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GREATER STORY

Maryland Community Church

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



“This is not normal; but it sure is amazing.”

It was a Sunday in early November, 2018. I finished teaching on a chapter in our “Lament” series. I asked everyone to stand and led them in a prayer to ask Christ to be the forgiver and leader of their life. I then said, “If you have become a Christian today, come down front. We want to pray with you.” Honestly, I had no idea if people would come or not. I half imagined that there would be a limited response. I was wrong.

At our Hwy 46 and 12 Points campuses, we had so many people make decisions for Christ that we lost count. I remember thinking, “This is not normal; but it sure is amazing.” I also remember thanking God for a place as extraordinary as MCC.

Friends, God is doing a unique work here. In 2018 we celebrated baptisms, mission trips, small groups, kids’ ministry, student ministry, and so much more. We saw marriages get on a road to health. We witnessed addictions being addressed, and we literally saw thousands of people take one step closer to Christ.

The statistics you see here are not an indication of how great MCC is. These stats are a testimony to the power and presence of God. What he is doing at MCC is not normal - but it sure is amazing!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. - Ephesians 3:20-21

SCOT LONGYEAR

Senior Pastor



the VISION

Community. Christ. Cause.

IDENTITY:

Maryland Community Church is a COMMUNITY of people following CHRIST and serving in His CAUSE.

MISSION:

Our mission is to help people take ONE STEP CLOSER to Christ.

VISION:

Our vision is to see thousands of people in our community, nation and world take ONE STEP CLOSER to Christ.

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the CHURCH

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

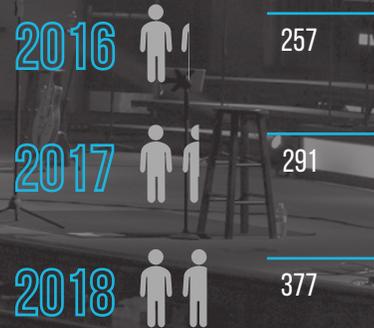


“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another . . .” - HEBREWS 10:24-25

HWY 46 CAMPUS



12 PTS CAMPUS



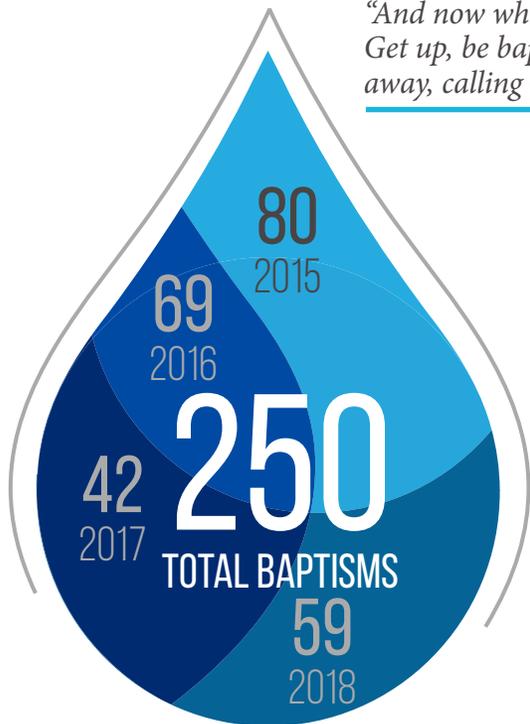
6.6%
TOTAL GROWTH
in 2018



our Community

BAPTISMS & MEMBERSHIP

*“And now what are you waiting for?
Get up, be baptized and wash your sins
away, calling on his name.” - ACTS 22:16*



22
baptized were
under age 18

MEMBERSHIP BENCHMARKS

01. A strong prayer life, including a daily time of personal prayer
02. Daily Bible reading, expecting God to speak to us through it
03. Regular attendance at corporate worship
04. Service to God and other people both in the church and in the larger society
05. Regular giving of tithes and offerings
06. Ongoing spiritual relationships for spiritual formation, encouragement and outreach

543 people total were
MEMBERS in 2018
[* 56 were NEW members]



DISCIPLESHIP PATH

CONNECT.

