

**GOD AT WORK,
BUILDING FAITH FOR
WHAT'S NEXT**

2025 IMPACT REPORT

GAINESVILLE CHURCH
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2025: REFLECTIONS & RESULTS

As we move into 2026, let's take a moment to look back, celebrate and praise Jesus for the amazing 2025 we had as a church. I constantly find myself rejoicing in all of the ways God is working and moving here at Gainesville Church.

I believe a church is at its best when it's growing by reaching new people, and the people in the church are becoming better followers of Jesus. I'm delighted to share that we witnessed that in our church in 2025. Our church continues to grow both in the number of people coming and giving their lives to Jesus, as well as in the number of people participating in missions, service and discipling small groups. All this is only possible through the work of the Holy Spirit and because of you! Thank you to all of you who invited a friend, family

member, co-worker, neighbor or even a stranger to our church! Thank you to all of you who said yes to join a small group, served through our missions or volunteered at our church events. And thank you to all of you who have generously given to our church and made all that is celebrated in this report possible. Because of you, people's lives are being changed, and the Kingdom of God is being built right here in Northern Virginia.

A few of my additional highlights for the year are the 70+ people who said yes to Jesus on Easter Sunday, launching our discipleship pathway—which includes our new Rooted classes, those who participated in our first-ever Men's Retreat, and welcoming new staff members Julie and pastor Joseph to our team.

My hope is that as you read through our 2025 Impact Report, you too will be filled with as much joy and praise as I have for what God has been up to over the past year. I don't know what your personal highlights will be, but let me encourage you to take the time to truly look over every page. You never know what fact or bit of information may strike you the most, and trust me: There are a lot of them.

Being your pastor is truly one of the greatest privileges and joys of my life.

~Benson McGlone
LEAD PASTOR

VISION

OUR VISION IS TO EMPOWER PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE A BOLD AND AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

#GUMCFAMILY



WORSHIP

Gainesville Church grew in reach and impact, reflecting a thriving year of worship, service and spiritual growth.



112

Baptisms and rededications



19.3%

Increase in attendance

31

New covenant members

48

Professions of faith



“The thing I love most about Gainesville Church is that, no matter where you are in your walk of life, you can always feel welcome here.”

~Elizabeth T.

MISSIONS



\$47K

Raised at the spring **Mission Auction**, which funds the initiatives we do all year long

Whether we're helping feed our neighbors or rebuilding after disaster, our goal is simple: Love people like Jesus loves them.



33

Volunteers made **4 trips to North Carolina** assisting homeowners with renovations after Hurricane Helene damage

Serving Friends' new truck, "Gertrude," distributes meals, clothing, hygiene products and blankets to the local homeless community every week.



150

Care for Community service day volunteers (9 events)

2,080

Meals served to approximately **1,300** people (**Serving Friends**) along with clothing and hygiene items distributed

17

Serving Friends volunteers

\$4,872

Rental and utility assistance given to those in need

\$10K+

Donated to disaster relief via **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

5,800

Pounds of food donated to **Haymarket Regional Food Pantry**

900

Meals provided to **550** people via **SERVE**

104

AA meetings held in our Fellowship Hall

720

Lives saved via **226** units of blood donated (**American Red Cross Blood Drive**)

520

Hours of tutoring **Youth for Tomorrow** students • **10** volunteers with **13** students

\$3,000

Donated to **Willing Warriors**

157

Students enrolled in school in Ethiopia—**HOPE Mission**

\$1,600

In Gift Cards given to families in need from our **Angel Tree** program

140

Children + **20** seniors + **50** kids at Gainesville Middle School

OUTREACH

675

Hours of service logged by Troop 581
(Boy Scouts) serving the community

79

Scouts who participate

150

Backpacks filled with school
supplies and delivered to
Benton Middle School

31

People were fed from **8
Meal Trains** (30 volunteers)

75

Quilts made (**Hearts & Hands**) and distributed
via North Carolina Mission trips, local senior
centers and other organizations

25

Hang bags sewn for seniors' walkers

300+

Cards sent to people in need
of prayer or to give thanks
(Pens & Prayers)

300

Prayer emails sent to individuals
(Prayer Team)



175

Kids participated in **Cookies
with Santa**



46

Children took part in the
Christmas Pageant



1,000

Trunk or Treat attendees and
42 trunks decorated



DISCIPLESHIP

93

People attending the weekly **Rooted** class series

8

Discipling **Small Groups**

26

Welcome & Hospitality **Volunteer Team** on Sundays

18

Attended our first-ever autumn **Men's Weekend Retreat**



200+

Participants in quarterly **Small Group Events**



Small groups provide welcoming spaces for people to grow in faith, build community and support one another through shared study and prayer.



JOIN A GROUP



Through discipleship and small groups, we guide people as they grow in faith while building real, lasting relationships. These groups study Scripture, pray together and support one another while living out God's love in community. This year we launched the Rooted discipleship study program, which helps participants go deeper and take the next step in their spiritual journeys.

