



**ONE Church • ONE Prayer • ONE Life**

Two years ago we began to cast a vision for unity by launching the ONE Initiative. With all the challenges of disconnection and discouragement that came with the COVID chaos of the previous two years, we were praying for a season of restoration and renewal that would allow us to focus on strengthening the campuses of FBS/UC before moving forward in missional expansion. While we always communicate goals for salvation and baptisms, evangelism and church growth were not the primary themes of the initiative. We felt God was leading us to promote unity for two solid years. The results have been truly supernatural.

We've communicated the heart of ONE consistently. "When the church is unified, the mission is maximized." The great news is, this slogan became a reality at FBS|UC in 2022 and 2023. It's difficult to put into words how the culture has changed across all campuses these past two years. We were already a church united in cause, but God has done something special lately. We are now united in spirit and mission, across all generational lines. As the Lead Pastor, I no longer see competing ideologies or dueling agendas. We have truly become ONE in every way. Surprisingly, we grew and expanded faster as we focused on unity.

I hope this two-year report of the ONE Initiative encourages you, as you are able to see some tangible outcomes of your personal investment of time, energy, and resources. God has responded to your faithful commitment, and he has done more than we could have ever imagined possible. That's what he does, and that is what he will continue to do. Always remember that he is "able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think..." (Ephesians 3:20).

Charge on!  
Pastor Wayne





# MISSIONS

## Partner With 5 Church Planters

JD Mangrum-Boston, MA  
Jeff Belcher-Baltimore, MD  
Alan-Michael Sprinkle-Black Mt., NC  
Patrick Holden-Columbus, OH  
Joel Shinpoch-Athens, GA

## 150 First Time Short-Term Missionaries

The last two years we have had 158 first time missionaries.

## Inside out Events

- Family Fall Fest at Upstate Church Anderson
- 801 Prisoner Packets were delivered to the Greenville Baptist Association - Church Record
- 2,405+ Operation Christmas Child boxes collected - Church Record
- 2 Fallen Tree removed from Church Members house
- Commissioned a family from our Church to be Missionaries in Central Asia.
- A Mission Team spent a Saturday working at Oakview Elementary.
- Mission Team built tables in Rolling Green
- A Mission Team did yard work and odds and ends jobs for a church member who is in Home Hospice care
- Hidden Creek-ongoing weekly ministry in the Mobile Home Park
- Center for Community Services-we partnered with them to pack all the boxes given out. We donated 5 trailers of food throughout the year. Reckless provided a trailer of cleaning supplies.
- Finished our 3rd Tiny Home for a Church Member.
- Built two handicap ramps for community members
- FBS|UC team that went out to mow and trim for a recently widowed member of our church.
- A group of guys helped a community member who was moving. When they finished they prayed for this family.



## National Mission Trips

- FBS|UC members on mission with Greenville Baptist Assoc for SC Baptist Disaster Relief in Arcadia, Florida.
- Team went and help with several project at Bland Ministry Center in Virginia
- Tanalian Bible Camp, Alaska
- Family Mission Trip, Bland Ministry Center, Virginia

## Samaritan's Purse Trips

- 2 Trips to Fort Myers
- 3 Trips to Mayfield Kentucky
- Trip to Gastonia, a family had a tree fall on their house
- Team of four FBS|UC Men spent a month in Alaska building a cabin for a new Law enforcement ministry.

## International Trips

- 2022 Honduras with White Horse Missions CHOLUTECA, HONDURAS
- Mexico 2023 trip with White Horse Missions UNDISCLOSED
- Costa Rica 2023 trip with White Horse Missions LIBERIA, COSTA RICA, COSTA RICA
- 2023 Honduras with White Horse Missions CHOLUTECA, HONDURAS
- Brazil Mission Trip 2023 SAO SEBASTIAO, ALAGOAS, BRAZIL
- Senior Mission Trip (Class of '23) BAYAMO REGION, CUBA





# CAMPUSES

## Campus Stabilization

Part of our ONE initiative was Campus Stabilization. The campus needs were diverse. From upgrading sound systems to constructing entire Worship Centers, God provided miraculous solutions to some serious challenges. Here's where we stand after two years of intentional focus on Campus Stabilization.