The first step in your faith is pretty simple - connecting to Jesus Christ. Our first step is to put our faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ, in whom we are made a new creation, forgiven of our sin and promised eternal life. After that, we are called to connect to a local church. Ephesians 2 is a beautiful picture of how as believers we are connected to God and one another. At MCC, we define being connected to the church by either serving or being in a group environment.

COMMIT.

As we are connected to the church and to Christ, we mature in our faith as we commit to the church. At MCC, we believe that the six benchmarks of membership are healthy markers of a vibrant faith. This is a great opportunity to take the next step towards Christ after you connect.

INFLUENCE.

Jesus commissioned his church to go and make disciples, so as we connect and commit to our faith, there is a natural overflow of what God is doing in us that will inevitably spill out into our community, workplace, home, etc. It's up to us to step into obedience to influence the places that God has called us into.

I was serving on the Safety Team in the atrium and service had already started. I noticed a younger guy arriving late. A quick glance helped me gather he was wearing boots, tactical pants, a t-shirt from a local gun range and a ball cap for the same range. Since this is a pretty good indicator of someone carrying a weapon, I tried to keep an inconspicuous eye on him as he passed by. I watched as he smiled and headed to the cafe where he happily chatted with people in a friendly manner as he grabbed a coffee. I was pretty sure he was just a guy who came in late. When he left the cafe, he came walking directly toward me with a smile and introduced himself to me.

He acknowledged the fact he came in dressed like he was and had earned the extra glances to quickly assess him. We chuckled. He told me he had come to know Jesus as his Savior at MCC about 10 years earlier. I politely asked about his return and what brought him back. He revealed the reason as some personal issues he was going through at that time.

I was somewhat surprised by how much he was sharing with me about hurts he was going through. I encouraged him to find community since he was obviously in a very vulnerable position in many ways... especially spiritually. I invited him to the men's barbecue, swapped contact info with him and then asked if I could pray for him. We prayed and asked God for many things concerning his situation.

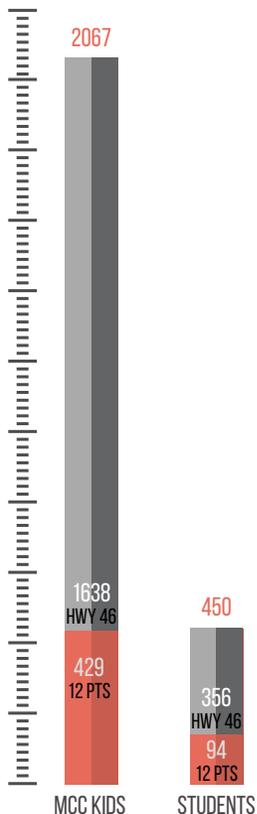
Later, I texted him about getting together for a cup of coffee. We met the next week and enjoyed just talking. So, we decided to continue meeting, and do a short time of determining how scripture we had read affected us and how it mattered, and then pray together. This has become our Wednesday weekly routine. I'm glad I made eye contact with him and I'm glad I followed that little nudge which seemed to say, "Pray with him." that morning.



JON YAREMA
SAFETY TEAM



FAMILIES



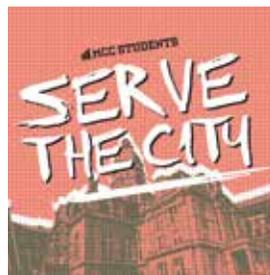
TOTAL UNIQUE ATTENDANCE FOR 2018

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

- PROVERBS 22:6



42
CHILDREN
DEDICATED *in*
2018



42
STUDENTS
COMPLETED
PROJECTS *all over*
TERRE HAUTE

MCC KIDS SUNDAY OFFERINGS NOW SPONSORS 4 KIDS:

- 2 kids from Ecuador
- 2 kids from Nicaragua

A little preschool girl whose mother drove past one of our campuses said, with a surge of excitement, “Look, mom! There is my church!” As the mother drove on she couldn’t help but notice the little girl’s contagious excitement for a place that had touched her heart. This family had attended for a period of time but decided to stop coming for various reasons, including extremely difficult life situations. The little girl had found community and the seeds of Christ had been planted in her heart by you [MCC]!

