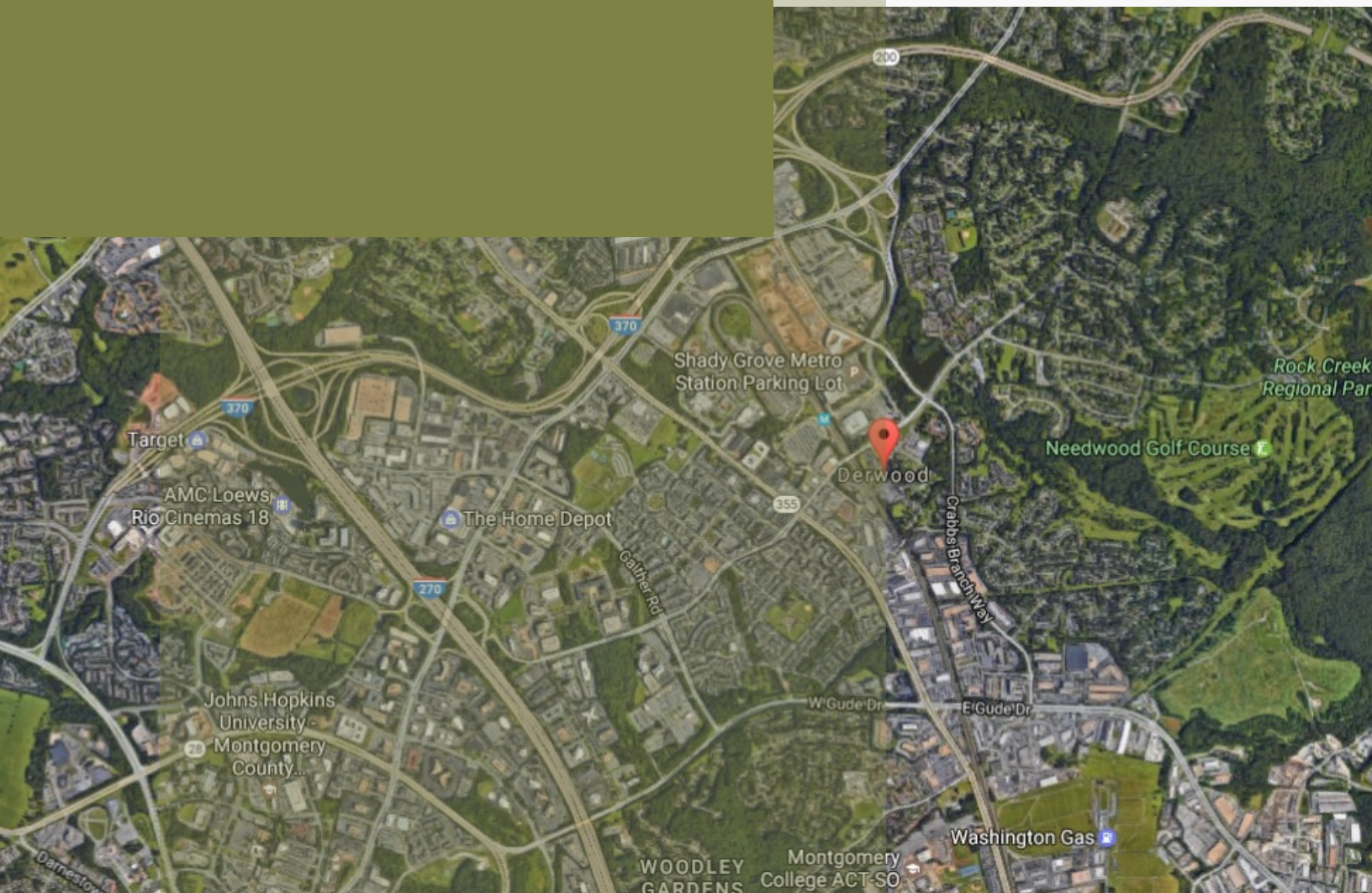


DERWOOD ALLIANCE CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

2016





“But forget all that - it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:18-19 NLT)

What a year 2016 has been! I entered this year excited about how God has and continues to work in Derwood Alliance Church and beyond. I have not been disappointed. One of my main prayers at the beginning of the year was for God to clarify his mission for us and that we will be unified around this mission. As we have prayed and discussed in community about where God is taking us, we have seen our mission boiled down to three words: transform, empower, and launch. Our desire is to see people transformed by Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit and launched on mission. With the clarification of our mission, we can now begin to work towards seeing this actually happen.

