

2019



ANNUAL REPORT

stonebriar community church

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senior pastor

CHUCK SWINDOLL

As important as birthday celebrations are, most of them fade into forgotten memories once they're over. There is one, however, that seems extremely significant. It was back when we turned 21, that magical moment we could officially announce . . . "I am an adult!"

Borrowing from that triumphant turning-point in our lives, I am delighted to remind all of us that we have reached that milestone as a church. This year, we turn 21. Here's another way to look at it: this year, we are beginning our third decade of ministry together. We have built a secure reputation on a solid 20-year foundation from which we're prepared to reach new heights of ministry effectiveness.

We now offer more than 180 various ministries, led by numerous teams of qualified volunteers. As always, one of our greatest needs is for more to serve, which will enlarge and enhance each ministry. On [page 12](#), you will find some practical steps you can take that will enable you to engage more deeply in the life of our church. The momentum that will sustain us and keep us healthy can be stated in three great words: Together we serve. Please seek out the place of ministry that fits your giftedness, then go for it with enthusiasm!

Don't miss the great news on [page 10](#) of this report. It describes our shrinking financial debt and explains how we can accelerate completely paying off our loan. Wouldn't it be wonderful to add "debt-free" to the story as you tell others about your church? Being debt-free would also mean that we would be able to use maximum resources to meet all our ministry needs.

As we celebrate our 21st "adult birthday," our theme stays the same: Love God and love others . . . the ever-present North Star of our ministry. Not a "slogan," it's our ongoing commitment, as we love with deep devotion and serve with great passion, always together.

Overflowing with gratitude,

Charles R. Swindoll, Senior Pastor

LIVE STREAMING

Technological advances allowed us to begin live streaming our 10:45 morning worship service in 2018. Live streaming increases exponentially the number of people who can hear Chuck preach God’s Word every week, as well as worship in music and song with the Stonebriar orchestra and choir. For many, due to age, distance, or disability, this is their only opportunity to participate in a weekly worship service. Anyone, anywhere in the world, with internet access can now watch our services live, and view archived services dating back to September 9, 2018.

**SINCE SEPTEMBER 2018: 30,000 FACEBOOK LIFETIME VIEWS
MORE THAN 28,000 YOUTUBE LIFETIME VIEWS**

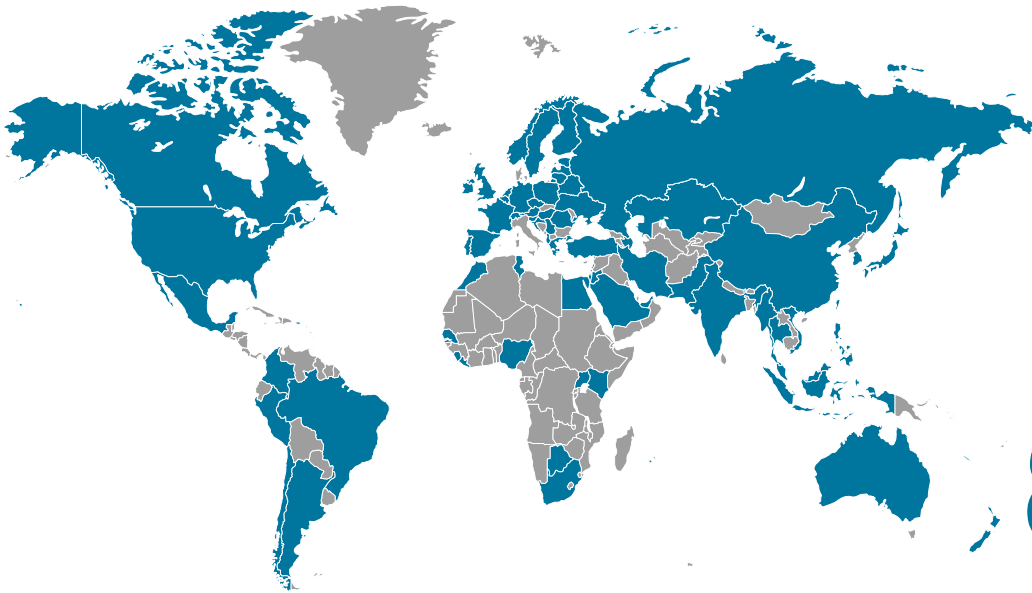
Jason Webb, our Director of Media, and his team coordinate the action of seven cameras, with Rich Diesto serving as producer. The video feed is distributed to the websites and Facebook pages of both Insight for Living and Stonebriar, providing four sources for easy access. Services are also accessible on YouTube.



