

2020 Annual Report

A photograph of a brick church building with a prominent white steeple topped with a cross. The church has a portico with white columns and a set of steps leading to the entrance. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

LOVE & LEAD
everyone we meet
into an everyday
WALK WITH
CHRIST

FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

The 2019 church year is coming to a close. It is time to think forward to all that 2020 will entail. One thing is for sure, our mandate, our mission and our emphasis must continue to be "To Love and Lead Everyone We Meet Into An Everyday Walk With Christ."

In order to do that we must be in lock-step with our Lord and with each other. A single draft horse can pull about 8,000 pounds. You would think that two horses could pull twice that amount, but the fact is, two horses can pull three times that amount which is 24,000 pounds. Precious church, we can accomplish so much together.

Vision 2020 is what I am calling the theme for the coming year. Catching a vision of reaching souls, baptizing and sending people out on mission are our primary objectives for the upcoming year. We will accomplish that with various ministries pulling together.

This annual report reveals how serious we are about spreading the gospel near and far. A major emphasis this year is "the light that shines farthest, shines brightest at home." We want our community to know that we are serious about making a Kingdom difference throughout our region.

In 2020, I am asking that you seriously consider either beginning to tithe or increasing the amount of your giving. This will be the greatest year in the history of our church if we will harness together and pull in the same direction to see people come to faith in Christ.

Faithfully His,

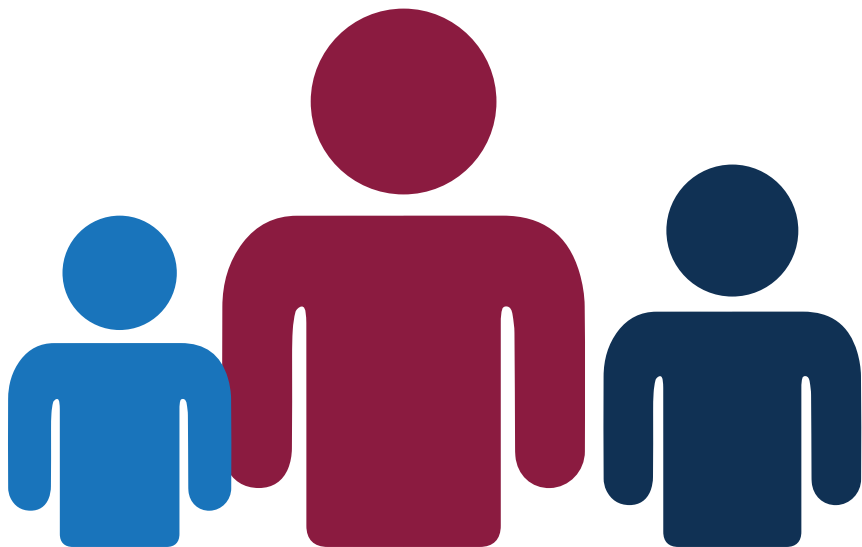
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Preacher Mike". The script is fluid and cursive, with the word "Preacher" written in a larger, more prominent style than "Mike".

Dr. Mike Whitson
Senior Pastor



ENCOUNTER

Worship is about having a personal ENCOUNTER with God.



38

CHILDREN

70

ADULTS

37

STUDENTS

145 PEOPLE DECIDED TO ***FOLLOW JESUS***
WITH ALL THEIR HEART & SOUL

282

MAIN CAMPUS
FIRST TIME
GUESTS

2961

AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE
(ALL CAMPUSES)

101 BAPTISMS

39 ADULTS, 19 STUDENTS, 43 CHILDREN

DISCOVER

DISCOVER your next step at First Baptist Church Indian Trail.

DISCOVERY
PARTICIPANTS

191

83%

JOINED AFTER
COMPLETING DISCOVERY

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159

7213

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL

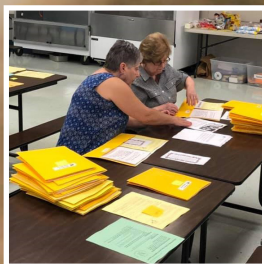
CONNECT

CONNECT with others through relationships and life-changing Bible study.



Connect Spotlight: New Life Group

The Missions & Ministries Life Group was formed to serve according to Acts 1:8. Their focus is on prayer, missions and fellowship in that order. Their class is currently partnering with the North American Mission Board on a new church plant in Pennsylvania called Sunbury City Church. By helping in the public schools, the class is able to help the church grow and reach their community for Christ.