REVIVE HOUSE CHURCH

We initiated gatherings with host families to build more meaningful relationships between the house churches, scheduling multiple events to bring the house church network together.



70

People attending House Churches in Northern Virginia

5

Number of House Churches:
2 in Bristow; 1 in Aldie;
1 in Gainesville; 1 in South Riding

2

We held our **second** BBQ and Baptisms pool party, and we were blessed to baptize **2** people at this summer's gathering held at one of our house churches. • **Two** of our house churches had new people participate this year and one house church doubled in size.



Our network of house churches is primarily based in Northern Virginia. Each house church gathers weekly to worship, share a meal and walk alongside one another through faith and life. Launched in 2017 as a ministry of Gainesville Church with a small group of people wanting to do church in a more intimate and relational way, people across Northern Virginia are praying, reading scripture and deepening their faith with others. We hope to continue strengthening and growing the ministry in new ways in 2026.



GUMC KIDS

300

Sunday School lessons taught • 1 new class added

25

Volunteers/teachers

100

Average number of kids per week in Sunday programming • 33% increase

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

186

Kids/campers attended and 50 youth volunteered

2,000

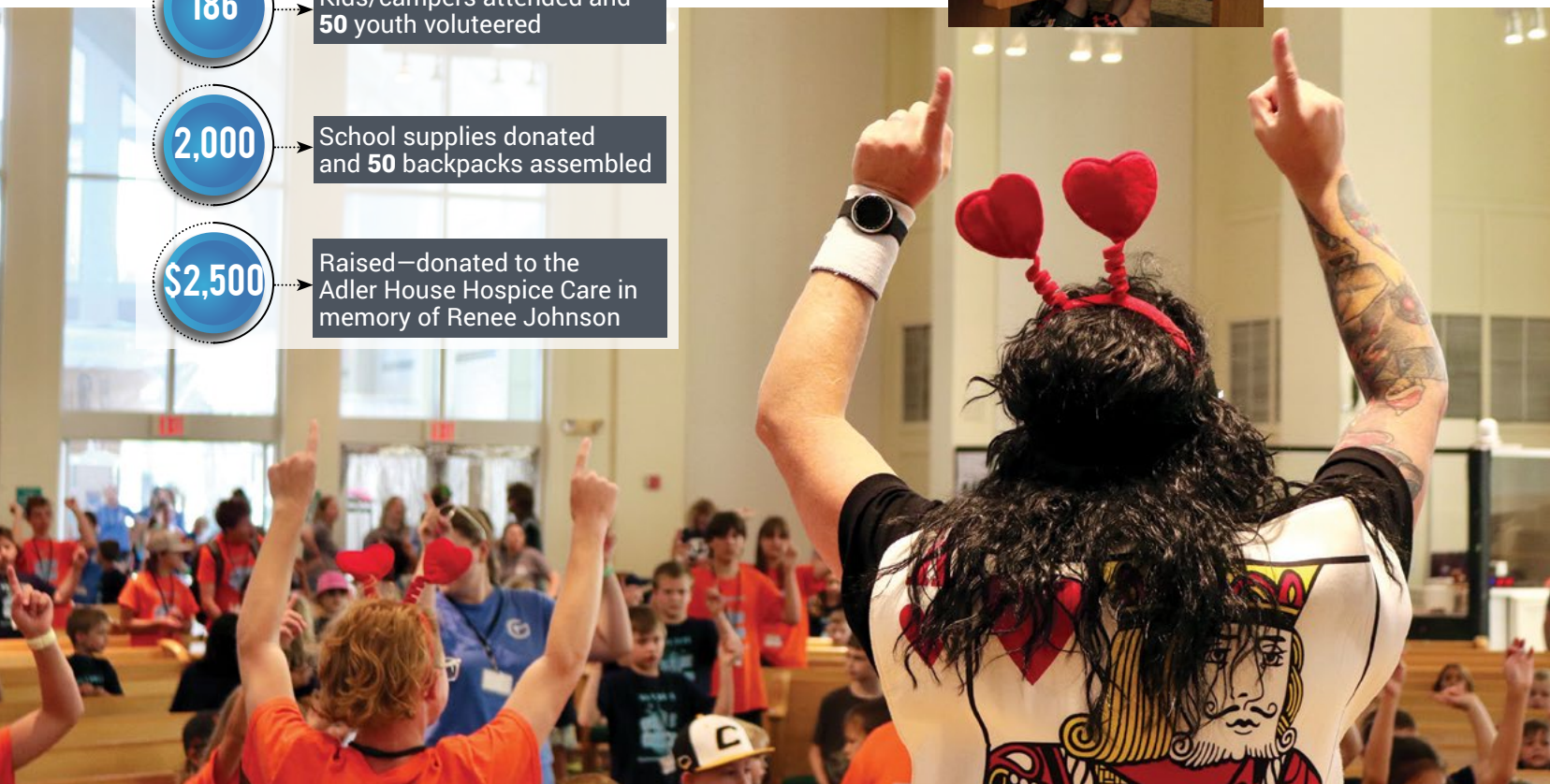
School supplies donated and 50 backpacks assembled

\$2,500

Raised—donated to the Adler House Hospice Care in memory of Renee Johnson



VOLUNTEER



Our children's ministry is an engaging opportunity for kids from birth through 5th grade to grow in faith through classes, crafts, music and play time. Our children's program is written to align with each sermon series that the adults hear every Sunday, but at a child's learning level. This gives families the opportunity to talk about what is being discussed in church each week when they're at home.

