



TRINITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# 10

ANNUAL  
REPORT



# OUR MISSION

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE GOD WITH JOY AND TO  
BEAR WITNESS TO GOD'S TRANSFORMING LOVE  
MADE KNOWN IN JESUS CHRIST. AS A COMMUNITY  
LED BY THE SPIRIT, WE SEEK TO MAKE GOD'S LOVE  
VISIBLE AS WE:

WORSHIP CREATIVELY  
WELCOME INTENTIONALLY  
CARE COMPASSIONATELY  
GATHER JOYFULLY  
LEARN PURPOSEFULLY  
SERVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY  
LEAD HUMBLY  
GIVE GENEROUSLY



## DEAR TRINITY FRIENDS

When I was a teenager, I read an article about an elementary school that was experiencing unprecedented success as measured both by the performance of individual students and the transformed culture of the school. There was one weekly practice the teachers and students had adopted that struck me. At the end of each week, students and teachers alike would take the time to write down and to share one accomplishment that week that they were proud of and one thing they wanted to do better the next week. The article was making a case for the power of ongoing evaluation and goal setting. An annual report is an exercise in just that.

In reviewing 2018, we celebrate the places where we are living into our mission and core values (making God's love visible through welcoming, worshiping, caring, gathering, learning, serving, leading and giving) and we name the progress we are making toward the three overarching goals of Vision2020: Engaging our Members, Serving God's World and Strengthening our Core. Looking back will also help us to see opportunities for us to "do better" next year. Jim Collins, an organizational guru, notes that in non-profit organizations outputs defy measurement; still, we measure. Numbers never tell the whole story, but they are important indicators. The session and staff are responsible to prayerfully discern what they indicate and to ensure that we are making an impact aligned with our mission, even when that is difficult to quantify.

In January 2018, the Trinity session chose Welcoming Intentionally as our focus value for the year. Not to the exclusion of our other core values, but as a value that could permeate all our other values. We hoped that all of our ministries would consider how to be more intentional in welcoming others. At each session meeting, there was time allotted for elders to share stories about their efforts to be more actively welcoming in the spirit of Christ. Three particular examples of intentional welcome that came to life in 2018 were the launching of our informal worship service, the growth of our Young Adult Ministries and the completion of The Loft:

1. Informal worship has been an entry point for engaging new members as well as re-engaging long-time members. Building on the abundant gifts of Trinity's worship, the informal service is aligned with the same values as our formal worship service and is expanding our reach to all generations.
2. Young Adult Ministries has continued to grow under the leadership of Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg. Engaging young adults is a critical calling for the church today as studies show that many young adults find the church inaccessible and irrelevant. Under Betsy's leadership, young adults are discovering meaningful relationships, exploring where faith intersects with their



lives, serving others through mission and advocacy, participating in worship with the whole church, and gaining a vision for their commitment to the church's mission.

3. Youth and Families are discovering the same things under the leadership of Rev. Andrew Esqueda. The completion of The Loft in 2018 has provided a welcoming space for youth and adults, and it hums with activity all through the week. The co-chairs of the project, Blaine Kelley and Lacey Jordan, rallied Trinity members to support this Vision2020 goal with advance gifts to our anticipated Vision2020 capital campaign.

As we approach 2020, our Strategic Planning Team led by Doug Reid and Susan Reese reported in 2018 on the progress our ministries have made toward our Vision2020 goals. Twenty-eight of the 36 goals have been achieved or are ongoing, eight will be rolled into Trinity's next strategic plan and a possible capital campaign. The goals requiring capital investment began to be explored in 2018 by a capital campaign steering committee appointed by the session. Co-chairs of that committee, Margaret Reiser and Jim Blitch, along with Rev. Dr. Richard Floyd are working diligently with a devoted group of Trinity members to test the feasibility of a Sowing Seeds Campaign to fund goals related to:

- Engaging Our Members: Spaces of Intentional Welcome
- Serving God's World: Mission partnerships that transform lives and communities through education
- Strengthening Our Core: Ministries, infrastructure, and systems that are essential to our life together

You will hear more about this as they are seeking input from every Trinity member.

