

2019 Annual Report

Dear Mt. Gilead Family and Friends,

2019 was an incredible year in the 185-year life of Mt. Gilead Church as we worked together to become life-long disciples of Jesus. The last year of ministry helped us build momentum, reach into the community like never before, and reach people in ways only God can. In 2019, we had our largest Easter attendance, our largest Family Fall Festival, and our largest Christmas Eve attendance ever!

Here are a few highlights from the year:

#ServeMoore

Throughout 2019 we expanded our local outreach further than ever before.

- Our continued **strategic partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Morgan County** has allowed them to grow and reach over 100 students a day at the Mt. Gilead Community Center.
- In February, we started collecting **food for Churches in Mission**. As the year went on, the weekly blue bag food collection saved Churches in Mission nearly \$50,000.
- **Chick-fil-A Wednesday** started in April, enabling us to serve over 3,800 sandwiches and give over \$6,000 to our ministry partners in the community.
- We held our first **#ServeMoore Community Work Day** with over 300 volunteers sent to our local elementary schools, Churches in Mission, and Boys and Girls Club to do various projects. In one day we gave our community over 1,000 hours of service!
- In October, we hosted **Bundle Up, our annual coat drive**, and gave away 653 coats and served over 800 hot meals.
- We continued **servicing at the local public schools** and now have reading volunteers and mentors serving students in six of our public schools. We also hosted the Mooresville Schools all-staff back to school meeting with over 700 school employees in our building. We sent all the employees off with a hand-made card from our children's ministry and boxes of school supplies.

Children's and Student Ministry

We had a great year in the lives of kids and students!

- We were able to witness **20 students and 12 kids being baptized** last year.
- In February, we had **17 babies at our Baby Dedication**.
- In July, we sent **120 students to CIY Move**. That's our largest group yet!
- In October, we had our **largest Family Fall Festival** ever - with an estimated crowd of 3,000 people.
- We are reaching over **30 kids at each Sunday Night Kids** event and over **80 students at Youth Group** every Sunday night.
- Throughout the year, we were able to **refresh the old side of building** with new carpet, paint, and LED light fixtures in every classroom.
- In November we added a **new playground to our campus** that will both expand options for Children's Ministry and be an open door for our community.



Adult Ministry

We clarified our approach to groups, education, and service and reached more adults in more growth environments.

- **MG University** continued to gain momentum throughout the year, with over 200 people enrolled in one or more classes.
- We saw nearly 400 people engaging in **Life Groups**, over 200 people volunteering in a **Service Group**, over 100 people in **Activity Groups**, and, almost 50 people involved in **Care Groups**.
- In July, we did a sermon series on mental health, called **Below the Surface**, which became our most watched series ever, and launched a **thriving addiction support group**.
- Throughout the year, people from **Mt. Gilead** served in **Zimbabwe, Dominican Republic, Papua New Guinea, Australia, and Boston**. We also formed a new partnership with a ministry to reach Muslims in Somolia and Sudan.
- **Christmas Eve attendance was the highest ever** at 1,716 in two services.



2019 was an amazing year in the life and ministry of Mt. Gilead Church. We anticipate God's continued blessing upon us as we dedicate ourselves and our church to the purpose of helping more people become life-long disciples of Jesus.

2019 By The Numbers

Average Attendance: 1,208 (up 8.5% from 2018)

Easter Attendance: 2,268 (up 530 from 2018)

Annual Attendance: 64,010 (up 4,000 from 2018)

Annual Giving: \$2,615,831

1,107

Average attendance in the 65 weeks leading up to Grand Opening in the new building.

1,228 (up 9.9%)

Average attendance in the 65 weeks since Grand Opening on October 28, 2018.

218

First time visitors who filled out a connection card.

75

People participated in Starting Point.

76

New members by transfer or baptism.

Average Weekly Giving: \$50,304

Christmas Offering: \$149,395.00

Highest Giving Sunday: Dec. 22 - \$105,910.25

Average Volunteers on a Sunday: 240

2019 Financial Snapshot of where every dollar went

