MT. HOREB CHURCH

2024

ANNUAL REPORT

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.
Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy,
for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News
about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.
And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you,
will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day
when Christ Jesus returns.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6

Michael A. Turner
Senior Pastor

The Apostle Paul wrote the words from Philippians 1:3-6 in 61 AD. They were addressed to the believers at the Church of Philippi, a congregation Paul had started 10 or 11 years earlier on his second major missionary journey. Even though Paul's mission will take him on to other places—Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Rome—it's obvious from reading all of his letters that Philippi is a favorite. *"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God... you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you heard it until now..."* Repeatedly, Paul is overcome with gratitude for the Philippians, and he goes on to say, *"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."*

As I pondered my very first annual report message to you as your new senior pastor, I could not help but think of Paul's words to the Philippians. Paul's words resonate with me, "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." People ask me all the time: "How are you doing?", "Are you settling in?", "How do you like it here?" My answer is always, "I love it! My whole family loves it! We like Lexington, but we LOVE Mt. Horeb!" There have been so many times over the last year where I have marveled at God's goodness and been overcome with gratitude. I am grateful for the incredible leadership of Pastor Jeff and Lynn Kersey here for 30 years, grateful for the foundation of faithfulness laid by all the saints who have worshiped and served here, grateful for the sacrifices made by others to bring us to this place in time, grateful for each member of our congregation and everyone's unique gifts that so beautifully come together to make us the church that we are, grateful for your dedication to the mission—To make, mature and mobilize disciples who magnify Jesus Christ—I am just plain grateful.

As you read the pages of this Annual Report and contemplate all the ways in which God is moving among us, I hope that you, too, will be filled with gratitude. God is blessing us so much, and I hope we never take that for granted.

Still, even as much gratitude as I have to be a part of what God is doing at Mt. Horeb Church, I have at least an equal amount of excitement. Dag Hammarskjold once famously said, "For all that has been, THANK YOU. For all that is to come, YES!" I can't wait to see what God does in and through us next, as we continue to spread the Good News of Jesus to the world. In the words of Paul, "I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." To that, I say thank you AND yes!

WORSHIP

82 BAPTISMS

106 PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

404 NEW MEMBERS

WORSHIP

950
APP DOWNLOADS
2320 TOTAL USERS

FUN FACT

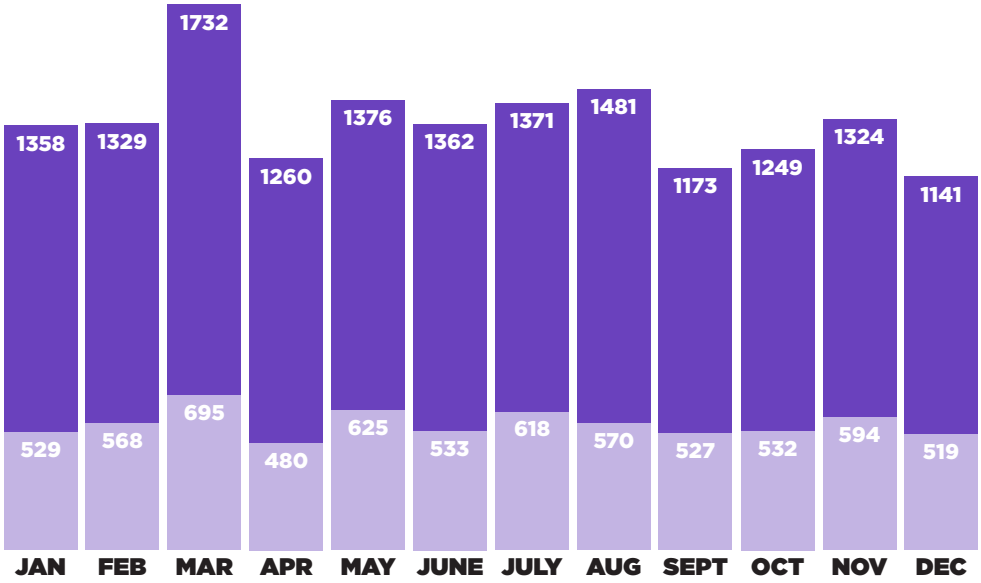
39,840
PEPPERMINTS
BOUGHT IN 2024
ABOUT 766
PEPPERMINTS
EATEN PER SUNDAY

WORSHIP

AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

Contemporary
Traditional

VBS Celebration Sunday in June and our Christmas Musical services in December are not reflected here as they were combined services. Christmas Eve is also not reflected here.



