



# FIRST BAPTIST SIMPSONVILLE UPSTATE CHURCH

2020 ANNUAL REPORT  
2021 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET



**33%**  
GREAT  
COMMISSION  
2021

**26%**  
FAMILY  
MINISTRIES  
2021

**12%**  
MINISTRY  
SUPPORT  
2021

**29%**  
BLDGS, GROUNDS,  
EQUIPMENT  
2021

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET:

**\$5,723,274**

ALL IN MISSIONS OFFERING

SPRING

**\$55,000**

WINTER

**\$90,000**



# Average Weekly Attendance

## Pre Covid-19

Total -> 2181  
Downtown -> 1526  
Five Forks -> 210  
Harrison Bridge -> 347  
Online -> 98

9/1/19 - 3/15/20

## Stay at Home Order

### Online Average

Total -> 2414

3/22/19 - 5/10/19

## Post Stay at Home Order:

Total -> 1818  
Downtown -> 750  
Five Forks -> 129  
Harrison Bridge -> 208  
Online -> 731

5/17/20 - 8/30/20

# Average Worship Attendance for 2020

# 2346

## 49 Baptisms

Downtown -> 35  
Five Forks -> 4  
Harrison Bridge -> 10

## CONNECTIONS

### PRE COVID-19

- A new push for volunteers, which coincided with our ALL IN initiative, added over 30 new volunteers across all campuses as we headed into 2020.
- Guest Services intentionally shifted to an "Every Person is a Guest" focus for 2020. This allowed us to move our focus outward and tangibly view and treat every person who attends one of our worship venues as a Guest.

### POST STAY AT HOME

- The 30 new volunteers added to our teams allowed us to come back in force on May 17th. We were able to assist in hosting duties for 22 services across 7 venues.
- As Covid-19 has changed the landscape of in person meetings, we are striving to come up with inventive ways to continue facilitating membership and have begun to host Getting to Know You Events once again!

### PRE COVID-19

- Launched Servant Hands, a ministry of Upstate Women. In 2020 alone, they made over 580 items that went to: children and foster parents through DSS, Forever Families, cancer patients, Rolling Green Village, and more. Items made included tote bags, pillow ports, lap blankets and more.

### POST STAY AT HOME

- Since COVID, over 42 groups are meeting on a regular basis, either on campus during the week, in homes/backyards/garages, at work-places, parks, or virtually via Zoom.
- Since COVID, Connect Groups have served the community by grocery shopping for vulnerable people, providing rides to doctor appointments, serving at the Center for Community Services, and giving financial support.

## GROUPLIFE

We have seen a 21% increase in your giving since the Stay at Home Order went into effect - 3/22/20! Thank you for your ALL IN contributions!

## ALL IN GIVING 21% INCREASE

## KIDS

### PRE COVID-19

- Preschool launched Moms in the Park as a bridge event to provide opportunities for connection and invitation to FBS/UC.
- The inaugural Fam Jam in fall of 2019 saw over 170 family members from all campuses worship together!

### POST STAY AT HOME

- Preschool and Elementary hosted the Upstate Kids Parade that reached 14 neighborhoods in parts of Simpsonville and Greenville over the course of 4 evenings!
- To stay connected with kids during the stay at home order and after, the Kids ministry has created 90+ videos since March 22nd!

## STUDENTS

### PRE COVID-19

- First time having over 300 students involved on a regular night at Friendsgiving in November 2019 with 330 attending!
- Reckless Weekend in Feb 2020 registered over 300 students, a first for Reckless Weekend!

### POST STAY AT HOME

- In spite of COVID, summer attendance over smaller events showed growth.
- Performed 36 front yard personal Senior Recognition services this year since COVID kept us from doing one on-site.

## SENIOR ADULTS

### PRE COVID-19

- FANS (Friends and Neighbors Sharing) center had a makeover, with a new location, new leadership, and enhanced automation features to make responding much more efficient. This was incredibly advantageous for the season we were about to enter.

### POST STAY AT HOME

- A number of groups and individuals have stepped up during the quarantine to assist families in distress, including financial assistance to families in need, assisting those with medical issues with physical and caring support, and reaching out to new families to include them in church and group activities.



# ALL IN MISSIONS

2020 has been a great year for our missions ministry! How can we say that you ask? We have never been more involved in our community as we are now, while still being able to contribute and stay connected with our national and international missions. Thanks to your generosity throughout the last year, we were able to keep all our commitments to our international partners and still lavish love on our neighbors who were in need. Thank you for all you've helped us accomplish for the Kingdom this year!

ALL IN Benevolence fund - \$86,944.70 distributed to over 27 requests! This included, but was not limited to: completing the work on the 114 Highlawn house; purchasing a handicap van for a family in need; grocery, mortgage, and utility bill assistance; car replacement; home repairs; and so much more. We also have a few more projects on the calendar, including constructing a tiny house and replacing a roof.

We also had many donations and contributions of time from our members and community members that allowed us to bless those in need.

- We made multiple trips to the Center of Community Services with food donations from individuals and Connect Groups!
- We helped provide supplies to Rolling Green at the beginning of the stay at home order.
- Many of our college students were able to help our members with technology issues so that they could stay connected to our church and their groups!
- We picked up medication and made grocery trips for many of our homebound.
- We were able to help gather and transport \$2.5K worth of food to Bethlehem Baptist Church to stock their food pantry.
- Our volunteers contributed 2,000 fabric masks.
- We had members of FBS | UC on the ground every day with Samaritan's Purse after the tornados this past spring.
- We had members help remove trees from at least 8 area homes throughout the spring and summer.
- We have had multiple teams replacing a porch, cabinets, and flooring in 4 residences in the Hidden Creek community.
- We've continued to move forward with our revitalization partnership with Dunean Baptist Church in Greenville. Pastor Stephen Leopard was hired as the associate pastor with the intent of moving to lead pastor in two years. We have also started assisting Dunean in renovating their facilities. Once a month, ministry leaders in our church lead training meetings with Dunean staff and volunteers to help with the revitalization process!
- Pre Covid-19 our Upstate Sports ministry was rocking, with a record number first time coaches stepping up in our fall basketball league along with having enough players to run a full schedule with 24 teams. We can't wait to get back on the court and field!