1825

AVERAGE WEEKLY
LIFE GROUP
ATTENDANCE

319 LIFE GROUP LEADERS

125 LIFE GROUPS

2 NEW LIFE GROUPS

SERVE

We were created with unique gifts and talents to SERVE God.

60 VOLUNTEERS SERVED AT THE TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL FAMILY FUN DAY.



2 SONGS, *AIN'T NO GRAVE & CHRIST AROSE*, PRODUCED AND ARRANGED BY INDIAN TRAIL MUSIC TO BE PUBLISHED BY LIFEWAY MUSIC.



147 PEOPLE FROM LOCAL MISSIONS GROUPS WERE FED AND PRESENTED WITH THE GOSPEL AT NIGHT OF HOPE. **17 PROFESSIONS.**



3900 DOLLARS RAISED THROUGH VBS FOR MWAMKO CHILDREN'S CENTER IN NAIROBI, KENYA.



219 PEOPLE REACHED ON AVERAGE THROUGH SUNDAY LIVESTREAM.



26 PEOPLE LED TO CHRIST BY OUR STUDENT CHOIR ON THEIR SUMMER MISSION TOUR.



160 DECISIONS MADE FOR CHRIST THROUGH INDIAN TRAIL CHRISTMAS. 6000 PEOPLE ATTENDED.



17 TRUCKLOADS OF BABY SUPPLIES DONATED BY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND GIVEN TO THE HELP PREGNANCY CENTER.



226,000

Meals were packed for the children of Haiti.

SHARE

SHARING our faith and loving and leading everyone we meet into an everyday walk with Christ.

316 Sports

1682 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

SOCCER ■	732
BASKETBALL ■	150
BASEBALL ■	183
TACKLE FOOTBALL ■	105
CHEERLEADING ■	91
FLAG FOOTBALL ■	131
RUN CLUB ■	37
VOLLEYBALL ■	23
FUTSAL ■	191
CATS FOOTBALL ■	39



Share Spotlight: More Than Football

Anthony, a 10 year old athlete, had never played organized football prior to joining 316 Sports. As the team's #1 wide receiver, he enjoyed contributing to their Level 2 Championship win this season. Anthony is kind-hearted and has a desire to learn and succeed. On May 11, during the Truth Time devotion held after every game, Anthony and his parents accepted Christ. What a joy! His story is one of the many amazing stories of those who accepted Christ during the 2019 season.



239 TOTAL SALVATIONS

107	SOCCER
30	BASKETBALL
18	BASEBALL
65	FOOTBALL
19	CHEERLEADING

884

PROFESSIONS THROUGH MISSIONS

113 TOTAL MISSION TEAM MEMBERS

Share Spotlight: God is still calling young people to the mission field!

In 2019, we saw two young families respond to the call of full-time missions work.

Anton and Mary Yudzitski were an active part of our Slavic Ministry, with Anton leading a Life Group, when they were called into Aviation Missions. When they left FBCIT, the vision they had was to serve remote villages in Thailand or Eastern Russia and to use the aircraft as a tool to share the Gospel with the people they serve. They now live in Palmer, Alaska where Anton is nearing completion of his seminary education and is training in aviation. Anton and Mary have two children and their third is due in December.



Anton and Mary Yudzitski



Austin & Ann-Kathrin Andes served as interns for years in our Student Ministry. Austin is graduating from seminary, and Ann-Kathrin is a teacher. They are preparing for Culture Intensive Training and will enter the mission field in the summer of 2020. They will serve in Beirut, Lebanon for two years with our International Partner Church, Resurrection Church of Beirut. Austin's mission will be to equip and mentor student leaders, and Ann-Kathrin plans to teach in the Beirut American School, sharing Jesus with students there.

