

A large group of people in a church holding lit candles, with a man on the right also holding a candle.

A Christ-centered church for all people

ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17
DOOR CREEK CHURCH



Marc Maillefer
Lead Pastor

As you read this year's *Annual Report*, use it to fuel your praise and thanks to God and to evaluate your own personal connection to Christ's mission. This report reinforces what Door Creek Church is about.

Our mission is to join God in changing people into devoted followers of Christ to change the world with His love. There's a lot to celebrate as we think about those who have come to faith and are growing in Christ's likeness. Thank you for all that you're doing to help us reach people who don't know Christ and impact those who do.

Thanks, also, for helping us be a Christ-centered church for all people. I'm proud to be part of a church that loves the gospel and wants to see it powerfully transform people, renew our city and change the world.

Together for Christ,

OUR MISSION | Joining God in changing people into devoted followers of Christ who change the world with His love.

OUR VISION | By God's grace, we desire to be a Christ-centered church for all people where the power of the gospel is continually transforming lives, renewing our city and changing the world.

WE REMEMBER THAT
EVERY NUMBER
REPRESENTS A
CHANGED LIFE.

OUR VALUES | At Door Creek Church, we are committed to:

A Life of Worship

Worshiping God in all of life.

The Bible's Authority

Centering our lives on God's truth.

The Richness of Community

Growing together in Christ.

A Joyful Witness

Sharing and living the Good News.

Compassionate Service

Humbly extending Christ's compassion to those in need.

Intentional Training

Preparing and releasing God's people for ministry.

Persistent Prayer

Devoting ourselves to pray continually.

Contagious Generosity

Excelling in the grace of giving.



*"Coming in those
doors on Easter was
the best decision we
ever made!"*

New Attender

ROOTED INITIATIVE

The vision for Rooted was the desire to go deeper in Christ to reach further for Him. Through the commitment of hundreds at Door Creek Church, we have been able to grow and reach people for Christ, as well as serve our community in dynamics ways, reaching out to the most vulnerable in relational service. Lives are being transformed by the power of the gospel! Lets continue to be grounded in Christ for the good of the world.

*"In days to come Jacob shall take root,
Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill
the whole world with fruit."*

Isaiah 27:6

INITIATIVES

DEFOREST CAMPUS | Take the next step to build on the donated 10 acres of land, giving DeForest Campus a place for ministry and a greater reach into the community.

FUTURE NORTHSIDE MADISON CAMPUS | Establish a new campus that lives out our values in community to serve the Northside of Madison with the hope of the gospel.

SPORTS MINISTRY | Develop a growing Sports Ministry, positioning us to reach more kids and families for Christ.

TRAINING AND MULTIPLICATION | Offer more resources to strengthen individuals, marriages and families through classes, forums, retreats and more. Continue to develop a training structure for our leaders, interns and residents.

COMPASSION PROJECTS | Extend Christ's mercy and hope, locally and overseas through monthly projects.

DEBT/REDUCTION | Pay down the principal of our \$7.5M loan.



*Look for these
Rooted Initiatives
throughout.*

ROOTED
GROUNDED
FOR GOOD

Mendota
School
Block Party



By focusing on three specific areas - **Gather, Grow, Give** - intentional steps are taken to grow as devoted followers of Christ.

GATHER

GATHER ON THE WEEKENDS

We come together each weekend to focus on Christ and His word, worshiping our awesome God.



GROW

GROW IN A GROUP

We gather in groups to build authentic relationships where we learn, care and serve, helping us to grow to be more like Christ.



GIVE

GIVE OF YOURSELF

As Christ-followers, we are called to give our time, talents and treasures. God has blessed each of us with a unique set of gifts, abilities and resources that further Christ's mission.



*Listening to pastors and
community leaders,
**share how the church
has been empowered
to care for those
around them.***

Rwanda March 2017



GATHER

...on the weekends!