composite screenshot of Sunday morning live stream on phone



Rich Diesto, producer



227
VIEWERS
 LIVE PEAK VIEWERSHIP
 WEEKLY AVERAGE
 10:45 SUNDAY MORNINGS
 (Facebook and YouTube)

85 COUNTRIES
 HAVE VIEWED
 VIDEO CONTENT
 SINCE LAUNCH

International viewership since launch of live stream services (on map in blue): Albania, Andorra, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Egypt, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guadeloupe, Hungary, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Myanmar (Burma), Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norway, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Réunion, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States, U.S. Virgin Islands, United Kingdom

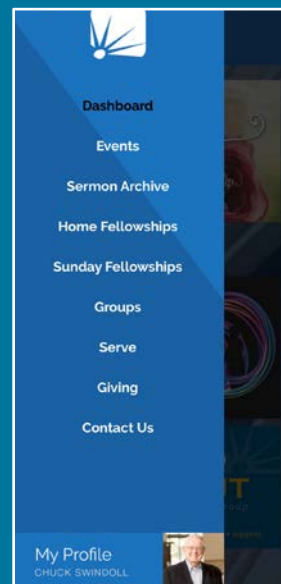


NEW FOR 2019: STONEBRIAR APP

This year, we launched our Stonebriar app! Download the app from the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#) (search Stonebriar Community Church). Feel free to download and take a look, keeping in mind we are still under construction.

Features of the app: Same login as My.Stonebriar.org/portal or you can view as a guest • Featured Events • Event Calendar • Event Registrations • Service Opportunity Finder • Online Giving Integration • Group Finders—Home Fellowship, Sunday Fellowship, General Groups • In-App Reminders

Coming Soon: Sermon Notes • Push Notifications • Live Streaming • Check-In for Events • Featured Service Opportunities



You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." —2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT

DIRECTION AND CONTROL

The Finance Department, with a staff of five, is led by Lorie Bradshaw, who reports to Don McMinn, Senior Associate Pastor of Arts and Administration. Lorie has more than 20 years of experience in church accounting and has served Stonebriar since 2003.