Austin & Ann-Katherine Andes

ATLANTA

Student choir sang the Gospel throughout the International Village; **26 professions.**

UGANDA

Worked with church plant among the Pygmy people; **418 professions.**

KENYA

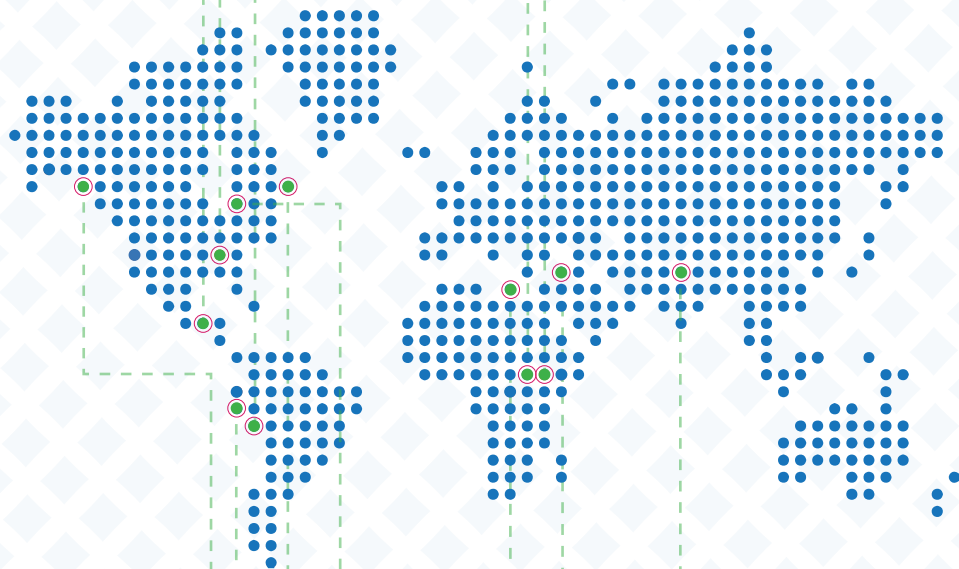
Built a new orphanage in a Massai village; **17 professions.**

PERU

Shared the Gospel through street evangelism in Lima villages; **152 professions.**

INDIA & COSTA RICA

Shared love, support and Jesus with orphans; **198 professions.**



EGYPT

Established future Sports Ministry opportunities with the Kasa El Dabaro Church in Cairo.

LEBANON

Worked in women's clinic & hosted two sports camps and a block party for the children.

ECUADOR

Sponsored a camp for students & provided discipleship opportunities; **28 professions.**

BOSTON

Partnered with NAMB church planters to share the Gospel with over 70 people.

INDIA

Did evangelism work with a church in Northwest India; **45 professions.**

PORTLAND

Partnered with NAMB church planters to share the Gospel and disciple new believers.

PENNSYLVANIA

Partnered with Sunbury City Church to share school supplies and the Gospel.



\$88,072

Raised through the Mike Whitson
Invitational Annual Golf Tournament

PLAY GOLF, SAVE LIVES

152 GOLFERS

2 ULTRASOUND MACHINES

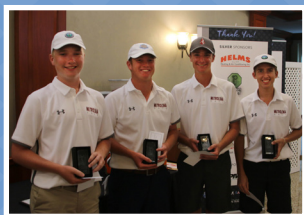
purchased for the Human Coalition Pregnancy Center in Charlotte.

1 ULTRASOUND MACHINE

purchased for Kenya.

\$10,000

given to the HELP Pregnancy Center in Monroe to go towards the purchase of a new building.



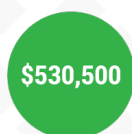
Two years ago, the Lord showed me how I could personally make a big difference expressing the love of Christ through generosity. I determined to host a golf tournament to raise funds to meet the needs of others. The first year, we raised enough to prepare and feed over **200,000 meals to Haitian children**. This fall, we **raised over \$88,000** to buy ultrasound machines to help show the viability of life in the mother's womb with the notion that once she sees this 4D image she could never go through with the abortion. The accompanying statistics show the power of God to meet those needs. As I type, I am speaking with a second ministry in Kenya that needs this piece of equipment for their clinic. The miracle of God's directive continues months after it began. **To God be the Glory!**

FINANCIALS

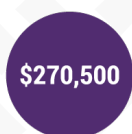
God has blessed us with about 200,000 square feet of floor space at Main Campus alone, including over 140 classrooms and an extraordinary amount of equipment. Including East Campus, Restoration Church and Faith Church Road properties, we are blessed with over 110 acres of property and over 360,000 square feet of buildings. Even with this much space, there is tremendous demand for our facilities by our ministries.

