



# YEAR IN REVIEW



# THEME OF THE YEAR

## - The One Challenge -

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COMMITTED TO:

PRAY FOR THE LOST

SHARE THE GOSPEL

ENGAGE IN MISSIONS

GIVE GENEROUSLY



THE ONE  
CHALLENGE

**One Day //**  
Will you commit to set aside one day each week to pray for a person who has not trusted in Jesus for salvation, revival of God's people, and the awakening of unbelievers?

**One Conversation //**  
Will you commit to seeking an opportunity to have one gospel conversation each month with someone you are unsure has heard of or trusted in Jesus?

**One Mission Endeavor //**  
Will you commit to serving as part of one mission endeavor with a group or mission team either locally, nationally, or internationally?

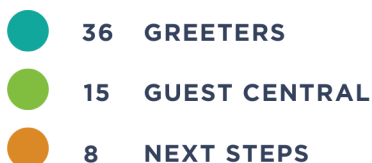
**One Percent //**  
Will you commit to support financially our mission to make disciples who make disciples by giving one-percent above your

TOM YOUNG

"I have been praying for a friend for a while now. The last time I saw her, she told me that she had a strong desire to read the Bible one night. This led me to ask her if I could share the plan of salvation with her. I did and she prayed to receive Christ!"

# A DISCIPLE IS A PERSON OF *Service*

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM



## WORSHIP MINISTRY



## DEACONS

21 MEN  
84 FAMILIES SERVED

## MINISTRY TEAMS

37 PRIMARY TEAM VOLUNTEERS  
178 OTHER TEAM VOLUNTEERS

# A DISCIPLE IS A PERSON WHO LIVES IN *Community* WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

## SUNDAY

Average Weekly Attendance

401

WORSHIP GATHERING

273

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

29

STUDENT SMALL GROUPS

55

PRESCHOOL | CHILDREN

## WEDNESDAY

Average Weekly Attendance

128

DINNER

58

ADULT EQUIP GROUPS

30

STUDENT MINISTRY  
GATHERING

67

AWANA FOR CHILDREN

35

CHOIR REHEARSAL

65

FIRST TIME GUESTS

47

NEW MEMBERS

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## ENCORE

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- 50 ARK ENCOUNTER
- 106 LUNCH & HYMN SING
- 26 CELEBRATOR'S CONFERENCE



## CHILDREN

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- 170 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- 10 CAMP CARAWAY
- 129 EASTER FAMILY CELEBRATION

## WOMEN

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- 80 COFFEE TALK AVG.
- 61 FALL RETREAT
- 67 WOW BIBLE STUDY AVG.



## STUDENTS

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- 37 WEDNESDAY OUTREACH AVG.
- 18 STUDENT LIFE CAMP
- 27 FALL RETREAT



# A DISCIPLE IS A PERSON WHO *Gives* GENEROUSLY



North American  
Mission Board

ANNIE  
ARMSTRONG  
EASTER  
OFFERING

\$10,426



BABY BOTTLE  
DRIVE

\$6,370



VBS  
TWISTS  
& TURNS  
CHILDREN'S  
OFFERING

CHRIST OUR  
SHEPHERD  
AND  
VBS FOR CUBA  
\$1,130

## CARMEN HEFFNER, ABWE MISSIONARY

"A big thank you to those who both prayed and gave to our VBS for Cuba initiative. Over 350 churches held VBS in Cuba! Approximately 14,700 children participated, and 3,400 of those accepted Christ. Thousands of children heard the Gospel in Cuba this summer!"



BAPTISTS ON  
MISSION

\$8,407



INTERNATIONAL  
MISSION BOARD

LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING

\$33,867

# A DISCIPLE IS A PERSON WHO MAKES

## Disciples

### BAPTISMS

- 3 ADULTS
- 3 STUDENTS
- 2 CHILDREN



### PROFESSIONS OF FAITH



- 2 STUDENTS | NEW BEDFORD MISSION TRIP
- 1 STUDENT | STUDENT LIFE CAMP
- 13 CHILDREN | VBS

### VOLUNTEER LEADERS

- 27 ADULT SMALL GROUP LEADERS
- 4 STUDENT MINISTRY LEADERS
- 14 CHILDREN MINISTRY LEADERS



### WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

- 23 TEACHERS AND STAFF
- 110 FAMILIES SERVED
- 135 TOTAL CHILDREN ENROLLED

# A DISCIPLE IS A PERSON WHO IS *Sent*

## - MOBILIZED 2 SERVE SUMMER OUTREACH -

### PRAYER WALKS

- 72 MOBILIZED 2 SERVE KICKOFF PARTICIPANTS
- 25 BLOCK PARTY FOR MATTHEWS PARTICIPANTS

### CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD BLOCK PARTY

- 75 ADULT / STUDENT VOLUNTEERS
- 247 INDIVIDUAL ATTENDEES



### BLOCK PARTY FOR MATTHEWS

- 125 ADULT / STUDENT VOLUNTEERS
- 250 INDIVIDUAL ATTENDEES
- 27 UNCHURCHED FAMILIES REACHED



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- 75 ADULT / STUDENT VOLUNTEERS
- 170 CHILDREN (INFANT - 6TH GRADE)

### MATTHEWS ALIVE

- 139 ADULT / STUDENT VOLUNTEERS
- 156 BIBLES GIVEN AWAY
- 241 SALVATION BRACELETS MADE
- 18,000 GUESTS SERVED IN THE DEACON HOSPITALITY TENT
- \$6,500 RAISED FOR STUDENT EVENTS & MISSION TRIPS

**PEGGY REISBERG,  
FORMER DIRECTOR  
OF CHRIST OUR  
SHEPHERD**

“I can't begin to thank you enough for putting on such a wonderful event for our families! Everyone I spoke to had a great time. Please extend our thanks to all your wonderful volunteers.”



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- MISSIONS | OUTREACH -

## MISSION TRIPS



## SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

### STREET PRAYER MINISTRY

43	VOLUNTEERS
475	PRAYER CARDS DISTRIBUTED
750	BOTTLES OF WATER DISTRIBUTED
68	PRAYER REQUESTS SUBMITTED

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

56	ADULT SINGERS
11	STUDENT SINGERS
10	CHILDREN SINGERS
19	HOMEBOUND MEMBERS BLESSED

# REFLECTING ON THE Past Year

## 2023 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

**\$280,100**

GIVEN TO CHURCH PLANTS, MISSIONARIES,  
AND MISSION ORGANIZATIONS.

**\$230,100**

IN PRINCIPAL DEBT REDUCTION.

## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PASTOR

As we reflect on 2023 there are two clear themes that emerge in these pages. The first is that God has been gracious to us. It was a year where He provided. Lives were changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. People grew in their faith and relationship with God. Many were sent out on mission to share the hope of Christ with others. The Lord has been so good, kind, and gracious to us.

The second is your faithfulness. You have been faithful with your time, talents, and finances. This is only a snapshot of what God has accomplished in and through First Baptist Matthews in 2023. Let's hope and pray that God will find us faithful in 2024.

In Christ,



Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

# YOUR PRAYERS for 2024

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