various events, including their pork chop dinner, and in turn, they have assisted us with things like serving lunch the last day of SpringHill Day Camp.



# CEDAR LAKE

## ***Faith Family Market in Cedar Lake:***

Every Monday members of the community have the opportunity to shop for and take home food and other goods provided by the generosity of Faith CL.

## ***Kids Hope:***

We have mentors at MacArthur Elementary School, but we've done various other programs with them too. For example, we host appreciation breakfasts and lunches for the faculty and staff to show how much we love and appreciate them. We raised funds to build a GaGa Ball court at the

school. Due to a surplus in giving, we were also able to purchase additional balls and accessories. The school was very excited for this new addition to the playground!

## ***Rummage Sale:***

We host an annual rummage sale with proceeds going towards SpringHill scholarships for community kids who can't afford the cost to attend.

## ***SpringHill Day Camp (June 17-21):***

We had 96 campers attend this year! With proceeds from the Rummage Sale, we were able to sponsor kids from

the community to attend; 26% of those in attendance were from the community.

## ***Summer Movie Night:***

We hosted our first-ever outdoor Community Movie Night called, "Lights, Camera, Movie Night" in August. The community was invited to join us as we watched the movie "Zootopia."



# Dyer

## ***Kids Hope:***

We have mentors from the Dyer Campus who serve at Bibich Elementary School. Throughout the year, we like to host appreciation breakfasts and lunches for the faculty and staff at the schools to show how much we love and appreciate them.

## ***Strassburg Elementary:***

We've been working hard to establish relationships in the Sauk Village community, particularly in the schools. Examples of our reach include:

- On the last day of the 2018-2019 school year, Dyer staff members volunteered to help

(and play) during the school's **Field Day**.

### **• Beautification Day**

On June 22, a team painted murals at Strassburg Elementary, making a colorful and joyful impact on the environment.

### **• Elim Hope Packs**

Our campus raised \$13,000 to provide school supplies for all the students of Strassburg Elementary on their first day of school. We partnered with Elim, who assembled the Hope Packs and joined us on August 19 to distribute them to the students. Our intention was to make the first day back-to-

school exciting for everyone!

- Assisted with the **installation of the Laundromat** at Strassburg Elementary.

## ***SpringHill Day Camp (July 8-12):***

We had 213 campers attend this summer, with 30% of the kids being from the community.





# HIGHLAND

## ***Kids Hope:***

Volunteers from Faith Highland meet with students at Southridge Elementary School regularly to encourage, mentor and love on them. We like to host appreciation breakfasts and lunches for the faculty and staff of Southridge as a way for us to show our love to those who teach in our community.

## ***Habitat for Humanity:***

86 people showed up to the Faith Highland parking lot on July 11 to construct walls that would be used to build a new home at 1049 170th Street in Hammond, Indiana.

## ***Summer Family Events:***

The Highland community was invited to attend three events throughout the summer - Block Party on June 13, Wicker Park Day on July 14 and Back to School Bash on August 6.

## ***Fridays @ Faith:***

We offer free treats, free coffee, free WiFi for our neighborhood.

## ***Highland Park Clean-Up Day:***

We showed our appreciation for the environment in our community by cleaning and mulching the Main Square Park.



# MUNSTER

## ***DIY Classes:***

Classes are offered regularly for women in the community and church as a time of fellowship and craft making.

## ***Love, Inc:***

A ministry of local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. We serve as one of the churches for Love, Inc to help out with groceries, household goods, financial classes and mentoring for people in need.

## ***Kids Hope:***

Volunteers from Faith Munster meet with students at Kenwood Elementary in Hammond regularly to encourage, mentor and love on them.



# SCHERERVILLE

## ***Free Garage Sale:***

Our free Garage Sale blessed and impacted over 450 members of the Schererville community! Praise God for opportunities to share His love with others.

## ***The Schererville Days Festival and Parade:***

We set up a booth at the festival held in June to play games, hand out water, and pass out cards with our location and the time of our Sunday service.

## ***Outdoor Service:***

We hosted an outdoor service in August at Redar Park as an opportunity to get to know more people in the community. After service was held, we

had hot dogs, roasted corn, bounce houses, free school supplies, haircuts and games for those in attendance.

## ***Campagna Academy:***

We have a great partnership with Campagna and host multiple drives to support the organization. For example, we collect school supplies to give to the students before school begins; we make tie blankets for the residents so they can choose a new blanket for his/her room; and seek out special gifts we can collect during the Christmas season for each resident.





# STAY CONNECTED

## SOCIAL MEDIA



Increase in Facebook  
Campus Page Followers

11%  
Beecher

27%  
Highland

21%  
Cedar Lake

27%  
Munster

9.8%  
Dyer

5%  
Schererville



Increase in  
Instagram Followers

41%

## WEBSITE DATA



**430,018**  
PAGE VIEWS

60.5%  
Viewed from Mobile

30.88%  
Viewed from Desktop

6.62%  
Viewed from Tablet

## LIVESTREAM



ON AVERAGE, WE HAVE 214  
UNIQUE VIEWERS PER  
WEEKEND

## APP & TEXTING



2,246  
App Downloads

8,639  
Media Plays

People signed up to get a  
weekly text from their campus.

106  
Beecher

244  
Highland

323  
Cedar Lake

160  
Munster

1,125  
Dyer

88  
Schererville

## OUR MISSION

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



## OUR VISION

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A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS  
ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN  
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