

2020 Ministry Plan



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2019 Highlights:

200+ baptisms

1,395 kids at VBS

Partnered with or led **16** Easter Egg Hunts

554 1st-12th graders went to summer camp

\$6,162 raised for mission trip scholarships through the World Café

640 kids and youth attended Back2School Bash

9,000 pounds of candy given out at Fall Festival

Our Columbia Campus relocated from the school to their permanent site, a **1.8 MILLION DOLLAR** property, debt-free as a result of God's provision and your generosity

Jesus Changes Everything

Thompson Station Church is a prayer-powered church! We believe that when we work, we work; but when we pray, God works. We pray when we WORSHIP, we CONNECT with God and others when we pray, and we pray as we SERVE. Everything you will read in this Ministry Plan has been bathed in prayer.

The Prayer Clinic is open and our prayer team is ready to pray with you. In 2019, we prayed with over 200 people and are tracking God's response to 167 prayer requests (and praising God for the 33 which have already been answered!). We look forward to celebrating more answered prayers in 2020!



Dear TSC Family,

In January of 2019, we gathered to celebrate thirty years of ministry together at Thompson Station Church. It was an amazing celebration of the impact TSC has had over three decades. As great as our past has been, I fully believe that as we continue to *worship, connect, and serve* together, our future will be greater still. Even now we are experiencing a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A revival is underway. Our worship is infused with the Spirit of God, our Youth Ministry is booming, our Connect Groups are multiplying and growing, our baptisms have doubled over last year, and we are reaching into more cities and countries throughout the world. The fruit of our ministry is evident. God is blessing in exceeding and abundant ways. We are so very thankful.

Please look through the pages of this 2020 Ministry Plan and know that the stories and photos within are just a sampling of the amazing work God is doing among us.

As we approach another year of ministry, I cannot help but think about the “ones” who we will be able to impact. I pray that you have your one person (one family) you are building a relationship with and praying for, and that there will be new “ones” added to our numbers daily. Truthfully, I pray you have many people you are getting to know, and that each comes to know they are the ONE for whom Jesus died.

I have never been more excited about partnering with each of you in the ministry of Thompson Station Church.

Yours for a 2020 vision for Christ.

Pastor Jon

Worship

WHY WORSHIP?

Worship connects us with God and with one another. Worship takes our eyes off the busyness of life and focuses them on Christ. When we worship together, we embrace the heart and mind of God, and we connect our hearts and minds with one another as we align ourselves with Him. God created us for worship.

WE WERE MADE TO WORSHIP

"There is something very powerful when the church meets corporately to lift up the name of Jesus Christ in song, prayer and instruction from His word. Worship is a beautiful time to focus on Christ and to feel the Spirit moving. In the area of worship, I think God is moving me to be as present as possible, expectant, and immersed."

- Jeremiah Palmer



Exalt the Lord our God;
Worship at His foot stool!
Holy is He! Psalm 99:5



Connect

As iron sharpens
iron, so one person
sharpens another.
Proverbs 27:17

WHY CONNECT?

Connect Groups are where we build community with one another. In Connect Groups we study the Bible, pray, care for one another, eat together, serve side-by-side, and always welcome others. God uniquely gifts each of us to bring glory to Him. Our gifts are for the common good of the body of Christ, which is the Church. We live out our gifts in Connect Groups as we **Connect People with Jesus to Experience His Greater Life!**

ADULT CONNECT

Table of Truth, a new Adult Connect Group, was started in February by Ed & Noelle Hall and Ken & Dana Rector. They believe studying God's Word and serving capture our attitude of worship. They go hand-in-hand. As God speaks to us through scripture, we can then act, living out our faith, and loving on others. Their first serving opportunity was at the Barmer's house. They worked together mowing, mulching, planting, and trimming; then turned the serving into a social gathering. Their group does life together from worshiping ... to connecting ... to serving! Adult Connect Groups meet at 9:00am and 10:30am Sunday mornings, 5:30pm Sunday evenings, and 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

YTH CONNECT

We connect our 6th-12th graders in small groups to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus. It's a time where an adult leader pours into them and teaches in an age and gender-specific setting. Our YTH Connect Groups meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00am and 10:30am in the B Building. Kim Paseur, pictured here, teaches high school girls at 10:30am.



KIDS CONNECT (1ST-5TH GRADE)

At 9:00am, we have Kids Worship. This exciting, high energy worship service engages kids in worship, shares Biblical truth and connects kids with one another. At 10:30am, our kids gather in a large group to hear the Bible story for the week. They spend the rest of the hour with others their age in small groups, applying the lesson to their own lives. Bill Wise, pictured here, teaches 4th graders.