UNITY YOUTH

1,700

Pounds of apples gleaned in October; 42 people in attendance



70

Active youth in the church with average weekly attendance increased by 40% (highest average weekly attendance since pre-COVID)

11

Confirmants went through Confirmation

41

Participants in Youth Sunday

20

Youth (and 5 adults) attended the summer mission trip



Unity Youth continues to grow as students discover a place where faith, friendship and fun come together. Through weekly gatherings and group events as well as service projects, retreats and mission trips, our middle and high school students are deepening their relationship with Christ and learning to live out their faith in the world and with others.

UNITY
GAINESVILLE CHURCH YOUTH

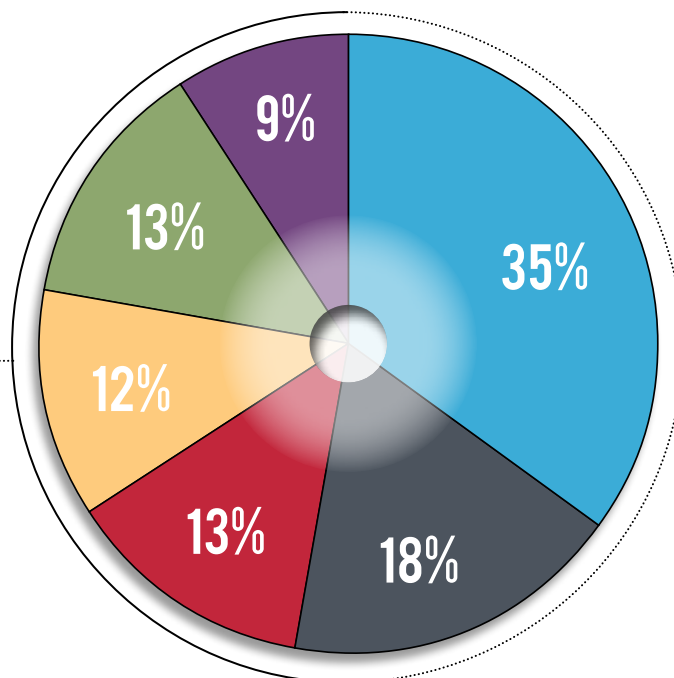
THANK YOU



GIVE

Worship	\$510,405.51
Discipleship	\$250,497.09
Missions	\$192,342.34
Children	\$166,082.99
Youth	\$194,705.99
Operations	\$134,510.19

TOTAL	\$1,448,544.11
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Your generosity allows Gainesville Church to serve in so many ways. We couldn't accomplish everything we do without your support.

MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO WORSHIP GOD, LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AND MAKE NEW AND STRONGER DISCIPLES OF JESUS.





WHAT'S NEXT

2026: AWAKENING

As amazing as 2025 was—2026 should be even better. As we begin to look forward into 2026 our focus is on two things:

First is an update on our Capital Campaign and building expansion. A huge thank you to those who have so faithfully given above and beyond to the campaign, and an apology on not communicating better with you on updates around the campaign. Our goal is still to break ground in 2026. We expect to have finalized plans and drawings early in the year, and we will provide monthly updates to keep everyone in the loop.



Second, after a season of prayer and discernment, I believe that this year God desires to bring about an incredible spiritual awakening in our church and in our area. Guided by this vision, we have made **Awakening 2026** our theme for the year. This will shape much of what we do as a church to help people experience the awakening of the Spirit in their lives and throughout our community.

As part of this theme, we will invite people throughout the year to sign up for our Awakening 2026 challenge:

- Commit to pray **20** more minutes a day
- Invite **26** new individuals to church
- Serve or volunteer **20** hours in a year
- Increase giving by **2.6%** (if not already tithing)

As a church we want to partner with those who sign up for the challenge to provide encouragement, support and love along the way! We know you can do it because we know God will succeed.

~Pastor Benson

“We were in the car and upon learning we were on our way to church, Kayzi squealed, ‘Ooh yay! Church is my happy place!’ Sunday school has had a great impact on all of our kids!”

~TJ & Kati

“Being a part of the GUMC youth group has been one of the best experiences...and has enabled me to foster spiritual growth and deepen my understanding of the word of God. The wonderful sense of community is best reflected through the growth in the number of students that attend youth group. I look forward to seeing GUMC’s future endeavors in this new year!”

~Nirav D.



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