

First Baptist
SIMPSONVILLE



Upstate Church

Awaken

MINISTRY PLAN 2018

"The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." Romans 13:11

D E P E N D E N C Y

*Prayer is the foundation of all that we do
because we desperately need God.*

A U T H E N T I C I T Y

*We are real people who are honest
about our flaws.*

M U L T I P L I C A T I O N

Making disciples is our number one goal.

M U L T I - G E N E R A T I O N A L

*God values every person at every life stage
and circumstance of life.*

G E N E R O S I T Y

*The call to follow Jesus includes a
lifestyle of generosity.*

H U M I L I T Y

*Christ calls us to care more about other
people than ourselves.*

C O M M U N I T Y

*We will work to intentionally build and
nurture relationships.*



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A N O T E F R O M P A S T O R W A Y N E

Wow! What a year!

Our church leadership is intentional in its evaluation and assessment of the year every fall. We ask every ministry to provide a snapshot report of the events of the past twelve months. This is a highpoint of our year as we celebrate the past and anticipate the future.

The Ministry Plan is a combination of the collection of ministry reports and an explanation of our vision for next year. Our church-wide theme for 2017 was "Greater Things," and we truly did experience the greatness of God as he carried us through unprecedented transition in many different areas of ministry. We celebrate all that God has done in 2017, but we also look ahead with great expectation to see what God has in store for next year.

Please join me in making a personal commitment to pray for our church like never before in the upcoming year. Our theme for 2018 is going to be "Awaken." Paul challenged the church at Rome to wake up from its slumber. Listen to his words found in Romans 13:11: "*The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.*"

Awaken! Wake up! Our nation, state, and community are in desperate need of revival. The Upstate of South Carolina needs the church to shine the light brighter. That will only happen when we wake up to a fresh touch from God. This should be the greatest year in the history of our church. Let's wake up and watch God work.

Wayne

MISSIONS MOBILIZATION

PART 1  Upstate Bridge LOCAL MISSIONS

12 Schools Sponsored 1,110 Connections with Faculty 2,500 Encounters with Students 1K-2K Release Time student engagements

SCHOOL INITIATIVES



back-to-school backpacks for 300 at-risk children



bulk classroom supplies and emergency health care (clothing, glasses, etc.) for emergent needs



800+ teachers appreciation gift bags



3,000 faculty meals total to our partner schools and Greenville Tech



field trip scholarships/funding for at-risk and underprivileged children



300 volunteer hours towards "lunch buddies" during meal times to support school staff/teachers and invest in the children



Forever Family

35 Foster/Adoptive Families

31 Adopted Children

20 Foster Children

4 children were adopted in 2017

10 New foster children were placed in one of our homes

RENOVATION AND RELAUNCH OF UPSTATE CHURCH HARRISON BRIDGE

113 Pre-Launch Average Weekly Attendance
162 Current Average Weekly Attendance (44% growth in one year)
14 new believers baptized- up from 2 in 2016



BEFORE



AFTER



89+ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS
Cultural engagements with the unchurched

22 SERVICE PROJECTS

INSIDE OUT SUNDAY 860 Volunteers 20 Non-profits served 6 Churches

CAR CARE CLINIC 62 Cars served at stores 49 Cars thru service line 4 Families Helped

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY 250 Adults 150 Children

PRISON MINISTRY 1100 Weekly connections with prisoners

2300 SHOE BOXES DONATED to Operation Christmas Child

In the past year, First Baptist Simpsonville mobilized 227 people on 13 trips in 6 countries

We partnered with international missionaries
Roger & Brooke Eaton and
Corey & Kristen Sosebee

MISSION GROUPS

We have approximately 100 ladies involved in groups which meet monthly. Our children learn about their part in sharing God's word on Wednesday evenings.

2017 NATIONAL TRIPS

ALASKA
ARKANSAS
NORTH CAROLINA
TEXAS

135 PEOPLE INVOLVED

HONDURAS



We partnered with members and
NAMB missionaries, Tim and Jodi Cross to care
for the needs of refugees relocated to the Upstate.



PANAMA



THAILAND

2017 INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

BRAZIL
CUBA
HONDURAS
JAMAICA
THAILAND

92 PEOPLE INVOLVED

We also work with Samaritan's Purse and South Carolina Disaster Relief and have taken trips to Texas, North Carolina, and right here in South Carolina. There is an active ministry at Hidden Creek Mobile Home Park between Simpsonville and Fountain Inn in which 10 people are weekly giving of their time to minister to families living there. We also have people actively involved in donating, making, and giving items for various mission projects such as Backpack Blessings, Prison Ministry Kits, Health Kits, and salvation bracelets. We continue to work within the Southern Baptist Convention through its various programs in teaching our members about God's work throughout the world and making monetary contributions to Annie Armstrong, Janie Chapman, and Lottie Moon missions offerings as well as the Cooperative Program. Once a month, some members drive to Atlanta to obtain a trailer full of free food items at a regional food bank and share that food with those in need.



FAMILY MINISTRIES

CONNECTIONS

We expanded our First Impressions ministry (Host Team) this year in some very significant and creative ways. With the addition of an Information Services Team, a Concierge Team, and a Valet Service for those with special needs, we have complimented our Greeters, Ushers, and Traffic Team and allowed this ministry to impact guests and members within those crucial first minutes on our campus.

We are looking to expand this ministry as we roll into 2018. With nearly 2000 people on our campuses each weekend, and the expectation of many more this coming year, our goal is to remove every roadblock and create every incentive to guarantee every guest's first visit compels them to come back.