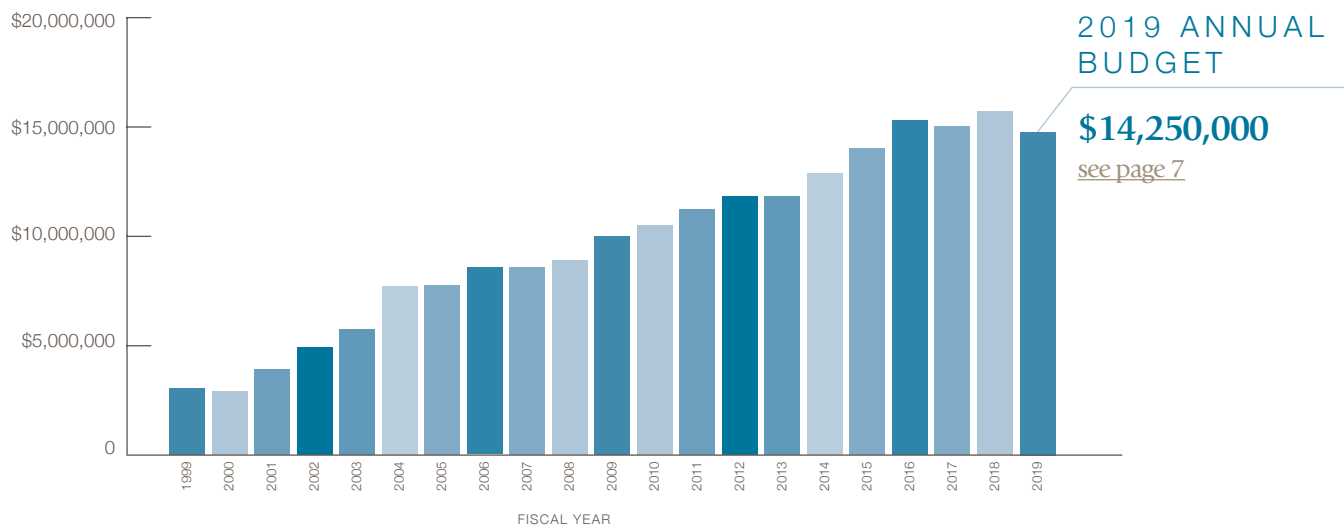
Our Finance Committee, composed of Stonebriar members and one elder, meets quarterly to review financial reports and recommend financial direction and actions to the elders.

An annual audit is performed by an independent audit firm, PSK. The audited financial statement for 2017–2018 is available at stonebriar.org/annualreport. Our auditors consistently affirm the integrity with which we handle our finances.

The annual budget is composed by the staff, submitted to the Finance Committee for review, and approved by the elders.

Our fiscal year is July 1–June 30.

20-YEAR BUDGET HISTORY



AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

PSK LLP performs an annual financial statement audit for the church. As an independent third party, our audits are performed in conjunction with auditing standards set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In each of our annual reports, we have expressed an unqualified (clean) opinion as to the fairness of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We commend the church and its leadership for handling its business affairs with a high degree of integrity.
— Bryan Baughman, Partner PSK, LLP, December 4, 2018

VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS

In 1999, the elders led the church to purchase 61 acres of land in an underdeveloped area of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex—Frisco. Subsequent acquisitions have brought our total land area to 85 acres. Few people could have imagined that Frisco would become one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. Our buildings and parking occupy approximately 40 acres; 45 acres are undeveloped.

The replacement value of our developed campus (301,000 sq. ft. of conditioned buildings) is approximately \$64 million. Depreciated value of the campus is approximately \$40 million. Based on comparable sales and listings (not an official appraisal) our undeveloped land is valued at approximately \$30 million.

