



MT. HOREB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2018

ANNUAL REPORT





Jeff Kersey
Senior Pastor

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At Mt. Horeb, one of our key core values is
Truth Is Essential.

In John 14:6, Jesus claimed to be the way, the truth and the life. His bold claim forms the basis for another one of our most important core values:
Jesus First, Jesus Always!

Jesus gives this command to His disciples in Luke 24:47-48:

***It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of His name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem:
'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'
You are witnesses of all these things.***

As we reflect back over 2018, this Annual Report celebrates how we at Mt. Horeb are putting Jesus first by being His witnesses here in Lexington, the Midlands, South Carolina and to the nations.

WORSHIP

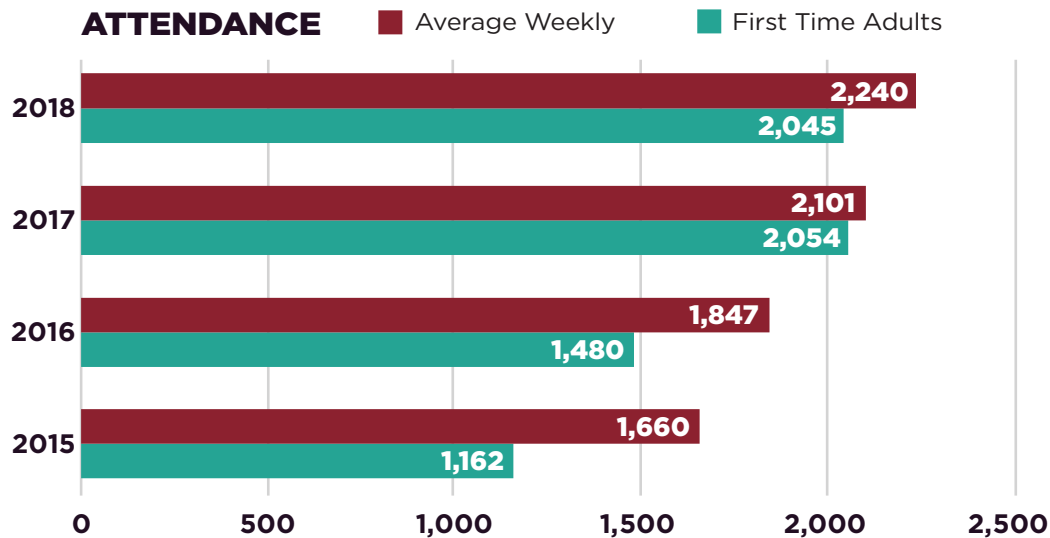
342 NEW MEMBERS

72 BAPTISMS



At Mt. Horeb UMC we have the mission of making, maturing and mobilizing disciples who magnify Jesus Christ. We are committed to going above and beyond to reach the least and the lost for Jesus Christ.

Our average attendance in weekend worship continues to grow by 6%.



WORSHIP

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**WE BELIEVE WORSHIP IS A KEY COMPONENT
IN BOTH YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS
AND YOUR COMMUNAL FELLOWSHIP**

A photograph of a church interior, viewed from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the front. The pews are filled with people, mostly seen from behind. The church has high ceilings and large, arched stained-glass windows on the left side. At the front, there is an altar area with a pulpit, a large American flag, and some potted plants. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal color.

**OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE AN EXPERIENCE
FOR YOU TO ENCOUNTER GOD IN AN ATMOSPHERE
OF INVITATION AND EXPECTATION**

WORSHIP

WORSHIP



**MOST
PLAYED
SONGS**

- 1** GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN
- 2** WE WILL GLORIFY