Our facility usage is continually growing. Our facilities are in use seven days per week. On an average week, over 13,000 people come through our doors. We strive for ways to maintain our campuses in the most efficient manner. We constantly review our operating expenses to be sure we are good stewards of the resources God provides.

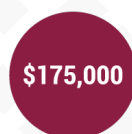
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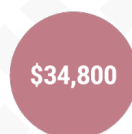
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MAINTENANCE



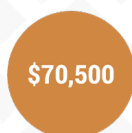
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EXPENSES



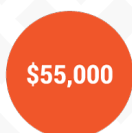
UTILITY
EXPENSES



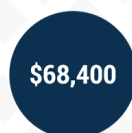
ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPENSES



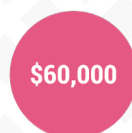
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SUPPLIES



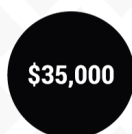
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INSURANCE



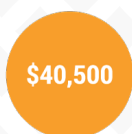
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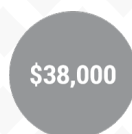
VEHICLE
EXPENSES



PROPERTY
TAX



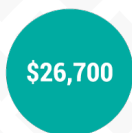
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BUSINESS



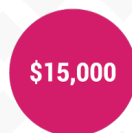
PARKING &
SECURITY



MARKETING
EXPENSES

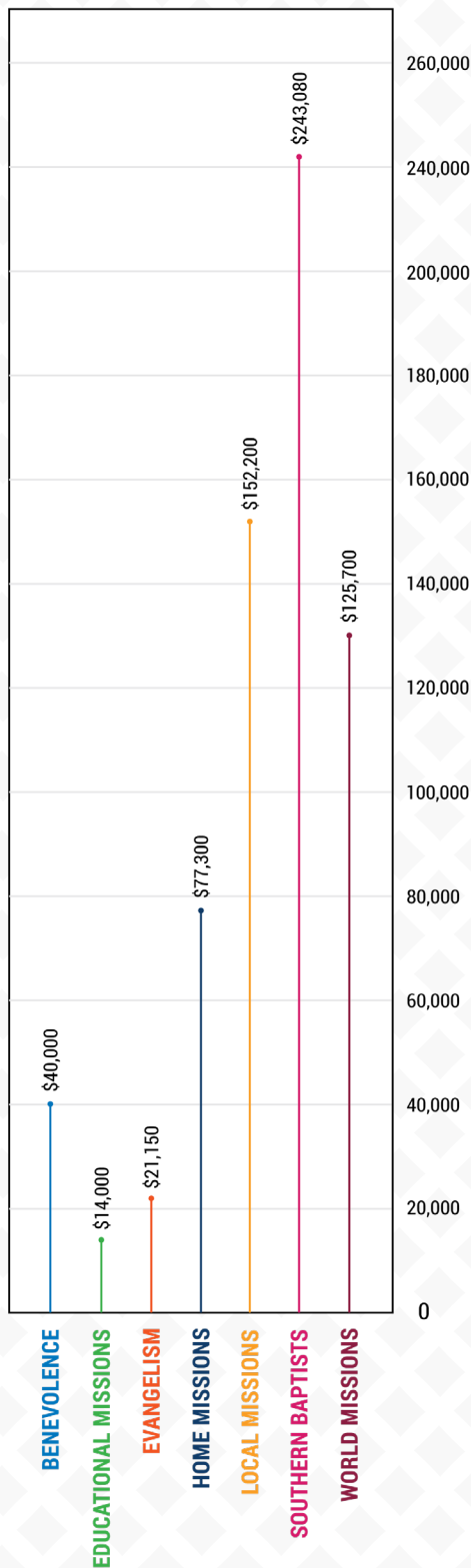


POSTAGE
EXPENSES



ATHLETIC FIELDS
MAINTENANCE

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM



TRAINING & CONFERENCES



\$45,500

Continued
Education/Conferences



\$14,000

Southern
Baptist Convention



North Carolina Baptists

\$500

NC State Convention

MINISTRIES

ADULTS	\$6,000
BEREAVEMENT	\$25,750
BOOMERS & SENIOR ADULTS	\$15,736
CHILDREN & FAMILIES	\$48,550
COLLEGE	\$16,150
CONNECT NIGHTS	\$12,000
COUNSELING	\$7,850
CULTURE IMPACT	\$3,000
DEAF	\$250
DISCIPLESHIP	\$2,600
HIGH SCHOOL	\$19,550
HISPANIC	\$1,500
LIFE GROUPS	\$59,515
MEDIA	\$76,000
MEN	\$3,400
MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$17,076
MUSIC	\$78,850
PRESCHOOL	\$33,749
SLAVIC	\$3,000
SPECIAL DAYS	\$46,850
GUEST SERVICES	\$10,223
THE LIFT	\$51,304
WOMEN	\$9,350
316 SPORTS	\$16,375

