

2025 UPSTATE CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE UPSTATE



To be a Church for the Upstate means more than open doors and smiles. It takes presence, effort, and stewardship to offer a glimpse of Jesus. This stewardship includes honest accountability, shown through an annual report to our staff, teams, and members at First Baptist Simpsonville | Upstate Church.

CAMPUS EXPANSION

Over the past two years, Upstate Church has been blessed with the opportunity to expand into two new regions of the Upstate. Our gatherings in Laurens and Union hold great potential to become vibrant hubs for ministry and mission. We ask that you continue to pray for God to move powerfully in these communities, and that He would establish deep and lasting roots for Upstate Church as we seek to reach more people across our state.

- Added service to UC Haywood
- Raised \$5 million for Five Forks new campus
- Renovated UC Anderson Worship Center
- Launched Upstate Gathering Union
- Secured space for future UC Greenville campus

NEW MEMBERS

Total — **638**

Getting to Know You attendance 536

ONLINE VIEWS — 647

BAPTISM

Total — **393**

Anderson	11
Five Forks	42
Fountain Inn	26
Harrison Bridge	30
Haywood	60
Mauldin	9
Simpsonville	204
Laurens Gathering	10
Union Gathering	1

ATTENDANCE

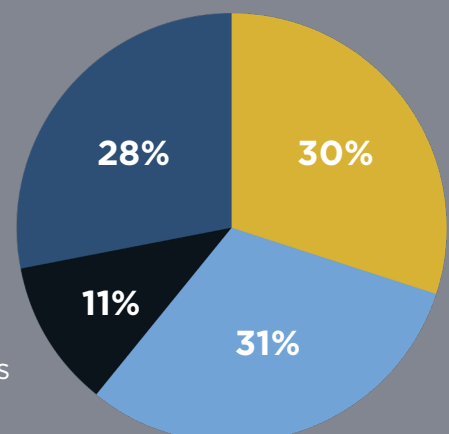
Total — **4,640**

Anderson	214
Five Forks	486
Fountain Inn	250
Harrison Bridge	497
Haywood	652
Mauldin	170
Simpsonville	2,259
Laurens Gathering	84
Union Gathering	34

PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

Total: **\$12,980,426**

Family Ministries \$4,010,003	Great Commission Giving \$3,862,364
Ministry Support \$1,367,209	Admin + Operations All Campuses \$ 3,740,850



A CHURCH FOR THE UPSTATE

The Upstate of South Carolina is a diverse, multigenerational region of the US, attracting everyone from young professionals starting their careers to retirees seeking mountain air. We aim to serve people in all walks of life with the goal of being a Church for the Upstate.

UPSTATE KIDS

- 850 children attended VBSMAX
- 32 first-time decisions for Christ recorded during VBSMAX
- Kids ministry attendance up 17% year-over-year as of May
- EggVenture reached 3,000 people—one-third from unchurched families
- Summer Palooza events hosted at two locations
- Upstate Kids launched at the Union Gathering

UPSTATE YOUNG ADULTS

- For Our Generation 628 in attendance
- Gather Round launched this year with an average attendance of 108
- Young Adults summer worship gatherings averaged 70 in attendance

UPSTATE WORSHIP

- Grew worship team volunteer base by 17%
- Launched a third service at the Haywood campus in January
- Introduced a new worship style at the Union Gathering with a dedicated worship leader
- Choir roster includes 65 members and Orchestra roster includes 18 members

GO THEREFORE

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” — **Matthew 28:19-20**

EVANGELISM

- Logged 13,000 total connections with Gospel conversation intent as of July 2025
- 8,000 Gospel conversations recorded by the end of July 2025
- Reached 107% of our target pace—up significantly from just 40% in this time last year, August 2024

UPSTATE GROUPS

- 2,199 people actively attending Upstate Groups
- 90 participants engaged in Equipping U
- 29 new groups launched between 2024–2025
- 10 new D-Groups formed
- 4 new Bible studies started

UPSTATE STUDENTS

- 633 students attended Reckless Weekend
- Averaged 400 students during the Fall 2024
- Engaged over 300 students in summer events, including Summer Camp and Serve Mission Trip
- Launched Anderson Midweek in 2025, bringing the total to three active Midweek gatherings

UPSTATE SENIOR ADULTS

- Joy Fellowship averaged approximately 185 in attendance
- Joy Travel offered near-monthly activities, including day trips, theater outings, and overnight excursions (e.g., Nashville)
- Monthly programming featured a variety of guest speakers and musical performances

UPSTATE SPORTS

- Launched a new flag football league in 2025
- Registered 900 kids and students for sports leagues and camps in 2024–25
- 45 responses to the Gospel presentation during basketball camps

MISSIONS

- Completed 52 tree removal and cleanup jobs following Hurricane Helene
- Deployed 3 teams to remote Alaska in partnership with Samaritan's Purse to assist in church construction
- Coordinated 23 national and international mission trips from September 2024 to August 2025
- Partnered with 5 church plants across the United States

