

# FOURSQUARE Gettysburg

*expressing faith through love*

**2015 – ANNUAL REPORT**

# expressing faith through love

## "Lift Up Your Eyes!"

With these words Jesus announced to his disciples that there was a harvest coming to them – ***immediately***. He was instructing them to pay attention so they wouldn't miss it.

I believe God is again making this announcement but this time to us – as a church and as individuals. The harvest is here and waiting to be brought in.



We are excited to provide you with this *Annual Report* that records what God harvested in 2015 through the ministry of Foursquare.

We have a simple mission: "to express faith through love." And the natural by-product of a transformed life by faith in Jesus is to share that life with others in love and that is why everything we do – ***including every dollar we spend*** – is working to advance this mission.

I want you to know that every single dollar given in tithes and offerings to Foursquare is making a direct difference in many lives. Every story is about a changed life – and that is precious harvest to Jesus.

Thank you for your amazing generosity in 2015!

Now, I have one important request: As you finish reading about 2015, would you please join me and ***LIFT UP YOUR EYES*** to the harvest of 2016. Jesus said, "Please pray with me for laborers for the harvest is waiting."

Can you see it? Can you see them, the lives waiting to be found and gathered by Jesus?

Join us!

Partner with the ministry of Foursquare in the greatest investment that can ever be made – eternal life. Only with your help can we harvest all that God has asked Foursquare to do in 2016.

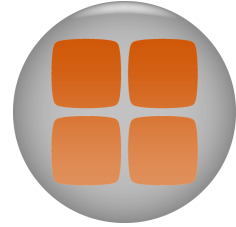
Your fellow laborer,

Mark Chester  
Lead Pastor, Foursquare

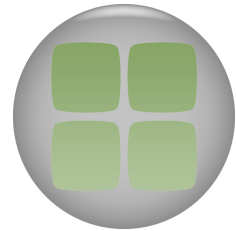


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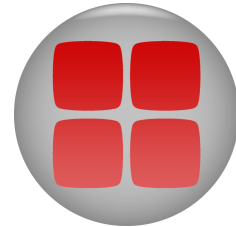
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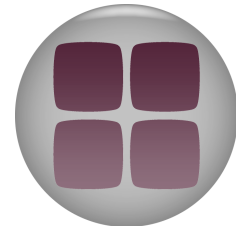
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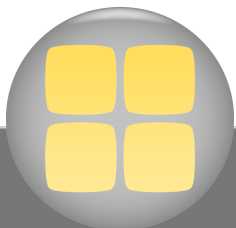
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## A Note from the Administrator . . .

2015 has been an exciting year for Foursquare staff. We've been seeking the Lord, just as you have, and He has been stretching and guiding us like only The Good Father can. Our staff has changed as we released Nathan Williams to his new position as Youth Pastor at Danville Foursquare and we congratulate him and Steph as they began their newly wed life together in 2015. But as we continue to keep our hands open for God to give and take as He wills, He gave us a wonderful gift in



the addition to our church family of the Swisher family. We are blessed to have Pastor Nate as our Worship/Discipleship Pastor, as well as De'Sha, Amaris & Noah.

God continues to reveal and clarify His vision and desires for us at Foursquare-Gettysburg. He encourages us and nudges us and, as we listen and follow Him, He makes the way before us.

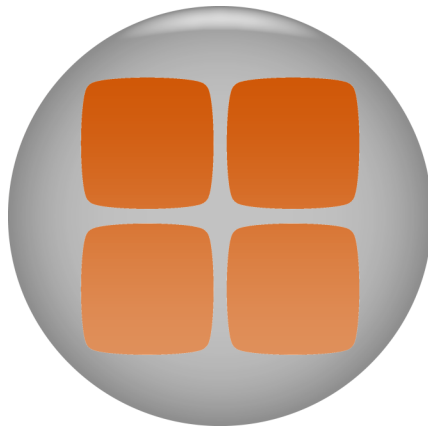
We hope you enjoy and are encouraged as you review this 2015 Annual Report. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to do ministry with you and hope you will continue, with us, to seek Him, His will for Foursquare-Gettysburg and His Kingdom.

Serving with you,



**"JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY,  
AND TODAY, AND FOREVER.." -HEBREWS 13:8**





# EXTEND

*sharing the good news of Jesus with others*



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*extending ourselves...*

In 2015 we welcomed over 330 new guests through the doors of Foursquare-Gettysburg. We celebrated...

- 28 individuals as they shared their testimony through Water Baptism
- 32 individuals completed the Connection Track (formerly Foursquare 101 classes), making them eligible for new membership
- ...and 22 of them have already had opportunity to take that step to partner with us in membership, showing the commitment to our church body and support of our staff, vision and direction.

God is so good and He shows His love for us every day.