MINISTRIES TOTAL

\$564,628

PERSONNEL EXPENSES



\$568,000
Benefits



\$134,162
Social Security



\$62,600
Mileage Expense



\$32,000
Workman's Compensation



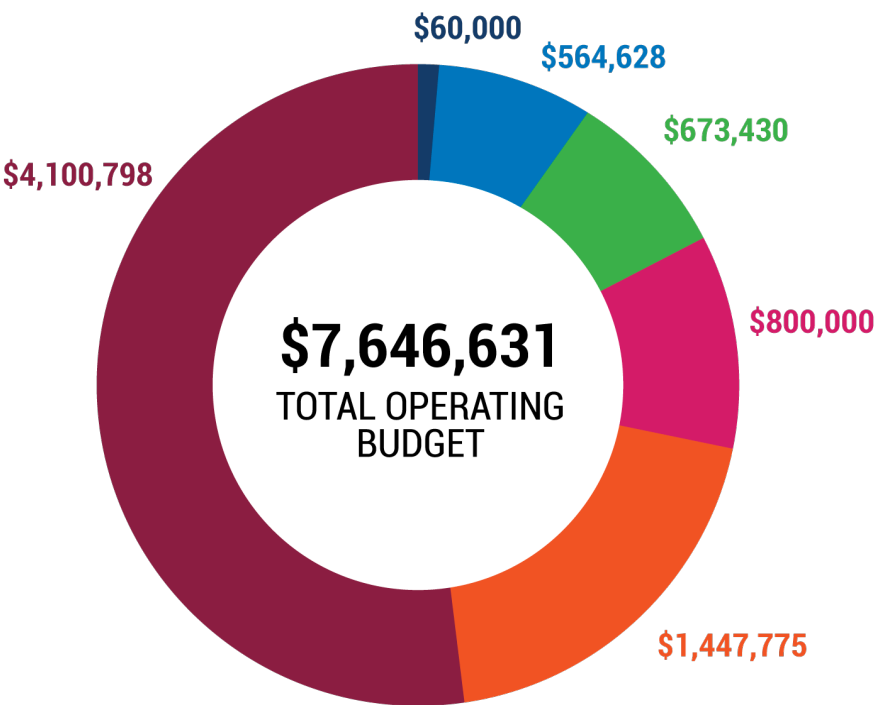
\$3,304,036
Salaries & Housing

DEBT REDUCTION



\$800,000
Debt Reduction

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET



Training & Conferences • Ministries • Missions & Evangelism
Debt Reduction • Operating Expenses • Personnel



Restoration Church of the Carolinas, our campus in Indian Land, SC, began this year with just a handful in attendance and is now running over 100 each week. **Their total 2020 budget is \$218,998.**

This is not included in the totals on the preceding page.



LIFT. 492 AVERAGE **WEEKLY**
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



The 2020 proposed budget for East Campus is being sent to the families at that location. **Their total 2020 budget is \$595,593.**

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THE VOTE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 | CONCLUSION OF 11AM WORSHIP SERVICE, WORSHIP CENTER

MINISTRY OF FINANCE:

Bob Conder
Steve Edwards
Shirley Helms
Helen McAteer
Jeff Simpson

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL:

Larry Helms
John Hurley
Greg McCotter
Ed Small
Richard Whicker

***If you have any questions regarding the 2020 Budget before you vote, contact:**

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**These statistics reflect October 2018 through September 2019.*



