

Our Georgetown  
church family's  
year in review

**MISSION REPORT 2019:**  
*Becoming More  
Like Jesus*

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# BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS: 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

*“By the end of 2019, we will be a thriving, active family that others want to join through **becoming more like Jesus** in how we **grow, involve, encourage, and invest.**”*

This goal guided our work as the Georgetown church of Christ throughout the past year and by God’s grace, it is clearly happening. We are becoming more like Jesus as individual disciples and together as members of His body.

*“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”*  
- Ephesians 4:15-16

## Growing

Through heartfelt prayer and application of God’s word as we “speak the truth in love”, we have sought to “grow up in every way” into Christ (Ephesians 4:15). We steadfastly believe that if we work to grow spiritually then numerical growth will follow: praise God who is giving the increase! As our lives are being transformed, we are serving as witnesses of Christ’s resurrection, and God as our fellow worker has given us **17 baptisms, 15-24% growth in our worship attendance, and 19-36% growth in our Bible study attendance.** You can read more about our efforts to **grow** on pages 5-10.

## Involving

The church grows when “joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly” (Ephesians 4:16). Introvert and extrovert, younger and older, male and female: we all have something to offer as members of Christ’s body! When we started the year, **around 40% of our members had an active role** serving in the church. In 2019, we **surpassed our goal of increasing to 60% involvement** through: recruiting, training, and encouraging worship leaders and teachers; creating a dedicated team that privately prays over our weekly requests; and, engaging the congregation in a variety of service projects to shine God’s light in our community. You can read more about our efforts to **involve** on pages 11-12.

## Encouraging

A growing church is one where “the body builds itself up in love” by encouraging others just like Jesus did (Ephesians 4:16). In 2019, we set out to purposefully encourage every member of our church family every month through making a visit or sending a card, call, or text message. While we **fell short**

of our **100% goal**, our consistent performance of **personally encouraging over 90% of our growing number of members almost every month** played a critical role in our spiritual growth. Combined with our activities to grow closer to God and each other through our various ministries and fellowships, our church family is one where members and visitors alike experience God's amazing love when we are together! You can read more about our efforts to **encourage** on pages 13-14.

## Investing

Jesus teaches us that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). So, we have been diligent to use the money, talents, and time God has entrusted to us on what matters most to Him! As a church family, we proved to be cheerful and generous givers by **contributing an average of \$4,231 per week**. We also exercised careful stewardship of these resources, managing expenses so that we have **saved over 10%** for future growth. This was achieved while actively pursuing kingdom work, including: a mission trip and fundraising for the Millennium English Medium School in Andhra Pradesh, India; serving needs within our community; and completing needed maintenance on our building and grounds. You can read more about our efforts to **invest** on pages 15-16.

## Looking Ahead

The work of becoming more like Jesus won't be finished until He returns. As we become more like Him, we want to see the world the way He does. In 2020, we want to **SEE THE POTENTIAL** by: bringing people in our lives and around the world to see Jesus; rejoicing that Jesus made us a part of His church in Georgetown; and working together to develop each other's gifts through involvement and mentorship. With ideas supplied by our members and plans developed by our servant leaders to guide us through 2020, we can't wait to see where the Spirit leads us next as we glorify God together and proclaim the good news about His Son, Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

**John Harrison**

**Lance Justice**

**Jay McClary**

**Larry Sheehan**

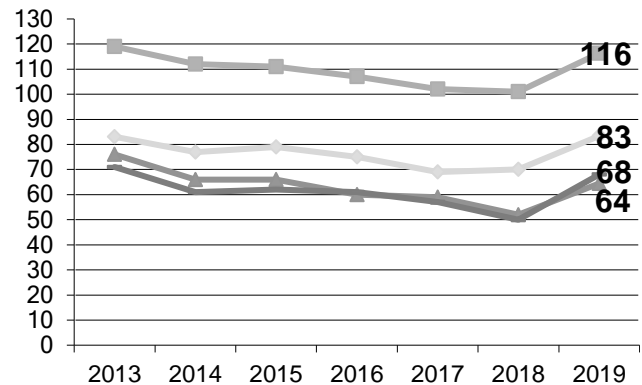
*Elders of the Georgetown church of Christ*