23+

Decisions for Christ

28

Water Baptisms

330+



Total 1st Time Guests

527

Attending

=3%

Increase in Avg. Attendance



1440

Donuts consumed at 1st Sunday services

256,790

Contributions made online

...in 1231 separate gifts,  
...by 51 unique online givers.



32

Completed Connection Track

Followers on:



24



7084



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Days Missions of Mercy treated patients here



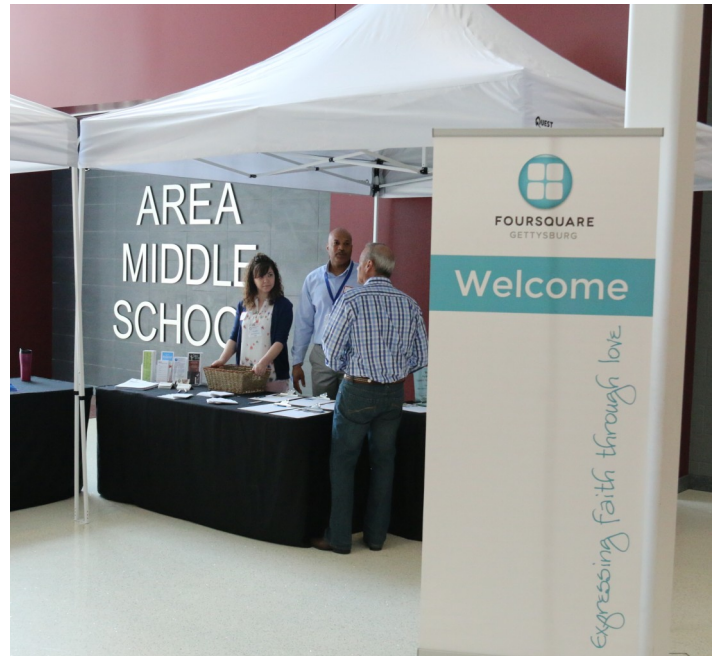
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New Members

# Easter Service

April 5, 2015  
@ Gettysburg Area Middle School (GAMS)  
37 Lever St, Gettysburg

Family and friends from the community joined us to worship, some hearing about Jesus for the first time, or in a new way, and opened their hearts to Him. Many have become part of our church body, and continue worshipping with us on Sundays, volunteering and serving in various areas of ministry.



Gettysburg Area Middle School will be our home while 328 West Middle Street is under construction. What a great facility for us to utilize. The administration and faculty have been very supportive. We look forward to our partnership with them.

## 882

In Main Service

## 123

in Kids Service

## 1005

Total Worshipping





# COMPASSION MINISTRY

*Every number has a name, every name has a story, and every story matters to God.*

Expressing Faith through Love is the foundation of what we do at Foursquare. The following numbers represent people and life change happening in the community surrounding Foursquare. Thank you so much for your partnership in the Compassion ministry. We are honored by your partnership. Please know that through your partnership we are able to share the hope of Jesus by investing in individual lives and agencies around us . . .

**\$3,229**

**Investment  
into  
Compassion  
in 2015**

**\$5,700**

**Community  
Ministries & Programs**

**\$4,250**

**Individuals/Families  
in Adams County**

**\$2,000**

**Individuals/Families  
within our church**

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

*Matthew 25:35-36*

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## CARE MINISTRY

has lovingly been Christ's hands extended this past year to the suffering and grieving as well as those rejoicing over a new life in our church family. What a privilege it is to work with a group of people dedicated to prayer and encouragement through cards, visits and meals. As we look to the year 2016, we renew our commitment to demonstrating God's love to those in need of an extra "hug" within our church family.

The CARE Ministry ministered in the following areas last year:

CALL & PRAY: 12 serving ... to many in nursing homes and hospitals.

SEND-A-CARD: 28 serving ... sending many notes of encouragement to those in our church family.

VISITATIONS: 23 serving, making hospital and home visits.

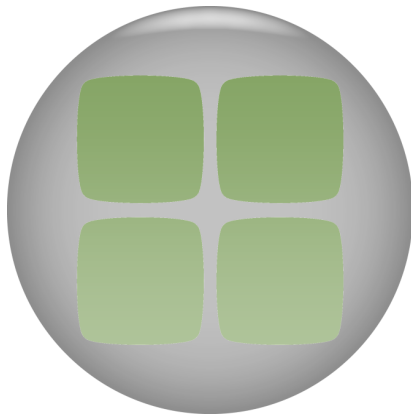
MEALS: 34 serving under the direction of Vicki Myers, providing meals to those experiencing additions to their family, surgery, or illnesses.

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

*Galatians 6:2*

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# ENCOURAGE

*Advancing others in their relationship with Christ*



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*encouraging growth...*

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

is designed to help people experience true freedom from their hurts, habits, and hang-ups by experiencing and accepting the love

and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They meet every week (no cancellations).