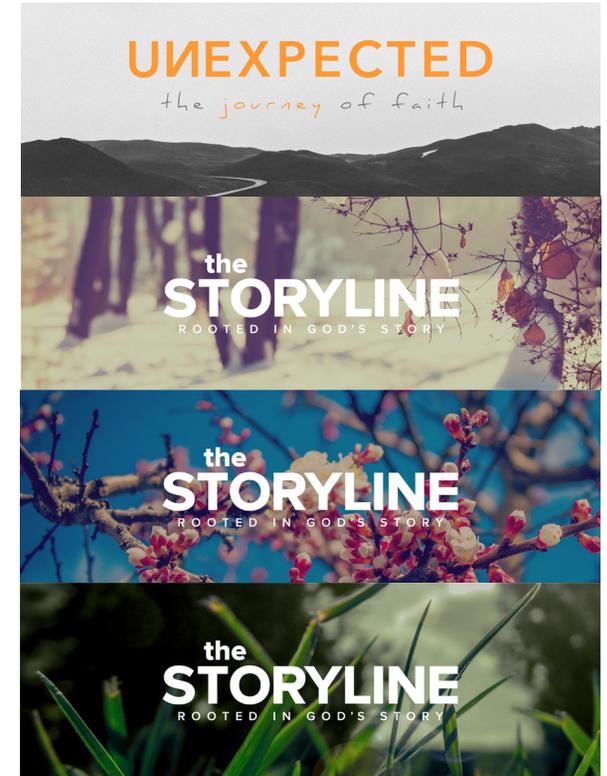
3,219

PEOPLE ATTENDED
EASTER SERVICES

2,874

PEOPLE ATTENDED
CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A gift of **10** acres of land was given to build a permanent home for **DEFOREST CAMPUS**, where we will be able to reach and serve the community in new ways!



SERMON SERIES

DECEMBER

Unexpected: *The Life of Abraham*

JANUARY - AUGUST

The Storyline: *Rooted in God's Story*
The Good Beginning - Genesis
Rescued for God - Exodus
Faithfulness in Failure - History books
A Heart for God - Samuel
Mercy in Suffering - Job
The Songs of Jesus - Psalms
The Search for Meaning - Ecclesiastes
Mercy for All - Jonah



DCC KIDS

Birth to Grade 5 weekend attendance:

Sprecher Road Campus - **11,043**

DeForest Campus - **1,708**



GROW

...in a group.

2 Forums:
Tim Mackie "Making of the Bible"
Michael Wear "Faith, Politics and America"



48 within DCC have said yes to Jesus!

30 people were baptized!

1,566 people are involved in Growth Groups

250 Women are growing in the Word through Bible Studies

1,679 average people are attending weekend services



181 students experienced a life-changing retreat at either Districts or iMust

40 kids recommitted their lives at Districts!

*"This course opened up **conversations we haven't had in years...**"*

Marriage Course Attender

130 people attended one of three different marriage courses

50 people attended Exploring Christianity (Alpha I) and The Jesus Lifestyle (Alpha II)

4 Interns received exposure, experience and education to explore vocational ministry

2 full-year Residents served in Student Ministry and Worship Arts





EGGSTRAVAGANZA

1000+ Door Creekers and guests attended at Sprecher Road Campus.

Fun Fact: Volunteers stuffed over **8,000 eggs** for this event! It took them two months to stuff eggs and just minutes for the kids to collect, open and devour them!

600+ Door Creekers and guests attended at DeForest Campus.

OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS

Mission of Hope, Haiti:

1724 people said yes to Jesus!

Great Commission Church of Latin America, Honduras:

175 patients from their clinic said yes to Jesus!

GROW

DCC KIDS | TUESDAY NIGHTS

Served **100** kids each week (Awana)

POPCORN & PJS

Over **90** people attended the three events at DeForest Campus



David Smith was hired this year to launch our Northside Madison Campus. In the next few months, David will be building the core Northside Group. Consider joining!



UPWARD FLAG FOOTBALL | 44



UPWARD BASKETBALL | 107



CHICAGO EAGLES SOCCER CAMP | 130



UPWARD SOCCER | 77

SPORTS & KIDS

Serving families and kids! **13** kids came to Christ!

The first Sprecher Road Soccer Camp was held on our new sports fields.

"I like that Upward
builds confidence
through teamwork
and faith!"

Upward Sports Parent



GIVE

...of Yourself!

Thank you for giving your time, talents and resources!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Over **970** volunteers served **4,500** hours.