6016 IN ATTENDANCE ACROSS ALL EASTER SERVICES

EASTER

WORSHIP

WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

4756
IN ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS EVE

6256
IN ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP

TRADITIONAL

1044
IN ATTENDANCE

FUN FACT
THERE ARE **75 POINSETTIAS** IN THE SANCTUARY DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

KIDS WORSHIP CAMP

69 KIDS IN ATTENDANCE

86

ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN ADULT CHOIR

12

ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN HANDBELL CHOIR

TRADITIONAL

WORSHIP

WORSHIP

CONTEMPORARY

MOST PLAYED SONGS

1. HOLY FOREVER
2. I BELONG TO JESUS / BLESS GOD
3. WHO IS LIKE THE LORD / YOU'VE ALREADY WON

WORSHIP

TRADITIONAL

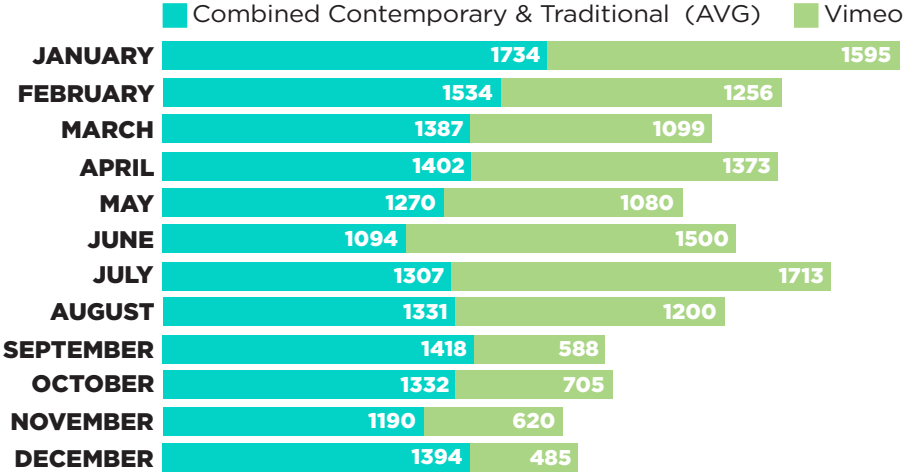
MOST PLAYED SONGS

1
- A MIGHTY FORTRESS IN OUR GOD
- THE FAMILY OF GOD

2
- TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS
- BECAUSE HE LIVES
- AMAZING GRACE

WORSHIP

MONTHLY VIEWS



COUNTRIES WHO JOINED US IN ONLINE WORSHIP

> 12,000 VIEWS
UNITED STATES

1,000 - 10,000 VIEWS
GERMANY

< 1,000 VIEWS
CANADA
INDIA
CHINA
INDONESIA*
ITALY*
UNITED KINGDOM
RUSSIA
AUSTRALIA
FRANCE
MALAYSIA*
NEW ZEALAND*
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA*
AUSTRIA
PHILIPPINES
SWEDEN
PAKISTAN*
SINGAPORE
COSTA RICA
REPUBLIC OF KOREA
POLAND*
SWITZERLAND*
NETHERLANDS
SOUTH AFRICA
ROMANIA*
LEBANON*
BARBADOS*
ARGENTINA*
TURKEY*
NIGERIA

