



MT. HOREB CHURCH  
**2025**  
ANNUAL REPORT

*“Let all that I am praise the LORD;  
with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.*

*Let all that I am praise the LORD;  
may I never forget the good things he does for me.*

*He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.*

*He redeems me from death and crowns me  
with love and tender mercies.*

*He fills my life with good things.  
My youth is renewed like the eagle’s!”*

**PSALM 103:1-5**



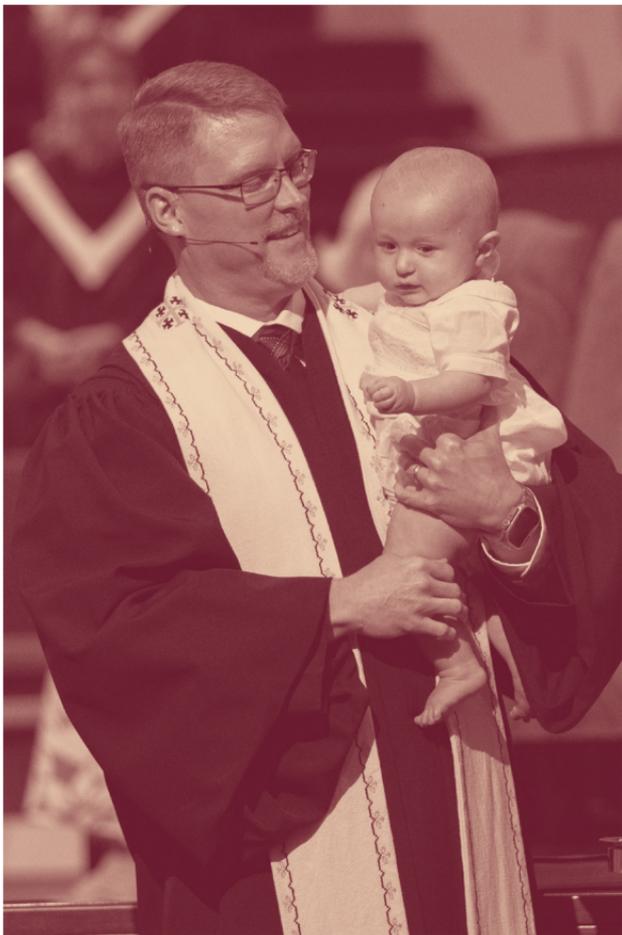
If we don't take time to recognize and name God's blessings in our lives, then it becomes far too easy to take those blessings for granted and fall into a place of ingratitude. That's true in our personal lives, but it is also true in our corporate life together as a church. The psalmist says, "May I (we) never forget the good things He does for me (us)." Or, as the old hymn suggests, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God hath done." If we took the words of that hymn seriously, it would take most of us quite a long time to count all our blessings and express gratitude to God for them one by one. God has been incredibly good to us.

As I look back on 2025, I am so very grateful for my first year as your Senior Pastor at Mt. Horeb. I have seen God at work in our midst and I have felt his grace and love through you, your passionate witness, your incredible hospitality

and your tremendous faithfulness and generosity. You have embodied our mission to make, mature and mobilize disciples who magnify Jesus. Recently, I preached on Jesus' parable of the seed and the sower and I suggested that we are all "seed slingers." Thanks to your faithfulness, seeds are being sown all over Lexington, South Carolina, and the world.

The following Annual Report is a snapshot of some "harvest highlights" of that seed sowing. Let us all join the psalmist in praising the Lord with our whole heart and never forget the good things he does for us. At the same time, let us never forget that God is not finished with us yet. As long as there is one person in the sphere of our influence who has never come to faith in Jesus, one person who doesn't know his grace, one person who doesn't have a church family, then our work is not done. God has even more in store for us! So, 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 sling seeds.

