

SYCAMORE VIEW

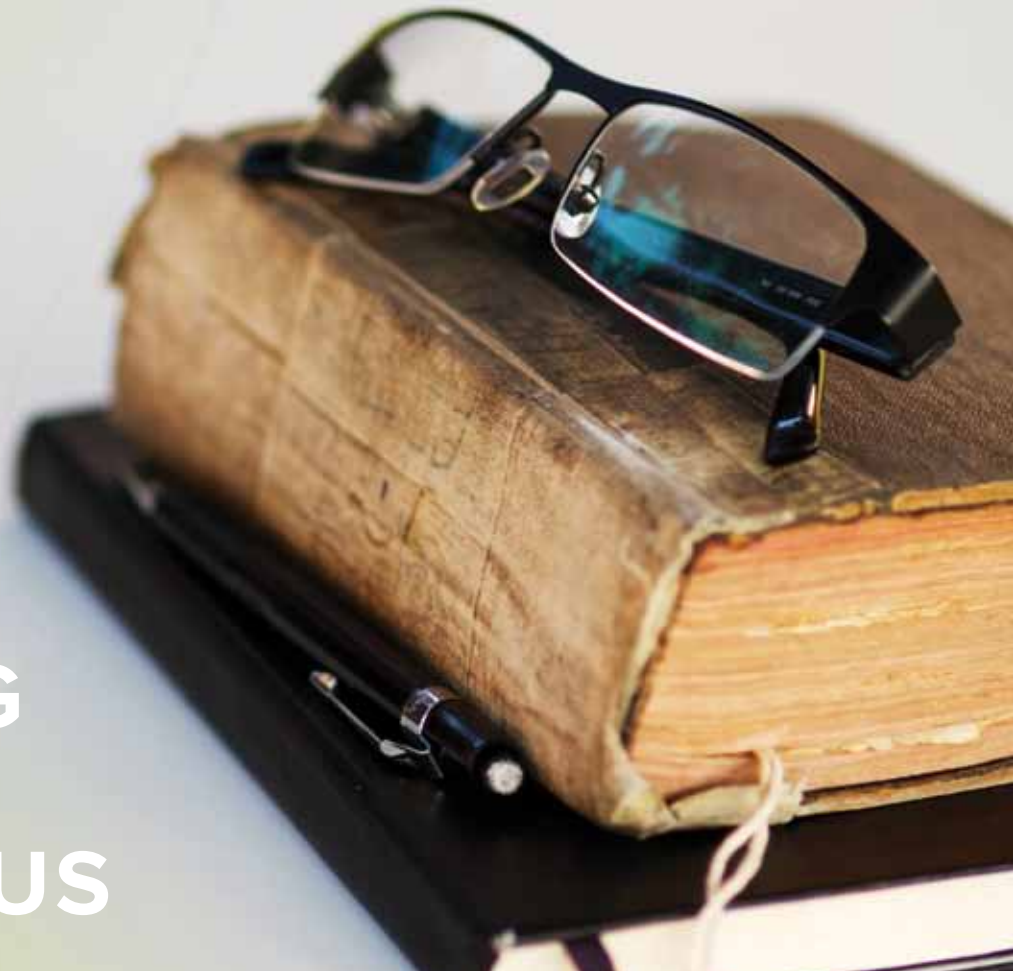


CHURCH OF CHRIST



2017

ANNUAL REPORT  
& BUDGET



OUR MISSION

# HELPING PEOPLE SEE JESUS

**WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL  
TO GIVE THE WORLD A BETTER VIEW OF JESUS.**



*Sycamore View Youth encourage our B&GC kids.*

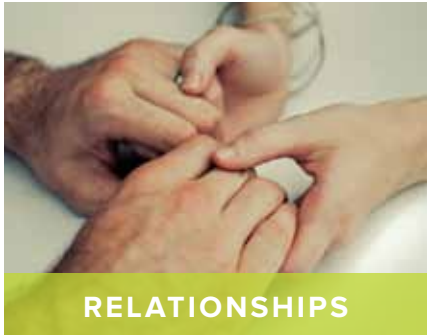
**AT SYCAMORE VIEW**, we realize mission statements can become the rallying cry for churches. Though these statements aren't essential to be a church that follows Christ, they can be helpful in uniting believers around a central, Godly purpose. Our mission is simple—*helping people see Jesus*. In the gospel of Luke, we read about a man named Zaccheus who climbs a sycamore tree to see Jesus speak to a crowd of people. As a result of hearing the message of Jesus, his life was forever changed. The significance of God's mission for our church is clear. As a family of believers, we are called to live out the gospel in an effort to give the world a better view of Jesus.