SERVE DAY 2017

Thousands of school supplies were donated to five partners: (Westside Elementary, Mendota Elementary, Eagle Point Elementary, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Road Home)

200+ volunteers served **550+** hours

950 community members, Door Creekers and Mendota Elementary kids and their families attended the 2nd annual Mendota Block Party

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL SERVICE TRIPS

A team of **four** went to Rwanda for a vision trip. This was the first step in building a relationship with our new partner, World Relief.

A team of **five** went to New Orleans where they continued to help renovate a ministry center with our partner, Urban Impact.

STUDENT MINISTRY SERVICE TRIPS

A team of **12** high school/college students and leaders went to serve the community of Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

"We got to serve 121 people, giving them basic medical care and the gospel."

Anne Thompson, nursing student,
Haiti trip team member

38 middle school students and leaders were the hands and feet of Jesus throughout the community during Madison Missions.

A team of **16** high school/college students and leaders went to serve through our partner Mission of Hope, Haiti.

ADVENT GRANTS (\$35,000)

Grants were awarded to **11** different local organizations that have dedicated their entire mission or an organizational project to address the opportunity gap in Dane County in hopes of one-day gaining educational equality for all.

DeForest Campus Free coffee and Christmas invites were handed out by volunteers to morning commuters.

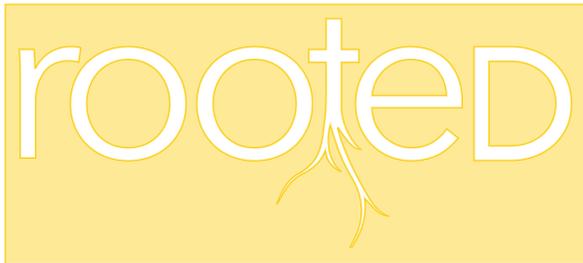




Thank you to the countless number of people who give to Boomerangs through donation, shopping and volunteering!

Boomerangs Resale Store is also able to support other organizations, giving surplus to groups such as River Food Pantry, Time Bank, Safe Haven, Pregnancy Helpline, Personnel Essentials, Dane County Humane Society and more!





...grounded for good.

Compassion Projects are extensions of the love and hope found in Jesus. Our desire is to live out Christ's command to...

"do good, to be rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share."

1 Timothy 6:18

Eagle Point Elementary Mini libraries were funded.

Westside Elementary A greenhouse was purchased to expand their community garden.

Adopt a Teacher Mini Grants

Kingdom Justice Summit 100% of registration fees (\$6,000) was given to eight local non-profits that are investing in our communities.

Rwanda/World Vision This project will allow us to purchase quality bulk coffee beans that will support the ministry of World Relief and the families that DCC is focused on serving. We hope this funding will create a sustainable model of sourcing DCC's coffee from our partner countries going forward.



Monrovia/Vison Trust A well was installed which provides the students and surrounding communities with access to clean water. Access to reliable and safe water is a simple way to change the life of a child.

Mozambique/World Relief A recipient of a 2016 Advent Grant which helped to develop community Discipleship Groups while conducting

*"Access to reliable and safe water **is a simple way to change the life of a child.**"*

Monrovia/Vison Trust

agricultural development, and create a savings programs.

Big Serve '17 Within a six week period, over **275** people served in the community connecting through relational service, helping the vulnerable in our community.

Boomerangs Northside Community Grants. Helping local Northside Madison organizations who are working to end racial inequalities and/or to close the opportunity achievement gap. (VSA Wisconsin, Sherman Middle School, Gompers Elementary School/ GLAD, Community Groundworks).



FINANCES

GENERAL GIVING

\$3,238,507 Income
\$3,212,602 Expense
\$ 25,905 Balance

ROOTED GIVING

\$2,500,000 Goal
\$1,837,230 Total Pledges
\$ 804,016 Given this Fiscal Year
\$ 1,507,990 Total Given

Thank you for your generous giving. Christ's mission is moving forward! Our total giving between general and Rooted was the second largest in our church's history.

