

# MORE & STRONGER



A LOOK BACK AT A YEAR OF MAKING DISCIPLES AT FAITHBRIDGE – 2016

# OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE MORE & STRONGER DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST WHO MAKE MORE & STRONGER DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

As we look back at 2016 and ahead to the next chapter, we marvel at the role we've been given and our hearts are stirred by all that God is doing in and through Faithbridgers like you. Together, we get to play a part in God's story for the entire world. As a church, we bring glory to God by using our time, talents, and resources to further His Kingdom and proclaim the Gospel of

Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. Stewarding our gifts well makes this mission possible. The faithfulness and generosity of our people help us to accomplish our mission of making more and stronger disciples who make more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ in Northwest Houston, in our country, and across the world.

# WORSHIP

## WEEKLY SUNDAY MEETING

“What I love about worshipping corporately is the reminder that I am one of many who have experienced the reality of Jesus.”

-LIZI BAILEY

# 3,331

## AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Each Sunday, thousands of men, women, students, and kids come to hear the Gospel preached and take part in weekend worship services across our two campuses.

2,081 ADULTS

901 KIDS MINISTRY

202 STUDENT MINISTRY

# 10.5%

## INCREASE

### THE WOODLANDS CAMPUS

Met at Coulson Tough Elementary each Sunday, with 89 first time visitors, 309 attended on Easter, and averaged 191 in worship each week.

There's a lot that goes into a Sunday. Here are some worship stats for the year.

DONUTS ENJOYED

# 62K

BULLETINS PRINTED

# 72K

BIBLES DISTRIBUTED

# 500

PENS PURCHASED

# 30K

56  
379  
52  
45

PODCASTS PUBLISHED

AVERAGE LIVESTREAM VIEWS

POSTSCRIPTS RECORDED

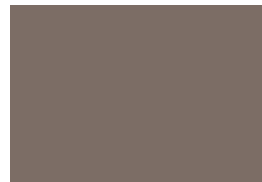
BUMPER VIDEOS CREATED

### ROTATING TEACHING TEAM

In 2016, we rotated through eleven teaching pastors including founding Pastor Ken Werlein, eight full-time Faithbridge staffers, and some Breakaway favorites, Ben Stuart and Timothy Ateek.

## 8 SERMON SERIES

- Rise Above
- Vibrant
- Overcome
- PrayerLife
- Surrender!
- Marriage Matters
- Here to Eternity
- The Naked Truth





# GROW

## LIFE-CHANGING COMMUNITY

### GROW GROUPS

Grow Groups are small groups made up of people doing life together, growing closer to one another and to Jesus, and reaching out to make a difference in our community. Grow Groups are at the core of what Faithbridge is about, and there are groups for people of all walks of life.

### MICRO GROUPS

Radical life change happens in discipleship. Micro groups at Faithbridge fuel our mission of making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ, who make more and stronger disciples.

“It goes back to real people, real life. Just a true fellowship where we don’t have to put on a facade but just be who we are and grow together in Christ.”

—LANDON LUNDBERG

# 158

### LIFE-CHANGING GROW GROUPS

Across both campuses, including Micro Groups and Young Adults Ministry.

14  
NEW GROW  
GROUPS

7  
GROW GROUPS  
MULTIPLIED

21  
NEW MICRO  
GROUPS

	ADULTS	YOUNG ADULTS	DIVORCECARE	GRIEFSHARE
KLEIN	1,322	115	40	23
THE WOODLANDS	150	–	–	–
TOTAL	1,472	115	40	23

# SERVE

## INSIDE THE CHURCH

**385** PEOPLE SERVING PER WEEK

Across both campuses, that's a ton of faithful servers putting shoe leather on their faith, serving the body, and equipping Faithbridge to share Jesus with the community.