**SINCE OUR MISSION IS TO HELP PEOPLE SEE JESUS**, we are passionately convicted that reorienting people to Him is the only way to truly restore *hearts, relationships, and communities*. Our vision for the Sycamore View family calls for partnership with God to help restore the brokenness both in Memphis and around the world. We believe that restoration isn't a destination. Instead, it's the relentless pursuit of returning to life as God intended. As we partner with God to restore brokenness, we must be purposeful not only in determining *where* we are headed with His vision, but in knowing *how* we plan to get there. As disciples who have been restored, we seek to restore deeper relationships with God and our surrounding communities.



It is no coincidence that the two greatest commands involve matters of the *heart*. Loving God with all our heart and learning to love neighbors as ourselves are not easy tasks, but they offer the keys to restoring a broken world. Compassion for others includes not only a restored sense of love for God and others but also a renewed vision of humanity. Our capacity to give and receive love as Jesus did is the sign of a restored heart.



Before his death, Jesus prayed that all believers would be *relationally* unified just as He, the Spirit, and God are unified. From experience, we know that relationships have the power to hurt and the power to heal. By following Jesus' example of unity, we learn to restore relationships through compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation, planned connection, and healthy communication.



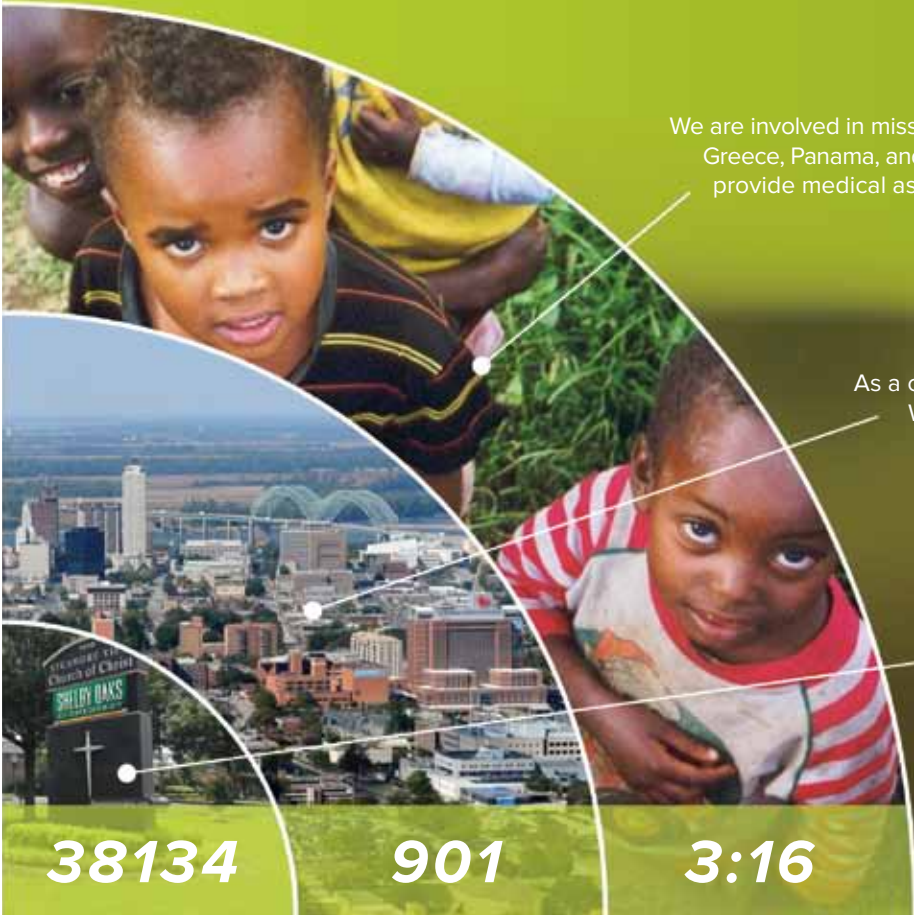
God uses restored hearts and relationships to build and empower *communities*. His vision for restoring brokenness through community can be seen in early disciples who gave to those in need, ate meals together, and gathered for worship. By partnering with God to restore through common goals, mutual respect, and conflict resolution, Sycamore View hopes to mend both local and global communities.