In any church, there are three main areas that we prioritize as we work towards our mission; people, ministries, and our building. We want to make people our priority, have ministries, and a building to serve our people; not the other way around. With that in mind, we have seen God transforming people’s lives over this past year. We have seen people baptized, empowered to be like Jesus and launched on mission. We have seen current leaders and volunteers serve faithfully and new leaders and volunteers empowered to take on new positions in Explorers Children’s Ministry, Vision Youth Ministry, Missions Team, Small Groups, Connections Team, Worship Team, Building and Grounds, and more.

We have seen great improvements to our building both inside and out, with the mindset of putting our best foot forward to our community. Within this last month, we just finished re-facing the building and relighting the cross. Maybe, to you this is not significant, but to me, I believe we are telling our community that we are here to show the light of Christ and see people transformed by Jesus.

Have there been challenges over the last year? Yes! Will we face challenges this year? Yes! Will God make a way through the wilderness? Yes! As we enter 2017 and reflect on 2016, take time to thank God for all he has done and continues to do. As we look to the future, please pray that God will use you alongside Derwood Alliance Church to see people transformed, empowered, and launched from our neighborhoods to the nations.

Pastor Mark

PEOPLE

BAPTISMS

Four individuals publicly professed their faith through baptism this past year. We had two great Sunday Gatherings as we celebrated with Alena Brown, Clint Musser, and Melissa Musser on June 19 and Brenda Zavaleta on September 18.

CHILD DEDICATIONS

Kyle and Chinh Ott dedicated their first born, James, to the Lord on July 31st.

Two more families had their children dedicated on October 30th. Clint & Melissa Musser dedicated both their children, Naomi and Cole, and Alison and Tyrone Barnes dedicated their daughter, Eveyln.

MEMBERSHIP

After participating in the Intro to DAC gatherings this year, six individuals became official members. Certificates were presented to Andrew and Miriam Black, Linnea Allen, Katie Boss, and Mark and Melanie Neely.





STAFF

In June, the staff took a two-day retreat to Virginia to get to know each other more, pray with one another, and seek God's guidance for the future. It was a great time away and gave the staff an opportunity to ask God how he wants to transform, empower, and launch them and the church onto mission.

In August, the staff attended Willow Creek's Global Leadership Summit. One of the speakers was Chris McChesney, an author of "The 4 Disciplines of Execution."

The staff decided to read and discuss the contents of this book to look at how the concepts could be used in the church.

Another initiative the staff took on this past year was a new church software program, Elvanto, which was implemented to better manage volunteers, groups and more.