# GROWING

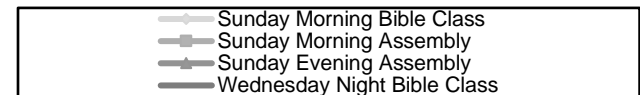
Through heartfelt prayer and application of God's word as we "speak the truth in love", we have sought to "grow up in every way" into Christ (Ephesians 4:15). We steadfastly believe that if we work to grow spiritually then numerical growth will follow: praise God who is giving the increase!

## Stirring Up One Another to Love and Good Works

As we set out to become more like Jesus and lead others to Him, we saw exciting increases in attendance at every one of our regular services. From 2018 to 2019, our Sunday Bible study grew by 19%, our Sunday morning worship grew by 15%, our Sunday evening worship grew by 24%, and our Wednesday evening Bible study grew by 36%!



Recognizing the challenge posed to families with school-age children of a 7 p.m. Bible study, our church family lovingly agreed to move our Wednesday evening start time to 6:30 p.m. We also developed strong quarterly classes (including a new adult study in the Fellowship Hall), launched a monthly "Kids Night" devotional, and involved a large group of our brothers in giving the weekly devotional. Together, God worked through these efforts to grow our Wednesday service into a high-energy, encouraging mid-point to the week that you don't want to miss!



2019 also saw our **highest attended worship service** in our congregation's history when **145** of us worshipped in spirit and truth on Easter Sunday April 21.

## Welcome to the Family

In 2019, we welcomed 17 new members into God's family as they put on Christ in baptism. People of all ages, races, and backgrounds have been obeying the good news about Jesus and being forgiven of their sins, receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, and being added to Christ's body, the church.

- **Jamey Ethridge** - January 2019
- **Jacob Dennis** - February 2019
- **Hailey Mercer** - February 2019
- **Gracin Farwell** - April 2019
- **Grace Dennis** - May 2019
- **Vicki Keller** - June 2019

*"We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."*

- *Romans 6:4*

- **Brent McClary** - July 2019
- **Tyler Bardon** - July 2019
- **Jacob Bardon** - July 2019
- **DaNi Fulmore** - July 2019
- **Jeff Miller** - August 2019
- **Mary Ann Miller** - August 2019
- **Julie Dickerson** - September 2019
- **Luis Chastain** - October 2019
- **Amity Chastain** - October 2019
- **Logan Mercer** - November 2019
- **Kayvin Memminger** - November 2019

This year, we also welcomed **Gary & Sharon McIntyre** and **Jesse & Heather McClary** into our family as they relocated to our area.

### Best Day Ever

On Sunday July 21, God blessed us with the best day ever when four of our middle schoolers decided throughout the day to put Christ on in baptism. **Brent McClary** got things started, responding to the good news about Jesus after the morning worship service. This got his cousins, **Tyler and Jacob Bardon**, thinking through the afternoon, resulting in their baptisms after the evening worship service. Later that night, **DaNi Fulmore** also put on Christ.

The entire, joy-filled day shows clearly how God works through our efforts to plant and water to give the increase. A great deal of teaching, role-modeling, and encouragement had taken place through the efforts of many of their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, Bible class teachers, preachers, and more.



We want to equip these students to grow in their faith while directly addressing the temptations and doubts specific to their age group. Through the leadership of **Jared Bardon**, our Deacon for education, we accomplished our 2019 goal of developing and launching an outstanding two-year Bible class curriculum for our middle school students. These classes began in September using a combination of the *Explorer Series* by Apologetics Press and internally developed material. With the baptisms of our

entire middle school class (including **Gracin Farwell** earlier in the year) and the recruitment of passionate teachers for this new curriculum, the future of our church family is very bright.

