



MORE & STRONGER 2017



FAITHBRIDGE CHURCH

A look back at a year of making disciples

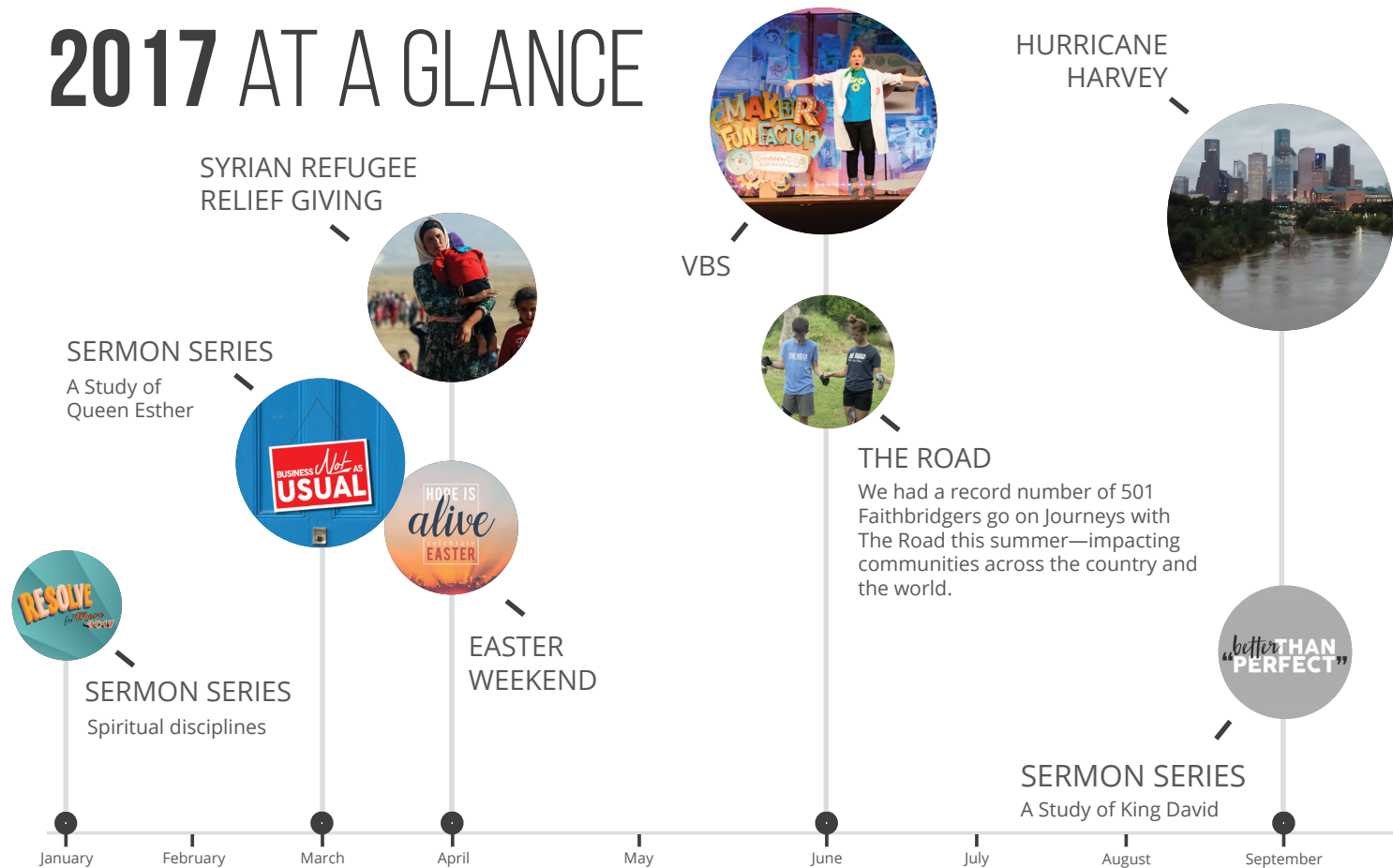


“TO MAKE MORE & STRONGER DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST WHO MAKE MORE & STRONGER DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST”

God revealed Himself in monumental and historic ways in 2017. The year began in a season of renewal—going back to the spiritual building blocks of spending time with God and learning how to live generously. In hindsight, this investment in the spiritual realm began to pay real-world dividends, starting with a church-wide special offering for the victims of the Syrian Refugee Crisis. Then, Pastor Ken led us through personal and corporate spiritual renewal: revisiting our first love of Jesus, and

letting it affect every corner of our lives. This was put to the ultimate test when our entire region faced Hurricane Harvey. Romans 5:3 tells us that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance produces character, and character produces hope, and we learned first-hand that this couldn't be truer. Faithbridgers responded to meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs for those affected in our community with one of the single largest gifts ever received. The generosity continued....