646

**SONGS
SUNG**

**MOST
PLAYED
SONGS**

- 1** RECKLESS LOVE
- 2** YAHWEH

910

**SONGS
SUNG**



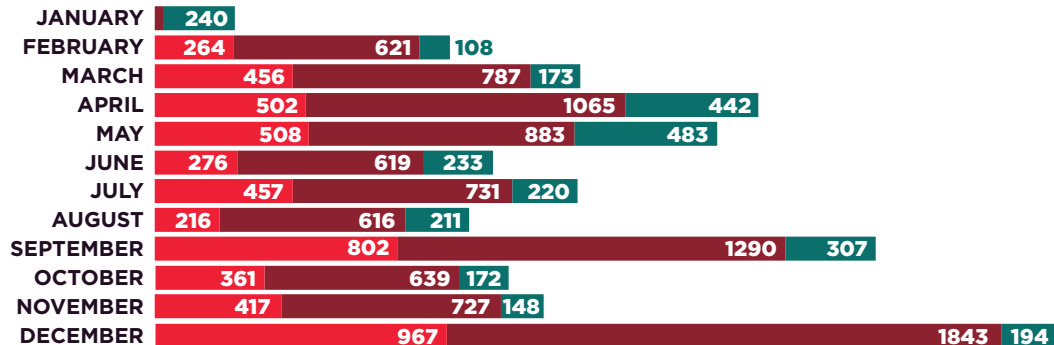


887 APP
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**DOWN
LOADS**

WORSHIP

MONTHLY VIEWS

Traditional Livestream Contemporary Livestream Vimeo



WORSHIP



1776
BATTERIES
PURCHASED
FOR THE YEAR

AVERAGE
SERVING
FOR WEEKEND

AVERAGE
CAMERA SHOTS
PER SERVICE

20

CONTEMPORARY

216

9

TRADITIONAL

75



**THROUGH VIDEO,
SOUND, LIGHTING,
PHOTOGRAPHY,
MUSIC, PREACHING,
STAGE HELP AND
ART, WE BELIEVE
GOD USES EVERY
ONE TO REACH
OTHERS**

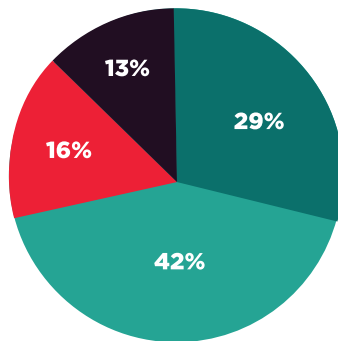


WORSHIP

FINANCE

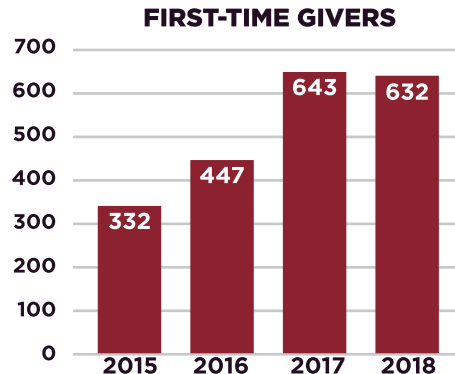
**A STRONG
INDICATOR
OF WHAT AN
ORGANIZATION
VALUES CAN BE
DETERMINED
BY HOW THEY
INVEST THEIR
RESOURCES**