NEW VIEWS FROM THE YEAR BEFORE

WORSHIP

PRODUCTION

AVERAGE SERVING PER WEEK

23 TOTAL
11 in Contemporary
6 in Traditional
6 in Student Worship

VOLUNTEER HOURS

3592 TOTAL
2465 in Contemporary
868 in Traditional
259 in Student Worship

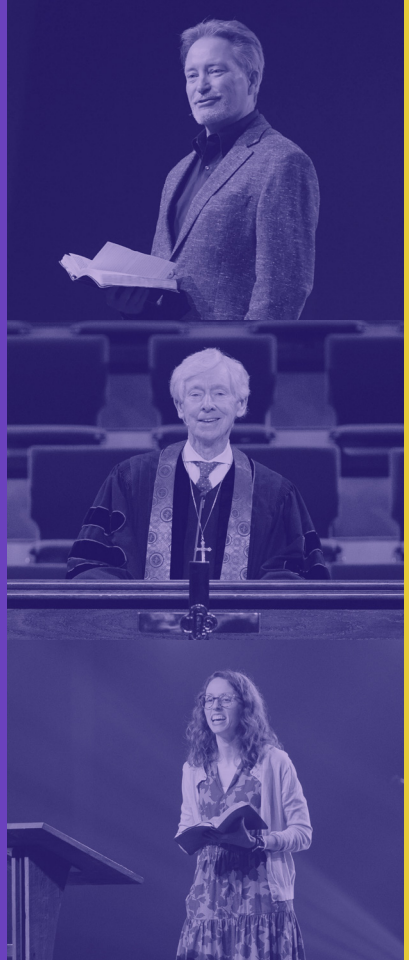
PRODUCTION

SERVICES & EVENTS EXECUTED

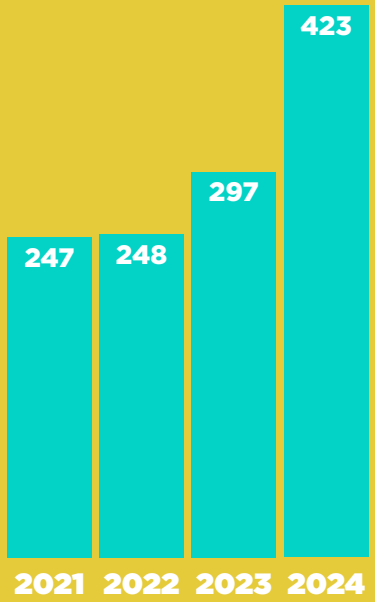
350 TOTAL

131 in Auditorium
137 in Sanctuary
66 in Student Room
16 located offsite

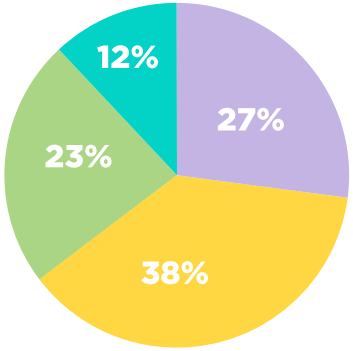
FINANCE



FIRST-TIME GIVERS

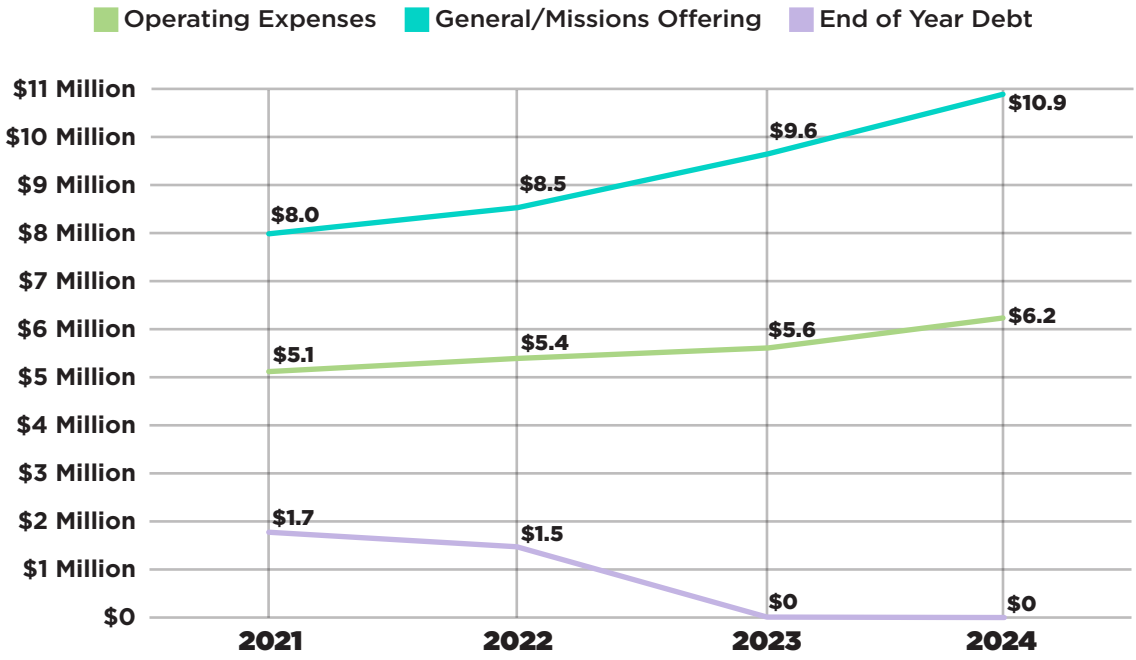


OPERATING EXPENSE ALLOCATION



- Missions
- Discipleship
- Administration
- Facilities

MAIN BUDGET DISTRIBUTION



27% *OF EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN IN OFFERING GOES TO MISSIONS*