I hope you will read through this annual report prayerfully, and think about one way you were engaged at Trinity in 2018 that you can celebrate, and one new way you might get more deeply involved in the coming year. YOU are Trinity church, and it is only through your generous gifts of time, energy, love and resources that we can Make God's Love Visible in very tangible ways.



Thanks be to God and to you,

**PAM DRISELL**  
Senior Pastor

# MAKING GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE



# A SNAPSHOT OF TRINITY CHURCH IN 2018

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## WORSHIP CREATIVELY

Baptized 28 people  
Welcomed 33 people into membership



## WELCOME INTENTIONALLY

Welcomed more than 444 visitors



## CARE COMPASSIONATELY

Sent 250 birthday cards to members turning 80 years and older



## GATHER JOYFULLY

345 people attended the Fall Kickoff Potluck Picnic



## LEARN PURPOSEFULLY

Offered 22 six-week Adult Education classes (including ongoing classes) and a Speaking of Faith summer series



## SERVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY

Delivered 3500 meals to homebound seniors  
Sponsored 68 students, 45 families, and 18 seniors through the Agape Giving Tree program.



## LEAD HUMBLY

Elected 10 new Elders to the class of 2021



## GIVE GENEROUSLY

Received 85 new or reactivated pledges  
Exceeded the annual commitment campaign goal by \$5,393



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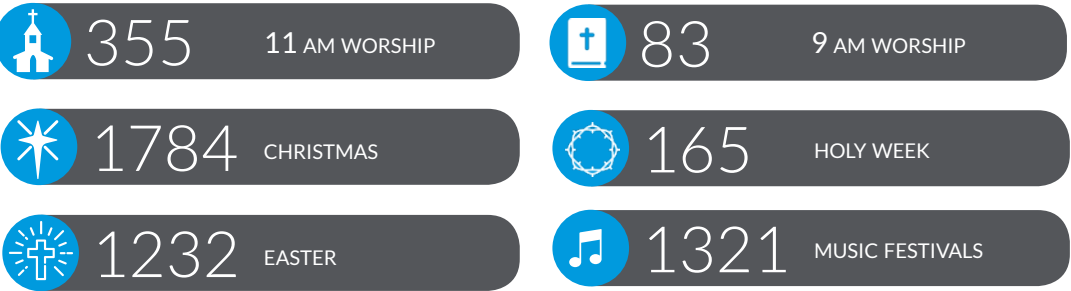


WORSHIP  
CREATIVELY

161  
CHOIR MEMBERS  
ADULT, YOUTH, CHILDREN, HANDBELLS

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



We believe worship is the heart of our life together. We seek to be a community of theological integrity and depth that glorifies God and proclaims the Good News with creative expressions of worship. Through word, sacrament, and music we seek to challenge the mind, nourish the spirit, honor tradition, open us to the Spirit, and address the needs of all ages, individuals, and families, sending every worshipper out to serve God’s purposes in the world.





WELCOME  
INTENTIONALLY

**444**  
VISITORS  
SUNDAY WORSHIP

### THE LOFT

The LOFT renovation was finished, fully funded, and fully operational in September of 2018, and is now used for our young people, the whole church, and our community in these capacities

- 9 am Informal Worship
- Sunday School
- Youth Group
- Open on Sundays for studying and hanging out
- Open during finals for students to study
- Used by Atlanta Classical Academy
- Regular hosting site for DOOR Atlanta
- Buckhead Baseball Annual Team Parent Meeting
- Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings
- YFM Meetings
- Session Meetings
- 2019 Session Retreat
- Trinity Staff Meetings
- TPP staff meetings
- TPP Town Hall Meetings

We believe the Gospel is Good News for all people. We practice an evangelism of intentional welcome and hospitality, inviting all into an inclusive fellowship characterized by authentic relationships and mutual respect.





## CARE COMPASSIONATELY

# 350

GET WELL CARDS

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Under the umbrella of Congregational Care is Pastors' Aid Committee, The Gathering, Visitation, Stephen Ministry, and Counseling & Enrichment. Each of these groups provide compassionate care to the Trinity family in a variety of ways. Pastors' Aid Committee provides care in times of illness, death, or other difficult life circumstances. The Gathering, is an outreach program to Trinity members who are caregivers to a family member. Our Visitation Ministry provides a visitation partner to Trinity members who are unable to regularly attend church or fellowship with the congregation. Stephen Ministers are laypeople trained to provide one-to-one Christ-centered care. The Counseling and Enrichment Committee sponsors educational programming and support services to enhance the mental health and emotional well being of Trinity members.