The mother was so touched that she had to tell one of the people who serve in MCC Kids! There is no other place the little girl would rather be than in her Father’s house with you!

ANONYMOUS

\$3,235.24

**RAISED BY KIDS
FOR HAITI**



2016 ADVENTURE WEEK
434 KIDS, 200 VOLUNTEERS

2017 ADVENTURE WEEK
421 KIDS, 203 VOLUNTEERS

2017 FAMILY BLAST 12 PTS
136 KIDS, 98 VOLUNTEERS,
336 PEOPLE FED

2018 ADVENTURE WEEK
556 KIDS, 244 VOLUNTEERS



LOCAL MISSIONS

IN 2018 MCC LAUNCHED FOSTERING HOPE



We had felt led to foster and, despite feeling totally incapable, after MCC announced Fostering Hope it was our final hint to jump in and love kids that needed a family. It was only a few days after getting licensed that we got our first call, not for one kid like we had planned, but for two kids under two years old. It wasn't a week later that our foster baby was in the hospital and we needed help watching our kiddos, and the church community jumped in to help.

That was just one instance in our crazy journey, where God has sustained us with the help of the church. The support, prayer, and community provided through Fostering Hope has been a huge reason why we have succeeded in our first season of fostering.

DANIELLE AND JUSTIN LOWE

\$486,669.97

TOTAL GIVEN TO MISSIONS
IN 2018



fostering hope

- 41** FOSTER KIDS *in* MCC HOMES
- 21** FOSTER FAMILIES *with* CARE COMMUNITIES
- 169** PEOPLE SERVING *on* CARE COMMUNITIES
- 5** NEW FOSTER FAMILIES *at* MCC
- 3** KIDS ADOPTED *into* FOREVER FAMILIES



- 600** VOLUNTEERS
- 65** WORK PROJECTS
- 40** LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- 52** FAMILIES RECEIVED UTILITIES ASSISTANCE*

**in partnership with Terre Haute Ministries*



CHRISTMAS GIFTS *for* **80** CHILDREN [35 FAMILIES]



28 MENTORS *for* GRADESCHOOL KIDS [1,008 HOURS]



1,187 PANCAKES **264** KIDS *on* SANTA'S LAP



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

During our time at MCC we have received care that has sustained our family.

When our marriage was a mess, we reached out for guidance and were directed to Community Christian Counseling. MCC not only set up the initial appointment, but helped to cover a portion of the fees. That Godly counsel literally saved our marriage.

Fast forward two years to the birth of our new baby. The Meals for New Moms team, provided meals for our family for the first week or so, and then our baby was diagnosed with a heart condition that required open-heart surgery at five months old. The Sunday before his surgery, we had leaders from the Prayer Team, friends, and pastors gathered around Easton to lift him up. This gave our family peace and confidence in that unsettling time. Also, the MCC staff had written notes of prayer and encouragement for us to read while in the waiting room during

Easton's surgery. And, two weeks after surgery, we received a message that MCC wanted to help financially with Easton's medical bills. What an unexpected blessing!

MCC really has lived out the term "church family" to our family in our darkest times and we are so thankful to call this place our home.