## Finding a Home

2019 was shaping up to be the worst year of their lives for **Jeff and Mary Ann Miller**. Jeff had broken his foot days before starting a new job after relocating to the area. Through one setback after another, this honest, hardworking couple became homeless, a situation made exponentially worse when many of their belongings were stolen, including their identification.

Then in July, God brought them near **James “Brick” Shubrick**. Brick introduced them to our church family, affording us the opportunity to love them through providing a safe place to stay along with lots of love and encouragement. After participating in several Bible studies and worship services, Jeff and Mary Ann decided to put on Christ in baptism in August.

Since that time, Jeff has started working full-time as an electrician, an opportunity supported by our church family through networking and rides to his job. Their identification documents have been replaced, Mary Ann continues to work various temporary jobs until she finds a full-time opportunity, and they will soon be settled in permanent housing. All the while, they’re growing as active members of God’s family, volunteering at activities like our Open Market, voraciously studying the Bible, and actively sharing their faith.

Looking back, Jeff recalls: “I have always worked. If you had told me ten years ago that we would end up where we were, I would have said you were crazy. Now, I wouldn’t go back and change it for anything. Our lives have completely changed since being baptized, and we love our church so much. God is awesome.”

## You will be My Witnesses

One of our greatest joys in 2019 has been seeing firsthand how God gives the increase when we will just plant and water. Again and again, God has shown us His ability to work through the smallest acts of kindness, and every member of our family has a part to play. Through our faithful witness that Jesus is the Christ and our lives of gentleness and respect, people are being reached with the gospel.

Closer to God	Closer to Each Other
Join a <b>Neighborhood Bible Study</b>	
1st Monday @ 6:00 PM: Bojangles 1305 N. Fraser St. Georgetown	
3rd Monday @ 6:30 PM: McDonald's 307 N. Fraser St. Georgetown	
3rd Saturday @ 9:30 AM: Chick-fil-A 4400 U.S. 17, Murrell's Inlet	
4th Thursday @ 6:00 PM: Hardee's 301 S. Main St. Hemmingway	
Invite Friends	Share Faith

Every week, a small group from our family meets in a public place for a **Neighborhood Bible Study** with our minister, **Dan Hager**. Occurring at various times and locations throughout our community, we ask our neighbors at these places for prayer requests, invite them to worship and study with us, and then sit down for a simple, practical study of a New Testament book. As we shine

God's light in our community, we are also growing closer to one another and in our faith through the leadership of **Jacob Dennis, Lance Justice, Jeremy Lee, John Schwindt, and Brick Shubrick** in these studies. Through the efforts of **Malcolm Pope**, we also now conduct a small worship service in the Palmetto Wing of the **Prince George Nursing Home** every Sunday afternoon for members and friends residing there.

**Nick McClary**, our Deacon for Youth, **Debbie Justice**, and **Nia Valentin** did an exceptional job leading a large group of dedicated volunteers in holding an outstanding **Vacation Bible School** on Saturday July 27. The families of **45 children** from our congregation and community were blessed as we took "A Ticket to Adventure" to Philippi, showing God's incredible work in Acts 16 through songs, skits, classes, crafts, and a fellowship meal.

Then during **Trick-or-Treat**, we reached the families of another **200 children** as we made the most of our church building's Kensington location to pass out candy, small flashlights with I John 4:19 imprinted on them, and invitations to our worship services and Bible studies.



### Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord

Our elders, deacons, and minister worked closely in 2019 to develop sermons, Bible studies, and activities that equipped our members individually and as a body to become more like Jesus. **Sermon series** preached in 2019 (available at [georgetownchurchofchrist.com/podcasts-sermons](http://georgetownchurchofchrist.com/podcasts-sermons)) included:

- *Becoming More Like Jesus*: growing, involving, encouraging, and investing in 2019.
- *In the Beginning*: the reliability of the biblical account of our origins (including DINOSAURS!) and its implications for how we live.
- *The Heart of Worship*: the nature of worship that pleases God and our attitudes as we offer it.
- *Love Never Ends*: how to show Christ-like love in our relationships.
- *Spring Training*: growing more spiritual through meditation, study, prayer, fasting, and confession.
- *OUCH*: applying Jesus' teachings to the hurts in our lives to help us heal.
- *You Will Be My Witnesses*: learning to share our faith as witnesses of Jesus.
- *MONEY*: learning biblical principles for how to manage our money.
- *Dead Works*: remembering the seriousness of sin and how to overcome temptation.
- *I am Ready*: lessons from Paul's final letter, II Timothy, showing us how to live a life that matters.
- *Love Your Neighbor*: showing how our love for God should translate into how we treat others.
- *Wait for One Another*: revisiting some of our best Sunday evening lessons on Sunday mornings.
- *The Will of God*: demystifying God's will for our lives and seeking it every day.
- *Raising Great Kids*: learning how to have a blessed family life and raise children who love God.



- *Make Me A Servant*: learning how to serve from examples of and prophecies about Jesus
- We were also blessed by encouraging lessons preached by **John Harrison, Lance Justice, Jeremy Lee, Jay McClary, Jesse McClary, and Justin McClary.**

**Adult Bible Studies** in 2019 (available at [georgetownchurchofchrist.com/podcasts-classes](http://georgetownchurchofchrist.com/podcasts-classes)) included:

- *Alive in the Spirit* (led by Dan Hager): learning who the Holy Spirit is and how to live by Him.
- *Apologetics & Christian Evidences* (led by Justin McClary): demonstrating that God is real and equipping us to respond to contradictory beliefs.
- *Fundamentals* (led by Lance Justice): equipping new disciples to grow in their faith.
- *MISSION 1 Training* (led by Dan Hager): hands-on training to submit, pray, love, encourage, comfort, forgive, serve, seek the lost, share the good news, and make disciples like Jesus.
- *New Life Series - Disciple & GROW* (led by Dan Hager): learning how to experience the new, abundant life Jesus Christ offers when we become His completely devoted followers.
- *Psalms* (led by Jay McClary): learning to express ourselves to God through selected Psalms.
- *Take Courage: Testifying to the Facts about Jesus* (led by Larry Sheehan): equipping us to share our faith in Jesus by studying Paul's experience from Acts 19-28.
- *The Bible 101* (led by Dan Hager): how we got the Bible, why it's reliable, and how to study better.
- *The Gospel According to John* (led by John Harrison): deepening our understanding of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit through an in-depth study of John's unique gospel account.
- *Then Comes the End* (led by Dan Hager): equipping us to discern fact from fiction through a special summer daytime study series on what the Bible actually says about the end of the world.
- *The Life of David* (led by Larry Sheehan): increasing our awareness of the "man after God's own heart" from his anointing (I Samuel 16) to Saul's death (I Samuel 31) with Psalms.
- *Wisdom for the Home* (led by Jay McClary): strengthening our home lives through Proverbs 1-9.

We also carefully planned activities that would help each of our members grow more connected to Jesus. Our **Ladies Fellowship** continued meeting monthly in a time of fellowship, Bible study, and encouragement. Led by **Lorna Thompson**, these dear sisters strengthened their relationships and their prayer lives through studying the books *Bind Us Together* and *The Begging Place*.

**Tony Jordan**, our Deacon for Community, led a new **Men's Prayer Breakfast**, a special time of fellowship, devotional, and praying by all ages present. Originally planned for quarterly, these proved to be so popular that they moved to every other month, which will continue in 2020. Tony also led **Financial Peace University**, an 8-week course developed by



Dave Ramsey, in early 2019. This effort trained a small group of members and visitors on how to manage their money consistent with the teaching that God gives us in His word.