**40** People on average gather each week



## ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS (AFG)

Sunday morning small groups that build community through Bible study.

### Classes offered in 2015:

- |                |                 |              |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| • Men's        | • Senior Adults | *New in 2015 |
| • Young Adult  | • Explorer's    |              |
| • Adults       | • PLACE         |              |
| • Single Moms* | • Ladies Café*  |              |



**8**

Classes meet weekly





# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

God loves us just the way we are, but too much to keep us that way

- 1 Women's One-Day retreat 13 Team Leaders 27 Team Members 85 Participants  
2 Fellowship Groups 30+ Participants  
5 Sweet Wednesdays  
5 Mentors ready to walk "life on life"  
7 Life Groups available for women

We have been **shifting the traditional women's ministry structure** to one that will work within the new Grow Groups; women's studies during the winter/summer and women's mini churches in the spring/fall, and adding a few special activities including an annual Ladies' Retreat.

We've began a **women's mentoring team** to come along side ladies who desire to grow in their faith and walk "life on life" with other women. The ladies on the team have already had one training session. Also many women are getting connected in the **single-mom ministry** on Sundays. What a life-inspiring blessing for the leaders!

*Woman's Ministry has **helped me gain confidence** in pursuing God's purpose for my life. It has challenged me to hear from God and step out of my comfort zone in obedience to his calling. It has **ignited close friendship** and allowed for sweet fellowship. - Tasha Boehner*

*This group of women has demonstrated that vulnerability can be used by God to **enable one to heal** and be an instrument of healing in others as well. Secrets tend to fester in the soul of a person, creating a chasm between her and others, including God. Thanks, ladies, for being so **honest with each other, without condemnation** ensuing. What a healthy atmosphere you have created for growth in Christ. - Shari Hervold*



## MEN'S MINISTRY

- 1 Men's Retreat 3 Men's Breakfasts (w/ attendance of 24/23/16) 2 Flag Football Games (17 played)  
3 Life Groups available for men 1 "Unbroken" Movie Night (12 attended) 1 Target Shooting Event (19 attended)  
1 "Work Day" (splitting wood & home clean up) 2 Mini Churches available for men



.....and 1 really big Church Family Picnic (approx 240 attended)

A special THANK YOU to all the MEN who helped serve our fellow brothers and sisters in 2015!!





# 240

Participants  
at the Picnic

## FAMILY PICNIC @ the Spangler's

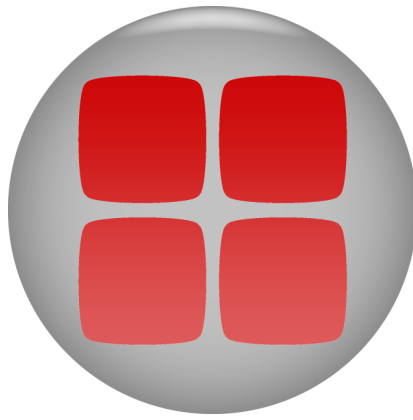
Thank you to the Men's Ministry for sponsoring the Family Picnic, hosted at the Spangler's home.

- Corn-hole tournament, fishing rodeo, swimming, zipline, kids bike races (Do you see the bike thief?)
- Plenty of delicious food
- Thanks to Pastor Nate, De'Sha, Ronnie and Austin for providing music!

*Since I've started attending Gettysburg Foursquare on Easter Sunday 2013 I have enjoyed many of the opportunities to fellowship with the women of the church. Through mini churches, explorers classes, women's retreats, GSM courses and just cooking or baking something for the members to enjoy, the experiences have enriched my life and walk with the Lord.*

*I have been able to share my experiences and some of my friends are now attending Foursquare Sunday services with me as well. - Chris Dell*





# EMPOWER

*Training and sending people in leadership and service*



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*empowering people...*



## LIFE GROUPS

LIFE GROUPS are weekly personal Bible reading times conducted in a small group setting. Just bring yourself, a

Bible and a journal. Experience one this week and learn to hear God for yourself as well as hear what He is saying to others in the group.

# 12

Life Groups  
met weekly

*As a newcomer I was now able to look around in Sunday service and spot "new friends". I was made aware of the courage and strength of my Sisters in Christ. I was amazed by their ongoing struggles, their courage, their deep trusting in God's Love. I heard wonderful Testimonies of Victory in JESUS.*

*I realized we are all ONE Body, and we need one another, and if we are willing to be vulnerable --- a loving hand of friendship will be extended. - Bonnie Clabaugh*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Children's ministry experienced another AWESOME year.

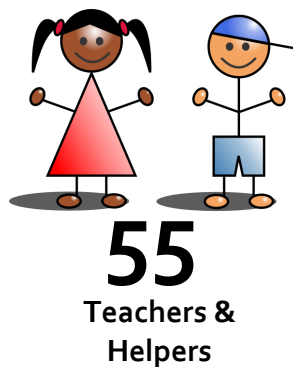


- **All Kid's Birthday Party** was celebrated in early February ... we loved on ALL the sweet children, celebrating with cake, games, and fellowship.

