



BECOMING SEVEN

Dear Eastbrook,

How do you convey in a few paper pages what God is doing in the midst of Eastbrook Church? The truth is that such a task is impossible. It's impossible because God's work tangles through each of our lives like vibrant vines displaying His grace and truth everywhere we go and through everything we do and in everything we are as a community. You and I are the church and God is at work powerfully in all of us together.

We want to celebrate that work of God. We want to remember it, savor it, and thank God for it together. That is really what this paper document is all about. It's a little offering of praise and thanksgiving to God for all that He is and has done in and through all that we are and have done as Eastbrook.

So take 10 or 15 minutes to look over this annual report. You will see glimpses of God's work in the prayers, efforts, generosity, and faith of so many people who are Eastbrook Church. As you read, just take a moment to say 'thank You' to God for all that He is doing in our midst.

At the same time, take a moment to prayerfully consider what part God has called you to play in this community. There is nothing quite so satisfying as stepping deeper into life with God and letting Him use our lives in His work in this world. No other investment gets quite the same return. I am so thankful for all of you who are committed to making an eternal difference. Thank you.

So let's celebrate God's goodness through these pages. *"The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy"* (Psalm 126:3)!

In Christ,

Matt Erickson, Senior Pastor

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

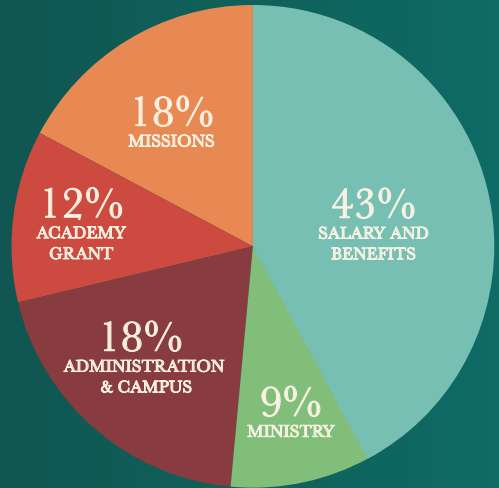
2014 \$12,000

2015 \$31,264

2016 \$50,370

Eastbrook has always been a sacrificially generous church and this year was no exception. We had our largest Thanksgiving offering ever and were able to send \$50,370 to Haiti for relief efforts.

2016/17 FISCAL YEAR EXPENSES



RECEIPTS

	FY 15/16 (ACTUAL)	FY 16/17 (ACTUAL)	FY 17/18 (BUDGET)
General			
General Fund	2,115,973	2,154,938	2,300,000
Eastbrook Academy Grant	350,000	350,000	350,000
Church Plant	3,376		
Missions			
Missions	487,961	482,824	540,000
Missions - Designated	40,217	39,414	
One Time Insurance Claim	20,000		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,017,527	3,027,176	3,190,000

EXPENDITURES

	FY 15/16 (ACTUAL)	FY 16/17 (ACTUAL)	FY 17/18 (BUDGET)
General			
Salary & Benefit	1,215,197	1,241,953	1,470,810
Ministry	262,684	266,786	265,000
Administration & Campus	537,060	526,743	515,000
Church Plant		2,800	
Eastbrook Academy Grant	350,000	351,000	350,000
Missions			
Missions	548,177	527,809	531,617
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,913,118	2,917,091	3,132,427

7 PEOPLE gave their lives to Christ for the first time at the June 2017 "Kingdom Come" worship night hosted by the Worship Choir!

15 CHILDREN DEDICATED TO THE LORD

CALEB JOEL JAMES CHARLES JANE GRACE JAMIE LUKE QUINN SAMUEL JANE CHRISTIAN WILLA RUTH JEREMIAH

NEW MISSIONAL SMALL GROUP

This year we launched a new small group that is dedicated to reaching out to the neighborhood within walking distance of Eastbrook Church. This group walked the neighborhood, helped people move into homes, did community clean-ups, attended community events, hung out with people at Meaux Park and Lincoln Park and hosted BBQs in their homes.