FINANCE

MISSIONS

In 2024, your generosity allowed us to partner with ***51 ministries, missionaries and organizations locally and globally.***

These mission partners are meeting needs locally and globally through:

EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP
$86,520 FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
$115,300 FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN

ADOPTION & UNBORN BABY ADVOCACY
$46,000 FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN

ORPHAN EMPOWERMENT
$114,00 FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN

ANTI-TRAFFICKING EFFORTS
$33,000 FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
$145,800 FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN

CRISIS RELIEF
$184,800 FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN

PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTHCARE
$86,000 FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN

LIFE SKILLS & EDUCATION
$56,000 FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN

MISSION TRIPS

108 TOTAL

SERVED ON A MISSION TRIP

9 TRAVELLED TO LIBERIA
13 TRAVELLED TO SAMOA
24 TRAVELLED TO KENTUCKY
30 TRAVELLED TO ATLANTA
23 TRAVELLED TO ALASKA
9 TRAVELLED TO INDIA

MISSIONS

MISSIONS

LOCAL PARTNERS

EMMANUWHEEL
Over **40** volunteers built **16** ramps for mobility-impaired individuals that could not otherwise afford one

COMPASSION SUNDAY
Over **1200** Compassion children are sponsored by our people at Mt. Horeb

CONNECTIONS LEXINGTON COMMUNITY
34 volunteers came alongside **15** participants who are supported on their journey to financial self-sufficiency

10:10 BRIDGE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
23 elementary school students received spiritual, emotional and educational guidance **3** days a week as **57** adult volunteers shared their time and talents, this adds up to **5490** hours invested in these students

THE HANG AFTERSHOOL PROGRAM
38 middle school students participated in weekly informal mentoring by **7** mentors, this adds up to **1000+** hours invested in these students

MISSIONS

BACKPACK MINISTRY
433 children in our school district received food to take home for the weekend; this amounts to over **90,000** meals distributed annually, assembled by **10** volunteers

FOOD DRIVE
50 families were provided a month's worth of shelf-stable items for the summer

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
275 children received supplies

CONCESSIONS OF HOPE
100-150 meals per month were assembled and distributed at Hope Plaza in Columbia, SC to serve individuals experiencing homelessness

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
$4,259 given to Turner AME's Feeding Ministry in West Columbia, SC

THANKSGIVING: FROM FAMILY TO FAMILY
58 families received food, recipes and all supplies needed for a full Thanksgiving meal from a Mt. Horeb family

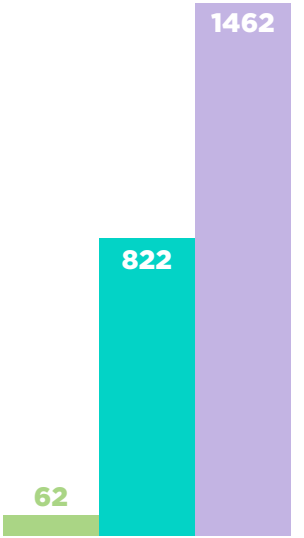
CHRISTMAS: FROM FAMILY TO FAMILY
56 children were able to receive Christmas gifts this year from **100s** of gifts donated

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
920 boxes were brought in-person and **152** boxes were donated online

KIDS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2301 IN ATTENDANCE AT VBS CELEBRATION



*WE HAD **62 DIRECTORS** AND **822 VOLUNTEERS** WHO HELPED **1,462 KIDS** DIVE INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD.*

***127 KIDS** MADE A FIRST TIME COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS.*

KIDS

273 KIDS
& 48 LEADERS
JOINED US FOR EASTER

68 BIBLES
GIVEN TO OUR
THIRD GRADERS

314 ADVENT KITS
GIVEN TO KIDS
& THEIR FAMILIES

STUDENTS

MOST PLAYED SONGS

1
- ABANDONED
- I BELONG TO JESUS
- WHO IS LIKE THE LORD

2
- PRAISE

3
- EGYPT
- NO LONGER SLAVES

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

WORSH

EVENT

TRIPS

STUDENTS

IP

- 288 SPRING KICKOFF | MS & HS
- 288 FALL KICKOFF | MS & HS
- MIDDLE SCHOOL | 102 HIGH SCHOOL | 125 RECORD HIGH ATTENDANCE
- SPRING | 59 FALL | 55 AVG MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE | WEEKLY
- SPRING | 51 FALL | 63 AVG HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE | WEEKLY
- 56 AVG MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE | WEEKLY
- 31 AVG HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE | WEEKLY