Over Memorial Day Weekend, nearly 30 of us gathered for *Waking Up in Heaven*, our **Family Retreat at Palmetto Bible Camp** in Marietta, SC. We grew closer to God and to one another through fun fellowship, singing, prayer, and Bible Study exploring what happens after our present lives end.



In September, our ladies led a phenomenal **Ladies Day, “Sisterhood-in-Christ: Leave No Sister Behind”** with guest speaker **Travena Rogan** of Nashville, TN. Over **70 ladies** from our congregation, sister congregations, and the community joined this incredibly well-planned and orchestrated day of fellowship, praise, and encouragement.

Then in October, we hosted **Impacting Change in Marriage** with guest speaker **Bryan Moten** of Goose Creek, SC. Organized by **Steven Skipper**, our Deacon for Adult Ministry, and tailored to our church family’s responses to a survey earlier in the year, this powerful weekend of marriage enrichment included a Friday night couples devotional, a Saturday night seminar (attended by **49 members and visitors**), and a Sunday morning Bible study and sermon.

## Go into All the World (Wide Web)

This year saw the launch of our new church website, [www.georgetownchurchofchrist.com](http://www.georgetownchurchofchrist.com). Having been well-served by a website built from scratch by **John Schwindt** since 2005, the launch of our new website in February created a number of opportunities for us, including:



- hosting audio recordings of our lessons and articles that can easily be shared;
- a password-protected members section for our directory, bulletins, and more;
- extensive use of pictures to introduce visitors to who we are and what to expect; and,
- the capability for easy updates without needing computer programming skills.

Our updated website is proving to be an extremely useful tool as we work with God and one another to plant and water seed for the good news of Jesus Christ. We are also making extensive use of Facebook, email, and more to stay connected and invite others to join us as we share God’s love!

# INVOLVING

The church grows when “joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly” (Ephesians 4:16). Introvert and extrovert, younger and older, male and female: we all have something to offer as members of Christ’s body!

*2018 Baseline:* approx. 40% in an active role      *2019 Goal:*  $\geq$  60% in an active role

Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
52%	61%	62%	62%	61%	63%	67%	70%	66%	64%

## Make Me a Servant

As we focused on getting everyone involved, a concerted effort was made to engage more members of our church family in serving through our worship services. As our Deacon for Media and for Praise & Adoration, **Nick McClary** worked closely with the elders in involving more of our brothers in leading our Sunday worship services. He also identified brothers and sisters willing to operate media during our worship services, creating a schedule to equip new volunteers to be effective in this important behind-the-scenes role by shadowing experienced volunteers. As a result, more members than ever before contributed their time and talents to our assemblies in new and exciting ways.

Another major opportunity for involvement was through our Bible studies. **Jared Bardon**, our Deacon for Education, and **Debbie Justice**, our Secretary, worked together closely to start quarterly **Teacher Appreciation & Preparation Luncheons**. Prior to this innovation, recruiting teachers for our classes consisted of signup sheets and weeks of pleading for volunteers. Now, every class has a passionate and prepared teacher after a single meeting. More people than ever before are involved in our education program, and we are regularly expressing our appreciation for their efforts.



In February, the considerable Bible knowledge within our congregation was once again visible all across the state. Our team of **Jerry Mercer**, **Dolores Phipps**, **Lannie Rouse**, and **Larry Sheehan** won the senior division of the **2019 South Carolina Bible Bowl**, glorifying God through their impressive study and memorization of Exodus.

You don’t have to be willing to stand in front of a crowd to be of use in God’s kingdom, though. As our entire church family grew in praying in 2019, we created a small group of **prayer warriors**, brothers and

sisters who commit to praying privately over the requests received by the elders each week. “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working” (James 5:16).