"This next year, we are excited to train and equip additional leaders from Eastbrook who will lead new groups in neighborhoods, committed to living out the truth of the gospel together, as they reach out to new people and places in our city."

-J.C. Heiden, Pastor of Local Outreach

PASTORAL on-call hours

1984

CARINA recently graduated from college and wanted to be baptized, but none of the dates we offered this past year worked for her, so she scheduled a separate baptism date so that she could still be baptized as a testimony to her friends of her life in Christ. She was adamant about making it work this summer so that her friends would know about her faith and her decision.



TIM JADRON ADAM GRIFFIN SCOTT
SAM ANNITA CORINNE AMY
EMILY ELIZABETH ETHAN TOM
GENE DIANE ANYA CARINA
DIANE ELIZABETH MIKE LISA
JENNA JASWINDER JUDE

25 PEOPLE WERE BAPTIZED, including 6 children who participated in the Baptism and Communion Faith Marker.

39

REGIONAL
Life Groups

3 NEW

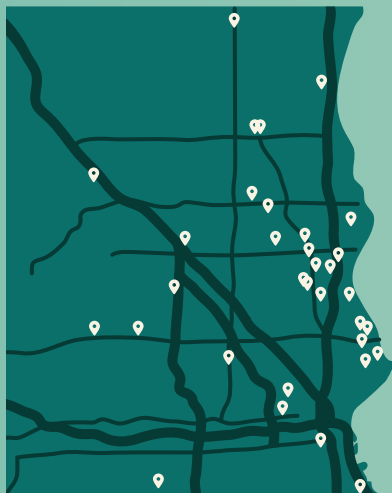
LIFE GROUPS
were formed at Group
Link Events last year. 📍📍📍

8 NEW

LIFE GROUPS
formed for students in
grades 7-12 and met in
homes around the
Milwaukee area during
the school year. 📍📍📍📍📍📍📍📍

4 NEW

LIFE GROUPS
formed in YoPro to study
the fruit of the Spirit and
met in local coffee shops
and public parks around
Milwaukee. 📍📍📍📍



NATE AND JEWEL

recently launched a new Life Group for young families in their home. Nate says, "We started by sharing our stories with each other and our joy has been seeing God pull together a group of young families from different backgrounds to begin sharing life together and growing in faith."



WHAT WE STUDIED



BIG CHURCH

As a congregation, we studied the Gospel of Luke for 10 months, a total of **6,020 HOURS** of teaching!



WOMEN

Around 300 women studied 16 chapters of Mark over 9 months. This amounts to 580 study guides, or **102,080 PAGES!**



YOPRO

Around 100 millennials studied the Fruit of the Spirit through a **10-MONTH, 123-PAGE** study guide called "Juicy Fruit," written by YoPro leaders for this group.

83

students went on a **FALL RETREAT** to Camp Timber-Lee.

95

students went on a **WINTER RETREAT** to Fort Wilderness.

SUMMER CAMPS

doubled their attendance this year with **142** campers over **2** weeks of summer, led by **16** young adult counselors from Eastbrook.

109

BOOMERS & BEYOND put on two Living Well seminars, intended to integrate areas of our lives with faith: *Trauma, Out of the Darkness* and *Creating a Spiritual Legacy*. The 109 attendees benefited greatly!

Last August, **KURT** was one of the first people to join the new neighborhood missional group.* He had been praying for a place to serve and God provided. He says, "This community has been really life-giving to me and is an answer to prayer. We are less focused on strategies but instead try to respond to God's direction as a group by listening and trusting in prayer that God will direct our steps."

*mentioned on the previous page



2891

2,891 HOUSEHOLDS in the 53209 zip code were served this year by the Eastbrook Food Pantry. This represents 8,662 people. Pray with us that this number would decrease next year and that less people in 53209 would be in need of food assistance.

267

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLES WERE DISTRIBUTED EVANGELISTICALLY TO OUR GUESTS WHO VISITED THE FOOD PANTRY THIS YEAR.