We believe that to bear one another's burdens is to fulfill the law of Christ. We seek to build meaningful relationships with one another, caring for one another with grace, compassion, and mutual support, loving one another as Christ loves us.





LEARN  
PURPOSEFULLY

968  
PEOPLE

### TRINITY EXPLORES

Trinity Explores seeks to nurture the intellectual and spiritual lives of adults both in the Trinity congregation and in the broader community; its series of courses of the highest quality enrich the experience of faith and support Trinity's larger mission of "encouraging that continual exploration and insight which keeps us open to the new world God is always creating." In 2018 speakers included theologian Walter Brueggemann, Rev. Paul Roberts from Johnson C. Smith Seminary, Dr. Gina Caison from Georgia State University, and Rev. Jen Butler from Faith in Public Life.

We believe that lifelong learning is at the very heart of the Christian life; to be a disciple is to be a student. We encourage intellectual inquiry and spiritual curiosity at every age, knowing that Christian unity does not require uniformity. We believe that learning is holistic, and so we are purposefully about exploring spiritual practices that connect us to God and one another so that we may more faithfully follow in the ways of Jesus.





GATHER  
JOYFULLY

300  
PEOPLE

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Congregational Activities and Events Committee focused on its mission of encouraging a broad range of the church membership to participate fully in the life of the church. At the end of the program year, we acknowledge and celebrate the many volunteers and elders at Trinity Church. Part of the celebration included a BBQ lunch prepared by Trinity’s Holy Smoke BBQ Crew and was attended by more than 300 people. Other congregational events throughout the year included Jazz in the Courtyard and the Fall Kickoff Picnic.

We believe that spiritual growth and the abundant Christian life are experienced in community, not in isolation. The psalmist reminds us that fellowship with one another is a “very good and pleasant” blessing, and the book of Acts teaches us that the first believers “spent much time together with glad and generous hearts.” And so we gather, not only for worship, education, and service, but also for sharing life and for celebrating.

SHARING  
LIFE

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Basketball	449
Third Grade Bibles	43
Fifth Grade Bibles	23
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	75
Egg Hunts	120
Parents of Babies Dinner	52
Vacation Bible School	91
VBS Volunteers	55
Christmas Pageants	100

YOUTH & FAMILY

Middle School Mystery Trip	67
Middle School Mission Days	16
High School Ski Trip	49
High School Mission trip to Chicago	32
High School Montreat	52
Summer Fellowship Events	61

YOUNG ADULTS

Active members	30
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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Jazz in the Courtyard	87
May BBQ	300
Fall Kickoff Picnic	345

SERVE  
WHOLEHEARTEDLY

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## MISSION PARTNERS

### MISSION SUPPORT

In 2018, Trinity gave \$412,750 to 22 mission organizations that are about the work of healing and reconciliation in both local and global contexts; supported trips to connect and deepen our relationships with partners in Cuba and Haiti; and continued to study and inform people on important public policy issues. We continue to stand with those who face incredible challenges.

We believe in serving the common good by reaching out beyond ourselves to care for God's creation, and to boldly address human needs through social action and advocacy. We serve wholeheartedly as an expression of our faith, remembering that Jesus "came not to be served but to serve."





ONGOING PARTNERS

Agape Youth & Family Center  
Cuba Mission Partners  
Faith in Public Life  
Haiti Mission Partners  
New Church Development Commission

IMPACT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Buckhead Christian Ministry  
Georgia Conservancy  
Georgia Interfaith Power & Light  
Georgia Justice Project  
Habitat for Humanity Atlanta  
International Rescue Committee  
Lifecycle Building  
Lifespan Resources  
Meals on Wheels Atlanta  
Presbyterians for a Better Georgia  
Trees Atlanta  
Trinity Early Learning Center  
Columbia Theological Seminary  
Covenant Network  
Johnson C. Smith Seminary  
Montreat Conference Center  
Thornwell



LEAD  
HUMBLY

We believe that we are called to cultivate servant leaders to serve in the church, the community, and the world. We seek to lend a voice to conversations related to the most pressing local, national, and global issues of our time. With humility, we seek to be a catalyst for renewal in the larger church and in ecumenical and interfaith partnerships that renew the world in God’s love.

