



westminster *presbyterian* 2017 IMPACT REPORT

growing through *generosity*

Introduction

It would be hard to truly communicate every impact of Westminster Presbyterian Church over the last year. God often works quietly, building a kingdom through us in ways that aren't always obvious. Other times, we can visibly see the work of the Spirit in big ways. This impact report lifts up just a few of the ways Westminster has been at work in 2017 and how we hope to grow through generosity in 2018.

Together, our generosity made an impact...

2017 Pledge Total (highest pledge total since 2009)

\$1,668,664.00

Initiatives created
to reduce debt.

Funds Raised for
Mission Teams

\$55,000

Youth and Music
Endowment Funds

\$1 million+

ZERO
Reserve
Funds
Needed

10 percent increase
in the average
pledge.



Charles Blanchard Member

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In 2016, Grimsley High School and Westminster partnered to create the Success 101 mentoring program. As a principal, it was amazing to watch the weekly meetings start as a slightly awkward experience and blossom into meaningful relationships that will most likely continue well beyond the end of the school year. All of the students who had a mentor experienced greater academic success and school attendance. Many overcame multiple obstacles to graduate on time. Grimsley’s graduation rate increased by 1.6%!

Words cannot express the impact watching the mentors from Westminster work with our students each week had on me. The mentors became a major part of our school family. It helped us all reinforce how important positive relationships with adults are to impacting student achievement.



Ashley Wilkie Youth Elder

“I am surrounded by people that can ask me questions about the Lord, and I can ask questions in return...”

I have been going to the church services since I was a child and cannot imagine my life without Westminster. I look forward to Sundays where I can go to Westminster, hear a sermon, participate in my wonderful youth group, and sing with my fellow members of the youth band. My faith has grown so much stronger from my involvement in WPC’s youth ministry. I am surrounded by people that can ask me questions about the Lord, and I can ask questions in return. I love being surrounded by youth and adults who love the Lord and His mercy as much as I do.



Diane and Dave Sergeant Members

“...we found ourselves surrounded by a wonderfully supportive Christian community.”

Fifteen years ago, we moved to Greensboro and left a wonderfully supportive church family. Within weeks of finding Westminster, we found ourselves surrounded once again by a wonderfully supportive Christian community. Today, we continue to receive that support and have found many ways to give that support to others through the church.



Will and Lori Muse New Members

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Westminster Presbyterian has turned out to be everything we didn’t know we were looking for. We visited Westminster on the recommendation of a friend. In a time when we are so divided as a nation, we are grateful to have found a church family that is so inclusive, so welcoming, and so open. We are confident our three year old daughter will be guided in a path of love, compassion, and service to others.

Together, our community made an impact...

Annual Individual Notes Written by Writers Ministry

300

Mission Team Participants

100+

Youth and Adult Church School Teachers

60+

Adult Small Groups Opportunities

35

Meals Served at Weaver House Annually

1440

Culinary Care Team Members

60

Three Months of Sundays program created for fellowship and faith formation for all ages.

Stephen Ministers

23

Average Just Older Youth Luncheon Attendance

40

Hired a Director of Communications

Mobile Meals Served Annually

3300

Average Weekly Worshippers

550

Partnered with St. James Presbyterian for community worship opportunities.

Local agencies/non-profits served

42

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

75 Youth/Adults

Created a more systematic pastoral care system with new software and administrative support.

Confirmands

35+

Individuals committed to praying for our prayer list week to week

75

Youth Small Group Participants

90+ Youth/Adults

Serving in Local Schools

55

Prayer Shawls Distributed

75

Homebound Members Served Communion Quarterly

14

Together, we can continue to make an impact...

We will continue to engage with our community and world through local, domestic, and international service.

We will follow the lead of our Worship Review Task Force in order to foster meaningful worship for all ages.

We will strengthen and support the ministries of our church that nurture and challenge children, youth, and adults in their faith.

We will implement recommendations from our Evangelism and Hospitality task force in an effort to create a stronger and more welcoming community of faith.

We will listen to our Young Families and Children Task Force on how we can nurture, encourage, and support the growing families of our community.

We will help our Systematic Care Task Forces implement conscientious congregational care systems so that we might care for each other in our times of joy and need.

We will finalize a master facilities plan, eliminate our remaining debt, and conduct a feasibility study for a possible capital campaign so that we can continue to be a healthy, active, and loving community of Christ.

And finally, we hope to increase our budget to support new programming initiatives, give modest raises to staff members, maintain 10% of budget for mission and benevolence, and commit \$50,000 from the budget towards reducing our debt.

How do we accomplish all of this? With your presence, your prayers, and reaching...

50

New Pledges

50

People Stepping Towards a Tithe

\$100,000

Increase in Overall Pledges

How might God be calling you to make an **impact?**