ELDERS

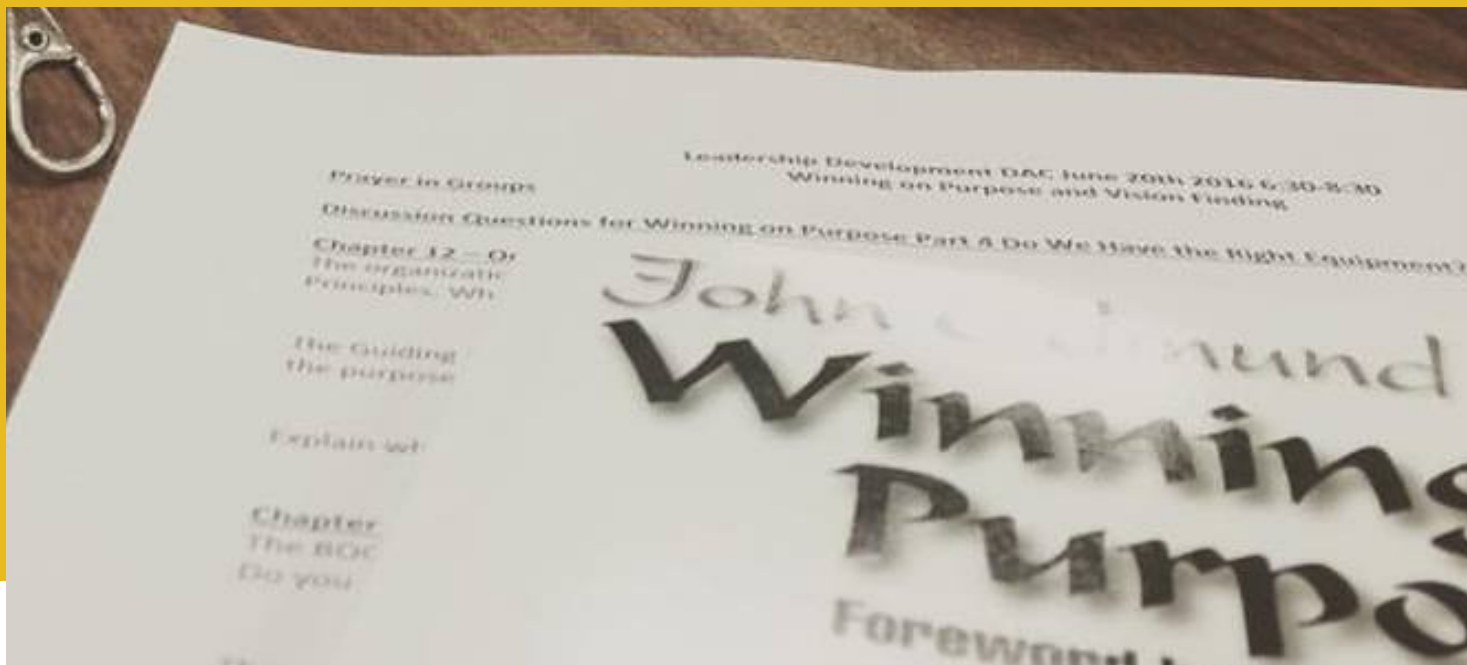
Each month, the elders meet for a time of prayer, discussion, and to brainstorm how to provide care for the people of DAC. The elders also lead a time of congregational prayer each month directly after the Sunday gathering.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

The Board of Governance met quarterly to talk about connecting with our community, review the boundary principles, monitor performance.

In March, the BOG welcomed Sarah Luse as the newest board member.

In April, the BOG met with the District Superintendent, Doug Conley, for a strategic analysis of the church. It was a good time to talk about strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that DAC faces as a church. Doug was very happy where we are at as a church.

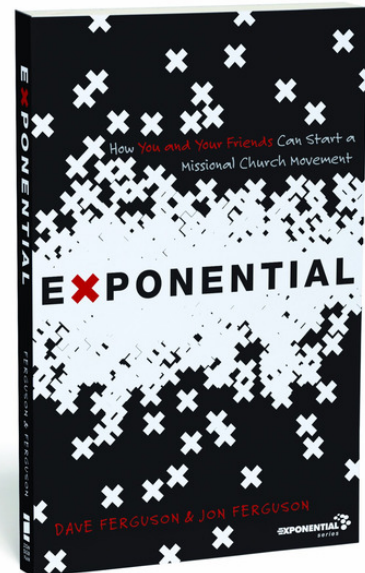


LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Staff, Elders, and Board met once a month throughout the year to talk about ultimate goals for the church and what it looks like for the church to prioritize and reach those goals.

In the spring, this group of 11 read and discussed the book, "Winning on Purpose," by John E. Kaiser and Thomas G. Bandy.