**350 AVG. KLEIN WEEKLY SERVERS**

**35 AVG. WOODLANDS WEEKLY SERVERS**

CHRISTMAS SERVERS

**669**

EASTER SERVERS

**643**

KIDS MINISTRY SERVERS

**389**

**10,347**

**4**

**52**

PRAYER CARDS PRAYED OVER BY PRAYER TEAM

NEW SERVE TEAMS FORMED

HELPING HANDS PROJECTS COMPLETED

**208+**  
**MAN HOURS**

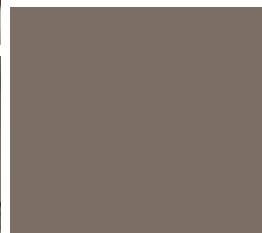
of set-up and tear-down  
at The Woodlands Campus  
inside Coulson Tough  
Elementary School.

**35**  
**MEDIA**

servers working during worship  
services: running cameras,  
changing slides, and keeping the  
stage lights twinkling.

“The church isn’t just a building or a place where we see people doing stuff for us. It’s a place where we contribute and we participate—it’s our family. We’ve really gotten to know other families with kids who serve. We are all just pitching in together.” **-TIM GOLDING**





# BRIDGING

## SHOWING GOD'S LOVE TO OTHERS

“The core of The Road—strategic development, effective impact, and missional living—has transcended past The Road and has helped change my view on my life and my mission for the kingdom.”

—ROBINSNYDER



Bridging is the service we do outside the walls of Faithbridge. In 2016, Bridging provided pastoral leadership training for over 200 pastors in India, Mozambique, and Switzerland. In our local community, we hosted and showed Jesus' love to 10,000 people at Celebrate Freedom and to another 1,200 people at Fall Fest in The Woodlands.

### BRIDGING FOR TOMORROW

Provided vision screening for 200 students, distributed 170 pairs of glasses, and helped more than 1,000 individuals through our food pantry.

### LOCAL BRIDGING PARTNERS

- Freedom Place
- Redeemed Ministries
- LOVE146
- WINGS
- Mission of Yahweh
- Hope Center
- Soul Safari
- Bridging for Tomorrow
- CareNet
- International Cultural Exchange
- Seaport Welcoming Team
- Northwest Assistance Ministries
- Spring-Woodlands Ministries
- *And many more!*

### MISSIONS & THE ROAD

We believe mission is a lifestyle, and that each follower of Jesus is called to be a Kingdom difference-maker.

### FAITHBRIDGE MISSIONARIES

536

### TOTAL TRIPS

50

### MINISTRY PARTNERS

28

### INTERNATIONAL PASTORS TRAINED

200+

2,400

### FOODSHARE BAGS DONATED

to families throughout our community.

# KIDS

THEY ARE NOT TOO YOUNG

“They really understand what kids can comprehend in terms of the Bible. The staff shine with their love for kids and for Jesus.”

—PAM FOYE

## OPEN GATES

Our heart is to love and serve both children and adults with special needs and lead them into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

OPEN GATES  
KIDS

46

RECESS  
KIDS

34

OPENGATES  
SHADOWS

29

NEW  
FAMILIES

10

1,159

## VBS ATTENDERS

In 2016, we ran two VBS programs for the first time ever! Between Klein and The Woodlands there were 1,159 kids in attendance including 21 with special needs.

878 KLEIN

281 THE WOODLANDS

502 VOLUNTEERS

352  
CAMPERS

## PINE COVE CAMP IN THE CITY AT FAITHBRIDGE

We doubled summer camp this year with two Pine Cove Camps in the City, a cool way for kids to hear about Jesus and have an amazing week with friends without even leaving home!

327  
4TH & 5TH GRADERS  
IN BIBLE STUDY

## INTERACTIVE BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE

This Christmas Eve at both Klein and The Woodlands, we hosted our first ever Bethlehem experience for preschoolers. Kids got to enjoy the sights and sounds of the first Christmas all while learning about Jesus' love for them.



# STUDENTS

## ON A MISSION

“Over the years FSM has challenged me; it has pushed me out of my comfort zone, and it has developed me into the person I am today.”

—EMILY HOLLENBECK

435

### STUDENTS & LEADERS SENT

to be the hands & feet of Jesus on 35 mission teams, partnering with 18 ministry partners across 10 mission sites.

LAUNCHED A NEW MINISTRY FOR SIXTH GRADERS with the goal of easing the transition from Kids Ministry to FSM with two new Sunday worship services and new offerings at Wednesday night Curious Groups.