- **Outback Rock Summer Camp**, in early June, **30 kids** ventured into rock solid faith.



- In early August we celebrated three wonderful days' teaching about amazing children in the Bible that walked in faith and obedience to God. Helping our children learn that just because they are kids they should never underestimate how God can use them.
- In September, we embraced the church wide 'Extend' campaign to help teach the children the true gift of tithing ... an event was planned at Hoss's, to help our children & their families participate. We raised \$318.14! (see more details on the EXTEND initiative page for this report.
- In November each year the children start planning how they will bless others at Christmas time. This year the children chose to bless the homeless with a meal, gifts, and a musical program. The called it the '**Love Feast**' and on **December 20<sup>th</sup>** the Children's Department hosted those living at or visiting the Homeless Shelter, C.A.R.E.S., the Rescue Mission, Survivors, Mission of Mercy & the Soup Kitchen. We provided a delicious, homemade meal, a sweet Christmas Program, as well as a small gift bag for each of them. **EVERYONE** involved had a very blessed time!



Trunk or Treat





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YORK SPRINGS

## YORK SPRINGS FOURSQUARE CHURCH PLANT

Pastor: Tyler Weidler

With York Springs' official launch on September 21, 2014, they celebrated their 1 Year Anniversary in 2015! They had so much to rejoice about, these are just a few:

12 monthly communion luncheons  
9 baptisms  
7 baby dedications  
12 new members  
20+ salvations  
Easter Egg hunt in the snow  
Launched their W.I.L.L.O.W. Women's Ministry

joint Y.S. churches Thanksgiving service  
3, 6-week Grow Group series  
2 Missions trips to Haiti Feb. and Sept.  
teams went to serve Joni and Friends Family Retreat  
missions trip to South Africa  
team to S.W.A.P. West Virginia

*With love we build friendships,  
teach the Bible in the community  
and prepare them to share with others.*



## GETTYSBURG SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (GSM)

Celebrating 5 years ( Started in Fall 2011)

100 - students have attended classes

6 - classes taught

14-20 - average class size

Anticipating 2-4 graduates in the Spring of 2016

Courses offered in 2015:

Experiencing the Love of God: A study in Solomon

New Testament Speaks Parts 1&2

What's the Big Deal with the Minor Prophets

Jesus Among Other Gods; A Look at why not all religions are the same... What makes Jesus unique?

JOSHUA; Conquering the Promised Land, Holy War and practical implications for us today.

***"...And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."  
Ephesians 4:11, 12***





# MINI CHURCH

Mini Churches are groups that gather in homes and various locations around the area to discuss the sermon topics during the 8-week series.



## Spring Series: "EXTEND"

17 mini churches met:

- 9 in locations around Gettysburg
- 3 in York Springs
- 1 in Aspers, Fairfield, Gardners, & Hanover

## Fall Series: "Salt & Light"

14 mini churches met:

- 11 around Gettysburg
- 1 in Aspers, Fairfield & York Springs

# 12

Purses filled & given to women at Homeless Shelters during Fall MC Series

*"I was constantly amazed and in awe of the women in our mini church that were so willing to share stories showing our weaknesses, fears, past mistakes etc and how much God has healed us, forgave us, and given us courage to continue to face our fears and challenges. What has been one of my favorite parts of mini church, is walking into regular church and seeing familiar faces. Since I attend alone, it is nice to have someone to sit with or even just to share eye contact and a smile when I enter the church. I think we all bonded during that period and it continues to grow." Diane Fox*

# YOUTH MINISTRY

We had a great year in youth ministry in 2015. The Lord continues to bring us students who are seeking a faith for themselves and who want to impact their generation. We have a great team of caring leaders who consistently make personal sacrifices to care for our students. We graduated a great class of seniors this year who were part of the core of our youth ministry. Moving into the fall, the Lord brought us many new students and our youth group continues to meet with a large group in attendance and service each week. *Pastor Dan Kriel*



Gettysburg Foursquare Youth at 2015 Summer Camp with Foursquare Metro Region at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD. 27 students participated. (above)



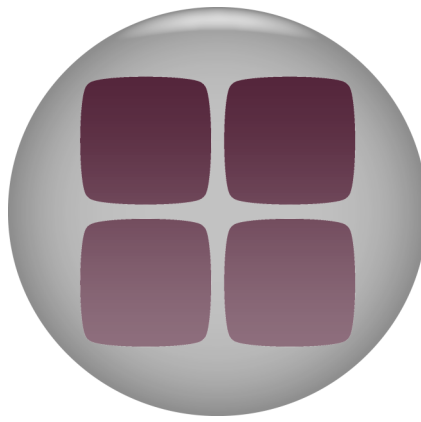
Gettysburg Foursquare Youth 2015 Mission Team on our first day in Maine exploring Peaks Island together. 17 students participated. (above)