KIDS CONNECT (BIRTH-KINDERGARTEN)

Children play with others their age and learn Bible stories with our incredible teachers. We have groups at 9:00am and 10:30am in the C Building every Sunday morning. Our preschool leaders use The Gospel Project curriculum. Vicki Mashburn, pictured here, and her husband Greg, teach 3 year olds at 10:30am.

D GROUPS

2019 saw the launch of Adult and YTH Discipleship Groups (or "D Groups") at TSC. This is a way of connecting in smaller groups to grow in our relationship with Jesus. Made up of 4 to 6 people who meet weekly, D Groups go through scripture together, hold each other accountable, and pray for one another.

"My D Group has been a place of true reprieve. Each week, I can come to these ladies and share my burdens, joys, struggles, trials, and frustrations. We have walked beside one another through some very challenging life situations. Because of our weekly commitment, this has become a consistent source of strength to get me through each week. There is value in walking this closely with a small group, and I'm thankful for their investment in my life!" - Angela Lee



So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.
Ephesians 4:11-12

Serve... The Church

WHY SERVE?

We are believers in Jesus Christ who serve His body, the Church. Our Sunday morning volunteer team faithfully serves in First Impressions, the Prayer Clinic, Worship, Audio-Visual, Security, and as Leaders and Teachers in Age-graded and Adult Ministries. Many more volunteers also dedicate their time in other ministry areas on Sunday mornings, Sunday and Wednesday nights, and every day of the week to make Thompson Station Church a great place to be every week! Nothing compares to living out your purpose and making a difference in someone else's life as we **Connect People with Jesus to Experience His Greater Life!**

LYNZIE GILLESPIE, WORSHIP TEAM

"I serve because I am passionate about giving praise to our Almighty Creator – the Bible tells us to do it! It's my desire to see our church family grow in worship, and I feel humbled to serve in this area. In doing so, I witness, from a unique perspective, the powerful moving of the Holy Spirit throughout our church each Sunday."

GEORGIANNA KIKER, PRAYER MINISTRY

"I serve in the Prayer Clinic because it's a place to go for specific, directed prayer. I love watching as God heals the different areas of needs in all of our lives."

AMY HOLMES, FIRST IMPRESSIONS

"I serve because I view the church as an extension of my home. I clean the church like it's my personal home. I water and care for the flowers like they live on my own front porch. I love the folks that walk these halls like they are family. When I'm asked to serve, I feel invited to love on others in a way that someone once loved on me. I see every opportunity to serve as a chance to reach others with God's love."

ROB ELLIS, ADULT CONNECT GROUP LEADER

"I serve because I love seeing people develop relationships as they walk through the challenges and joys of life together. God's love in a real and tangible way."

JONATHAN WILLIAMS, YTH CONNECT 7TH GRADE BOYS

"I serve because I want all kids at TSC to have a better foundation than I did. I love putting all the building blocks out there so they have the foundation they need to build a successful Christian walk."

TOM MCCARL, KIDS CONNECT 1ST GRADE

"I serve because I enjoy planting the seeds of Christianity in each child and sharing how much God loves them. I feel blessed that I'm able to use a gift God gave me. Bottom line, I love the difference I'm making in the lives of kids, because they make a difference in my life as well."

LINDA BLACK, KIDS CONNECT - PREK

"I serve because I love the Lord and I love the children. It's as simple as that. The next generation of Jesus lovers is right here."

MICHAEL LUCAS, SECURITY TEAM

"I serve because I can apply my gifts and training beyond my immediate family to my extended church family. The reward for me is to watch Thompson Station Church safely worship God and to watch the children of TSC have a safe place to grow in their relationship with God."

CALEB STEVENS, WORSHIP TECH TEAM

"I serve because I've always loved feeling the change in atmosphere when worship begins. Looking up from the console and seeing the wave of emotion radiate throughout the room is very rewarding and inspiring. Seeing people of all ages worship in a powerful atmosphere and feel the presence of the Lord is a great sight to see. Helping create the mood through sound has truly helped me grow in my relationship with the Lord as well as with others serving at the church."



Serve... The Community

WHY SERVE?

We serve because we are like Jesus when we do. Our values of being “devoted servants” and “community builders” characterize everything we do. Many people at Thompson Station Church are generous with their time, talents, and treasures, and they join our neighbors to make an eternal difference.

GOD DOESN'T CALL THE EQUIPPED ...