DEBT STRUCTURE

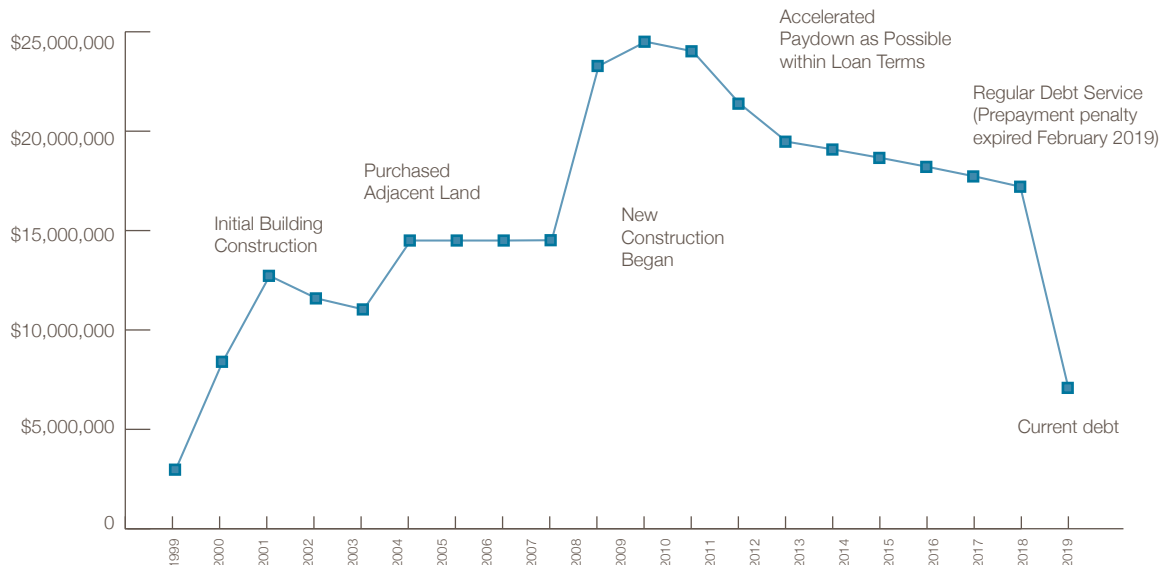
History

In 2007, our total indebtedness for land and buildings was \$24 million. The annual payment on the loan was \$1.7 million and was included in our operating budget. The loan structure did not allow for early paydown prior to February 2019, but freedom from debt has consistently been a priority. At the direction of the elders, an additional \$8.7 million was set aside for debt reduction over the past six years as part of our annual budget.

Current Debt

In February of this year, the pre-payment penalty expired. We were then able to use the reserve fund along with additional designated gifts from individuals to reduce our debt by \$9,714,224.

Our loan has been renegotiated with very favorable terms and no pre-payment penalty. The current balance is \$6.6 million.



2018-2019 BUDGET

\$14,250,000

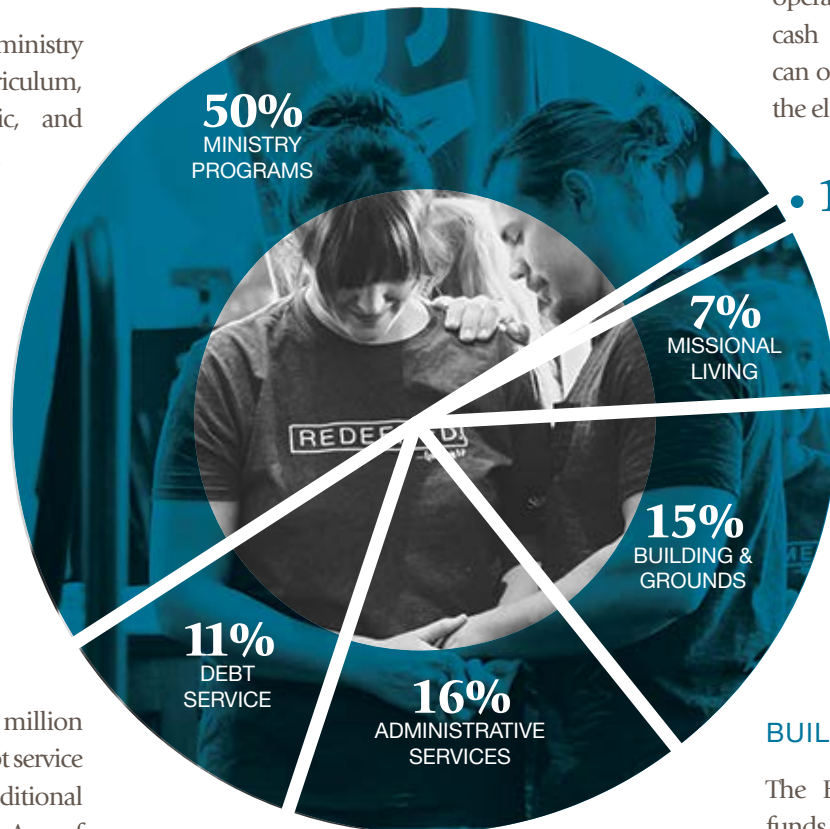
The best way to support our church financially is to give to the general fund. While designated gifts are appreciated, the church's primary ongoing ministry is sustained through our annual budget.