**MEGAN & MATTHEW
MILLER & FAMILY**





VOLUNTEERS

497 MCC KIDS VOLUNTEERS

114 MCC STUDENTS VOLUNTEERS

134 CONNECTIONS
GREETERS, PARKING, CAFE,
CONNECT, SAFETY . . .

69 WORSHIP/TECH TEAM

36 LAWN & GARDEN
MOWING, LANDSCAPE, GARDEN

23 OFFICE
COUNTING, OFFICE





GLOBAL MISSIONS

1  CHICAGO, IL

1  HAITI
3  NICARAGUA

1  HUNGARY

2018 MISSION TRIPS

Nicaragua	Feb 25 - Mar 3	17 People
Nicaragua	June 21-June 26	5 People
Hungary	July 6-17	11 People
Chicago	July 15-20	19 People
Haiti	Oct 15-21	10 People
Nicaragua	Nov 9-17	7 People

15 STUDENTS
54 ADULTS
TOTAL OF 69



860
MED PATIENTS
CARED for

246
GIFT BOXES
sent to KIDS



35 MISSION PARTNERS IN 2018*
14 COUNTRIES IMPACTED IN 2018

* A full list of our MCC mission partners can be found at mccth.org/missions

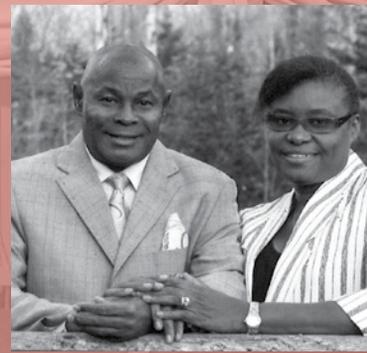
In 2018 MCC lost a beloved member of our global missions ministry:

On November 20th, 2018 Pastor Joseph Saintil went home to be with the Lord while he was praying on his rooftop in Haiti. MCC's connection to Haiti began in 1998 when MCC members Jac and Lynn Padgett started traveling to Haiti. Some groups would go with them each year, and 2011 was the first promoted, official group from MCC to go with them to Cap Haitien, Haiti. Joseph was the founder and senior pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church (NJBC) in Cap-Haitien, Haiti. Joseph started the church in 1983 with seven people, and it has grown to over 2,000 members. Six years ago, God gave him the vision to take seven people from the main church to plant another church southwest of the city. Today that satellite church has over 400 people in attendance on Sunday mornings.

Joseph prayed fervently daily that God would reveal to him what it was that he needed to do and Joseph would boldly act on whatever God was telling him. Many times without resources, and ill equipped, Joseph would act totally on the faith and the promise that God would provide. Joseph wanted to be with people in all walks of life. His desire was to lead as many people as possible into a loving relationship with the Lord. His prayers were fervent toward the salvation of those in his beloved nation. Joseph was not only a mission partner with MCC, but a true friend and brother in Christ to many within our community.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - MATTHEW 28:19-20

PASTOR JOSEPH SAINTIL
MAR. 1956 – NOV. 2018
(PICTURED WITH WIFE YANIKI)



our GIVING

This church and the family I have built here has saved me and begun (key word begun) to awaken my soul. I moved to Terre Haute from California in the summer of 2016, not knowing a single person, to pursue graduate school education. I did not know how deep of a spiritual coma I was in until recently. I grew up “in the church” and learning of God, the Gospel, and Christ’s unfailing love for us. But when I began college I fell asleep at the wheel. I went through the motions but did not live a passionate pursuit of Christ. Then I got to MCC and started serving with the student ministry... one step closer... but still standing on the edge looking out. Don’t get me wrong, I love serving and the steps I see the students take closer to Christ are what ignites me. But I noticed I was still in the shallow end of my faith - specifically with giving.