GROUP LIFE

1,482 *Average Connect Group Attendance Each Week*

264 *GroupLife Leaders Who Are Making Disciples*

564 *Disciples in the Making Who Meet Outside of Sunday Mornings*

SPORTSLIFE UPSTATE

We experienced a renewed excitement in our leagues this year. Our basketball and soccer leagues drew nearly 600 children and their families to our sports ministry in the fall and spring. A large portion of these families did not attend any church (30%) or First Baptist Simpsonville (50%). SportsLife Upstate had the opportunity to host and/or administer 10 events this year. We are looking to build additional connections in the community for 2018 in order to partner with these community organizations to bring the gospel message to children and families through the avenue of sports.

PRESCHOOL

150 *preschoolers experienced God's love each week*

120K *Teddy Graham crackers consumed*

25 *babies were dedicated and we presented our new Family Growth Plan*

70 *volunteers serve our preschoolers each week*

80 *kids came to Preschool in the Park (9 kids did not have a church home)*

ELEMENTARY

42 *kids baptized*

3700 *families attended and heard the gospel through Eggventure*

684 *attended VBS*

120 *attended Creative Arts Camp*

45 *volunteers that serve kids each week*

178 *volunteers who served at VBS*

STUDENTS

275 *students and leaders attended THE EVENT*

250 *attended DNow*

240 *experienced Beach Camp*

120 *mobilized on Mission Trips*

110 *middle schoolers attended fall retreat*

26 *student baptisms with 9 at beach camp*

65 *student volunteers*

2 *surrendered to ministry*

SENIOR ADULTS

175 *attended JOY Fellowship each month*

35 *FANS Volunteers including Senior Saints*

65 *average Senior Saints per meeting*

15 *added to Sunday School rolls in new building*

145 *Hymn Sing average*

24 *New Senior members (9% of total)*

30 *each Alone Together event*

CREATIVE ARTS & WORSHIP



8:45am - blend of traditional and contemporary



10:00am - traditional style worship



11:15am - contemporary, modern worship

1,951

average weekly attendance for the year

3,481

views of our worship services online in 5 countries

263

new members

265

Volunteers that make worship experience happen each weekend

113

new believers baptized

176k+ square feet of property heated, cooled, and maintained over 3 sites, including the Downtown Campus, Upstate Church: Harrison Bridge, and Happy Trails Cowboy Church

\$1,747,019

given towards debt retirement since August 2016- The Worship Center has been paid in full!

OPERATIONS

325

first time givers since January 2017

1,641

households contributing to General Fund

569

households contributing to building fund since September 2016

636

households contributing to Missions (63 more families than 2016)

MINISTRY EXPANSION

There is nothing quite like the feeling of being awakened to the power of God. When we realize just how big God really is, it makes us feel special when we understand that He calls each of us to join Him in what He is already doing.

I'm sure, back in 1888, when the 11+ families started what we now call First Baptist Simpsonville, they had no idea just how God would use their resources to have a positive contribution to every corner of the world. Likewise, we firmly believe God wants to continue to use our resources in ways we cannot even imagine!

There is a God-sized awakening occurring right now in our midst.

As we faithfully expand our campus footprint to other areas of the Upstate, we are excited you will be partnering with us and helping other families hear about Jesus.

Thank you for joining us in retiring the 10.5 million dollar debt as quickly as possible, and for helping us raise resources in launching new campuses, church planting, and local/global mission endeavors.

- Brian Owens, Executive Pastor



STUDENTS BEFORE



STUDENTS AFTER



STRATEGIC VISION

2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

The 2018 proposed budget has been consolidated into 4 sections, which include Great Commission Giving, Family Ministries, Ministry Support, and Building/Grounds.

The dollar breakdown and specific percentages are provided.

We collect additional designated funds, such as the Spring and Winter Missions offerings, for Great Commission Giving that are not included in our annual budget.

Our Spring Mission Offering goal is \$40,000. This offering supports Church Planting through the North American Mission Board (Annie Armstrong), the South Carolina Baptist Convention State Missions Offering (Janie Chapman), and our local missions efforts such as the School Initiative, Forever Family, and Inside/Out projects.

Our Winter Missions Offering goal is \$75,000. This offering supports over 3,500 missionaries around the world, which witnessed over 93,000 baptisms in 2016. A portion of this offering also supports foreign mission teams through FBS.

GREAT COMMISSION GIVING

\$1,532,882 - 31%

FAMILY MINISTRIES

\$1,260,080 - 25%

MINISTRY SUPPORT

\$748,557 - 15%

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT

\$1,437,472 - 29%



\$4,978,991

WAYS TO GIVE



IN PERSON



BY MAIL



ONLINE



MOBILE APP



TEXT-TO-GIVE



GIVING KIOSK



ESTATE &
LEGACY

fbsimpsonville.org/giving/ways-to-give

FIRST BAPTIST STAFF



WAYNE BRAY
Lead Pastor



BRIAN OWENS
Executive Pastor



WES WALKER
*Executive Pastor of
Missions/Creative Arts*



RANDY KIRBY
Worship Pastor



PAT GILLEN
Student Minister



BEN BRAMMER
Associate / Teaching Pastor



RUSSELL HILL
Director of Operations



JEFF JENNINGS
*Director of
Creative Services*



STEVE GENOBLE
*Director of Family
Ministries*



JOSH PRATT
Children's Minister



SANITA SMITH
Preschool Minister



DAN TAYLOR
*Minister of Senior Adults/
Pastoral Care*



ASHLEY MOORE
*Connections/
SportsLife Pastor*



KATHY ROBINSON
*Minister of GroupLife/
Counseling*



WILL BRAY
*Campus Student
Coordinator*



BOB FELTS
Campus Pastor



LARRY ROCKWELL
Campus Worship Leader



MONICA MANGUM
Campus Kids Coordinator



INSIDE OUT 2017

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