**WE AIM TO
MATCH OUR
RESOURCES
TO WHERE WE
BELIEVE GOD
IS LEADING THE
VISION OF OUR
CHURCH**



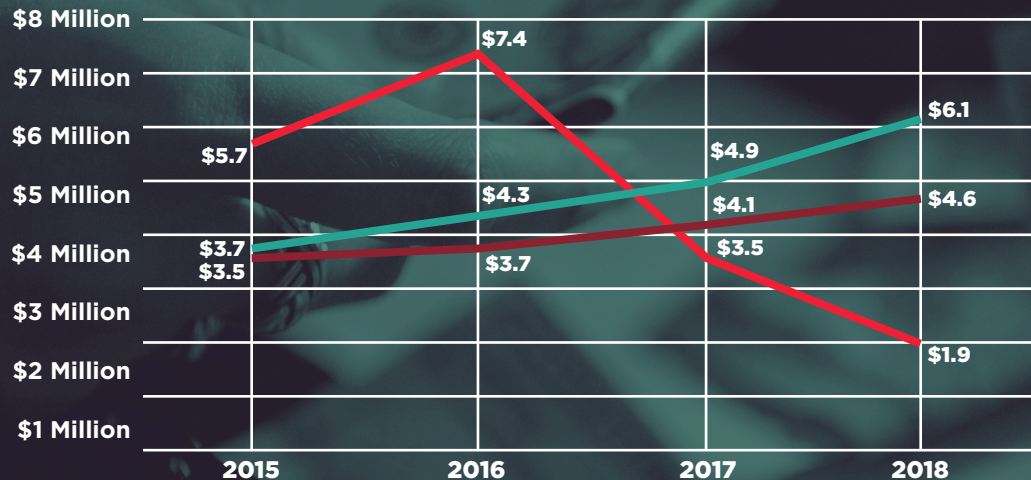
**2018 OPERATING
EXPENSE ALLOCATION**

- Missions
- Discipleship
- Administration
- Facilities



MAIN BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

■ Operating Expenses ■ General/Missions Offering ■ End of Year Debt



**29% OF EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN
IN OFFERING GOES TO MISSIONS**

MISSIONS

LOCAL PARTNERS

In 2018, your generosity allowed us to partner with **16 local ministries**, **9 global ministries** and support **12 missionary families**, giving away

\$507,000

to be used outside the walls of this church.

This amount does not include designated giving that supports our 10:10 Bridge Afterschool Program and CIRCLES® Lexington County Program.

CIRCLES
LEXINGTON
COUNTY
IS CURRENTLY
WORKING WITH

8

FAMILIES
TO MOVE
THEM OUT
OF POVERTY

1912 HOURS ON AVERAGE PER MONTH
IN SERVICE TO MISSIONS

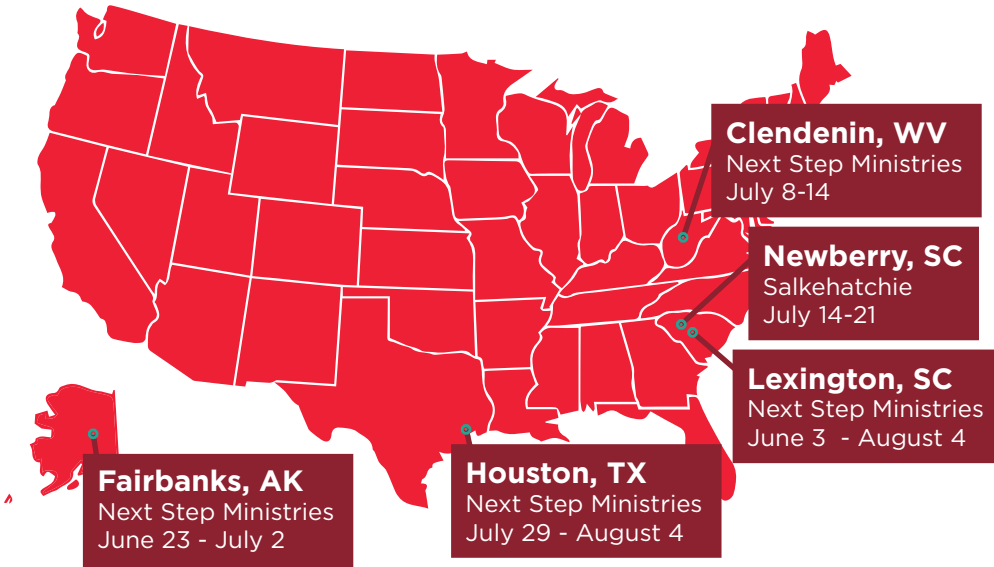
OVER 80 ERT'S
TRAINED FOR
HURRICANE
FLORENCE RELIEF

25 & **72**
CHILDREN MENTORS
AT 10:10 BRIDGE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM



MISSIONS

LOCAL PARTNERS



NEXT STEP MINISTRIES

419 STUDENTS & LEADERS
ATTENDED IN LEXINGTON

SALKEHATCHIE

WE'VE BEEN SERVING
HERE FOR 25 YEARS

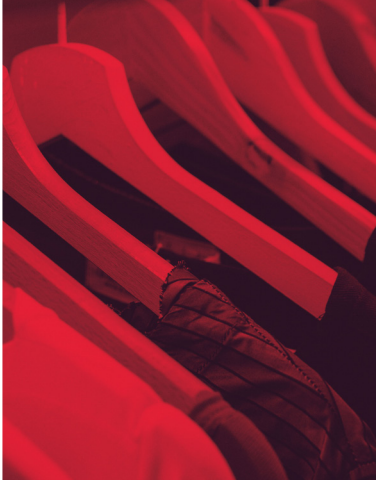
MISSIONS

LOCAL PARTNERS

419
COATS
TO KIDS IN
7 LOCAL
SCHOOLS
THROUGH THE
SHARE THE WARMTH
COAT DRIVE



953
SHOE
BOXES
THROUGH
OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD



15
WHEELCHAIR
RAMPS
COMPLETED
THROUGH
EMMANUWHEEL



MISSIONS

LOCAL PARTNERS



1300
MEALS
SERVED TO
HOMELESS
INDIVIDUALS
IN COLUMBIA
THROUGH
CONCESSIONS
OF HOPE



4,272.5
POUNDS
OF FOOD
DONATED
TO MISSION
LEXINGTON

14,000
BACKPACKS
FILLED
WITH FOOD
GIVEN TO
KIDS IN OUR
LOCAL
SCHOOLS



MISSIONS

GLOBAL PARTNERS

We continue to see our missions impact people in Lexington and throughout the world. It's exciting to see the many growing local and global partnerships. Through your generosity, we are proclaiming Jesus' name in India, Africa, Haiti, Samoa, Turkey, Russia, Thailand, Bosnia, Kazakhstan, Vietnam, Italy, Indonesia and Sudan!



Haiti

Friends for Health
August 4-9

Puerto Rico

UMVIM
February 24 - March 3
September 16-22

MISSIONS

GLOBAL PARTNERS



India & Nepal
Child Restoration Int.
October 10-21

Kenya
ZOE Ministries
January 2019

Samoa
Mission of Hope
June 22 - July 7

KIDS

**WE BELIEVE ALL CHILDREN ARE SPECIAL
AND THAT DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS IS ONE OF THE SINGLE MOST
IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THEIR GROWTH**

WE WANT KIDS TO SEE
HOW GOD'S WORD
FITS IN THEIR LIVES,
TO LEARN HOW
TO TALK TO HIM,
AND TO BUILD FRIENDSHIPS
THAT WILL LAST

250
BIBLES GIFTED

1807 INDIVIDUAL KIDS
ATTENDED THIS YEAR



KIDS

KIDS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

900+ **VOLUNTEERS**

1927 **KIDS**

\$9,667.50 GIVEN TO THE BACKPACK MINISTRY
AND THE HAITI MISSION PROJECT

87 KIDS

ACCEPTED JESUS
AS THEIR SAVIOR



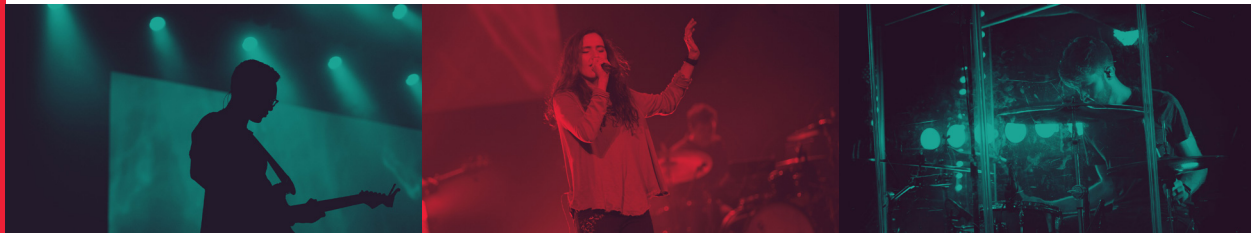
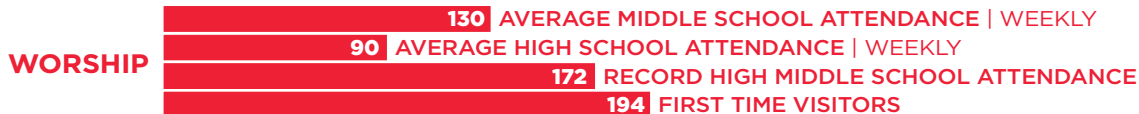
I loved the children. They were so sweet and their hearts for the Lord are amazing. I loved being able to connect with them through worship, games and Bible Stories. It was an amazing experience!