In the fall, the staff, elders, board, and about 20 current and potential leaders read, "Exponential: How You and Your Friends Can Start a Missional Church Movement." This larger group broke up into small groups for more in depth conversations. The overall takeaway from this book was the idea of an apprenticeship model to develop future leaders and ideas of how we can multiply.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

We believe that the Church has a mandate to care for the materially poor. At DAC, we take this seriously which is why we love to support and partner with Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.

Throughout the year, DAC bagged breakfasts once a month for the men's shelter on Gude Drive, helped move a mom of four into permanent housing, organize a wedding reception for James and Meagan, collect school items, and holiday gifts.

DAC partnered with MCCH in other great ways through 2016.

In April, Pastor Mark and Nami, Jen Ashby, and Mark and Melanie Neely attended the 2016 Gala along with 400 other individuals from our community. It was a night of celebrating the end to Veteran homelessness in Montgomery County, as well as a great night of raising more than \$209,000 for this great organization!

In May, Jen Ashby and Sarah Luse attended the HOME Conference. The conference provided training in best practices for serving people experiencing homelessness, and offered a lot of insight and connections.

In June, we hosted our second Community Walk where \$2318 was raised. Prior to our walk, we had the great privilege of hearing from Anthony, a current resident of the Home Builders Care Assessment Center, located on Gude Drive.

In September, MCCH came to DAC! We were able to share our facilities with MCCH for their staff retreat. Around 100 people attended and we heard back they had a great time!

In the fall, a small group volunteered their time to help clear and organize a shed at the shelter.





FAMILY FUN

In 2016, DAC hosted a handful of family fun events!

This year's Spring Carnival hit new records! 1350 fliers distributed, over 200 children present, estimated around 600 total people present, 104 families got pics with the Easter bunny, 340 plus people entered for door prizes, 42 door prizes given away, 40 plus DAC volunteers, and over 80 new email contacts! It was a beautiful day and many families in our community came out and had a great time. Many thanks to Ray Boss, Melanie Neely, Jen Ashby, and all of our 40 plus volunteers that made this day a success!

In August, many families enjoyed a movie night! Popcorn was popped and a great Pixar movie was shown!

2016 also included the first Fall Festival! Despite the weather, it was a fun time. The decision to move inside was great; children and parents had loads of fun playing in the bounce house, petting the animals in the petting zoo, playing games, and eating treats! A big thank you to Jen Ashby and Melanie Neely for coordinating this event, to all the volunteers that invested so much, and to the people in our church and community for showing up.

MINISTRIES

SMALL GROUPS

2016 held two small group semesters. In the spring, five groups with a total of 42 individuals met weekly for 10 weeks to study a variety of topics

In the fall, 49 individuals made up the four groups that met to discuss the Sunday gathering series, "DAC DNA" and then a study by Bill Hybels, "Simplify: Ten Practices to Unclutter your Soul."



EXPLORERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Explorers experienced many changes, updates, and upgrades in 2016.

Throughout the month of February, the library was transformed into another Explorer's classroom thanks to the help of Jen Ashby, Laura Hessler, and many more! The addition of another age group has helped enable our team to provide more age-appropriate teaching, get to know students better in a smaller setting, and continue to allow the ministry to grow. 2016 saw an average of 22 Explorers each week.



In May, DAC hosted #PRIME children's ministry training with speaker, Melissa MacDonald, CWM, the National Children's Disciplemaking Specialist for the Christian and Missionary Alliance. About 80 people representing 15 churches were present.

Also in May, Explorers revealed its new logo, featuring our three lovable mascots: Captain Goggles, Rexy, and Stormy!

In October, it was a delight to announce Miriam Black as Children's Ministry Director! Miriam has brought a phenomenal combination of spiritual gifts, natural abilities, and Kingdom passion to the table. She has done a wonderful job transitioning into this role.



VISION YOUTH

On a given Wednesday evening, 10-20 middle school and high school students gathered together for Vision Youth. In addition to Wednesday night gatherings and studying God's word, Vision Youth and done a bit of traveling.