He equips the called. This phrase has really resonated with Julie Holt in serving the church. When she felt the call to turn VBS Drama, traditionally only a 6-week summer project, into a year-round ministry, she resisted. “God wouldn’t let me off the hook that easy. He kept calling me to lead the students and young adults in the cast, who mostly weren’t connected elsewhere. God is working in big ways in our group and I am blessed to see relationships grow and their faith strengthened. I recently baptized one of the girls! God didn’t need me to be ready, He just wanted me to be willing.”

2019 SERVE SUNDAY

This amazing outreach event continues to grow as we took church onto our school campuses Labor Day weekend for the fourth year!

3 Counties

27 Schools

931 Volunteers (including the entire Centennial Volleyball team)

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:43-45



L.I.G.H.T.ING THE WAY

Emily Lowry, co-director of the Women’s Ministry, started a new Bible Study this year called L.I.G.H.T. (Ladies Intentionally Growing, Helping and Testifying). “God has really opened our eyes to see the needs of others. These special ladies have such a heart to serve others. It’s encouraging to be around women who truly desire to fill the needs of those who are in difficult situations, lonely, or just need encouragement.” L.I.G.H.T. has sung hymns with residents at local nursing homes, cleaned house for foster families, made and delivered meals for families with medical issues, created crafts for women in jail, and delivered candy, cards, and roses to widows and widowers on Valentine’s Day.

SAFE ROOM

“God has given each of us spiritual gifts to use for His glory. Our past shapes us into who we are today and then reveals a testimony showing God’s grace and mercy in our lives. For me the most fulfilling areas of service involve places of past struggles or failures – these areas are an opportunity to use my story for God’s glory, a chance to give back. My goal is to ensure that my service extends beyond Sunday and can be a part of the legacy I leave behind. The single most fulfilling project I have been involved in is the Safe Room – it’s a chance for me, and many others, to use our spiritual gifts to accomplish something extraordinary – something that we could not accomplish on our own.” —Buffie Goddard, Safe Room Director



LOCAL OUTREACH:

- Vacation Bible School
- Fall Festival
- Serve Sunday
- Berry Farms Farmers Market
- Grey Ghost
- Touch-A-Truck
- Back 2 School Bash



Power of 7 Vision

Everything flows through relationships. Our relationship with God empowers us to grow in our relationship with others. Therefore, our “Power of 7” vision focuses on relationships; each one of us connecting with 7 people we can lead toward Christ; and together all of us connecting with other individuals in 70 neighborhoods, 7 cities, and 7 countries for the intentional purpose of connecting them with Jesus to experience His greater life.



7 Relationships

WHO'S YOUR ONE?

Sometimes we think the only numbers that really matter, are the big ones. But it's the single digits that make the difference — *one* friend, *one* family member, *one* co-worker, *one* person at a time. The Bible says heaven rejoices when *one* person repents. Ryan Froman chose his “one” in Alex Hernandez. They became friends five years ago at the gym. When Pastor Tom challenged all of us to focus on our seven relationships, Ryan knew that Alex was at the top of his list. Over the years the relationship grew and Alex began coming to church with the Fromans. This past summer, Alex asked Jesus to be his Lord and Savior, and was later baptized by Ryan in front of his friends and family. This one relationship made an eternal difference in Alex's life. Who's Your One?

70 Neighborhoods

EASTER EGG HUNTS

We took our Egg Hunts to the neighborhoods again this year with 16 different partnering opportunities for Thompson Station Church to live out our values and be “community builders.” Egg Hunts were held in Bridgmore Village, Cherry Grove, Wyngate, Canterbury, Stream Valley, Campbell Station, Spring Hill Place, Wade's Grove, Tollgate, Aston Woods, Churchill Farms, Dakota Pointe, and Brixworth. In Columbia, we also held hunts in the Malibu neighborhood, Riverside Elementary, and the Boys & Girls Club at Spring Hill Elementary.



BACKYARD BIBLE CLUB

The Gilley and Harrell kids love sharing God with their neighbors, and are truly living out our “Power of 7” vision, sharing their faith with seven of their peers. After VBS, Jack and Kate Gilley, along with Lila and Graham Harrell, hosted their second-annual Backyard Bible Club in their neighborhood. These four organized games, led worship, and taught a Bible study, with a little help from their parents. This year they had more than twice as many neighbors come than last year. These pre-teens are leading by example!