MINISTRY PROGRAMS

This budget area represents ministry needs, such as staff, curriculum, fellowship, worship, music, and events for ages birth to adult.

RESERVES

Per our auditor's recommendation, we maintain four months of operating expense in a designated cash reserve account. These funds can only be spent at the direction of the elders.



DEBT SERVICES

Our budget includes \$1.5 million per year to cover required debt service payments as well as additional reductions in principal. As of February 2019, our loan balance is \$6.6 million.

[see page 6](#)

• 1% RESERVES

BUILDING & GROUNDS

The Building & Grounds Budget funds all activities associated with the operation, maintenance, safety, and security of all buildings, grounds, furnishings, and equipment owned by the church.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

This category covers the support departments shared by all ministry areas. Administrative Support includes Communications, Finance, Human Resources, Database Maintenance, Information Technology, and Web Services.

A more detailed budget is available at stonebriar.org/annualreport.

MISSIONAL LIVING

Approximately 7% of our annual budget supports ministry beyond our local church. We support multiple missions organizations including Samaritan's Purse, World Vision, Feed My Starving Children, and others. The church also sponsors special missions offerings, coordinates the gifts of individual donors, and sponsors mission trips, such that 11% of our total expenditures are spent on missions.



FINANCIAL GIVING

There are five convenient ways to give:

ONLINE

- at stonebriar.org/giving
- with an e-check, debit card, or credit card
- by giving a single gift or automatic recurring gifts

TEXT TO 469.275.9473

- text GIVE, followed by the amount you want to contribute (ex. to give \$50, text GIVE50)

CASH

- offerings may be made during worship (envelopes are available at information desks)
- drop off at the church office during business hours

CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS

- during worship
- drop off at the church office during business hours
- U.S. mail
- electronic bill-pay through your bank

MARKETABLE SECURITIES (stocks, bonds, etc.)

- broker-to-broker transfer is most common
- account numbers and instructions are on our website; or you may call the church Finance Department for assistance

For more information, visit stonebriar.org/giving, or contact the finance department via e-mail at finance@stonebriar.org.

LEGACY GIVING

In addition to giving on a regular, systematic basis, many people consider long-range planning financial instruments as a way to leave a legacy that will continue through the years. Options include:

- wills and living trusts
- charitable remainder trusts
- retirement assets
- charitable lead trusts
- charitable gift annuities
- donor advised funds

SALE-OF-LAND UPDATE

After being contacted by a local real estate developer in February 2018, who was interested in purchasing some of our undeveloped property, a committee comprised of elders, church staff, and church lay people who have extensive experience in real estate and land development was formed to further study the issue. Over the next several months, this committee took appropriate due diligence efforts such as obtaining appraisals and engaging a real estate attorney. During these months, our pastoral staff met regularly to pray about the vision of our church and how the proposed sale might affect that vision.

In June 2018, we informed our congregants about an unsolicited offer we received on a portion of our undeveloped land. We asked for your input and prayers. We carefully considered and responded to every suggestion and question. Thank you for your prayers regarding this important issue. Although the land sale had the potential to generate funding to eliminate our mortgage debt, Pastor Chuck communicated to the congregation that we would only move forward if we believed that the project was in the best interest of the church.

The parties worked hard in an attempt to find mutually agreeable terms but were unable to find sufficient common ground. In November, following prayerful deliberations and hours of discussion, our elders unanimously decided that this particular opportunity would not be in the best interest of the church. We anticipate that our undeveloped land will continue to be a valuable asset for our church.