In the spring, the students and leaders had the opportunity to hear from the president of the C&MA, John Stumbo at the District Youth Retreat in Goshen, VA. In the fall, three students and two leaders attended a follow up retreat to DYR called the Spiritual Growth Weekend.

Through a handful of fundraising events and your generosity, eight students and four leaders made it to the LIFE 2016 conference in Kansas City! It was a great week of being with 5,000+ students from around the world learning, growing, and

having fun together. A highlight for many in our

group was the small group time where takeaways from sessions and seminars attended earlier in the day were shared.

More recently, Vision Youth welcomed Kyle Ott as a new youth leader! It's been great having him join the team.



"Doing life. Doing good."

LIFETREE CAFÉ

November hosted the last two Lifetree Cafe episodes for the foreseeable future. On November 30, the four and half year run, approximately 105 episodes, and countless guests, new friends, team members, and memorable conversations were celebrated.

We thank God for the ways that He used Lifetree in the spiritual lives of people including ourselves, and pray for the people we've come to care about and their spiritual journeys.

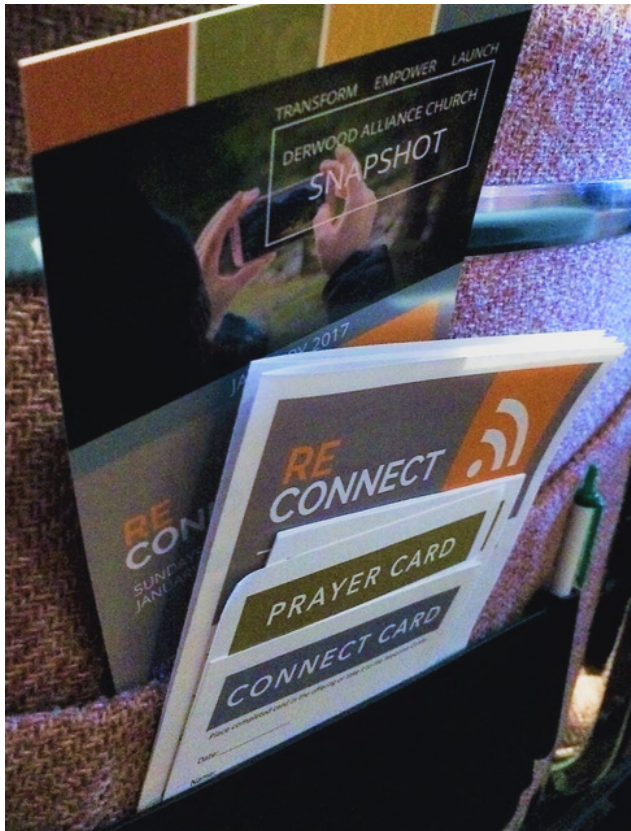
VISION 

MISSIONS

In 2016, the Missions team began to meet monthly to pray and discuss how God is leading us beyond the church walls.

February held our annual Missions Emphasis week. We had the privilege of hosting Krista Ellenberger, a Christian and Missionary Alliance Global Partner. From the Sunday Gathering, International Dinner, Field Reports, Go Party, Irish Feis, Children's events and more, we were reminded that God is on mission and is calling us to be part of it!

In November, during the Presidential election, a handful of individuals provided and shared delicious treats for our neighbors as they came through the doors to cast their vote. Thank you to everyone that helped!



CONNECTIONS

Our Connections Team consists of our greeters, ushers, and coffee servers. In 2016, DAC hired consultant, Jeremy Malick, and introduced Wendy Geraci as Connections Team Leader. Both individuals did great work to redevelop this key ministry. We're grateful for the growth in Connections and we look to God to further grow this team.



WORSHIP

We are excited to facilitate worship at DAC and bring people before God in a way that is transformative. In addition, the A/V team allows people to worship God by providing a quality and distraction free environment for worship.

In the Spring, the Worship and A/V team made a lot of great upgrades: in-ear monitors were purchased, back stage speakers were removed, and the sound room was organized.

In July, we had the privilege of announcing Matthew Sutton as the new lead for the A/V Team.

