

*The Gospel is for
Everyone.*



annual report

july 2016–june 2017



Following Jesus Together

Eastern Hills Community Church is a group of people who are following Jesus together. That journey of following Jesus is made up of steps—decisions we make and actions we take that move us deeper into the life we were made for.

In this past year (from July 2016–June 2017), we’ve focused on the reality that The Gospel is for Everyone. We’ve reached out to people who are close to us but far from God to get to know them, build relationships, and invite them to learn more about the life they could have in Jesus.

This is our report of how God worked through our life together over the past year. He deserves all of the honor for the amazing things we’ve seen and been a part of.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:17

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Reach Out

The Gospel is for Everyone. We want to be a place that reaches southeast Aurora, Denver Metro and the whole world with the power and message of the Gospel.



Reach Groups

583 people were part of a Reach Group

34 groups hosted **45** simple parties to meet their neighbors

MOPS

178 Mothers of Preschoolers registered

51% of registrants are not from Eastern Hills



New Website and App

583 Launched the App in June

2,752 average unique website visitors every month

1,500+ app downloads



Lacuna Coffee

Launched in **10/2016**

Close to **5,000** drinks served

50+ Point Crew volunteer baristas

Young Life Partnership Launch

50 different kids came to the new Young Life club at Cherokee Trail, launched through a Young Life partnership with Eastern Hills.



Point Crew?

We refer to volunteers as *Point Crew* because they work as a team to point people to Jesus. It's a simple way to help us remember the importance of everything they do.

Grow Deep

Whenever you are ready for your next steps, we are here to help you to grow deeper in your relationship with God and your community.



AWANA

AWANA is our Wednesday night kids program that helps kids internalize truth from the Bible.

420 kids (age 2–8th grade)

33% of kids are not from Eastern Hills

110 Point Crew volunteers

IF: Tables, Men's Groups, and Bible Studies

225 active participants in **27** different IF: Table groups (women's relational discussion groups)

125 women active in **5** other women's studies

105 men active in **5** different men's bible studies



Rooted

Rooted is a ten-week small group experience that includes Bible study and multiple experiences where participants put their faith in action together.

60 Rooted graduates

6 people baptized after completing Rooted



Students: Midweek and Small Groups

Our students gather during the week for large group gatherings (with worship and teaching) as well as small group gatherings (with Bible study and discussion).

350+ Middle Schoolers attended at least one Wednesday night

200+ High Schoolers attended at least one Thursday night or small group





"MOPS has radically and wonderfully enhanced my well-being. It has validated my calling/purpose as a mother. It has reinforced my community—the 'sisterhood of motherhood.' It has deepened my faith. It has awakened something within me, perhaps a bigger Plan."

MOPS Participant



"Young life helped open up a new perspective about how you can experience Jesus. It also helped me to meet a bunch of awesome friends!"

Young Life Participant



"Thank you for providing an amazing, safe and loving atmosphere for children and their parents. You can feel the presence of the Lord with every smile in EHCC!"

Preschool Parent

Partner with Families

Next steps are for our whole lives, especially in families. We want to help families in all seasons of life.



Preschool

Eastern Hills Preschool and Kindergarten runs throughout the school year with three and five-day preschool options, as well as kindergarten.

305 kids

235 families, **63%** not from Eastern Hills

32 staff members

Ice Skating at Southlands

In November, we hosted three free skating nights as a follow up to Reach Groups. We invited people we had met to join us for free ice skating at the Southlands Mall.

566 total participants



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Kids' Camps

We provided three kids' camps during summer 2016: Sports Camp, Vacation Bible School (VBS), and Fine Arts Camp. These week-long camps engaged kids on many levels with the good news that Jesus loves them.

211 kids and **62** Point Crew volunteers at Sports Camp

269 kids and **71** Point Crew volunteers at VBS

139 kids and **7** Point Crew volunteers at Fine Arts Camp

Student Camps

Over the last year, we've offered multiple camp experiences for students that have served as powerful catalysts, moving them forward as they follow Jesus.

94 Middle Schoolers attended *Snowbound* camp, **5** students made a first-time decision to follow Jesus

72 High Schoolers attended *High Altitude* camp

60+ Middle Schoolers and **50+** High Schoolers attended summer camps



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Care and Missions

Care Team

Through groups that meet during the week, phone calls, meetings, hospital visits, cards, meals, and counseling referrals, the Care Team provides help for people in difficult times.