While the sale of land could have provided immediate funds to pay off our mortgage, we have for a number of years been reserving funds to apply towards the debt when the mortgage pre-payment penalty was eliminated, which happened in January 2019. As a result, we have paid \$9.7 million toward the outstanding debt of \$16 million and negotiated favorable terms for a new loan of \$6.6 million. At our current level of debt service, we can eliminate the mortgage in about 5 years. But we believe that freedom from debt will come even sooner. As the loan is gradually reduced and we see the “finish line,” we anticipate that our people will give generously to accelerate the pay-off (see Debt Reduction Plan on [page 10](#)).

Loan balance 1/14/2019	16,314,223.74
Less paid from reserve	(8,769,736.00)
Less donor gift balance	(889,497.51)
Extra funds from budget	(54,990.23)
Amount of new loan	6,600,000.00

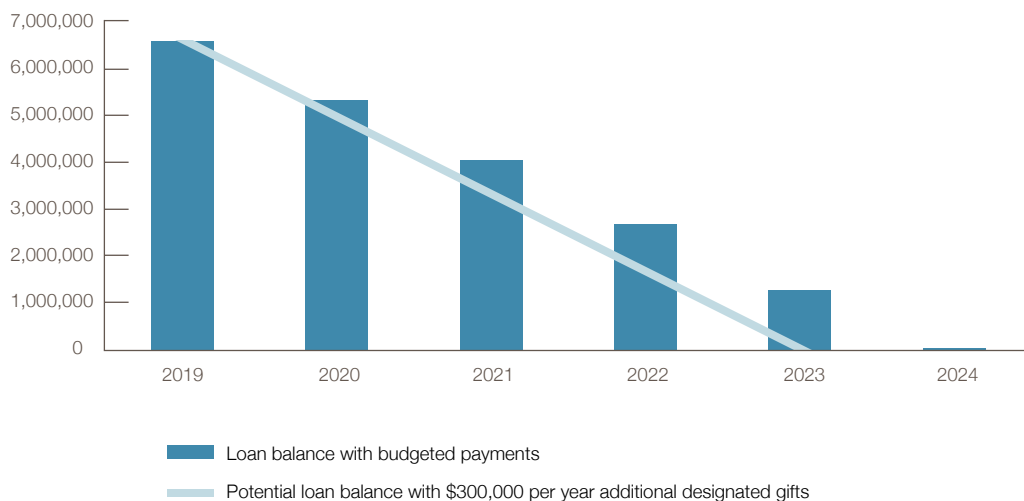
As a result of our staff having spent hours in prayer and conversation about our future, we have sharper focus and renewed enthusiasm regarding what God has called us to do in our community and around the world. Elsewhere in this report, read about how you can be involved in various ministry opportunities.

We are grateful to God for His provision in the past, His clear direction in the present, and His continued faithfulness in the future.



DEBT REDUCTION PLAN

Our annual budget includes \$1.5 million for debt reduction. Our goal is to make additional payments toward principal whenever possible, both from our budget and from designated donor gifts. Using only budgeted funds, we will be debt-free in 2024. With additional gifts of \$300,000 per year toward debt, we could reach that goal in 2023, and save more than \$130,000 in interest expense.



**AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN:
FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE.
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.**

—1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 (NIV)

Exactly twenty years after our first worship service as Stonebriar Community Church, we celebrated God's love and faithfulness with a day that can only be described as a taste of Heaven on earth. On Sunday, October 14 of 2018, our celebration began just as our journey did in 1998—with worship in song, heartfelt prayer, and a message from God's Word, preached by senior pastor Chuck Swindoll.

The crowd filled every seat in our Worship Center as our orchestra opened the service with *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. Throughout the service, we heard stories of how the Spirit is moving at Stonebriar from members of our church family, and Pastor Chuck delivered a powerful message on what Jesus would say to our church today. To close our time in worship, we all held hands, row after row, and sang *We are one in the bond of love*, then lifted up praises with the Doxology.