INTERESTING FACTS

864 Giving Families

45% of giving is online

\$16,500 is spent in Credit/Debit Card fees annually (Switching to ACH could save DCC close to **\$4** per transaction or \$13,000 a year)

*"I give because
our resources -
time, talent, money -
are not ours,
but His."*

PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET

(Including additional funds from Rooted & Advent Offerings for Outreach)



Grow Ministries | 39%

Includes ministries, staff and Rooted Multiplication & Training

Reach Ministries | 37%

Includes outreach ministries, multi sites, benevolence, staff and Rooted Outreach Projects

Support Services | 24%

Includes administration, operations, facilities, staff and mortgage

STORIES OF GRACE

with Kerri Kane

Over time, Kerri came to learn and truly believe that God's love for her was far more powerful than the inner struggles and lies she once believed.



Looking back to her formative years, Kerri's memories are flooded with abandonment, depression, suicidal intentions and brokenness.

"I had a rather stable childhood through second grade," shared Kerri. The youngest of four, Kerri and her siblings grew up in the church, lived in a nice neighborhood and attended a Christian school. "When I was eight-years-old, my parents got divorced and my father left us," she remembered. Abandoned and without means, they had to move out of their home into an apartment.

"My mom remarried and I quickly found security in having a father figure in my life

once again," Kerri said. However, while Kerri found peace, her siblings wouldn't accept their new stepfather and her mother's reaction to the stress became a darkness she was unable to fight. "When I was just 10- or 11-years-old, I found my mom on the bathroom floor after a suicide attempt," said Kerri.

Kerri's stepfather could not handle the stress and just as her father did only years before, he walked away from everything. He wasn't the only one. Her older siblings also had enough and left. Kerri felt abandoned again. "Many times, I felt I was the only one left to care for my mother, despite my young age," shared Kerri.

"In high school, I attached myself to an older boy, hoping to fill the void of a father figure," said Kerri. At age 16, Kerri found herself pregnant. A little over a year later,

*"It doesn't have to ruin my life.
God is more!"*

"God's Word and the church are the place for the broken hearted just as a hospital is the place for a broken body..."

her relationship with her new daughter's father deteriorated, but God had plans for Kerri and her new daughter, Brittnee.

Kerri met Mark by chance just over a year later. "I now know God placed Mark in my life for a reason, I just wasn't sure why then. The stability in his life was so foreign to me," remembered Kerri. Mark's parents were married, had good jobs, strong faith and completely accepted Kerri and her daughter. The two dated for five years before getting married.

Kerri still struggled with inadequacy, depression and anxiety even after fifteen years of marriage, three additional children and a life full of earthly stability. "I remember Mark asking, "Why can't you just be happy?"

Kerri was encouraged by her friend Lori to attend a Bible study and she signed up for her first study at Door Creek Church. "I was so uncomfortable I wound up leaving the table multiple times," remembered Kerri. Finally, Sherri, one of the women from the

study, met her in the hallway. "I told her I needed to leave. The study was digging up so many emotions that had been pushed down for too long," Kerri said.

But Sherri encouraged her. "God's Word and the church are the place for the broken hearted just as a hospital is the place for a broken body. Kerri, you will get better if you keep digging into God's Word," she said.



New friends and women of faith came alongside Kerri, prayed over her, and taught her how to pray for God's truth instead of the lies of unworthiness that plagued her throughout her life. Though Kerri knew Jesus at a young age, it was during this new season of life that she fully accepted Him as her Savior and started a personal relationship with Him. "The void I had been trying to fill for so long was finally gone," she said.

Over time, Kerri came to learn and truly believe that God's love for her was far more powerful than the inner struggles and lies she once believed.

"Just because I was abandoned over and over...Just because suicidal intentions

***These women came
alongside Kerri,
prayed over her,
and taught her how
to pray for God's
truth instead of the
lies of unworthiness
that plagued her
throughout her life.***

run in my family...Just because I became a teen mom...Just because I have anxiety and depression...It doesn't have to ruin my life. God is more! Once you start a relationship with Jesus, these 'just because's' all go away."

Even though there are still occasional struggles with thoughts of imperfection and unworthiness, Kerri knows this is not what God sees in her. "He sees me as His bride who is worthy of love," she said. "I truly know stability can only be found in Him and I'm so thankful that I found it."





Sprecher Road Campus

6602 Dominion Drive, Madison, WI 53718

DeForest Campus

697 South Main Street, DeForest, WI 53532

608.222.8586 | doorcreekchurch.org