

# ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Mt. Gilead Family and Friends,

2018 was a pivotal and exciting year in the life of Mt. Gilead. Here are some key highlights from the year:

- In **January**, we began to see the new building take shape as the steel rose from the ground and the concrete walls were beginning to be set. We also sent a group of **college-age students** to the Passion Conference.
- In **April**, we had four **Easter** services and 1,738 people heard the Gospel. We held our annual **Baby Dedication**, where we helped thirteen families begin their journey of raising their children in the Lord. We also had our **Senior Blessing Night**, where we gave new Bibles with handwritten messages to over thirty graduating seniors.
- In **May**, we held a large celebration for **Terry Crist** as he transitioned from thirty-seven years of full-time service to part-time Pastoral Care. **National Day of Prayer** saw people pray around the community and enjoy ice cream together after!
- Throughout **June**, we began a strategic partnership with the **Boys and Girls Club** of Morgan County when they moved into the Mt. Gilead Community Center. We also sent a large team of adults, kids, and students to **Camp Allendale**, where many made decisions to get baptized and begin their journey with Jesus. A team of ten also travelled to **Zimbabwe**, where they ministered by putting on a VBS at local schools and serving at an orphanage.
- In **July**, we sent eighty-five students to our annual high school summer conference, **CIY Move**, where many made decisions to be baptized and others made decisions to go into full-time ministry. We also held **VBS** and **Middle School Mania**, where we had over three hundred kids and over eighty-five students each night.
- In **September**, we held our first ever **kids education trip** to The Ark and Creation Museum.
- **October** was an incredible month as thousands of people were ministered to in many ways through the ministry of Mt. Gilead. We were able to send a team of eighteen students to **Boston** to work with two church plants over Fall Break. Then, as the builders were busy putting the finishing touches on the building, the church was involved in a **Week of 24-7 Prayer & Bible Reading**, where hundreds of people signed up to pray and read Scripture around the clock for seven days in anticipation of how God will work at Mt. Gilead. All the while, we were busy preparing for **Bundle Up**, Mt. Gilead's Coat Drive, where we were able to give away 653 coats. The next day, October 28, was a historic **Opening Day** in our new building, where we welcomed 1,868 people into our services that day. That afternoon, we held our **Family Fall Festival**, where hundreds of families were able to participate in a chilly Trunk or Treat.
- In **November**, renovations began in the older part of the building. Kids hallways were refreshed, new carpet was installed, and both buildings began to look as one. Video walls were also installed in the new auditorium, completing our audio/video/light installation. We also expanded our parking and **sold MG2** to another church.
- In **December**, we helped forty-seven families through the **Giving Tree**. Then we celebrated the birth of our Savior together and welcomed 1,310 people to our two **Christmas Eve** services. We also worshipped through giving, and had a great response to our **Christmas Offering** that totaled over \$170,000!

As we pressed further into our mission of **helping people become lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ**, we focused our energy throughout the year into congregational engagement in groups, education, and service.

- As we put a focus on **Groups**, we trained new leaders and launched many different groups - LifeGroups, Activity Groups, and Service Groups. Throughout the year, we had over 400 people engaged in community through Groups.
- We also continued to build out **MG University**, and had over 200 individuals enroll and begin taking classes to further their understanding of Christianity and the Bible.
- We also made significant progress in our goal of enabling everyone to find a place to **Serve** in the church, community, and around the world by creating strategic partnerships and opening up new pathways to volunteering.

**2018 was an incredible year of Kingdom impact at Mt. Gilead. We are anxious to improve on everything we have started in 2018, reach more people in 2019, and continue helping people become lifelong disciples of Jesus.**

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Helping people become lifelong disciples of Jesus

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## 2018 By the Numbers

Average Attendance: 1,140  
Average Attendance Since Opening Day: 1,314  
Total Annual Attendance: 60,392 (10,200 kids & students)  
Average Giving: \$52,241  
Highest Giving Sunday: December 23 - \$117,054.10  
Average Volunteer Count on a Sunday: 230

## Kids & Students

35 middle schoolers attended CIY Believe  
22 preteens attend CIY Superstart  
85 high schoolers attend CIY Move  
Over **\$12,000** raised through VBS and Middle School Mania for Restoration House Ministries

## Bundle Up Mooresville

Coats Given Away: 653  
Hot Meals Served: 700  
Bibles Given Away: 125

**2018 Total Giving: \$2,770,832**  
*Expenditure Breakdown*