After our service, we had the privilege of seeing 57 people baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As every person rose from the waters with smiles on their faces, they reminded us that all our church's ministries, programs, events, and services are all about just one thing: sharing the redeeming love of Jesus Christ with all people.

Throughout the morning and afternoon, our church family filled our campus with joy and laughter, feasting and enjoying God's gift of fellowship. There were little ones toddling around with cotton candy and popcorn, friends gathering to talk and share stories, and people of all ages playing games and even dancing!

There was an indescribable feeling of excitement and possibility as we looked back at all God has done and looked forward to our future together. God has done wonders here at Stonebriar over the past two decades, and with the promise of His continued faithfulness in our hearts, we ask now—What wonders does He have planned for the years to come?

Only God knows where we will be twenty years from now, but 1 Corinthians 13:13 reminds us that these three things will last forever: *faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love*. If we love God and love others every day God has given to us, there is no end to the lives He will change through us.

We all enjoy being together on Sundays in our worship service, but getting connected involves developing real friendships with others so we can grow in our love for God and one another. The truth is, **we need one another**. Each of us can take a step to get connected, and we have a variety of opportunities for people of all ages and life stages.

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

JOIN A GROUP

Adults seeking fellowship and teaching, explore our Sunday Fellowships or Home Fellowships to find a group that fits your needs and interests.

Men, check out [Stonebriar Men](#) online for information about impactful small groups and Bible studies, powerful retreats, and opportunities to serve together.

Ladies, visit [Stonebriar Women](#) online for a variety of group experiences in Bible study and fellowship, mentoring and support, and life-giving conversation.

Families with kids of all ages, check out all our [Family Ministry](#) has to offer. Kids will learn to love God and love others through age-appropriate teaching, worship, and fellowship at our Sunday morning and Wednesday night programs, special events, mission trips, and summer camps.

Parents, check out our [Parenting](#) web page and [Parenting Pathway blog](#) to discover all the ways we will help you become spiritual leaders in your homes through the various classes, resources, activities, and events we offer.

Believers desiring to grow in key areas of the Christian life, discover our discipleship groups to deepen your faith and get equipped to share the Gospel with others.

Individuals with questions about God, Jesus, life, and the Bible, join our Explore God small group that discusses these and other questions.

For those needing loving support and renewal, our [Care Ministries](#) offer support to individuals, couples, and groups. We offer courses in marriage, parenting a child with special needs, and help in career transition as well as providing resources and compassion during times of challenge and grief.

BECOME A MEMBER

If you are at least 18 years of age, have trusted Jesus for salvation, and are ready to partner with us in [membership](#), take your next step and join an upcoming membership class.

SERVE WITH A TEAM

God has called us to **serve others**, so take your next step and serve with a team in our church, out in our community, and around the world, whether it be through our [Missional Living](#) ministry, or volunteering through [ProjectServe](#).

GIVE GENEROUSLY

God has called us to **bleed others** through His Church by being sacrificially generous. All the ministries of our church are supported by financial gifts. If you are currently not giving financially to Stonebriar, consider supporting the church on a regular basis. (See [page 8](#) for ways to give.)

There are so many ways to get connected at Stonebriar—we understand that it can sometimes be a little overwhelming. We want to help you! Simply call or e-mail any of our pastoral team members (listed on our [website](#)). We look forward to helping you take your next step!

2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar dates are merely an overview of what will be offered this year. For a complete list, visit the [calendar](#) on our app or the events page at stonebriar.org. *Printed dates and times are subject to change.