SESSION

Class of 2018

Betsy Blitch  
Stefanie Curran  
Valerie Egan  
Cindy Ferguson  
Frank Fuerst  
Stuart Grubb  
John Hitchins III  
Blaine Kelley III  
David Merritt  
Melissa Moseley  
Susannah Parker  
Cissy Smith  
Bennett Speed  
Forrest Speed  
Elmer Stancil  
Jim S. Stokes

Class of 2019

Melissa Adams  
June Bishop  
Bert Broadfoot  
Jim Bynum  
Walt Gillikin  
David Gracey (Clerk)  
Susan Foxworth Hamilton  
Lacey Jordan  
Jackson McCann  
Karen McRae  
Doug Reid  
Paulette Slawson  
Victoria Wolle

Class of 2020

Chris Betts  
Caroline Brown  
John Dearing  
Alex Erwin (Assistant Clerk)  
Jane Harrison  
Richard Howerton  
Todd Kalen  
Carrie Kurlander  
Bill Montgomery  
Christine Quillian  
Barbara Robertson  
Carlton Segrest  
Ellie Sullivan  
Juanita Watson  
Kirk Willingham

Class of 2021

Kelly Basler  
Bill Borland  
Jack Calhoun  
Judy Garland  
Keith Knight  
Kim Mansfield  
Ansley Maynard  
Callie McDonald  
Calico Perry  
Shannon Sale  
Lucy Stewart  
Brian Williams

Ministry Chairs

Adults - Education:  
Bert Broadfoot (2018-19)

Adults - Spiritual Formation  
Susan Foxworth Hamilton (2018-19)

Children and Families  
Richard Powers (2017-18)  
Kathryn Edmunds (2018-19)

Commitment  
Forrest Speed (2017-18)

Congregational Life  
Chris Betts (2018-19)

Congregational Care  
Paulette Slawson (2017-18)

Finance  
Walt Gillikin (2016-18)  
Christine Quillian (2018-19)

Mission  
John Hitchins (2017-19)  
Victoria Wolle (2018-19)

Personnel  
Frank Fuerst (2017-18)

Property  
John Dearing (2017-18)  
Bill Montgomery (2018)  
David Caldwell (acting chair)

Worship and Music  
Cissy Smith (2017-18)  
Karen McRae (2018-19)

Youth and Families  
Blaine Kelley (2016-18)  
Lacey Jordan (2017-18)

TRUSTEES

Margaret Reiser (2018)  
Charlie Moseley (chair, 2019)  
Jim Carson (2020)

Mickey Benn (2021)  
Scott Wolle (2022)  
Ann Speer (2023)

Bonnie Harris (2024)

STAFF

Robert Albertini  
*APD Security*

Tommy Boling  
*Property Manager*

Brittney Boykin  
*Assistant Music Director for Informal Worship*

Danielle Bryant  
*Food Services*

Carol Carter  
*Childcare*

Elizabeth Davis  
*Director of Preschool Ministries and Children's Recreation*

Rev. Pam Driesell  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Andrew Esqueda  
*Associate Pastor for Family Ministries*

Molly Faircloth  
*Director of Finance and Administration*

Rev. Dr. Tom Farmer  
*Pastoral Associate for Senior Adult Ministries*

Rev. Dr. Richard Floyd  
*Senior Associate Pastor for Engagement*

Rev. Dr. Eunbee Ham  
*Interim Director for Children & Family Ministries*

Patti Heinz  
*Music & Fine Arts Coordinator*

Chris Hewitt  
*APD Security*

Jerome Holt  
*Food Service Director*

Paige Keller  
*Trinity Presbyterian Preschool Director*

Mary Jenkins  
*Childcare*

Kevin Lacson  
*Worship Coordinator*

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg  
*Associate Pastor for Emerging Ministries*