Gettysburg Foursquare Youth 2015 Annual Fall Hike (right)



# 65

Avg Youth Min. participants



# ENGAGE

*Restoring life in our community and beyond*



**JONI & FRIENDS FAMILY CAMP—2015**



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*engaging community...*





## COVINGTON, VA

April 30-May 1, 2015

There was much to do for this team, they:

- \* Hung cabinets & rewired the home for the youth pastor
- \* Fixed rotted floors and rewired light switches to bring light as safety to a residents home
- \* Worked on bathrooms and plumbing in homes
- \* Recoated a roof
- \* Gave dignity back to a cancer patient that just needed some tender loving care.



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Shoeboxes for  
children world -wide  
through Oper.  
Christmas Child

June 22-27, 2015

Joint trip with  
Foursquare—York Springs  
14 participated



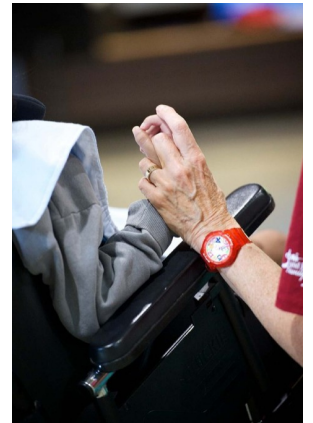
## JONI & FRIENDS FAMILY CAMP

August, 2015

- \* It was a great week for the kids and the families, full of ministry and healing
- \* It is always such a joy to see these kids be able to have fun and just be kids in a safe and accepting environment!

## WOUNDED WARRIORS FAMILY RETREAT

- \* Has a vision of fostering the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history.

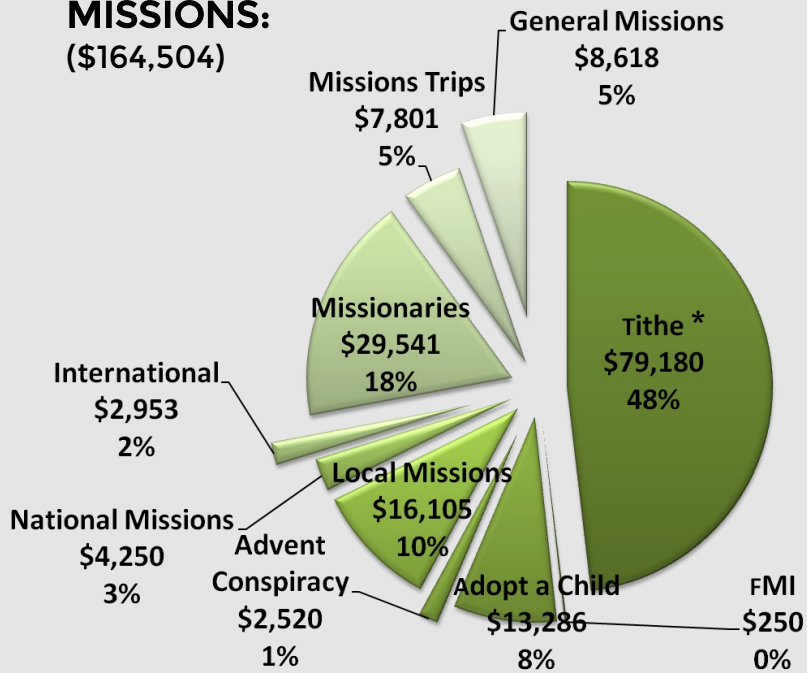


## MISSIONS TEAM

Andrew Myers leads our newly restructured Missions Team, as they together lead our church with vision to be a missional church, touching lives here at home and around the world with the love of Jesus. Thank you Deb Campbell, Andrew Myers, Ann Cowden, and Steve Rotz (photo). They meet every other month working together to learn the best ways of implementing ideas and communicating church-wide.

In 2016 Foursquare-Gettysburg will launch "Love Gettysburg". Be looking for details coming soon of when and how to get involved.