2017 AT A GLANCE





KAIROS FREEDOM MINISTRY

- Launched new Kairos Freedom Ministry, which includes Freedom Basics Classes and a Kairos Freedom Conference.
- Hosted our first Kairos Freedom Conference in October!



FALL FUNDAY SUNDAY

October



BEN STUART & PASSION DC GIVING

- Largest one-time offering in Faithbridge history to help Ben Stuart plant and launch a church in Washington D.C.



WORLD SERIES CHAMPS

November

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

- 7,170: Record attendance for Christmas services.
- 13% up from 2016!



December

WORSHIP

"It is such an honor to join our voices together to praise our God and proclaim how good and faithful He is!"

-MATTHEW BAILEY

3,466

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.

2,378 ADULTS

877 KIDS

211 STUDENTS

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

Donuts Enjoyed

62K

Bulletins Printed

76K

Bibles Distributed

450

Pens Purchased

30K





438,887	LIVESTREAM VIEWING MINUTES
256	AVERAGE WEEKLY LIVESTREAM VIEWS
52	POSTSCRIPTS RECORDED
69	VIDEOS CREATED

ROTATING TEACHING TEAM

In 2017, we rotated through ten teaching pastors including founding Pastor Ken Werlein, four full-time Faithbridge staffers, and some Breakaway favorites, Ben Stuart and Timothy Ateek.

FIRST LIVESTREAM-ONLY SERVICE

During Hurricane Harvey, we live-streamed our first ever home church service which produced our most viewed Youtube video ever!

GROW

"There's no comparison to what it means to have people right there living next to you that you're doing life with."

-JOSHUA ROSS



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 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 of Jesus Christ.



1,417 TOTAL ADULTS IN COMMUNITY

192

Total Groups

82

Young Adults in
Groups

8

New Grow Groups

7

Grow Groups
Multiplied

39

New Micro Groups



SERVE

"I don't always feel like I'm equipped to do these things, but as a group, I feel so supported and so confident to serve other people."

-BECCA COTA

165

AVERAGE WEEKLY
SUNDAY SERVERS

440

TOTAL KIDS
MINISTRY SERVERS

33

TOTAL MEDIA
SERVERS

115

TOTAL STUDENT
MINISTRY SERVERS





698

EASTER SERVERS

669

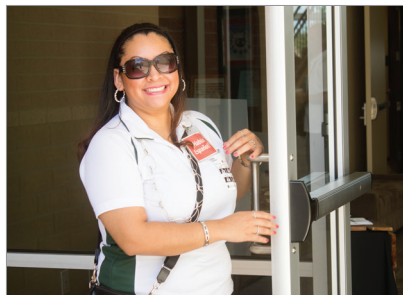
CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVERS

125

HELPING HANDS
VOLUNTEERS

552

VBS SERVERS



TWO NEW SERVE TEAMS FORMED

Language ambassadors: Spanish-speaking servers to help connect with our Spanish-speaking Faithbridgers.

Moving team: Sometimes we get requests from single moms, widows, or other ministries who need help with the daunting task of moving.



BRIDGING + MISSIONS + "THE ROAD"

"Hunger and food insecurity exist in this community. We see in the Bible that Jesus encourages us to feed the hungry because when we do that to someone else, it's like we are doing it to Jesus."

-SABINA LUQUE

2,500

FOODSHARE BAGS

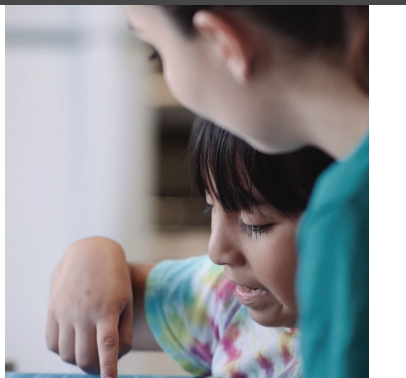
collected to be distributed to families in our community through partnerships with area food pantries.

BRIDGING FOR TOMORROW

Moved to a new office building and community space! BFT is still located in the heart of our community, but the larger space will enable them to invest in our neighbors in new and better ways.

LOCAL BRIDGING PARTNERS

- Freedom Place
- Redeemed Ministries
- LOVE146
- WINGS
- Mission of Yahweh
- Hope Center
- Soul Safari
- Bridging for Tomorrow
- CareNet
- Hearts with Hope
- Orphan Care Solutions
- Northwest Assistance Ministries
- Spring-Woodlands Ministries
- And many more!



"THE ROAD"

is our short-term missions ministry at Faithbridge. With an emphasis on team development and spiritual growth, we train and send Faithbridgers to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world.

TOTAL JOURNEYS	STUDENT JOURNEYS	ADULT JOURNEYS	FAMILY JOURNEYS
45	35	6	3



501

Total on Mission Trips

247 Students with
48 Leaders

89 Adults/Families

65 Site Staff/Leaders

Our 6th graders provided over
1,500 warm lunches to Mission of
Yahweh over 8 weeks!