MARCH

- 23** • FASHIONED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

APRIL

- 13** • GO AND BE SPRING EDITION
- 14** • PALM SUNDAY
 - K/1ST GRADE SING IN WORSHIP SERVICES
- 19** • GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
 - 7 P.M. (*childcare for birth-pre-k and special needs*)
 - COMMUNION
- 21** • EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES
 - 7:30, 9, & 10:45 A.M.
 - (*childcare at 9 and 10:45, for birth-pre-k and special needs*)
 - STONEBRIAR EN ESPAÑOL (S.E.E.)
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 A.M.
- 28** • AWANA AWARDS CELEBRATION
 - UNT ELIJAH CONCERT

MAY

- 01** • DINNER AND FAMILY EXPERIENCE
- 03** • CAREER TRANSITION WORKSHOP
- 05** • CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SING IN WORSHIP SERVICES
 - S.E.E. COMMUNION
 - CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CONCERT 7 P.M.
- 12** • MOTHER'S DAY
 - CHILD DEDICATION
- 15** • GLORIA DEI CONCERT
- 19** • SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

JUNE

- 02** • PROMOTION SUNDAY
 - COMMUNION
 - SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM KICKOFF
(*weekly opportunities through august 9*)
- 05** • BBQ AND FAMILY EXPERIENCE (SKIT GUYS)
- 08** • STONEBRIAR GRAND PRIX CAR CLINIC
- 11** • 4TH GRADE ADVENTURE DAY
- 13**] • HSM CAMP AT GLORIETA
- 18**]
- 15**] • HSM MALAYSIA MISSION TRIP
- 25**]
- 16** • FATHER'S DAY
- 16**] • JHM CAMP TO CAMP EAGLE
- 21**]
- 18**] • JONI AND FRIENDS FAMILY RETREAT
- 23**]
- 20** • SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS TO BARCELONA AND POLAND
- 22** • STONEBRIAR GRAND PRIX
- 23** • NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION
 - STONEBRIAR ORCHESTRA CONCERT
- 25** • 3RD GRADE ADVENTURE DAY
- 25**] • JONI AND FRIENDS FAMILY RETREAT
- 30**]

JULY

- 07** • S.E.E. COMMUNION
- 10** • DINNER AND FAMILY EXPERIENCE (BAPTISM)
- 14**] • BACKPACK / SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION
- 28**]
- 15**] • PRETEEN CAMP AT CAMP COPASS
- 19**]
- 16** • 2ND GRADE ADVENTURE DAY
- 22**] • ELEMENTARY CAMP IN THE CITY
- 26**]

27 • FULL CIRCLE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

30 • 1ST GRADE ADVENTURE DAY

AUGUST

02
03] • SCHOOL SUPPLY SORT AND PACK

04 • COMMUNION

07 • DINNER AND FAMILY EXPERIENCE
(BACK TO SCHOOL BASH)

SEPTEMBER

08 • S.E.E. COMMUNION

20 • CAREER TRANSITION WORKSHOP

OCTOBER

24 • GIFT FALL FESTIVAL *(for special needs families)*

25 • FALL FESTIVAL

27
11/13] • THANKS FOR GIVING COLLECTION

NOVEMBER

15
16] • THANKS FOR GIVING SORT AND PACK

17 • CHILD DEDICATION

DECEMBER

01 • DINNER AND FAMILY EXPERIENCE
(ADVENT KICK-OFF)

01
15] • COMFORT AND JOY COLLECTION

06 • SWEET CELEBRATION

08 • SANCTUARY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

15 • CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

24 • CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

29 • ONE CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE
10 A.M. *(childcare for birth-pre-k only)*

2018 IMPACT REPORT

In our 20th anniversary year, we have had more opportunities than ever before to share God's love with our church family and our neighbors, both across the street and around the world. Here is just a small glimpse of how God has blessed people through us in 2018.

57 BAPTISMS
ON OCTOBER 14
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
118 TOTAL BAPTISMS FOR YEAR

15 STONEBRIAR
MISSIONARIES
SERVING IN 10
COUNTRIES

MORE
THAN **1 million**
MEALS PACKED
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

30,000
SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATED
925 BACKPACKS FILLED
FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

MORE
THAN **2,000**
SHOEBOX GIFTS DONATED
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*Love God,
love others.*

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