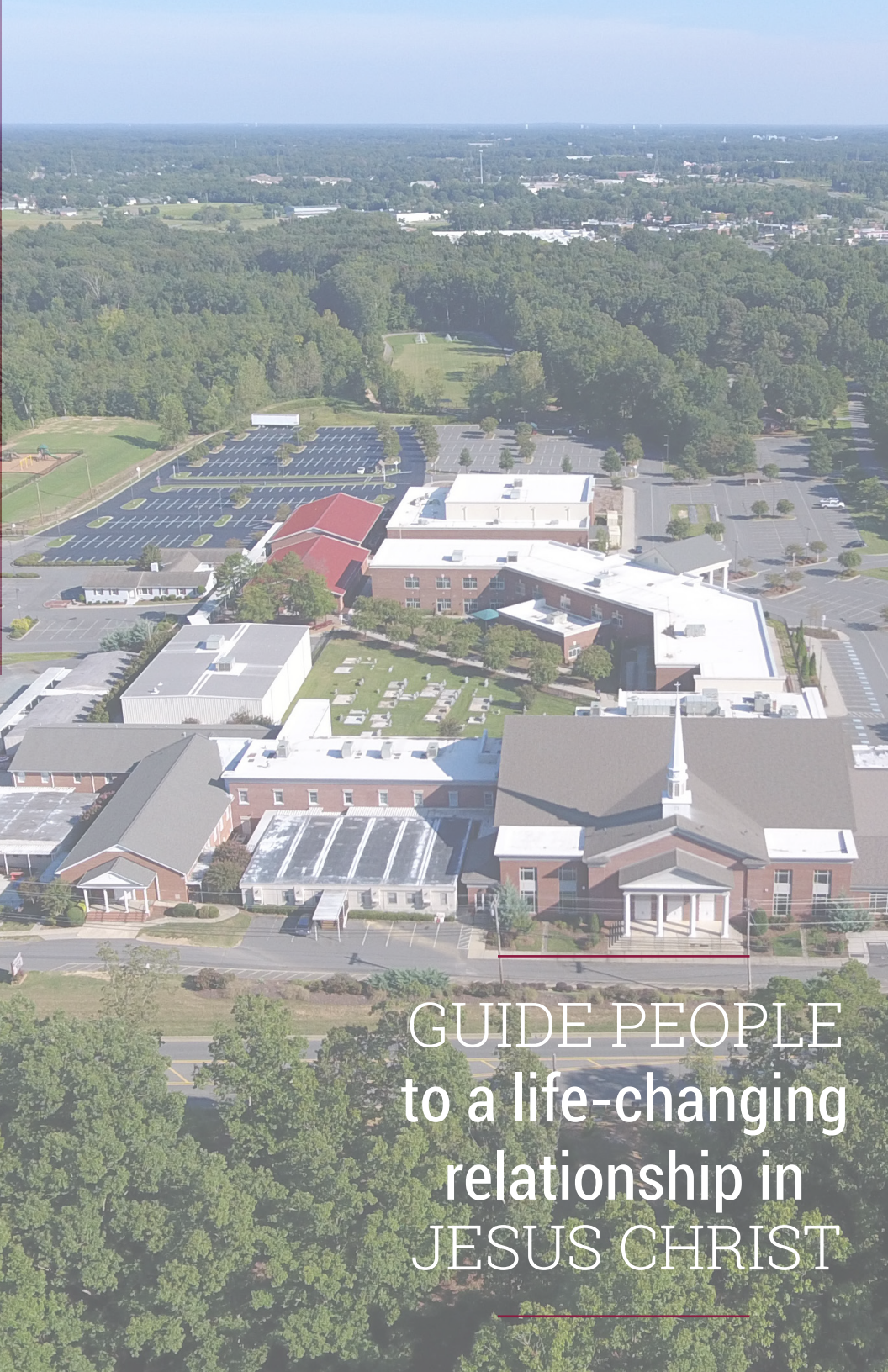
Rev. Sammy Thomas
Executive Pastor

We are part of a blessed church. Lives both locally and across the world have been touched by your faithfulness. Many of you have been faithful in giving of your time, talent and resources, yet there is much more to be done.

The 2020 budget reflects a modest increase of 2%. This is a faith budget as we are dependent upon God to supply our needs. A tremendous amount of time has been invested by the Ministerial Staff as well as the Personnel and Finance teams to prepare this budget, which we now respectfully present to you for consideration and approval. We are fully committed to being faithful stewards of the resources that God provides. I look forward to God's continued blessings in the year ahead.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sammy A. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



GUIDE PEOPLE
to a life-changing
relationship in
JESUS CHRIST



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