7 Cities



CONNECTION CHURCH COLUMBIA, TN

We were so excited to celebrate with Pastor Eric Nichols and the Columbia Campus their fifth anniversary in September 2019 - we have seen God work there in mighty ways over the last year. Each Sunday, they are averaging 355 attendance in worship and 222 in Connect Groups. This summer they had over 160 kids attend VBS, 100 of which were first-time guests from the community. Late summer 2019, the Lord began to lay on Pastor Tom's heart that now is the right time to allow our Columbia Campus to become TSC's newest church plant. In March of 2020, Columbia will transition from a campus of Thompson Station Church to its own church body, known as Connection Church. These are exciting days for everyone. The kingdom is being expanded on every side!



GRACE POINT FELLOWSHIP CINCINNATI, OH

Our church plant, led by Pastor Reagan Wagoner, bought, remodeled, and moved into their own space in 2019. Their ministry is thriving with 270 in average attendance, 300 kids at VBS this summer, and 60 decisions. Grace Point Fellowship has 38 Grace Groups throughout the community and recently increased to two services on Sunday morning.



THE WELL CHURCH LAS VEGAS, NV

Three years ago we planted The Well Church under the leadership of Pastor Steve Witt. In spite of the strongholds of spiritual blackness in "sin city," The Well is already averaging 220 in attendance. They've baptized 65 people (with 19 more waiting to be baptized) this year. And, they are in the process of building a 10,000 sq ft building on 3.8 acres of land they recently purchased.



7 Countries (and more)

We send our families to partner with the Church in other parts of the world to enable them to be the light of Christ in their communities. Currently we serve these areas:

- Nicaragua
- Mexico (Mazatlán)
- Uruguay
- India
- Rwanda
- Albania
- Haiti
- West Africa
- Guatemala
- Nepal

UNREACHED VILLAGES – INDIA

There are more than 7,000 unreached people groups (UPGs) in the world today (Joshua Project). In 2019, Thompson Station Church decided to focus on how we can reach these UPGs. One way we are doing that is through our partnership with Billy Graham Paulose and his ministry, Unreached Villages. They work with UPGs all over the nation of India. Pastor Billy and his team have planted 400+ churches, provided a Christian education for the Dalits, or “untouchables,” provided countless meals, and met other basic needs for those in the leper and blind communities. God has continued to bless this ministry by opening a door to enter the colleges and universities and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. TSC is excited about this new partnership and expectant for all that God is going to do in India!



ALBANIA

God is at work in Albania, a predominantly Muslim country, where many are without the hope of Jesus Christ. A TSC mission team has partnered with Hope for the World to bring the Good News to children and families who may have never heard the gospel. In 2019, our mission team saw 19 people give their lives to Christ. One was a little girl who attended Vacation Bible Time (VBT), prayed to receive Christ the first night, and went home to excitedly tell her mother all that she had learned. Upset that her daughter was learning about Jesus, her mother would not allow her to return to VBT. Despite her mother's wishes, the little girl returned the second night to tell someone about the decision she had made to follow Jesus.

Another night our mission team prayed for an elder of this Muslim community to be saved. At the end of the church service, the elder came forward saying that he wanted to follow Jesus. He stood before the people of his community, shared what the Lord had done in his heart, and boldly proclaimed that he was now a follower of Jesus!



2020 International & National
Mission Trips are listed at
TSClife.org/missions

2020 Ministry Plan Funding

Missions Goal:
\$264,000

Missions Offering:
FEBRUARY 23, 2020

GENERAL FUND \$3,783,760

Missions	\$290,453.00
Ministries	\$272,110.00
Worship & Connections	\$89,760.00
Property	\$466,176.00
Administration	\$96,290.00
Personnel	\$1,711,499.00
Debt Retirement	\$857,472.00

*Missions are funded
above our general giving*

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What happens when we Worship, Connect, and Serve?

FULL CIRCLE

Mikayla Martin began attending Thompson Station Church when she was just eight years old. At the age of thirteen, she went on her first mission trip to Mazatlán, Mexico with Pastor Larry Mims. Throughout high school Mikayla continued serving on mission trips through TSC. She began to sense God's call on her life and decided to pursue a cross-cultural missions degree. God continued to open doors for Mikayla, allowing her to serve in 18 different countries. Upon graduating college, Mikayla joined the staff at TSC as the Missions Ministry Assistant. God has brought Mikayla's story full-circle. She was raised up in TSC, sent out from TSC, and has now returned to serve at TSC.



"I worship at 9:00am in the Worship Center I connect on Sunday night ... and I serve at 10:30am by co-teaching the high school girls on Sunday morning."





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