- VBS VOLUNTEER

KIDS

STUDENTS

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



MOST PLAYED SONGS

1 RECKLESS
LOVE

2 BUILD MY LIFE
& OVERCOME

3 GRATEFUL



STUDENTS

STUDENTS



52 MESSES BLAMED
ON STUDENT
MINISTRY

12 MESSES MADE BY
STUDENT MINISTRY

7.4 MESSES ACTUALLY
CLEANED BY
STUDENT MINISTRY



20,000

MEALS PACKED WITH
RISE AGAINST HUNGER
TO END WORLD HUNGER





13 PARENT
COMPLAINT
EMAILS

**Record low,
thanks parents!*



STUDENTS



HOURS OUR
STUDENTS SPENT
PLAYING FORTNITE

**TOO
MANY
TO COUNT**



ADULTS

31 NEW
SMALL
GROUPS

50% INCREASE
IN THE LAST YEAR

730 PEOPLE
ACTIVELY
INVOLVED IN
SMALL GROUPS



WE BELIEVE THE FULL LIFE OF GOD
MEETS US IN A UNIQUE WAY AS WE
COMMIT TO DOING LIFE TOGETHER

216
MEN AT THE
OYSTER
ROAST

626
MEN AT
STEAK ON
THE LAKE

**OVER
700**
WOMEN AT
THE FIRST
SISTERHOOD

AVERAGE OF
300
WOMEN
AT EACH
SISTERHOOD
SINCE THEN

ADULTS

OUTREACH

FALL FESTIVAL

2000
PEOPLE IN
ATTENDANCE
BASED ON
FOOD TRUCK SALES



495
INVOLVED IN
OTHER
RECREATIONAL
ACTIVITIES



RECREATION

231
PLAYERS, COACHES,
SCORE KEEPERS,
REFEREES AND
CHEERLEADERS
INVOLVED WITH
UPWARD SPORTS

900

ATTENDEES &
VOLUNTEERS
ON CAMPUS FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE
PROM NIGHT
EXPERIENCE

NIGHT TO SHINE



3086

VISITS, CALLS
OR MEETINGS
WITH THOSE
IN NEED OF CARE

CARE



OUTREACH

GROWTH

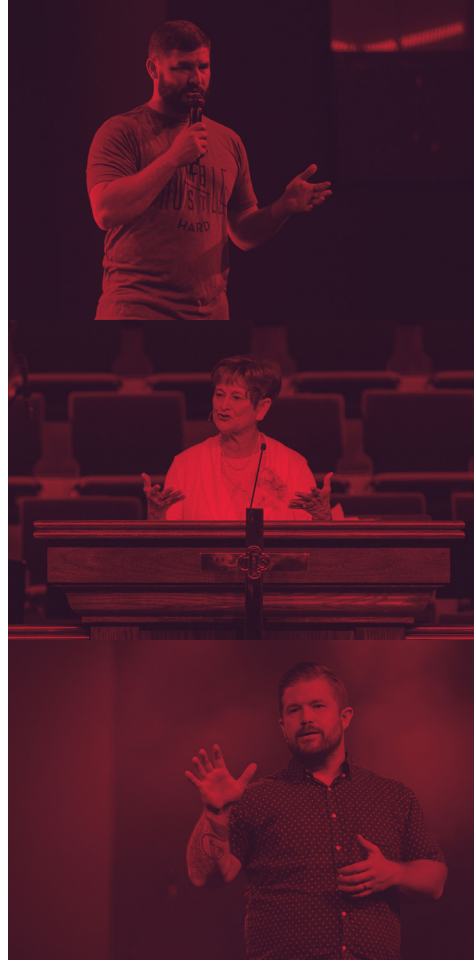
FUTURE EXPANSION

As we look into the future, we are fully committed to fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission by taking His name to Lexington and its surrounding communities. Recent demographic studies show us there are 132,000 unchurched people within a 7-10 mile radius of Mt. Horeb.



We are prayerfully considering a number of strategic means to best reach these people with the message of Jesus in the next 5-10 years:

- Seek to reach 500 adults who receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior and are baptized
- Creating dedicated spaces within our existing facilities for worship and chapel services
- Decreasing poverty in Lexington County by 10% in 10 years
- Developing intentional partnerships with other community organizations and churches
- Making an additional \$1 million investment to causes helping people outside the walls of our church
- Starting two new churches or campuses within the Midlands
- Launching a training center to equip leaders in all ministry areas to be sent out to use their gifts in other churches and ministry organizations
- Planting two new churches in international communities where Mt. Horeb can also extend its Gospel influence
- Sending more people on short-term mission experiences to support long-term initiatives in other countries



GROWTH