KIDS + STUDENTS

"She's in a loving enviroment where they talk about Jesus, and I don't think that can be replaced by anything."

-REBECCA WRIGHT



877 AVERAGE SUNDAY
KIDS ATTENDANCE

390 TOTAL KIDS IN
4TH & 5TH GRADE
BIBLE STUDIES



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.

153 Open Gates Kids
82 rEcess Kids
30 Shadows
29 New Families



1,262

VBS ATTENDERS

Through the VBS service project, our kids provided 4,500 snacks to be distributed to our mission partners!





211

AVERAGE SUNDAY
STUDENT ATTENDANCE

230

STUDENTS IN
SMALL GROUPS

41

STUDENT
SMALL GROUPS

115

STUDENT MINISTRY
SERVERS

“FSM has really equipped me because it really shows me that even if I’m not in church, there’s always ways to serve God in the moment.”

-JACK CREEL



CONNECT

"Baptism is a commitment, an outward showing of your faith to others and to Christ."

-JIM MCNINCH

DEDICATIONS & BAPTISMS

141
TOTAL

CHILDREN

50

STUDENTS

29

ADULTS

24

INFANTS

38

176

Faithbridge 101
Participants

57

Starting Point
Participants

81

New Members



1,127

First-Time Visitors
Contacted

Each new guest is personally contacted by a staff member and a Connection Partner, encouraged to share prayer requests, invited to upcoming events, and sent a welcome letter from Pastor Ken.

2018 BUDGET

"I look at money different now. It doesn't have such a hold on me that I panic. When I give, I get excited because I know where it's gonna go."

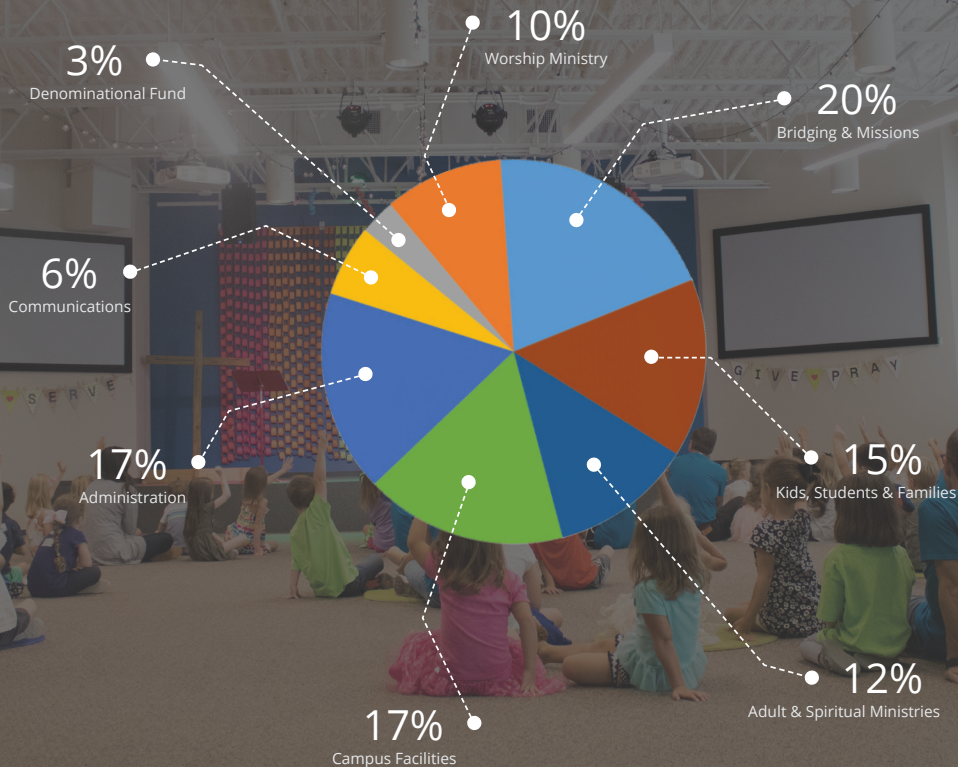
-JOANN GUERRERO



\$9.7M

TOTAL BUDGET

These numbers represent the 2018 budget approved by our Lay Elders and leadership teams, which is made possible through your faithful giving.



HURRICANE HARVEY

"When grief is heavy and hearts are low, to be on these projects and hear the laughter, and knowing that there's going to be a tomorrow and there's going to be somebody with you, it's pretty humbling."

-JOHN MCDONALD



600+ TOTAL SERVERS WORKED ON 298 HURRICANE-RELATED PROJECTS

\$306K

Total Amount
Donated

693

Views on Home
Church Livestream

2

Outside groups used
Faithbridge as their home-
base due to flooding: Precinct
4 & Houston Northwest's
Mother's Day Out

900+

Attended Harvey
Prayer Vigil Service



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 cursive script, reading "Ken Werlein".

Ken Werlein
Founding Pastor



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