6<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADERS



# CONNECT

SHOWING GOD'S LOVE TO OTHERS

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104 NEW MEMBERS

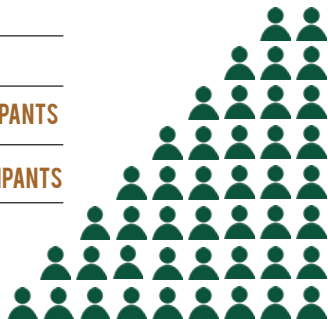
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STARTING POINT CLASSES / 46 PARTICIPANTS

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FAITHBRIDGE 101 CLASSES / 212 PARTICIPANTS

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“Starting Point really offered that to us—we got to see what a small group is like and that everyone is starting at a different place and that we really do fit in here.”

—EMILY MORGAN

1,347

## FIRST-TIME VISITORS CONTACTED

Each new guest is sent a letter from their campus pastor, encouraged to share prayer requests, invited to upcoming events, and introduced to a Connections Member to sit with when they return!

168

DEDICATIONS &  
**BAPTISMS**

CHILDREN  
**77**

STUDENTS  
**27**

ADULTS  
**16**

INFANTS  
**48**

# 2017 BUDGET

## STEWARDING YOUR GIFTS

“It changed my whole mindset; how could I not give back a portion of what the Lord has given me?”

—MEGAN GALLISHAW

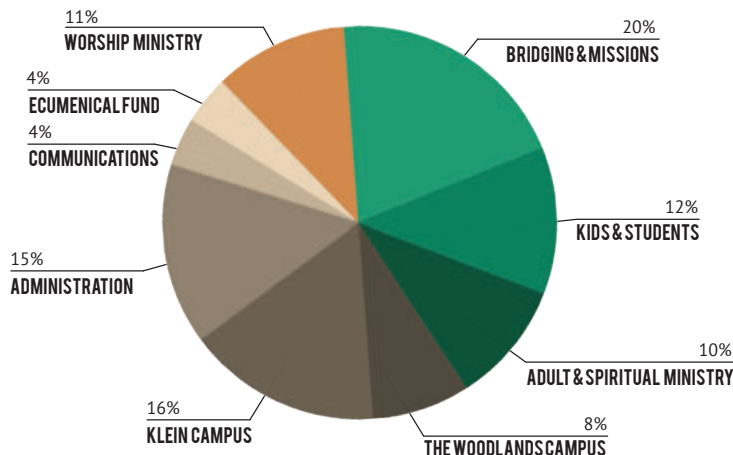
## STAND IN THE GAP

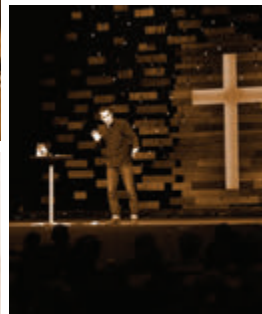
This was a special year-end fund with a goal of \$500,000 to “Stand In The Gap” for those regular givers and tithers who were unable to give any more because of lost jobs and reduced incomes—to which you responded overwhelmingly with above-and-beyond gifts totaling...

# \$622,914!

## \$9.3M TOTAL BUDGET

These numbers represent the 2017 budget approved by our Lay Elders and leadership teams, which is made possible through your faithful giving.





**BECAUSE OF YOUR RESPONSE TO 'STAND IN THE GAP' WE HAVE EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS IN A MIRACULOUS FASHION—DECEMBER 2016 WAS THE MOST GENEROUS DECEMBER FAITHBRIDGE HAS EVER HAD IN OUR 18+ YEARS!**

For all this I am grateful—grateful to God, and grateful for your faithfulness. I am also encouraged and prayerful that this momentum will propel us all into the strongest year we've ever had as we all grow in our daily walk with God.

I am downright excited about what we the Church can accomplish when we work together in tandem. Miracles can be a regular occurrence when we are all centered on God's Word, listening for His voice, guided by His Holy Spirit, and fully committed to accomplishing His will.

With all sincerity, let me say thank you for your faithfulness and for your continued generosity, and for the opportunity to lead you into what I am believing will be our best year ever at Faithbridge!

It is a joy to serve as your pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Werlein', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ken Werlein  
Founding Pastor