Katie Boss, Matthew Sutton, and the rest of the band and A/V crew have done a phenomenal job this past year and we look forward to where God takes this team.



PRAYER

Throughout the year, DAC has held and participated in various prayer gatherings both as a individual church body, with our Mid-Atlantic District church family, and the world through Together DC. We have prayed for our church, community, nation, world, and we are looking to build this ministry stronger in 2017.



IF: GATHERING FOR WOMEN

On November 5th, 20 DAC ladies and our friends spent the day together at our very own IF: Gathering. We worshipped, laughed, received teaching via video from Jo Saxton and Ann Voscamp, ate great food, and shared communion. We were challenged especially to think about who we are training to follow Jesus.



MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

In February, we had the café full of couples who attended the one-day Art of Marriage conference hosted at DAC.

WACMM MEN'S EVENT

November also held a one-day retreat for men. A couple DAC men attended a men's conference in Virginia. It was a great time of worship and learning with many others from around the DMV.





BUILDING

FACILITY USAGE

Living Waters Church, Evangelical Missionary Church, and Grace Community Church have all continued to use DAC throughout the year.

Over the summer, DAC partnered with Kids Adventures, an organization that offers a summer program, preschool, and before and after school programs around our county.

DAC continues to open its doors to Alcoholics Anonymous for their Monday and Friday gatherings along with other various facility requests such as health screenings, elections, funerals, weddings, and more.



B&G REPAIRS

In 2016 was a busy year for the church building. In February, Mark Neely agreed to take on the role of B&G Team Leader. We're grateful for his ability to tackle big tasks!

In March, a great group of individuals came out to plant sod where the trailer used to be as well as other beautification tasks around the building.

In addition to a church work day, new parking lot signs were installed and trees were trimmed over the summer.

The next big project came in the fall to improve our drainage system. It was a full day of digging, dirt and teamwork.

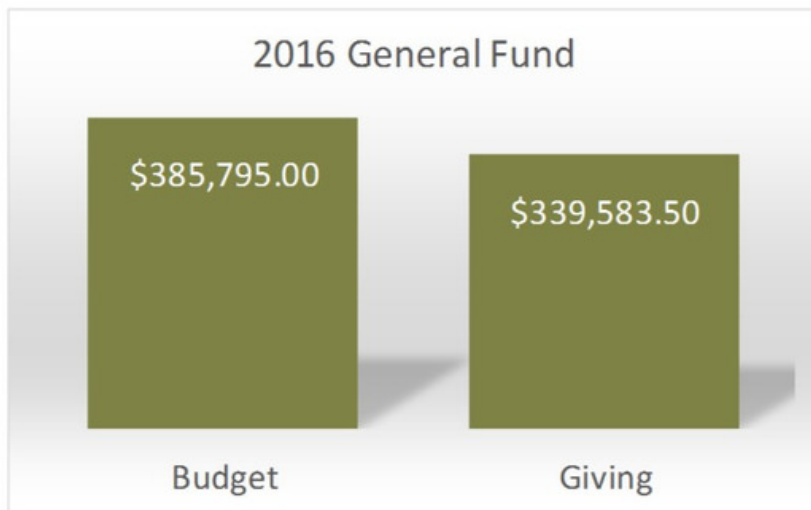
And while it may have taken longer than expected, the refacing of our building began right before Christmas. This included taking down the cross to be refurbished.

We continue to seek God on how to best utilize this building for his purposes.

STATISTICS

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Members Total	152	107	110	100	100	90	72	61	58	63	67	54	56
Morning Attendance	186	180	189	174	161	147	149	115	92	93	87	98	109
Conversions Child	1	1	6	4	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Conversion Youth	3	3	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Conversion Adult	12	4	6	2	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Conversion Total	16	8	15	6	3	1	4	2	2	3	1	0	1
Baptisms	12	6	8	8	0	0	8	4	2	2	3	2	4

FINANCIAL



Missions Fund: \$46,607.93

Reserve Funds: about \$300,000.00