I have no problem giving my time, energy, or skills. Yet, being a graduate student and

graduate assistant I have never made a “real living” as I like to put it. I make a small stipend to basically stay alive. I constantly used this excuse throughout college and the first half of graduate school to justify my lack of giving and tithing. And every time I hear you or anyone speak of tithing I always think, “Yeah, that sounds great, one day when I make a big boy paycheck.” But after your experiment with the dollar bill and the chapter “Give like you don’t own it” [in Scot’s book Soul Coma] I realized how asleep I was on the subject. With continual prayer and planning I began to give more of my income here and there. But the thought of tithing on a GA salary? That’s absurd, I thought - until you opened my eyes to the fact that it is actually not my money. And that I am just staging it for a greater purpose. After praying and arguing with myself and God (sad to admit) I finally realized the relationship I long for with Christ was on the other side of my greed and I had to get over it in order to set

my heart on fire. I have since begun to not only give what I feel the Holy Spirit is speaking to me, but to actually tithe.

Now I can’t say I’ve experienced Christ in a new or crazy way since starting this commitment, and I can’t say it has been easy; but that’s not what Christ promised now is it?



MATT RIVERA

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with the new wine.”

- PROVERBS 3:9-10

2019 BUDGET

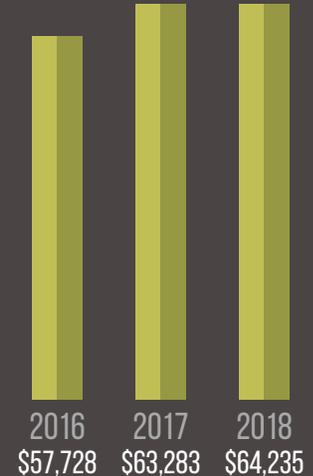
projected

\$68,000	CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
\$47,000	STUDENT MINISTRIES
\$23,950	ADULT MINISTRIES
\$25,500	COMMUNICATIONS
\$30,000	WORSHIP
\$42,000	MULTIMEDIA
\$6,000	HOSPITALITY
\$1,036,900	ADMINISTRATION
\$337,500	MISSIONS
\$1,758,150	PERSONNEL

TOTAL - \$3,375,000

OFFERING

*average weekly offering**





GROUPS

62 # OF GROUPS
SPRING 2018

558 # OF INDIVIDUALS
SPRING 2018

10 # OF GROUPS
SUMMER 2018

120 # OF INDIVIDUALS
SUMMER 2018

82 # OF GROUPS
FALL 2018

725 # OF INDIVIDUALS
FALL 2018

I brought Leeland in to get checked out. I figured they would tell me I'm crazy and that he's fine. But within 5 minutes of being in the ER they told me he was being admitted. I had nothing but our diaper bag. An amazing friend messaged and said she was on her way with dinner. Then I received a text from another amazing friend that pizza was on it's way to the house for my husband and the boys for dinner.

Guys, I cannot handle it. Our church astounds me! Within two hours I had dinner and all of these goodies and my family was taken care of. Our needs were met by our amazing community. So thankful to do life with these people. They love us. They love the boys. They are the real deal!

**DESIREÉ & THOMAS FORT
& FAMILY**



RELATIONSHIP

LIFE IS FULLY LIVED IN RELATIONSHIP
WITH CHRIST AND WITH EACH OTHER.

JOHN 17:21

RELEVANCE

THE MEANS MAY CHANGE,
BUT THE MESSAGE
STAYS THE SAME.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23

EFFECTIVENESS

HEALTHY THINGS GROW. WE VALUE RESULTS OVER ACTIVITY.
EVERY EVENT ASKS, "HOW DOES THIS HELP PEOPLE TAKE ONE
STEP CLOSER TO CHRIST?"

EPHESIANS 4:14-15 & JOHN 15:5



CORE VALUES

EXCELLENCE

GOD DESERVES OUR BEST.
IF IT IS WORTH DOING,
IT IS WORTH DOING WELL.

COLOSSIANS 3:23

UNITY

WE PRACTICE UNITY WITH EACH OTHER
AND WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10 & PSALM 133:1,3

AUTHENTICITY

WE LIVE WITH INTEGRITY
AND TRANSPARENCY.

1 JOHN 1:8-10



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12 POINTS CAMPUS

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