# WORSHIP



**121** BAPTISMS

**56** PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

**260** NEW MEMBERS

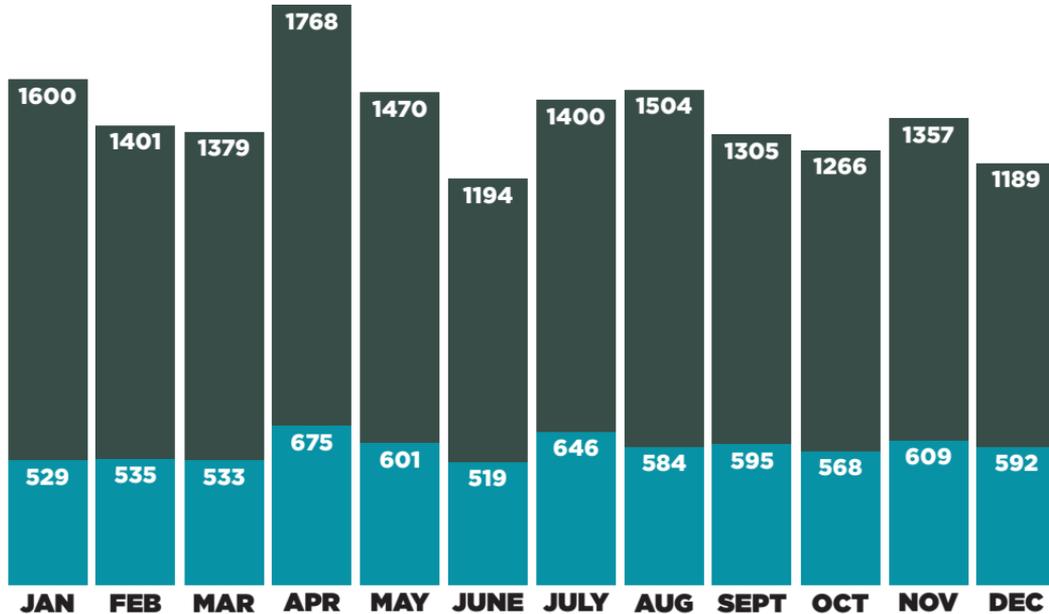


WORSHIP

## 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.*





# TOP 10 LOCATIONS THAT JOINED US IN ONLINE WORSHIP

## CITIES

LEXINGTON, SC  
RALEIGH, NC  
COLUMBIA, SC  
RED BANK, SC  
CHARLOTTE, NC  
IRMO, SC  
GILBERT, SC  
WEST COLUMBIA, SC  
ATLANTA, GA  
OAK GROVE, SC

## STATES

SOUTH CAROLINA  
NORTH CAROLINA  
GEORGIA  
FLORIDA  
VIRGINIA  
NEW YORK  
TENNESSEE  
TEXAS  
MICHIGAN  
CALIFORNIA

## COUNTRIES

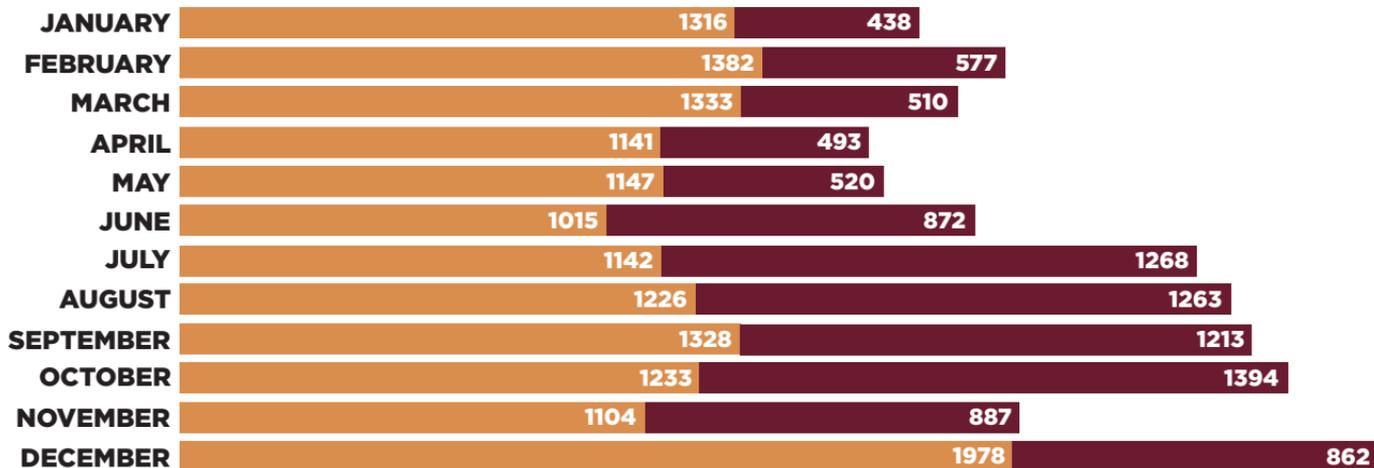
UNITED STATES  
INDIA  
BRAZIL  
ANGOLA  
CANADA  
BAHAMAS  
GERMANY  
SPAIN  
UNITED KINGDOM  
JAMAICA