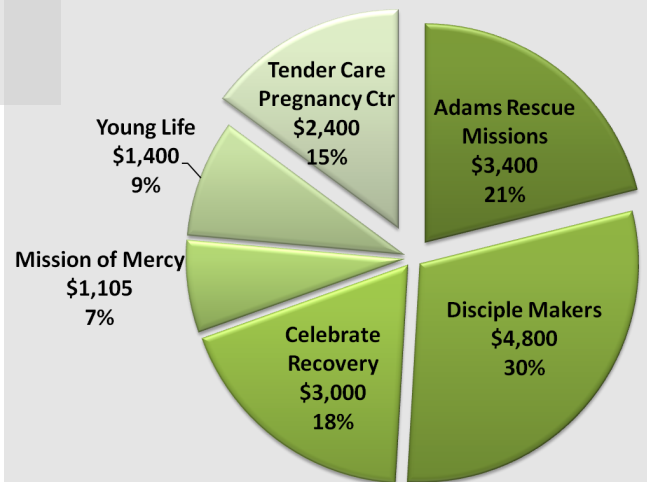
## MISSIONS: (\$164,504)



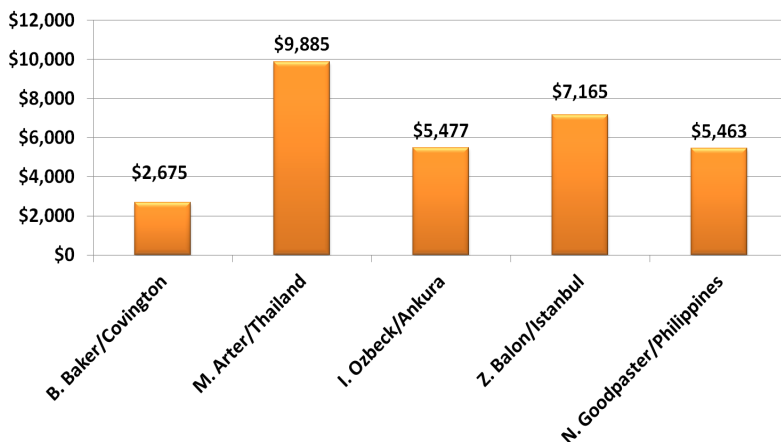
\* Foursquare International

## Missions at a Glance

## LOCAL MISSIONS: (\$16,105)



## MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

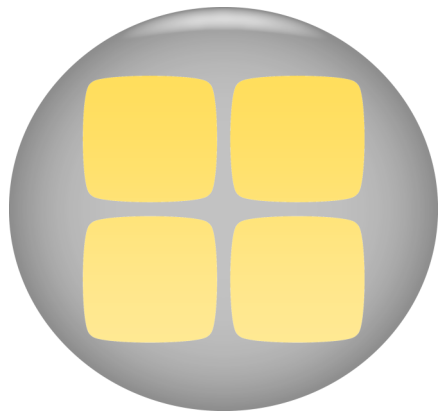


## SPORTS MINISTRY:

Our Softball Team was 10-2 in 2015.

We participated in a tournament in Hanover to help raise money for Tyson, a young boy with MLD, which is a rare brain disease.

