

Hilltop Church of the Nazarene

2018 Annual Report

Financial Information:

Church Income (March 2017-February 2018): \$1,096,879.79.

We finished 2017-2018: \$73,789.69 in the black.

Missions:

\$57,233.00 was given to the World Evangelism Fund. The World Evangelism Fund is the funding that operates the Church of the Nazarene and its entire mission effort, from the operation of the Global Ministry Center to districts and churches around the world.

\$22,550.00 was given to Alabaster, Nazarene Compassionate Ministry, Global Mission Broadcast, etc.

\$10,000 was given to Faith in Action ministries who we're teaming up with in Guatemala at the end of June into July. That money helped to complete a housing project for those in need.

\$42,071.00 was given to our District Mission funds.

\$23,608.00 was given to our Nazarene Colleges.

\$1200.00 was given given to local compassionate ministries.

Total: \$156,662.00 given to missions this past year

Traver House Property Sale:

Deal with Thomas Duke. 1.1 Million dollars over the next 3 years. \$300,000 down with Quarterly payments of \$20,000 plus interest with a final payment after three years.

With the down payment of \$300,000, we've paid off our mortgage and are debt free putting \$51,000 back into our annual budget.

In the deal we secured an easement of 400 parking spots. We currently have 315 parking spots. Duke also owns the office complex one lot north of the Traver House. This deal connects all three parking lots and gives us a second entrance and exit.

Building Updates:

We're about to move on replacing our three HVAC units above the sanctuary and Atrium for \$164,000 total. We were expecting \$110,000 each based off of a quote we received last year.

We've just fixed the fountain and are in the process of giving it a new face along with turning the area behind it into a space for nursing mothers during services. We're bringing the fence around the entire east doors there and will have a nice protected area for kids to play outside on nice days.

We're working on moving the current children's wing to the basement while bringing the adult ABFs upstairs to the current children's wing. Our goal is to have this move done by the fall. This move will enable us to have greater security for our children while opening more handicap access to our senior adults through the east wing doors.

Ministry Updates:

Children:

Little Trikes (Infant-Kindergarten ministry) has a new director Shelby Lingeman. Shelby has her bachelor's in Psychology and is currently working on a Master's for Counseling Psychology through Moody Theological Seminary. She formerly worked with Missio Dei Children's ministry in Chicago.

Shelby is joined by two new helpers in our Little Trikes wing: Maria Koch (finishing her bachelor's in elementary education); and Diana Sviontek who's done just about everything you could do in life. And I have to give an honorable mention to our longest standing team member: Annette Frum who has been in the Little Trikes department for 14 years now and who is just wonderful to work with.

Kidventure (Grades 1-5 ministry) will now have teaching teams on Sunday morning's. Our Children's Director, Courtney Walls will team up with Elizabeth Schleicher one Sunday and Mike Moore will team up with Mike Rosser another Sunday. This is an answer to prayer as it gives us the ability to split Club 45 (the 4th, 5th graders) from the God Squad (1st,2nd,3rd graders). This will help bring more applicable teaching.

All grades 1st-5th will start out in the Kidventure room for prayer, worship, the weekly Bible verse, and video. Then the two groups will split, God Squad will stay in Kidventure while Club 45 will go through the back door of Kidventure to use the secured room previously used by Little Trikes as a story room.

Liz, Mike and Mike are all veterans of children's church who are passionate and dedicated to teaching our Hilltop kids about the Lord.

Youth: Our Sunday 'All Youth' service happens twice a month and it started around a year ago with 15-20 students and 1-3 leaders attending. At our most recent service, we had 32 students and 7 leaders attending with new youth attending each week.

Another area of growth we have seen is the incredible investment of our small group leaders. This year not only have they done more certification training with our new system, but they spend time with their groups outside of the church! Our middle school girls group even met on a random weekend outside of church at a leader's home for a girl's night! It is incredible to see how their investment has affected the commitment of the girls and their growth.

Summer Ministry Goals:

Leading Missiologist C. Peter Wagner says, "Planting churches is the most effective evangelistic methodology known under heaven." – Acts 29.com (2012)

"Dozens of denominational studies have confirmed that the average new church gains most of its new members (60-80%) from the ranks of people who are not attending any worshipping body, while churches over 10-15 years of age gain 80-90% of new members by transfer from other congregations." – Acts 29.com (2012)

John S. Dickerson is a young, award winning journalist and pastor who wrote: 'The Great Evangelical Recession.' He declares – 'The mindset of the next generation is not program driven ministry but rather smaller and more relationally driven ministry.

"God doesn't command people to come to church; He commands the church to go to the world." – Unknown

- **Do you know your neighbor's?** Example: Host-a-Hunts (5 hunts with 15 to 60 kids); Crowded House; Pilot – team up with other Christians in the neighborhood. Do a prayer night/walk. Host a food truck and some games to seek, connect, and do good.
- **Steve Wiggins testimony** regarding Mega-Churches and young adults. There are 50,000 coffee houses in America. If we taught ten people the teachings of Jesus in each of those coffee houses we'd reach half a million people with no overhead cost.
- **Belong before Believe: ESL** – Wednesday Nights (501c3), **M.A.P** (Michigan Abolitionist Project) -First Thursday of every month; **Special Needs Ministry**; **Royal Family Kids Camp** - July 16-20; **Miles for Mankind**: July 28th, 2018 - 1 Mile | 5k | 10k | 13.1 -Hines Park; **Howell Church Camp** – June 17-July 19 for children through youth at Water's Edge Camp in Howell, MI. **Trip to Israel** - November 9-18;
- **Any Service** that you're going to perform, invite someone into it with you!

Personal Growth:

A LifeWay study showed 11% of Christians have read the Bible. When faith comes by hearing the Word of God, that's a problem!

There's 89 Chapters in the Gospels. Summer is 3 months, 90 days. Starting in June and going through to September, I want you to join me in reading a chapter a day. The staff & I will email out some thoughts from what we got out of it and then have a video teaching with it once a week.