PEOPLE RECEIVING CARE:

52 at DivorceCare

58 at Financial Peace University

18 at Grief Support

25+ at Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

20+ at Al-Anon

OTHER SUPPORT PROVIDED:

46 Sympathy Bags delivered

\$28,294 donated to the Benevolence fund. The Benevolence Fund is managed by the deacons and is used to provide financial assistance to people in need, mostly within Eastern Hills, with a limited amount used for people from the community.



Mountains of Mercy and Stop Hunger Now

2,480 people received a Thanksgiving meal through Mountains of Mercy

\$40,000 was raised and **450** volunteers packed **137,000** meals through Stop Hunger Now

Backpacks

2,600 meals were given to kids from struggling families to take home for the weekend.



Marketplace

Each month, an average of **45** families (180+ people) receive food and other basic living essentials from our Marketplace.



Delores Project

Delores Project is a women's shelter that is one of our missions partners.

780 Meals served

Gift bags to all **70** residents at Christmas, Easter, and Mother's Day

Christmas Store

550 gifts purchased to stock the store at greatly reduced prices for struggling families

250 kids ages newborn-18 received two gifts and new pajamas

75 Point Crew volunteers



Financial Support Given to Missions Partners

\$2,500 to Delores Project

\$5,000 to Mean Streets Ministry

\$5,000 to Restoration House Program

\$75,000 to Villages of Hope Zambia

\$11,500 to Sox Place

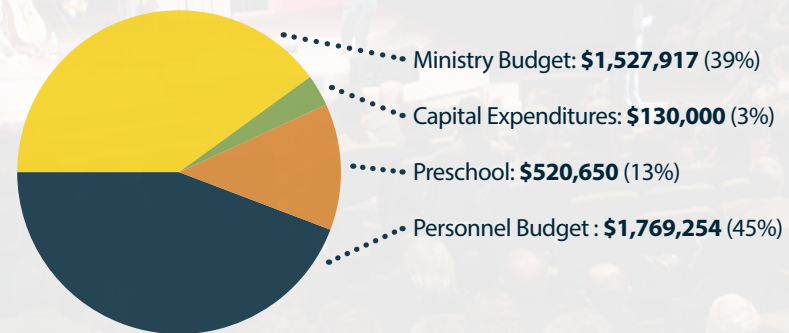
Giving and Life Change

2016-2017 Giving

\$3,947,821 total income

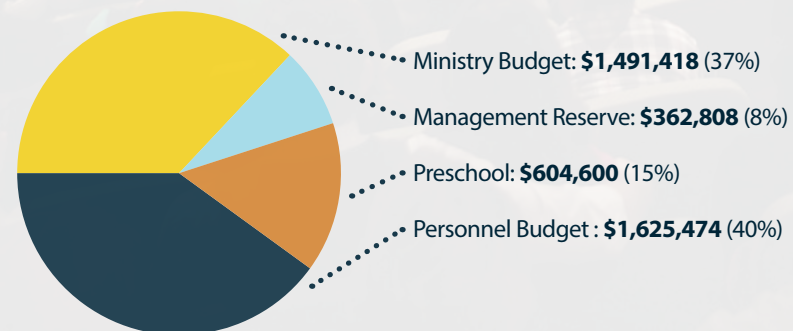
324 first-time givers

760 online givers



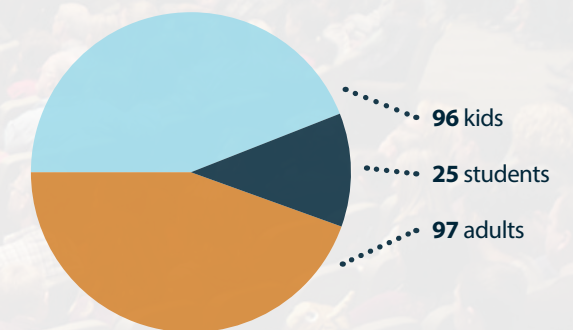
2017-2018 (Projected)

\$4,084,300 total income



Baptisms

218 total baptisms



Attendance

1,947 Average weekend attendance from 2016-2017
Includes over 380 kids (infants-5th grade)

4,770 Easter attendance

5,468 Christmas Eve attendance
This is the largest Christmas attendance in our history!



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Thanks to all of you who are a part of the Eastern Hills family. God has done amazing things this past year as we took next steps together. We look forward with anticipation for what God has in store for us next year!