FOR THREE YEARS, Eastbrook Student Ministry has been partnering with City on a Hill. *"Every winter we invite City on a Hill's student ministry to be involved in our Winter Retreat at Fort Wilderness. Lisa from City on a Hill has seen God use this time to build faith of students and see young people come to Christ. We will be looking to continue this relationship."*

-Mark Lynch, Pastor of Student Ministries and Teaching



500

BOXES OF LOVE collected at Eastbrook Church and evangelistically distributed to families across the city through our partnership with CRU Inner City.

5

PALLETS of books and media donated to Milwaukee Working to help create jobs for the underemployed.



CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

The last year saw new partnerships like never before! We welcomed guest speakers Paul Bland (Oikos Church), Walter Harvey (Parklawn Assembly of God), Stuart Briscoe and Jason Webb (Elmbrook); we partnered with Bent Tree Milwaukee to sing Christmas Carols in the Third Ward; our worship teams led at Ethnos Church **12** times, we partnered with Southbrook Church to do a worship conference for **140** worship leaders; and our EBA students represented **62** different churches throughout the city!

1560

THE BREAD OF HEALING CLINIC AT EASTBROOK served 265 patients with 1560 patient visits last year.



45 IN 4

45 people were sent out on
4 short-term trips

34 IN 13

34 full-time field workers
serving in 13 countries

209

THE ILCT
(International
Language
Center &
Tutoring)
taught 209
students from
21 nations in
over 6000 class
sessions!

WOMEN'S PRISON MINISTRY

led 36 **GROUP BIBLE STUDIES** in prisons this year. 36 **CELEBRATE RECOVERY STUDY BIBLES** were distributed to women in prison and over 100 **CHRISTIAN BOOKS AND DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES** were given out through the Women's Prison ministry. They said, *"Thank you for sharing His enduring love... Tell everyone at Eastbrook thank you for the books, calendars, prayers and the Alpha Class."*

THIS YEAR WE SAW A RECORD
NUMBER OF EASTBROOKERS MOVE
TO THE SOUTHSIDE TO BE IN PROXIMITY
TO THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF
THE REFUGEE COMMUNITIES.

**BOOMERS &
BEYOND'S WOR-
SHIP OUTREACH
TEAM** led 1200 men in
worship at the Milwaukee
Rescue Mission and 6
hymn sings to residents of
The Bridges nursing home.

150 women and
children attended the
International Women's Tea.
*"This was a wonderful time of
friendship with refuge women,
international students, and women
from Eastbrook and Northbrook."*

THE TOUR OF MILWAUKEE
had 172 students from 22
nations with 110 volunteers!



Approximately 24 nations
represented with an average
attendance of 70 people for
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS
at the Meyer's house.



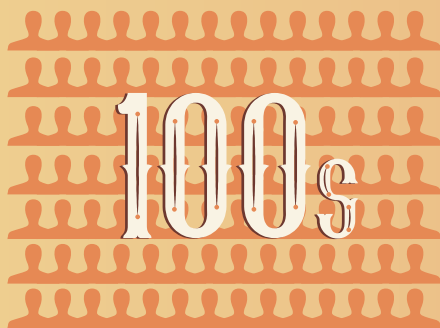
175 students attended the interna-
tional **CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

MEXICO TRIP

15 students and 6 leaders served
in Mexico in summer 2017. *"We
worked hard on construction projects
and hosting VBS camps. We saw over
90 kids involved each day
in the VBS activities
and the team
was phenomenal
in working, serving,
and loving people!"*



YUNI immigrated to the US from
Korea when she was young and this last
year, she got involved in serving refugees
on the Southside. She says, "It's pretty
amazing how God uses an ordinary
daughter of immigrants like me to reach
out to other immigrant women. I realized
this was God's amazing plan all along. I'm
ready to proclaim and embody Jesus
Christ to others around me."