## MONTHLY VIEWS

Combined Contemporary & Traditional (AVG) Vimeo



WORSHIP

# WORSHIP

## TRADITIONAL



**87** ADULT CHOIR PARTICIPANTS



**12** HANDBELL RINGERS

## **MOST FREQUENT HYMNS**

BECAUSE HE LIVES  
COME INTO HIS PRESENCE  
CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS  
HAVE THINE OWN WAY  
HERE I AM, LORD  
HOLY GROUND  
HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION  
HOW GREAT THOU ART  
IN CHRIST ALONE  
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD  
TO GOD BE THE GLORY



**CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**1304** IN ATTENDANCE



**TRADITIONAL**

**WORSHIP**

# MOST PLAYED SONGS

- 1** IF THE LORD  
YOU'VE ALREADY WON
- 2** FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON'T)  
THANK YOU, LORD
- 3** HOLY FOREVER  
BLESS GOD  
GOOD PLANS/DOXOLOGY  
CENTER





# WORSHIP WORKSHOPS

**64 STUDENTS  
& 29 LEADERS**

IN ATTENDANCE TO LEARN ABOUT  
WORSHIP, PRODUCTION & PASTORAL TEACHING

CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP

# PRODUCTION



**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL HOURS**  
**556 TOTAL**  
**126 VOLUNTEER HOURS**  
**431 STAFF HOURS**