### I Will Show You My Faith by My Works

Going into 2019, **Tim Lee**, our Deacon for Benevolence & Financial Assistance, wanted to lead our church family to be more proactive in addressing people’s needs. Key to this effort was our **Open Market**, a giveaway we conducted in September for our neighbors in need. Using donations of furniture, household items, and clothes distributed by an army of volunteers from our congregation, this event touched many lives and promises to be a regular occurrence going forward. We also began offering **free financial counseling** through the expertise of **Tony Jordan**, our Deacon for Community, to not only meet immediate needs but also to equip people to break the chains of money problems.

Our church family showed our love for our community multiple times over by **Packing the Pulpit**. Through these special collections, our members accepted the challenge to put so many donations on the stage that Dan had to preach from the floor. In 2019, these efforts resulted in:

- Collecting **numerous supplies** to support our **local Coast Guard station** during the government shutdown in January.
- Collecting over **853 lbs of food** for **Helping Hands**, our local food pantry, in March.
- Assembling **12 backpacks** full of needed supplies and **teacher wish list items** for our neighbor, **Kensington Elementary**, in August.
- Collecting another **546 lbs of food** for **Helping Hands** and **hosting a fellowship dinner** to honor their leaders and hear an update on their work in the community in October.



Our partnership with **Helping Hands** goes far beyond contributing food. **Debbie Jordan** provides key leadership as a volunteer member of their Advisory Council, **Gerard Shubrick** volunteers several hours a day every day in their warehouse, and multiple members volunteered during their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in May and their annual distribution of Thanksgiving meals in November. Through the leadership of **Tony Jordan**, our Deacon for Community, we also **contributed \$1,200** to Helping Hands’ work during Palmetto Giving Day in May.



We have so much for which to be thankful. Mindful that not everyone has a large extended family to spend the holidays with, **Kathy Taylor**, **Nikki Thomas**, and **Gracin Farwell** organized a **Thanksgiving Dinner** in our fellowship hall. Multiple members of our family and 37 caregivers at Prince George Nursing Home were blessed by the effort.

# ENCOURAGING

A growing church is one where “the body builds itself up in love” by encouraging others just like Jesus did (Ephesians 4:16). In 2019, we set out to purposefully encourage every member of our church family every month through making a visit or sending a card, call, or text message.

*2018 Baseline:* Sporadic individual efforts. *2019 Goal:* 100%

Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
88%	92%	92%	91%	75%	94%	96%	94%	92%	97%

## You are God’s Family

Whether older or younger, you are an important part of the Georgetown church family!

### Children

Young families found love and support through our weekly **God’s Little Soldiers Children’s Lesson** (coordinated by **Lauren Seaton**) and our annual **Easter Party, Back to School Bash, Trunk or Treat,** and **Children’s Christmas Party.**

### Silver Stars

Our seniors enjoyed fun and fellowship through our 50s+ monthly fellowship led by **Pam Branham.**

### Sing Night

Once a month, we gathered to joyously sing favorite hymns and learn new songs of praise.

### Teens & Young Adults

In 2019, **Nick McClary**, our Deacon for Youth, led us in attending national rallies like Winterfest and regional events like Myrtle Beach’s youth rally and Palmetto Bible Camp. We grew closer to God and each other as we went bowling, had devotionals on the beach, and participated in our annual Christmas Progressive Dinner.

Perhaps most exciting of all, some of our **young adult members** started independently organizing activities, growing closer in love.



## Encourage and Build One Another Up

Thanks to our talented photographers **Ashley Hager** and **Karla Herron** and the expert organization of our secretary **Debbie Justice**, we were able to produce a new **pictorial directory** to help our family build each other up. We also began 2019 with our first ever **family photo**, a powerful illustration of the beautiful dwelling place for God that the Spirit has been building together in Georgetown.