OUR MISSION EFFORTS

# SOWING SEEDS

**WE ARE CALLED TO HELP SOW THE SEEDS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**



**3:16**

## GLOBAL MISSIONS

We are involved in mission efforts around the world, including Zambia, Greece, Panama, and Ukraine. These missions help those in prisons, provide medical assistance, and care for children in orphanages.

**901**

## URBAN MISSIONS

As a church, we are committed to restoring our city. We passionately enter into the brokenness we see in Memphis to help people see Jesus.

**38134**

## LOCAL MISSIONS

We are known for our devotion to helping those in need who are located inside our 38134 zip code. God continues to teach us how to love our neighbors.

**38134**

**901**

**3:16**



OUR MISSION EFFORTS

# PARTNERSHIP

**WE ARE CALLED TO EXTEND THE KINGDOM BY SPREADING THE GOSPEL.**

**MISSIONS ARE NOT SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS GOD GIVES** to a few Christians. Instead, they are the calling of every disciple. At Sycamore View, we believe we are called to help sow the seeds of the Kingdom of God and engage in mission efforts that help people see Jesus. Though that mission begins right here in Memphis, it also extends to the ends of the earth because God has called us to make disciples of all nations. Our efforts are focused in three key areas: **38134** (*local missions in our 38134 zip code*), **901** (*urban missions within our 901 area code*), and **3:16** (*global missions that embrace the commission given in John 3:16 that tells of God's love for the whole world*). The list below are the mission efforts Sycamore View is involved in to extend the Kingdom.



## LOCAL MISSIONS

- Daily Bread Food & Commodities Pantry
- Preschool & PDO Programs
- Handprints
- Sunday Samaritans
- KDS
- Children's Clothing Sale
- Celebrate Recovery
- Prison Ministry



## URBAN MISSIONS

- Agape
- HopeWorks
- Soma
- Harding School of Theology
- Shelby Oaks Elementary
- Kingsbury Middle School
- Kingsbury High School
- Boys & Girls Club
- Streets Ministry
- Memphis Teacher Residency



## GLOBAL MISSIONS

- Greece (Southeastern Europe)
- Panama (Central America)
- Zambia (Africa)
- Ukraine (Eastern Europe)

OUR PLAN

# GROW

**WE ARE CALLED TO CULTIVATE A THRIVING ENVIRONMENT OF DISCIPLESHIP.**

**WHILE EVERY DISCIPLE IS A BELIEVER**, not every believer is necessarily a disciple. True disciples diligently pursue and are devoted to the life and teachings of Jesus. This kind of rich growth always requires a plan. At Sycamore View, our plan is to cultivate a thriving environment of discipleship. This spiritual habitat should be both challenging and exciting. As a church, our goal is to help grow and mature all believers. Though the cost of true discipleship may be high, what we gain is infinitely greater. All believers have a choice to cultivate a deeper relationship with Jesus, take to heart His words “follow me,” and sow seeds of the Kingdom. The model below has been created by the Sycamore View leadership to help you grow.

## MINISTRY TEAMS

ORGANIZATIONAL DIAGRAM



# GROWING DISCIPLES

**CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP IS A LIFELONG JOURNEY** of obedience to Christ that spiritually transforms a person's values and behavior. Zaccheus also models the journey of discipleship when he climbs a sycamore tree to *discover* Jesus. He later *connects* with Jesus, *serving* Him at his home. As a result of this encounter with Christ, Zaccheus eventually *gives* his possessions to the poor. At Sycamore View, our plan for helping you develop into a faithful disciple of Jesus is to cultivate a thriving environment that will help you mature and grow. In order for us to fulfill our commitment to you, we ask that every member carry out the **FIVE COMMITMENTS** below:



## DISCOVER

Discovery is at the heart of our faith. This adventure involves searching for truth, pursuing Jesus, and discovering your role in God's Kingdom. We ask that you do the following:

- 1) Be present for our weekly worship together.
- 2) Prepare for a discipleship journey; not a destination.



## CONNECT

God created us for community. We believe it's essential that everyone be engaged in a genuine connection to God and people through at least one of the following:

- 1) Sunday or Wednesday Bible Class
- 2) Life Group
- 3) Discipleship Group
- 4) Bible Study Group



## SERVE

Jesus' desire is to create a church culture where service becomes a lifestyle. Because serving others helps restore hearts, relationships, and communities, we ask that every member commit to at least one of the following Ministry Teams:

- 1) Connect Team (Body Life, Adult Ed., Life Groups, Discover)
- 2) Serve Team (Local, Urban, Global, Compassion)
- 3) Give Team (Financial, Facilities, Hospitality)



## GIVE

It's our belief that all things belong to God. We give of our time, talents, and finances because we have been given the greatest gift—Jesus.