## SERVICES & EVENTS EXECUTED

**373 TOTAL**

**136 IN AUDITORIUM**

**146 IN SANCTUARY**

**78 IN STUDENT ROOM**

**13 LOCATED OFFSITE**



## HYDRATION & FUEL FOR WORSHIP & PRODUCTION

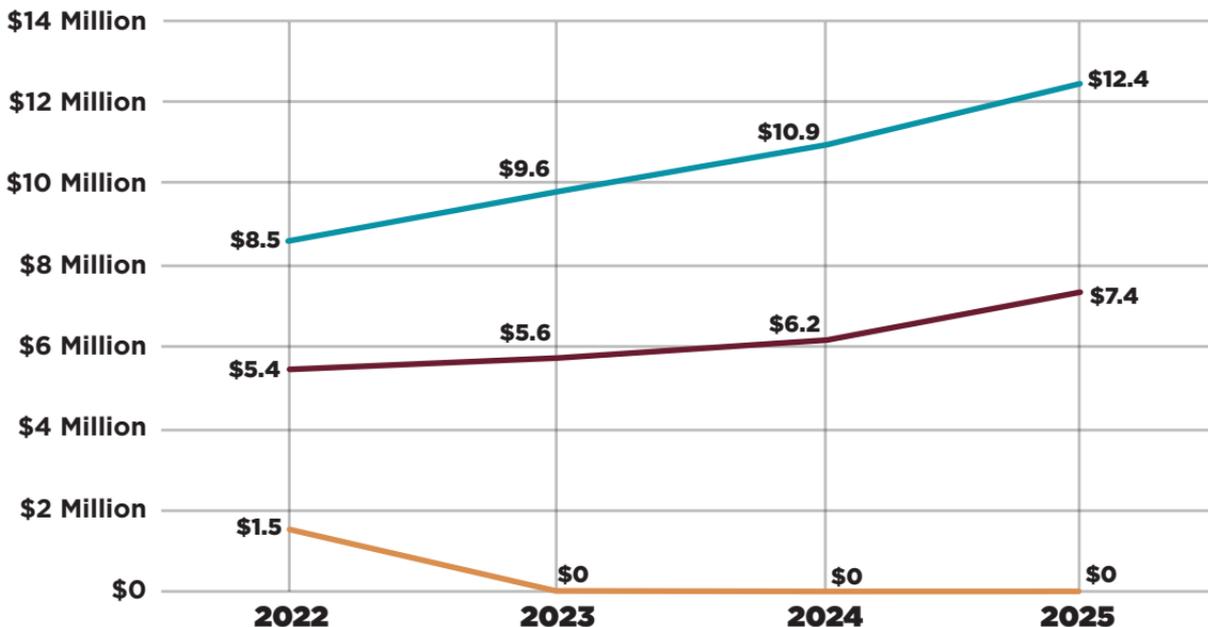
**200 POTS OF COFFEE MADE**

**2176 WATER BOTTLES**

PRODUCTION

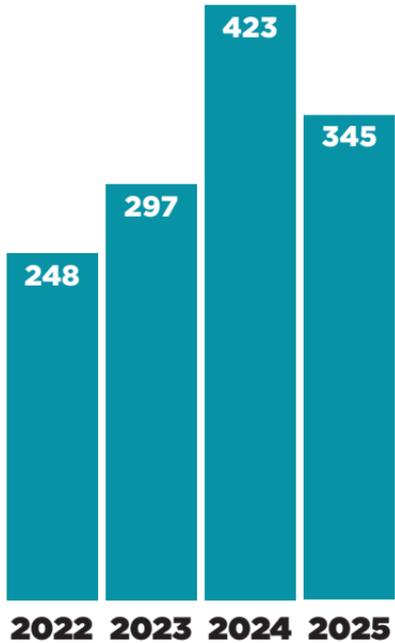
# MAIN BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

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

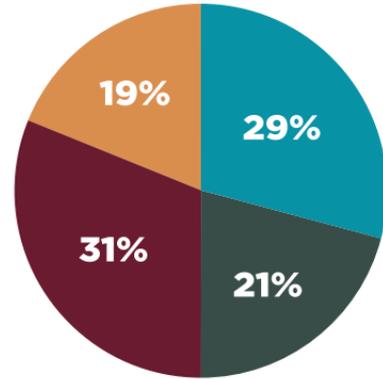


*29% OF EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN IN OFFERING GOES TO MISSIONS*

## FIRST-TIME GIVERS



## OPERATING EXPENSE ALLOCATION



- Missions & Outreach
- Discipleship
- General & Administration
- Worship & Production

## MISSION TRIPS

**102**  
**TOTAL**  
**SERVED ON A**  
**MISSION TRIP**

**22 TRAVELLED TO ALASKA**

**33 TRAVELLED TO NC**

**23 TRAVELLED TO CHARLESTON**

**4 TRAVELLED TO INDIA**

**11 TRAVELLED TO SAMOA**

**3 TRAVELLED TO SENEGAL**

**6 TRAVELLED TO CHICAGO**

*In 2025, your generosity allowed us to partner with **51 ministries, missionaries and organizations locally and globally**, giving away **\$1,007,030** to be used outside the walls of this church.*

*These mission partners are meeting needs locally and globally through:*

**EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP**

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**ADOPTION & UNBORN BABY ADVOCACY**

**ORPHAN EMPOWERMENT**

**ANTI-TRAFFICKING EFFORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**CRISIS RELIEF**

**PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTHCARE**

**LIFE SKILLS & EDUCATION**



*Through these resources, the following locations were reached or supported:*

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

LEXINGTON COUNTY  
COLUMBIA  
GREENVILLE  
CHARLESTON

**UNITED STATES**

ASHEVILLE, NC  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES  
AMERICAN SAMOA

**CENTRAL AMERICA**

HAITI  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**SOUTH AMERICA**

PERU

**EUROPE**

ITALY  
UKRAINE  
TURKEY

**AFRICA**

LIBERIA  
NIGERIA  
SUDAN  
KENYA  
SOUTH AFRICA  
REPUBLIC OF CONGO

**ASIA**

INDIA  
NEPAL  
THAILAND  
INDONESIA  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
RUSSIA  
TURKEY  
KAZAKHSTAN

**OCEANIA**

WESTERN SAMOA



MISSIONS

# MISSIONS

## LOCAL PARTNERS

### **EMMANUWHEEL**

Over **60** volunteers built **15** ramps for mobility-impaired individuals that could not otherwise afford one