With help from dedicated encouragers like **Gwen Linen**, **Lannie Rouse**, **Rovena Vanderhorst**, the **Infingers**, the **Jordans**, the **Justices**, the **Mercers**, the **Phipps**, the **Sheehans**, and more, Ashley also kept us organized in reaching as many members as possible with a personal card, phone call, or visit. **Jenna Jordan** continued leading our **Food Teams** to help us lovingly respond to needs within our church family while **Bonnie Infinger** ensured flowers were sent, and many were blessed through their efforts. Encouragement even took unlikely forms: when **Hurricane Dorian** visited the region, we opened the church building to a group of 12 evacuees who spent the storm and the subsequent power outage fellowshipping, singing, praying, and studying God's word.

After an excellent 2018 revival, a memorable and uplifting **Harvest Festival 2019** was organized by **Karen & Jerry Mercer**, **Melody & Steven Skipper**, **Larry & Adell Sheehan**, and others in November. Special moments were shared as past and current members and friends came together for fun games, delicious food, and an amazing show in the country at Folly Grove Community Center in Hemingway.



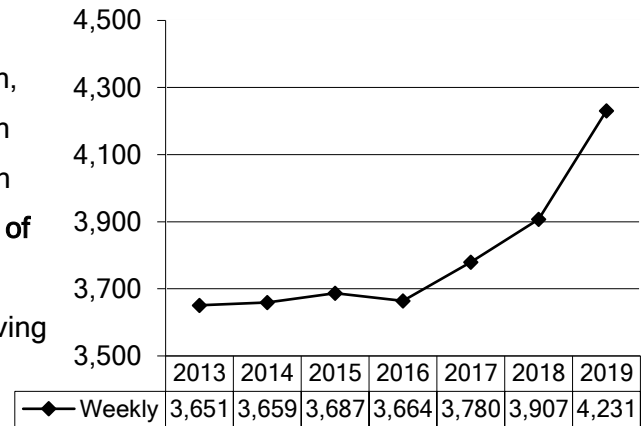
*“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor”  
(Romans 12:9-10).*

# INVESTING

Jesus teaches that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). We have been diligent to use the money, talents, and time God has entrusted to us on what matters to Him!

## Contribution

Our members demonstrated that we have given ourselves first to the Lord by not only excelling in faith, speech, knowledge, earnestness, and love but also in the act of grace that is giving (II Corinthians 8:5-7). In 2019, we gave our **highest average contribution ever of \$4,231 per week**, representing an **8% increase** over 2018. Our servant leaders matched our generous giving with **sound stewardship**, managing expenses to allow us to **save well over 10%** for future growth.



## Abounding in Every Good Work

Nearly 15% of our annual budget is dedicated to missions and benevolent works locally, across our region, and around the world, including:

- **Eastern European Mission**, freely supplying Bibles to 30 nations;
- The **Loris church of Christ**, a church plant in Horry County, SC;
- **Oasis Outreach**, especially **Putrela Children’s Home** in India;
- **Palmetto Bible Camp** in Marietta, SC;
- **Southeastern Children’s Home** in Duncan, SC; and,
- **Local community and individual assistance** needs.

Beyond our budgeted support in 2019, we additionally supported many good works financially, non-financially, and with a great deal of prayer. To support the completion of the **Millennium English Medium School** in **Andhra Pradesh, India**, a private Christian school co-located with the Putrela Children’s Home, we raised an additional **\$15,000** above our budgeted support within our congregation and helped to secure another **\$24,000** through efforts by **Dan Hager**, our Minister, to bring on new supporters. This represents over **\$50,000** in 2019 alone that God supplied to this good, faithful, and fruitful work through our efforts.



Perhaps even more meaningful than the money we raised was the **trip to India** undertaken by Dan in June 2019. After over 24 hours of travel, he took part in an uplifting week speaking to the church and at the school's inauguration ceremony, as well as praying with and encouraging the wonderful people there - especially the children. He saw firsthand the faithfulness of the Putrela church of Christ, admired the well-qualified group of Christian teachers recruited for the school, and marveled at the quality of the school building our funds helped to construct. In September 2019, we again showed our love as Dan spent a week traveling to introduce this good work to new supporters across Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, and South Carolina.