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- STUDENTS | 86 VOL. | 33 AT CONFIRMATION | 8TH GRADERS
- STUDENTS | 160 VOL. | 56 AT BEST WKND EVER | MS & HS
- 50 AT THE BIG GAME | HIGH SCHOOL
- 25 AT SENIOR CELEBRATION | 12TH GRADERS
- 14 AT SENIOR COOKOUT | HIGH SCHOOL
- 70 AT 5TH QUARTER | HIGH SCHOOL
- 29 AT FALL FESTIVAL | MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 25 AT FALL FEST | HIGH SCHOOL
- 17 AT SENIOR FRIENDSGIVING | 12TH GRADERS
- 60 AT CHRISTMAS DANCE | HIGH SCHOOL

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- 17 AT MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
- STUDENTS | 102 VOL. | 42 AT CAMP APEX SUMMER CAMP | MS & HS
- 21 4 AT KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP | MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 21 8 AT ATLANTA MISSION TRIP | HIGH SCHOOL
- 16 5 AT ALASKA MISSION TRIP | HIGH SCHOOL

ADULTS

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

425 AT SISTERHOOD | SHARON HODDE MILLER

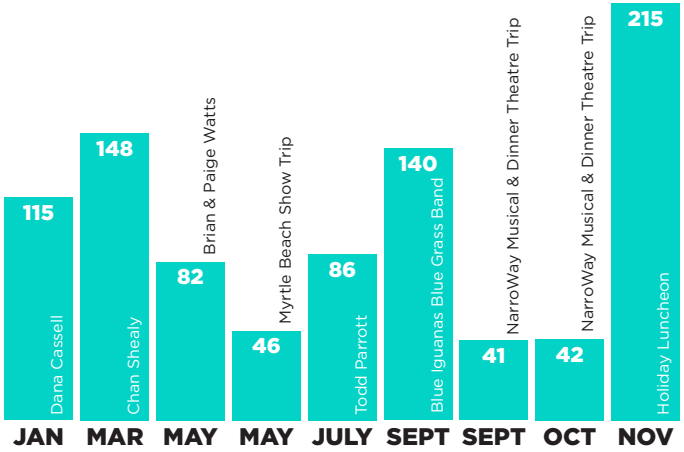
600 AT OYSTER ROAST

750 AT FALL MEN'S EVENT

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT PASTOR'S STUDY **150**

979 ACTIVE MEMBERS

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



SENIOR ADULTS

SPECIAL NEEDS

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

250
HONORED GUESTS

450
VOLUNTEERS

200+
PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

ON CAMPUS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE PROM NIGHT EXPERIENCE

NIGHT TO SHINE

SPECIAL NEEDS

OUTREACH

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

STEPHEN MINISTRY
4 new ministers
21 current ministers
12 care receivers

CARD MINISTRY
38 volunteers regularly writing and sending cards
Over **2000** cards written

TOUCHPOINTS
Over **1500** phone calls made and texts sent
Over **300** on-campus meetings
~25 prayer shawls created
25 baby baskets given to new families

BEREAVEMENT
124 deaths affecting **130** members
19 members passed
18 funerals on-site

BENEVOLENCE
55 individuals helped with various financial difficulties

SUPPORT GROUPS
3 13-week sessions of DivorceCare with **40** people
2 13-week sessions of GriefShare with **41** people
9 people in Caregivers & Dementia group
14 Support Group leaders and facilitators

LAY COMMUNION TEAM
22 volunteers regularly taking Communion to homebound members

LAY VISITATION TEAM
12 volunteers regularly visiting homebound, hospitalized, etc members
Over **500** off-campus visits

OVER 44 LOCAL BASEBALL TEAMS
used the baseball fields for practice

RECREATION

176
PLAYERS IN UPWARD
BASKETBALL & CHEER

MKIDS ACADEMY

70 CHILDREN
IN A JESUS-CENTERED PRESHOOL PROGRAM

OUTREACH

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