### **CONNECTIONS LEXINGTON COMMUNITY**

Over **35** volunteers came alongside 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

### **FOOD DRIVE**

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

### **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

**375** children received supplies

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

**\$6,000** given to Turner AME's Feeding Ministry in West Columbia, SC



## **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

**420** 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

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**\$25,000** was raised for our Backpack Ministry through this event

## **CONCESSIONS OF HOPE**

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

## **THANKSGIVING: FROM FAMILY TO FAMILY**

**70** families received food, recipes and all supplies needed for a full Thanksgiving meal from a Mt. Horeb family

## **CHRISTMAS: FROM FAMILY TO FAMILY**

**65** families were able to receive Christmas gifts this year from approximately **1000** gifts donated

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**1067** boxes were filled



**LOCAL PARTNERS**

**MISSIONS**

# MISSIONS

## GO WEEK

*With the desire to be people shaped by God's mission and to develop His heart for the world, **we created Go Week in 2025.** We mobilized **over 1100 people** to serve our neighbors in Lexington and around the globe through these opportunities:*



We prayed for **14 days**, for **14 mission partners**.

We **crafted** “with intention” to serve the needs of those near and far.

We **visited our shut-ins** and blessed them with a ministry of presence.

We added beauty to our community by **painting over graffiti** in a walking path tunnel in Harbison.

We offered **flu vaccines** for the uninsured, unhoused in Columbia.

We **served meals** to those participating in the Connections ministry. These are women who are working to end poverty for their family as they make changes towards financial self-sufficiency.

We provided **85 duffle bags** filled with essential supplies for children entering foster care.

We packed **50,000 meals** for distribution to areas of the world experiencing famine.

We provided **65 action packs**, filled with essential supplies for those fleeing persecution in Nigeria, Sudan, Iraq and Pakistan.

Volunteers **served in food pantries** distributing food to those experiencing food insecurity in Lexington and Columbia.

Volunteers **served two shelters** by organizing supplies, painting walls, cleaning rooms, building and repairing structures.

Our **children collected, packed and prayed** over bags of pet food to be distributed at the Mission Lexington food pantry.

Our middle schoolers assisted a family in need with **yard clean up**.

A team **built and installed a wheelchair ramp** for a family experiencing mobility impairment.

We **fed hot meals to over 100 individuals** experiencing homelessness and domestic violence.

We blessed our schoolteachers and school staff and administrators with snacks and an encouraging word. **19 schools** received snack buckets from members of our **Snack Brigade**.

A team of 6 served for 4 days in **Spruce Pine, NC** assisting folks affected by poverty and **Hurricane Helene**.

Our **Handyman Ministry** assisted several families in our local community who needed assistance with exterior painting, yard and trash clean up and staining of new beds to be delivered to families in need.

We hosted a **block party** for our neighbors living at Park North apartments. We ate together, played together and planted pots of pansies to beautify the neighborhood and bring a sense of pride and ownership for the residents.

We learned how **to love our neighbor** even when we disagree with them through a learning opportunity with our partner from New Life Centers.

We took a **virtual mission trip to Kenya** to meet the orphans that we sponsor through ZOE Empowers.

We learned how to identify and prevent trafficking in our families and community through a session with **Lighthouse 4 Life**.

We learned about the work of **Persecution Project Foundation** and their efforts to provide for basic needs for the persecuted in Sudan.

GO WEEK

MISSIONS

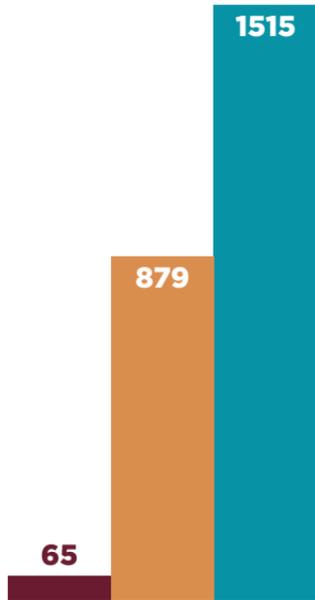


49

98

**49 THIRD GRADERS** RECEIVED BIBLES WITH **98 TOTAL** IN CELEBRATION WITH THEIR FAMILIES.





WE HAD **65 DIRECTORS** AND **879 ADULT & STUDENT VOLUNTEERS** WHO HELPED **1,515 KIDS & ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS** TRUST JESUS IN A WILD WORLD.