Members of our church family likewise provided support of our time, treasure, and talents to the **Loris church of Christ** as they remodeled a facility to serve as their church building following a flood and dealt with other setbacks. We also raised an additional **\$1,040** for Southeastern Children's Home through our participation in their annual coin can fundraiser.

### **Work Heartily, as for the Lord**

Seeking to exercise good stewardship of the facilities entrusted to us, we undertook a number of improvements through the hard work of **Steven Skipper and Jerry Mercer**, our Deacons for Building & Grounds. In 2019, work included: improvements to stop leaking and flooding in our annex building; installation of new air conditioning units for our church building; completion of needed fire safety updates and maintenance on our baptistry; and extensive planning for future development.

### **See the Potential in 2020**

In 2019, our church family has worked toward a goal of **BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS** by **growing, involving, encouraging, and investing**. The work of becoming more like Jesus won't be finished until He returns. As we continue the work of becoming more like Him, we want to **SEE THE POTENTIAL in 2020** by:

- ❑ *Bringing people in our lives and around the world to see Jesus.*
- ❑ *Rejoicing that Jesus made us a part of His church in Georgetown.*
- ❑ *Working together to develop each other's gifts through involvement and mentorship.*

With ideas supplied by our members and plans developed by our servant leaders to guide us through 2020, we can't wait to see where the Spirit leads us next as we together glorify God and proclaim the good news about His Son, Jesus Christ.



# SERVANT LEADERS

We thank God for the gift of our church family's servant leaders and their families!

## Elders

- John Harrison
- Lance Justice
- Jay McClary
- Larry Sheehan

## Deacons

- Jared Bardon (Education)
- Tony Jordan (Community)
- Tim Lee (Benevolence)
- Nick McClary (Praise & Adoration, Media, Youth)
- Jerry Mercer (Buildings & Grounds)
- Steven Skipper (Adults, Building & Grounds)

## Minister

- Dan Hager

## Teachers & Ministry Coordinators

In addition to the teaching and leadership of our elders, deacons, and minister, many brothers and sisters served in ways that "joined and held together" the whole body (Ephesians 4:16).

- Ronnie Ackerman (Financials)
- Caroline Bardon (K4 & K5, Cradle Roll)
- Pam Branham (Silver Stars, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class, K4 & K5 class)
- Curtis Darnall (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Valerie Darnall (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class)
- Ashley Hager (2s & 3s class, Directory photos)
- Marcia Harrison (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Karla Herron (2s & 3s class, Directory photos)
- Debbie Jordan (Helping Hands, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Jenna Jordan (Food Teams, K4 & K5 class)
- Debbie Justice (Secretary, 2s & 3s class, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class)

*"But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift...And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ"*  
Ephesians 4:7,11-12

- Mala Lee (K4 & K5 class)
- Kara Lee (K4 & K5 class)
- Terri Maxwell (Cradle Roll class)
- Billie Ann Mayfield (Cradle Roll class)
- Akela McClary (Cradle Roll class)
- Heather McClary (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class)
- Jesse McClary (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Justin McClary (Teens & Young Adult class, Adult Fellowship Hall class)
- Susan McClary (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Suzanne McClary (2s & 3s class)
- Crystal Mercer (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Karen Mercer (Harvest Festival, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Heather Schwindt (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Lauren Seaton (God's Little Soldiers, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Adell Sheehan (5<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Melody Skipper (Harvest Festival, K4 & K5 class)
- Kathy Taylor (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Nikki Thomas (K4 & K5 class, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Lorna Thompson (Ladies Fellowship)
- Brandon Valentin (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class)
- Nia Valentin (K4 & K5 class)
- Debbie Walsh (2s & 3s)