WEEKEND SERVICES

Hundreds of ministry volunteers serve at Eastbrook each weekend. Whether greeting people at the doors, showing guests where to park, leading worship, teaching in Children's Ministry, leading a group, or working sound for services, they all give their time and talents to serve those inside and outside the church.

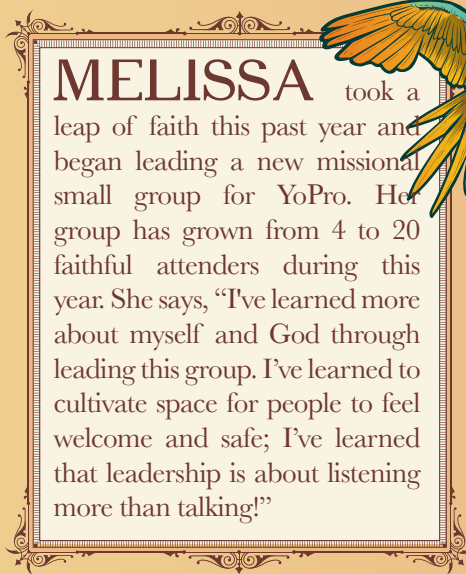


SENIORS GRADUATED from Eastbrook Academy in 2017, with 1/3 receiving a full-ride scholarship from various universities around the country.



WORSHIP LEADERS helped lead our congregation in worship at 212 weekend worship services and 11 2nd Tuesday prayer services.

These worship leaders led us in 143 different **WORSHIP SONGS** as a congregation, and our favorite was "Great Are You Lord."



MELISSA took a leap of faith this past year and began leading a new missional small group for YoPro. Her group has grown from 4 to 20 faithful attenders during this year. She says, "I've learned more about myself and God through leading this group. I've learned to cultivate space for people to feel welcome and safe; I've learned that leadership is about listening more than talking!"



Last year we had 5 summer interns and 1 year-round intern. Nancy Taylor, Jacob Siczka (Eastbrook Academy), Jackson Dreger (Eastbrook Academy), Lauren Cunningham Fuqua (Bradley University), Joran Weitzer (UW-Madison) and Grace Winter (UW-Milwaukee).



OUR 2016-17 RESIDENTS

Laura Meyer and Kiran Kuhn have been launched to ministry employment at Fort Wilderness's TruNorth program and Emmanuel Reformed Church of Waupun, WI. Our 2016-18 residents, who were with us for two years, Laura Fears and Michel Chabo, have been launched into full-time ministry employment here at Eastbrook Church.

HOW IT WORKS: Each Resident is assigned a staff supervisor in their ministry area as well as a pastoral mentor. They have ministry responsibilities and training and equipping meetings, where they are taught by experts and do graduate-level studies. Residencies are full-time, one-year commitments.

"Students have been growing as young leaders in more meaningful ways. When you look at ministry at church on Sunday mornings, you will find students in grades 7-12 leading, helping, teaching in children's ministry, as well as a new group that serves weekly in the Food Pantry on Sunday mornings."

—Mark Lynch, Pastor of Student Ministries + Teaching



We had 70 active volunteers serving at ILCT and James Place in the last year from 19 churches—an increase from 49 serving from 12 churches last year.

JORAN is a student at UW-Madison and was one of our summer interns this year. He says, "This summer proved once again that God's plan is better than ours, and that when we allow Him to form us, He will work in us and through us in ways we could never imagine—all to accomplish His divine purposes."

200+

Last year we held our first **LEADER LAUNCH** to kick off the ministry year. Over 200 leaders attended!

KIRAN was a ministry resident this past year in the Worship department. Of her year at Eastbrook, she says, "Eastbrook helped develop my confidence in leading worship and I now have a better understanding of church leadership and structure." She is now leading worship weekly in her new role at Emmanuel Reformed Church.