**79 3RD, 4TH & 5TH GRADERS** MADE A FIRST TIME COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS. **304 3RD, 4TH & 5TH GRADERS** RENEWED THEIR COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**2373** IN ATTENDANCE FOR VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY

KIDS

# MOST PLAYED SONGS

**1** SURROUNDED (FIGHT MY BATTLES)  
LET OUR FAITH BECOME A MOUNTAIN  
MY HALLELUJAH

**2** CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

**3** PRAISE  
FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON'T)  
SON OF SUFFERING



## WORSHIP

172 SPRING KICKOFF | MS & HS

325 FALL KICKOFF | MS & HS

58 AVG MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE | WEEKLY

57 AVG HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE | WEEKLY

55 AVG MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE | WEEKLY

31 AVG HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE | WEEKLY

## EVENTS

STUDENTS | 84 VOL. | 20 AT CONFIRMATION | 8TH GRADERS

STUDENTS | 144 VOL. | 29 AT BEST WKND EVER | MS & HS

30 AT CAROWINDS | MIDDLE SCHOOL

31 AT SENIOR CELEBRATION | 12TH GRADERS

10 AT FRESHMAN FUN DAY | RISING 9TH GRADERS

54 AT LASER TAG | RISING 6TH GRADERS

18 AT FALL FESTIVAL | MIDDLE SCHOOL

45 AT BIG AIR | MIDDLE SCHOOL

19 AT LAKE DAY | MIDDLE SCHOOL

23 AT LABOR DAY BOWLING | HIGH SCHOOL

15 AT SENIOR FRIENDSGIVING | 12TH GRADERS

45 AT CHRISTMAS DANCE | HIGH SCHOOL

## MISSIONS

18 AT SERVE DAY | MIDDLE SCHOOL

13 AT SERVE DAY | HIGH SCHOOL

16 AT CHARLESTON TRIP | MIDDLE SCHOOL

12 AT NORTH CAROLINA TRIP | HIGH SCHOOL

17 AT ALASKA TRIP | HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENTS

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

500+ ADULTS IN NEW & EXISTING SMALL GROUPS

650 AT OYSTER ROAST

32 AT MEN'S RESET RETREAT WEEKEND

129 AT SISTERHOOD RESET

700+ AT FAMILY FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW

450 AT SISTERHOOD | KATHERINE WOLF

545 AT FALL MEN'S EVENT



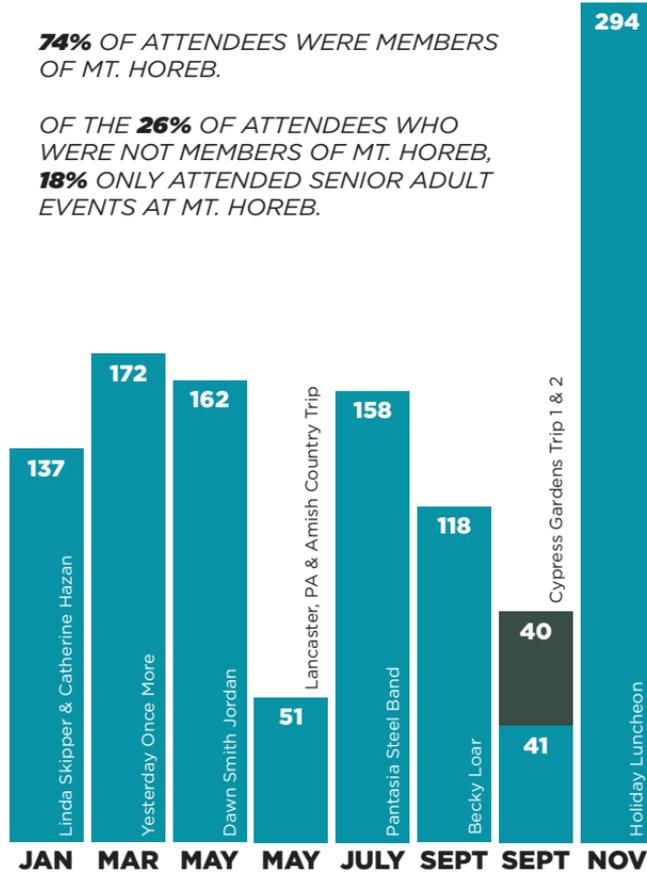
**35,609 MINUTES**  
OF STUDIES VIEWED ON RIGHTNOW MEDIA



## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**74%** OF ATTENDEES WERE MEMBERS OF MT. HOREB.

OF THE **26%** OF ATTENDEES WHO WERE NOT MEMBERS OF MT. HOREB, **18%** ONLY ATTENDED SENIOR ADULT EVENTS AT MT. HOREB.