### Anderson

After a strong first year of planting, the Anderson Campus entered the One Initiative praying for a permanent location to call home. Thankfully, after two years of setting up and tearing down in the ballroom of a hotel, God provided a permanent campus location through a merger with Orville Baptist Church. This multi-building, 2.5 acre property provides a great missional opportunity for our Anderson Campus to be involved with the community.



### Harrison Bridge

Even with three morning worship services, the 200-seat Worship Center at the Harrison Bridge Campus has been maxed out for some time. A new 400-seat Worship Center was part of our ONE initiative from the very beginning. We felt there was no better picture of our cross-campus unity than making this substantial missional investment in the future of the community that surrounds UCHB. We're so excited that they are worshiping in their new space TODAY for the very first time! The old worship center will be renovated into additional Kids spaces, freeing up space for our growing Student ministry.



### Haywood

Our hopes were to have completed the renovations to our Haywood Campus by the spring of 2024. Unfortunately, the process has taken much longer than anticipated. Sensing the leading of the Lord, we made the decision to move forward in the mission, refusing to allow permits and other restrictions to hold back the progress of expansion. We pivoted toward a renovation of the existing Worship Center with paint, carpet, chairs, lighting, and shades for the stained glass windows. The next step will be to continue renovating current spaces for our ever-growing Kids ministry! The original plan is still in place to renovate the gym for a larger worship space, but we are able to continue growing in the meantime.

### Simpsonville Campus

While not as wildly evident as other campuses, work has been going on at our Downtown Simpsonville Campus. Over the past two years we've made extensive upgrades to both the audio system and the HVAC system in the Worship Center. The Vintage 111 building also received some much needed upgrades, providing additional office space. We also remodeled much of the 'E' building as well as recently replacing the roofing of the Family Life Center. We were able to convert two existing church properties into housing for the participants in our Resident Program. In addition, we have been, and continue to, explore options for lasting facilities improvement for our Historic Chapel.

### Five Forks

God has continued to richly bless our Five Forks Campus with growth in every area. We've worked hard to get creative in our efforts to accommodate the increase in kids and students, acquiring an additional leased space for weekly groups. We've continued to search for a new permanent home for the campus, with no success. There is simply a shortage of commercial property for purchase or rent in that area of explosive population growth. In recent days we have begun searching for new options we previously considered impossible. Please be praying for wisdom and direction in the coming months, as we are certain God will soon open new doors of opportunity that will lift the lid and allow us to continue reaching the Five Forks community.



## **Mauldin**

After the main remodel of the Worship Center, Lobby, and Kids Area, we moved onto the Family Life Center. The new FLC has provided a space for Open Gym basketball, league practices and many ways for us to reach the community. We also added a much needed storage facility on the side of the FLC! As Students and Groups grew, we renovated spaces on the second floor and finished renovations in summer 2023.

## **Hillcrest**

Laurens County has always been on our radar for a future expansion, but it was not in our immediate plans. God made it clear in 2023 that we were to come alongside a church of faithful believers in Laurens, merging to pursue a missional future together. While the details are unclear, one thing is certain. God has a plan, and we are part of it. We will begin to focus more of our attention on the work in Laurens County at the beginning of 2024. Listen out for details, and pray to ask the Lord if he's calling you to join in on this missional adventure.

# BAPTISMS & GIVING

## **Baptisms**

ONE Baptism Goal - 300

Total Baptisms 2022 - 194

Total Baptisms Jan - October 2023 - 166

**Total Baptisms January 2022 - October 2023**

# 360

## **Attendance**

Record Non-Holiday High Attendance Sunday as of September 10, 2023

# 4,015

## **Giving**

2022-2023 Giving towards the One initiative as of 9-1-23

# \$14,504,795

As of September 1, 2023, we have collected \$14,504,795 towards our ONE goal of \$16,400,000. With 3 months left, we're praying that we will reach our goal! If you'd like to contribute our ONE fund, please visit [fbsimpsonville.org/giving](https://fbsimpsonville.org/giving)