- 1) Give during our weekly offering or online
- 2) Give to our 901 (Local Missions) and our 316 (Global Missions) offerings.



## GO

Sundays prepare us to live faithfully every other day of the week. Jesus says, "Go into the world," and we believe He meant just that. We ask every member to find ways to be a devoted family member, a faithful neighbor in your neighborhood, employee in your workplace, and a light in the world wherever else you may GO!

**89** NEW MEMBERS



**13**  
BAPTISMS

WE AVERAGE



APP LAUNCHES  
EVERY MONTH

**4000**



EVERY DAY  
**120**  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB KIDS  
ON CAMPUS



NEW VISITORS ONLINE

**2016**

A YEAR OF  
HELPING  
PEOPLE  
SEE JESUS



**11**  
MINISTRY  
TEAMS  
LAUNCHED



**14**

NEW CHILDREN  
ADDED  
TO OUR  
FAMILY



**212**



SUMMER CAMP

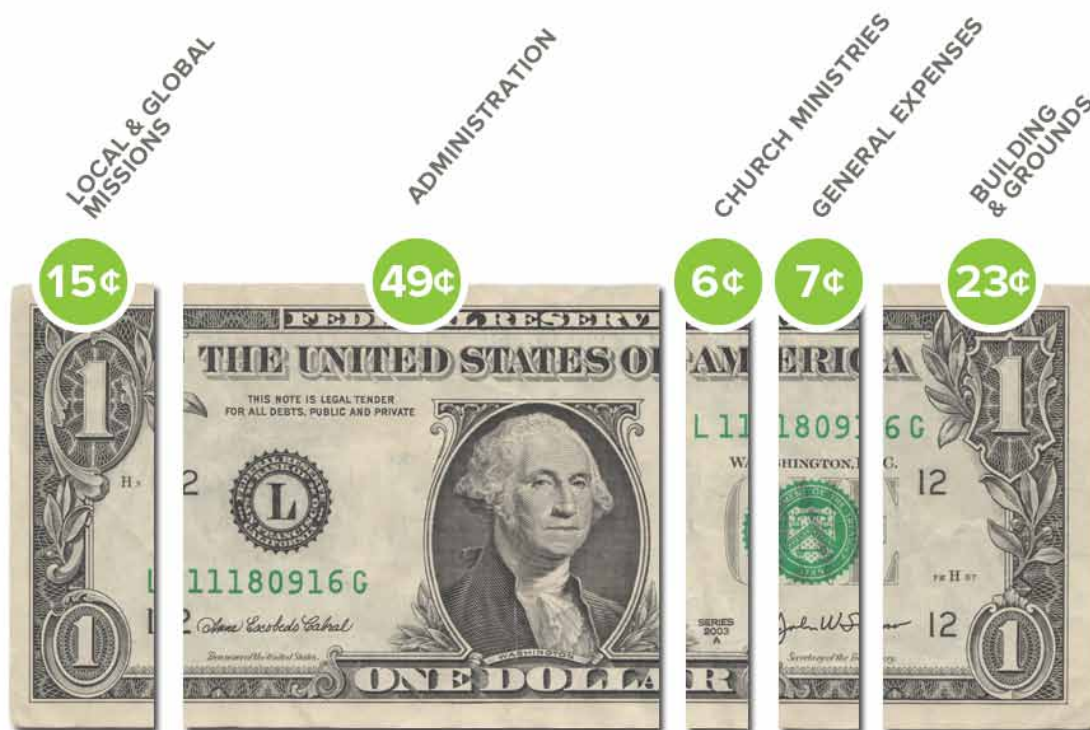


OUR BUDGET

# RESOURCES

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE RESOURCES GOD HAS GIVEN US.**

**AT SYCAMORE VIEW WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING WE HAVE BELONGS TO GOD.** He has gifted each one of us with specific resources in the form of time, talents and finances. But the Bible is clear about this, we are only managers of what has been entrusted to us. When we truly understand that everything we have is a gift, generosity will overflow from our lives. The graphic below illustrates where our money goes as allocated in the 2017 budget. For a more in-depth breakdown of our finances, please refer to the next page for a more detailed view of the budget.



**Here's where our money goes.**