Norman Mackenzie  
*Director of Music and Fine Arts*

Chereka Marks  
*Childcare*

Paula Marshall  
*APD Security*

Scott Morris  
*Assistant Organist, Director of Primary and Junior Choirs*

Esther Patrick  
*Director of Communications*

Diana Pedrick  
*Welcome Center Coordinator*

Barbara Perrin  
*Bus Driver*

Lucille Perry  
*Childcare*

Jason Ranke  
*Executive Assistant*

Veronica Ridenhour  
*Assistant for Children, Youth & Family Ministries*

Cole Sandridge  
*Youth Director*

Karen Simmons  
*Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor*

Phyllis Sommer  
*Director of Cherub Choirs and Hosanna Ringers*

Laura Stanford  
*Trinity Presbyterian Preschool Assistant Director*

Rev. Dr. George Stroup  
*Theologian in Residence*

Bernadette Townsend  
*Bus Driver*

Alfreda Whitlock  
*Financial Manager*

Sarah Wikle  
*Assistant for Adult Ministries*

Derek Wimberly  
*Hospitality*

Rosalyn Woodard  
*Childcare*

Trevarius Worthy  
*Operations Manager*

Contract

Eleanor Baughman  
*Reception*

Walter Reed  
*Security*

Steven Hedges  
*Technology Coordinator*

Emeriti

P.C. Enniss  
*Theologian in Residence Emeritus*

Bettye Sue Wright  
*Director of Christian Education Emerita*

Affiliated Ministries

Tim Allen  
*Trinity Early Learning Center Director*

Mary Lisa Henry  
*Counselor in Residence*

Peggy Palmiter  
*Lifespan Resources Director*

Farewell and Thanks

Stafford James  
*Hospitality Staff*

Rev. Jeremy Jinkins  
*Executive Pastor (January 2019)*

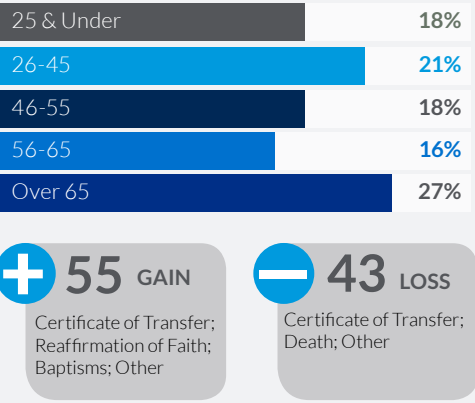
Rev. Erin McGee  
*Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministries (June 2018)*

Olivia Patterson  
*Associate Director of Youth and Family Ministry (May 2018)*

JB Williams  
*Food Services*

Jalil Young  
*Hospitality*

MEMBERSHIP



IN MEMORIAM

Robert Hutton Kent	March 9, 2018
Elizabeth Anne Love	April 1, 2018
John P. Culver	April 8, 2018
Paul Hoskins Hackett	April 8, 2018
Clara Mae “Sandy” Enright	April 9, 2018
Nancy-Ellen Feazell Kent	April 19, 2018
Thomas Disher	April 20, 2018
ONeal W. Chandler, Jr.	April 22, 2018
Robert Simeon Moore	June 21, 2018
Lea Paxton Nixon	July 28, 2018
Mary Gertrude “Trudie” Turner	August 3, 2018
James “Jim” Morton Montgomery	August 7, 2018
James Alexander “Alex” Summers	August 16, 2018
Rosemary Kittrell	September 13, 2018
William Vance	September 13, 2018
Jarrett L. Davis IV	September 18, 2018
Crystal McRae Quillian Allen	October 6, 2018
Martin Moran	October 31, 2018
Harmon “Sandy” Miller	November 20, 2018
Lucretia “Cree” Durrett	November 21, 2018
Martha Hollings	November 26, 2018
Edna Hitchens	December 7, 2018
Claribel “Claire” C. Taylor	December 23, 2018

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served Christ's church on earth who now rest from their labors.





2018 COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN

The 2018 Commitment Campaign theme was based on Jeremiah 27:9. The campaign co-chairs, Margaret Reiser and Scott Thompson, sought to engage more people in the campaign with small group conversations. They also emphasized the importance of participation regardless of the amount pledged. The 2018 campaign goal of \$3.9 million and 675 pledges was exceeded!

