

State of the Church (1-21-2018)

Preview: Today is the State of the Church Address, next week completing series “Membership”

Main Text: “Equipping People to be Passionate Disciples of Jesus Christ”

Psalms 127:1-2 (ESV)

(1) A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon. “Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. (2) It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.”

1) Review 2017

Theme: Refine, Deploy, Grow

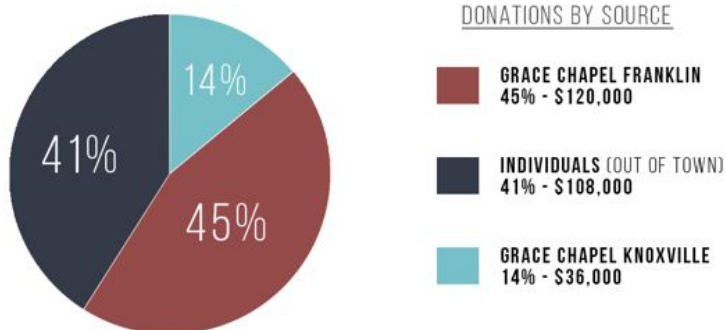
Story-telling:

Easter
Men’s Retreat
Women’s Conference
DR trip
BBQ & Baptisms
Thanksgiving baskets & Christmas Stockings
Appreciation Dinner
C’mas Service
Northshore - gardening, appreciation lunch, and the shed & sidewalk project
Kids Ministry
Life Groups Recap

2) Finances:

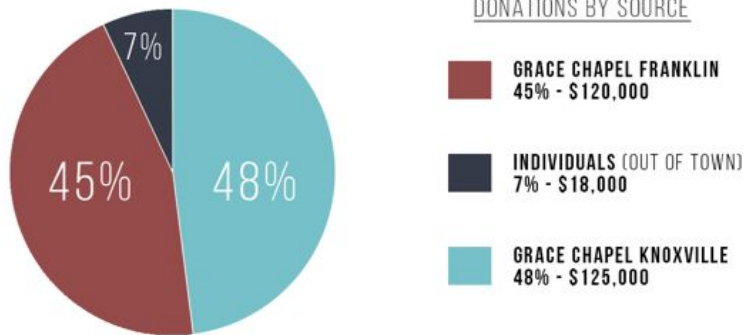
YEAR ONE - 2016

TOTAL INCOME : \$264,000



YEAR TWO - 2017

TOTAL INCOME : \$263,000



	Dollars
Benevolence	\$1,011.14
Community outreach	\$7,880.32
Missions - Local	\$675.07
Missions - Foreign	\$15,377.55
Total:	\$24,944.08

Shed	\$5,294.20
Landscaping	\$600.00
Pavement	\$3,000.00
Teacher's Lunch	\$731.16
Grass seed	\$95.54
Northshore Total:	\$9,720.90

Building Costs – **Rent for 2017: \$24,000** not to mention all the setup and ongoing supplies

Admin costs – 2 full time employees, several part-time employees (kid's, admin, etc.)

Starting the year with - **\$72,518.28 in the bank** (as of Jan 9, 2018)

2018 Notes: Year 3 financial goals: Able to meet \$264,000 from local church giving!

If we continue our current 6-month trend (\$88,000, so \$176,000 would come in this year), then we are 2/3 of the way to our goal already! This has happened with little to no emphasis on money. New series coming up!

So, this is our faith step this year – numerical giving growth of \$90k

3) Vision 2018

Theme: Established

Plans:

Life Groups – continue to grow and help people connect into meaningful community

Missions - giving & serving

Examples: Josiah's House, Mexico church plant, Knox Dream Center (Lost Sheep)

Additionally – we will give to needs of the body, needs of our community, and expressions of gratitude

Men's & Women's – Quarterly Gatherings (at least), and Retreat/Conferences this year too

Church Family Gatherings – Meals, Celebrations, Baptisms, etc. (Summer & Fall)

Special Services – Easter Sunrise by the River

4) Action Today

Established – We need you. You are the church!!! Series: Welcome Home. The House is The People living in it!

Numbers – we want more people

Maturity – we want growing people

What can you bring . . .

Time – Serving (meeting the needs of the body)

Talent – Gifting & Passion

Treasure – where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. So, if you believe & benefit, give!

Specific Actions:

Attend & Engage – be a consistent attender & engage with people (remember building a home)

Invite – bring people to church & special events, we want to impact community in a relational way

Give – consider giving consistently & sacrificially (tithe 10% - it's a reminder that all we have belongs to God)

Serve – Kid's ministry needs you. Setup team is growing. These are tangible ways to love & serve!