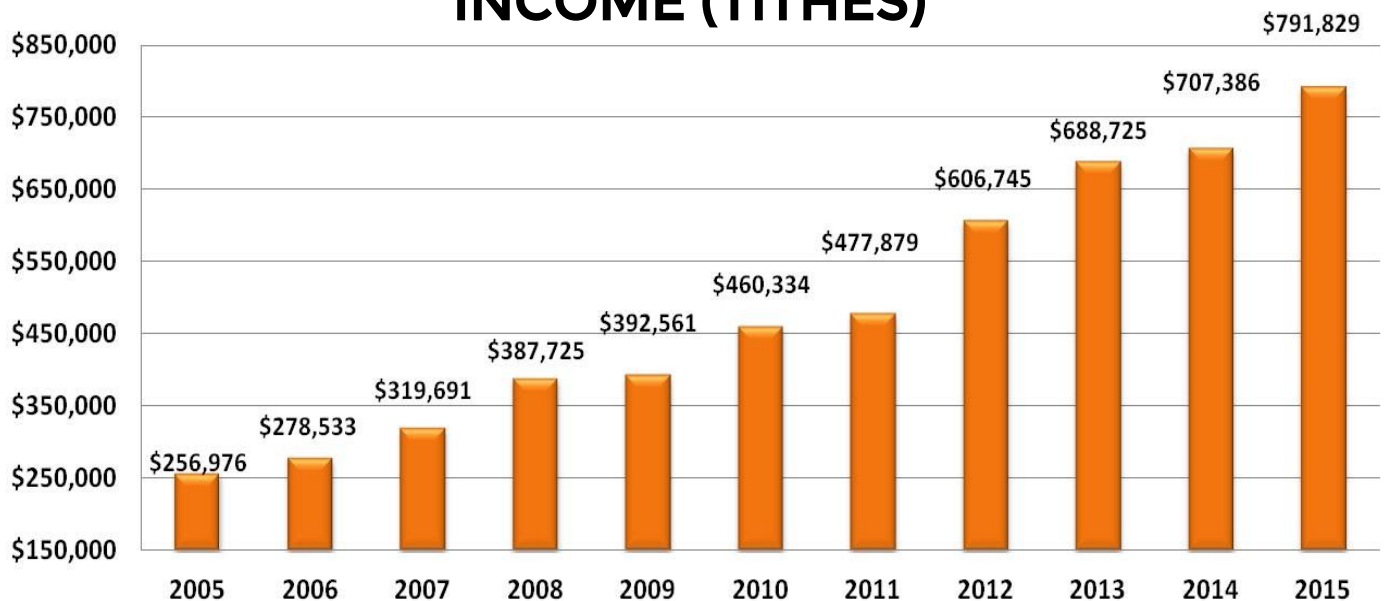




# GIVING

*sacrificing something valued for something more worthy*

## INCOME (TITHES)

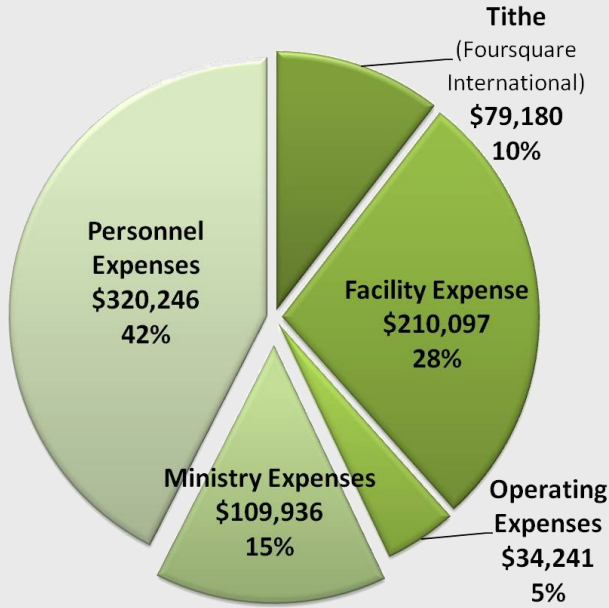


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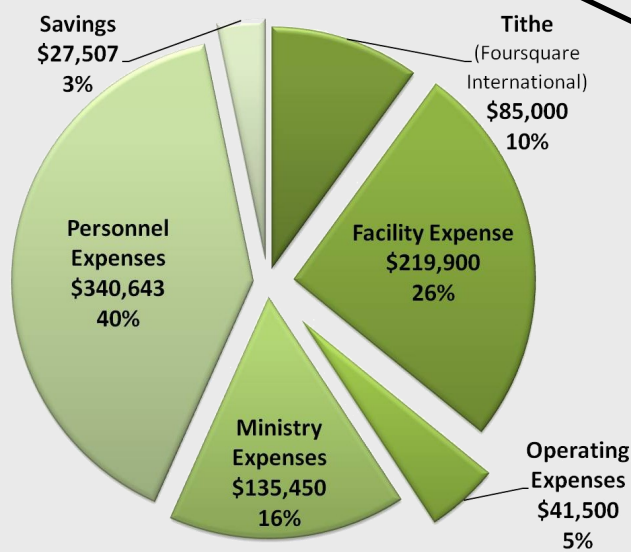
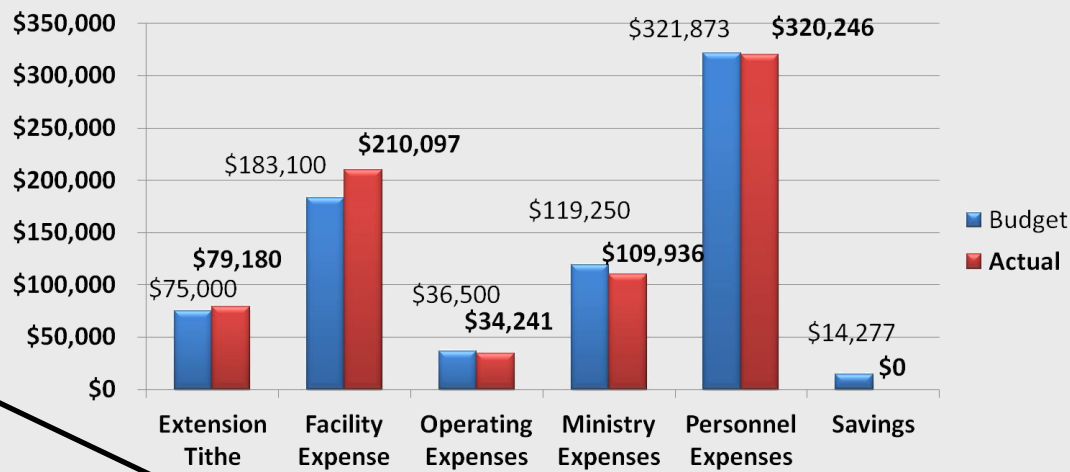
*beyond ourselves...*



2015- BUDGET  
SPENDING  
(BUDGET=  
\$750,000)