21 LEADERS

provided care through One-to-One Care

29 LEADERS

served our youth in grades 7-12 as a part of Student Ministries

130 LEADERS

served in Children's ministry (from nursery-6th grade, including Mid-Week)

65 LEADERS

served in women's ministry

132 LEADERS

served in the welcome ministry, greeting, welcoming, and keeping Eastbrook safe

250+ LEADERS

served locally in Local Outreach

CHURCH ENGAGEMENT

AIMING FOR INCREASED LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT, GENEROSITY AND SERVICE

44

EASTBROOKERS wrote the Crossroads devotional, which was read by 1,686 individuals online and 1,000 paper copies were distributed during Lent 2017.

TECHNOLOGY

was key to church engagement last year:

613 • 2,125 • 2,897

Last year, we had 613 new app downloads for a total of 2,125 all-time app downloads, and 2,897 sermons were played on our app.

49,154 • 121 • 385

eastbrook.org had 49,154 visitors from 121 countries and 385 people logged into CCB!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



1207

MEMBERS



2014-2015	1252
2015-2016	1328
2016-2017	1395

5.0%

GROWTH in worship service attendance. Average weekly worship hall attendance was 1395, an increase from last year (1328). The highest attendance was Easter, 2903, showing growth over last year (2066).

37

members of KALEO served for a weekend at Fort Wilderness for Project Serve.

JEFF was living in the Chicago area and somehow got connected with Eastbrook. Soon he was driving up to Milwaukee each weekend to attend worship services here. Over the course of the past year, Jeff got plugged into a Bible Study through Men's Ministry, started working at the Rescue Mission, and is now living with an Eastbrook family and serving here as an usher.

\$700,000.00 

worth of medication was dispensed by the Bread of Healing Clinic at Eastbrook last year. The Bread of Healing Clinic has the **ONLY** free eye services in Southeast Wisconsin.

97

NEWCOMERS

attended lunch with the staff last year

SADIE and her family moved to Milwaukee last fall and quickly got plugged in at Eastbrook. As a military family, they jumped right into their new context. She says, "Since day one, we have been included, loved on, and able to use our gifts. This is just what we were hoping for from our new church family."



JUST FOR FUN!

200

bowls of ice cream served after the Kids' spring musical

35

Pinewood Derby cars made by 5th/6th graders

874

transparency sheets and 3496 paper clips were strung together to create our series backdrop for the "Kingdom Life" sermon series.

1000+

Kopp's custard cones/dishes bought after Kaleo each Thursday!

26

#1

#1

#5

#8

EASTBROOK ACADEMY

has had a banner year. The Average ACT score at EBA is 26 (national average is 20.0); EBA was recognized by NICHE as the #1 best private school in Wisconsin, #1 best Christian high school in Wisconsin, #5 best private K-12 school in Wisconsin, and the #8 most diverse private school in Wisconsin.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

at Eastbrook is taking a pause this next fiscal year, but at this time we celebrate 15 years of faithful meetings which means 1,530 hours & approximately 2,000 people who came together to seek recovery from hurts, habits, and hang-ups through 12 steps and 8 principles based on the Beatitudes.

One participant told us, "*CR Changed my life.*" Truthfully, only God knows how many days of sobriety have been possible because of Celebrate Recovery. We praise God for the work He has done through CR and we praise Him for the faithful leaders who have been pouring out their lives to help others every Thursday night for 15 years (except Thanksgivings). That's a lot!



This past year we grew heirloom tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, green beans, sweet peas, kale, red chard, collard greens, yellow summer squash, carrots, beets, and green peppers in the **EASTBROOK CHURCH GARDEN**. This healthy produce was distributed to the families and individuals who visited our Food Pantry.



AFTER THIS I LOOKED AND THERE BEFORE ME WAS

A GREAT MULTITUDE
THAT NO ONE COULD COUNT
FROM EVERY NATION, TRIBE,
PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE,
STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE LAMB
THEY WERE WEARING WHITE ROBES
AND HOLDING PALM BRANCHES IN THEIR HANDS.

AND THEY CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE:
**SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD
WHO SITS ON THE THRONE
AND TO THE LAMB.**

REVELATION 7:9-10