We believe that generosity is the only antidote to fear and scarcity. As stewards seeking to love God and our neighbors, we give generously of ourselves, our time, and our resources in response to God’s generosity toward us. We recognize that we are called to be responsible stewards of all God’s gifts, including our financial and natural resources, our facilities, and the gifts of our staff and members.

TRINITY TRUST

The Trinity Trust has been established for those who have looked beyond this life to make a commitment to Trinity's future and for those who wish to give beyond their unified budget support. These gifts are used to enable Trinity to serve its mission beyond what is possible through our annual commitment campaign.

Fund	Balance 12/31/2017	Net Market Gain/(Loss)	Proceeds or Gifts	Other	Distributions	Balance 12/31/2018
<b>Agape Community Center</b> Support Agape operations and capital improvements	\$ 79,751	(6,153)			(65,000)	\$ 8,598
<b>Brumley-Love-Morrell Memorial</b> Ameliorate poverty in Atlanta by supporting education, child care, and recreation for disadvantaged children	246,232	(18,999)			(22,000)	205,233
<b>Building and Grounds</b> Reserve for unanticipated or large capital needs beyond the annual operating budget	374,568	(28,902)	5,500			351,166
<b>Counseling and Enrichment</b> Provide financial aid to Trinity community in need of pastoral counseling	255,570	(19,719)			(3,450)	232,401
<b>Fund for Mission</b> Support Trinity and PCUSA benevolences and charities	55,193	(4,258)			(1,723)	49,212
<b>General Fund</b> Unrestricted endowment and repository for undesignated memorial gifts	3,023,122	(233,256)	100,450		(86,277)	2,804,039
<b>Love Memorial</b> Support Trinity's special benevolence projects as requested by the Session	662,764	(51,138)				611,626
<b>Minister's Housing</b> Assist Trinity pastoral staff in purchasing primary residences nearer the Trinity campus	564,145	(43,528)	901			521,518
<b>New Church Development</b> Aid in funding and early development of new Presbyterian churches	194,741	(15,026)			(6,815)	172,900
<b>Trinity Early Learning Center</b> Fund teacher training, curriculum development, scholarship, capital improvements, training of unemployed and under-employed for entry into child care profession, or parent education	591,802	(45,662)			(20,000)	526,140
<b>Trinity Fellows in Ministry</b> Broadly envisioned leadership training program support for young adults to raise up a future generation of leaders for the church	362,286	(27,953)				334,333
	\$6,410,174	(494,594)	106,851	-	(205,265)	\$5,817,166

# 2018 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



2018 INCOME & RECEIPTS:

Current Year Pledges	\$3,714,692
Prior Year Pledges	29,166
Non-Pledged Income	91,372
Trust Fund Income	88,000
Other Income	75,516
Basketball & Activity	68,969
Stock Gain/Loss	(1,362)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,066,353</b>

2018 EXPENSE SUMMARY:

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS	
Mission	600,950
Youth & Family	74,152
Worship & Music	71,157
Adults	25,551
Children & Family	21,094
Basketball & Activities	20,418
Commitment	3,950
Congregational Life/Care	\$6,821
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>824,093</b>
GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION	
Personnel	2,198,301
Property	576,408
Administration & Food Service	396,896
Childcare	24,487
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>3,196,092</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,020,185</b>
<b>NET RESULTS</b>	<b>\$46,168</b>

2018 ALLOCATED EXPENSES:

23%	Mission	\$927,208
21%	Worship & Music	838,698
17%	Administration & Finance	694,953
12%	Children & Family	470,405
8%	Youth & Family	330,284
8%	Congregational Life/Care	309,103
8%	Adults	317,687
3%	Commitment	111,429
.51%	Basketball & Activities	20,418
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,020,185</b>



# FINANCIAL POSITION



UNAUDITED - ALL FUNDS

ASSETS:

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,907,606
Investments	5,616,500
Receivables & Prepaid Expense	74,102
Property & Equipment (net)	18,423,287
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,021,495</b>

LIABILITIES:

Pledge Prepayment	\$471,529
Other Liabilities	96,681
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$568,210</b>

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted Assets	\$24,788,407
Permanently Restricted	300,000
Temporarily Restricted	1,364,878
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$26,453,285</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$27,021,495</b>
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