# SENIOR ADULTS

**SPECIAL NEEDS**



**NIGHT TO SHINE**



**250**

HONORED GUESTS

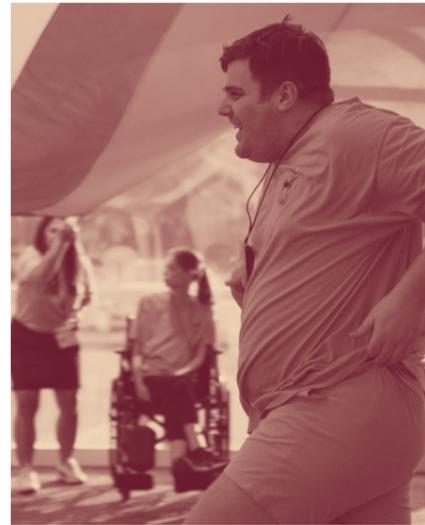
**450**

VOLUNTEERS

**200+**

PARENTS AND  
CAREGIVERS

ON CAMPUS FOR AN  
UNFORGETTABLE  
PROM NIGHT  
EXPERIENCE



## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

75	30	BASKETBALL   PLAYERS   COACHES
50	15	SPRING PARTY   PARTICIPANTS   VOLUNTEERS
25	25	C.A.S.T. FOR KIDS   PARTICIPANTS   BOAT CAPTAINS
21	6	JOY CHOIR   PARTICIPANTS   VOLUNTEERS
	100	SPECIAL NEEDS VBS   PARTICIPANTS
	124	CHURCH AT THE ZOO   FAMILIES
50	12	FALL COOKOUT   PARTICIPANTS   VOLUNTEERS
	110	CHRISTMAS PARTY   FAMILIES

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

**13** current ministers  
**7** care receivers

## CARD MINISTRY

**36** volunteers regularly writing and sending cards  
Over **2000** cards written

## BENEVOLENCE

**42** individuals helped with various financial difficulties

## BEREAVEMENT

**136** deaths affecting **149** members  
**34** members passed  
**24** funerals on-site  
**10** funerals off-site

## LAY COMMUNION TEAM

**13** volunteers regularly taking Communion to homebound members

## TOUCHPOINTS

Over **1000** phone calls, emails and texts sent  
Over **300** on-campus meetings  
~**50** prayer shawls given  
~**30** baby baskets given to new families

## CARE CLASSES & GROUPS

**3** 13-week sessions of DivorceCare® with **49** people  
**2** 13-week sessions of GriefShare® with **59** people  
**25** people in Final Blessings  
**18** Care Group leaders and facilitators  
**9** people in Caregivers & Dementia group  
**14** people in Families of Grace group  
**12** people in Redbirds, Roses & Conversations group



## LAY VISITATION TEAM

**37** volunteers regularly visiting homebound, hospitalized, etc members  
**134** hospital visits & **111** shut-in visits



## **MKIDS ACADEMY**

# **61 CHILDREN**

IN A JESUS-CENTERED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



## **UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEER**

**144 PLAYERS  
46 VOLUNTEERS**



## **RECREATION**

**OVER 54 LOCAL COMMUNITY TEAMS  
USED THE BASEBALL FIELDS FOR PRACTICE**

# **OUTREACH**



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