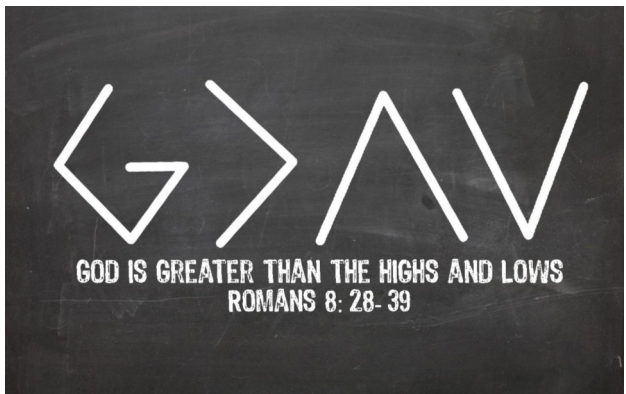
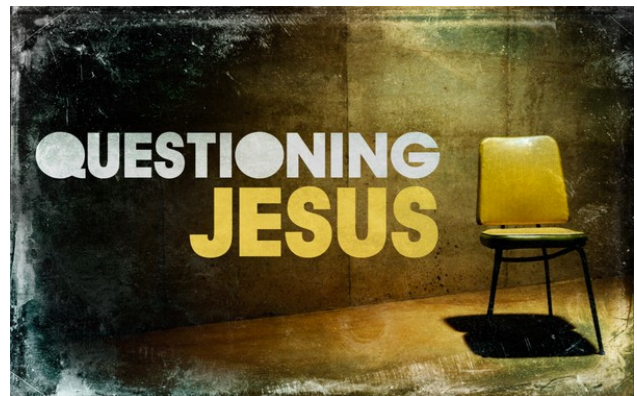
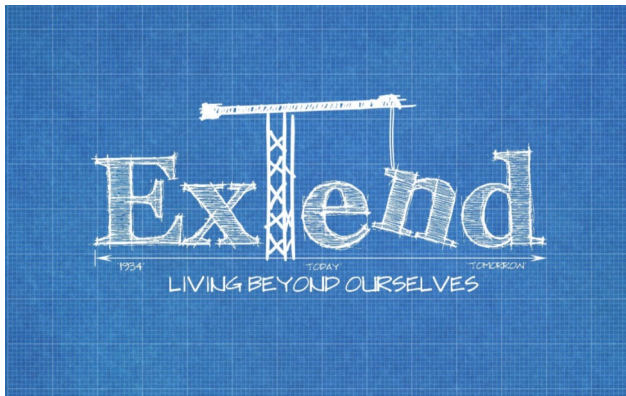
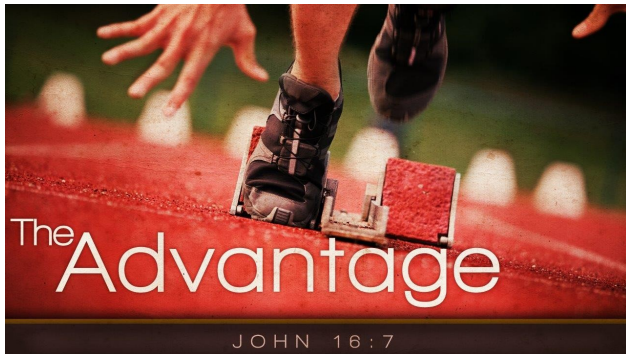


2015 Budget vs. Actual  
(\$750,000 budgeted, \$753,700 spent)



2016- BUDGET  
(\$850,000)

# Sermons 2015







## EXTEND Initiative

In 2015 we launched our EXTEND Initiative with a vision of . . .  
 EXTENDING our reach IN Gettysburg  
 EXTENDING our reach FOR Gettysburg  
 and EXTENDING our reach FROM Gettysburg.

**\$262,437**  
 To go to meet  
**\$1.5 million**  
 target

On our First Fruits Sunday, April 12, we had a great out pouring of confirmation from all those that made decisions to make God's vision for Foursquare-Gettysburg, their own. With commits (over 2-years) of \$1,024,422, we received \$303,005! When God has a vision, He makes the way!

At the end of 2015 . . . .

**\$1,237,563**  
 had been  
 committed through  
 2-year pledges

**\$618,083**  
 was already  
 received

**\$318.14**   
 Was given by Children's  
 Ministry as an offering  
 toward EXTEND

*Gettysburg is known mostly as a place of death because of the battle,  
 but we believe God is changing it to be known as a place full of life . . .  
 We have been strategically placed here "for such a time as this".*

# Gettysburg Area Middle School



... will be our new home while under construction, starting  
**Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016.**

**On Easter Sunday** we will have **one service at 10:30am.**  
(doors open at 10:00am)

In the **weeks following Easter,**  
we will have **two services at 9:00 & 10:45 am.**

We hope you'll join us, at  
37 Lefever Street  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

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