



As we **RELATE** with God

LOVE GROWS

BROOKWOOD MINISTRY PLAN 2014-2015



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MISSION

Love God. Love People.

Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

VISION

To be a church where love for God and people grows as we RELATE with God through these priorities:

- **SURRENDER** to God—our lives and resources.
- **COMMUNICATE** with God—through prayer and the Bible.
- **PARTICIPATE** with believers—by serving and gathering in Jesus’ name.
- **DEMONSTRATE** love to the world—by caring and sharing the Good News.

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3 (NIV)

VALUES

Principles that guide our behavior as we carry out our Vision:

- **ACCEPTANCE**
Accept people as they are and help them become who God wants them to be.
- **ASSISTING GROWTH** (for all ages)
Help each other relate with God and become like Jesus.
- **AUTHENTICITY**
Practice honesty with God and others, including consistency between my beliefs and actions.
- **AIDING THE COMMUNITY**
Show the love of Jesus in practical ways to the disadvantaged.

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR



We have had a significant impact in our church, community and world through our 2013-14 ministry plan. As we pursue our mission of Loving God and Loving People, we are learning and living the truth that churches shouldn't exist for themselves, but rather, to fulfill God's purposes in the world. This past year, we gave 22.6% of our budget to mission causes in the world and 8.4% to benevolence needs within our church and community. Other ways we have Loved People this past year include:

- 1,453 people served our community by participating in ServeFest.
- 2,508 hours of counseling provided to 181 people by 58 lay counselors.
- 17,906 meals served weekly to 1,311 rescued children in India.

We have Loved God this past year by seeking to deepen our relationships with Him.

Indicators of our efforts to grow spiritually through the Bible, prayer and service include:

- 9,133 copies of *The Story* and 937 copies of the Bible purchased.
- 2,011 people actively serving in 491 opportunities at Brookwood.
- 1,696 people participated in Small Groups.
- 220 people were baptized.

The ministry plan for October 2014–September 2015 is called Love Grows. This past year has laid a great foundation for future growth. Our theme for the coming year is transformation, which means becoming the people God intended us to be in every area of our lives. We will seek to advance spiritually through God's Word, prayer, worship and learning to practice spiritual disciplines. It's an exciting and challenging goal that will enable us to live the kind of life the Bible promises to believers.

If we all seek God wholeheartedly, I am certain we will be amazed at what God will do in us and through us!

Perry

THE STORY OF THE BROOKWOOD TREE

Our **MISSION** is to Love God and Love People.

The **BROOK** or river represents the ongoing process of relationship with God.

As water causes a tree to grow, **relating** with God causes love to grow.

But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life. **John 4:14 (NLT)**

The **WOOD** or trunk of the tree represents our connection to Christ.

Our part in the relationship is to **surrender** to Jesus. That is how we connect with Him. We cannot do the other priorities without continually surrendering to Jesus.

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **John 15:5 (NLT)**

The three **BRANCHES** represent what we do...

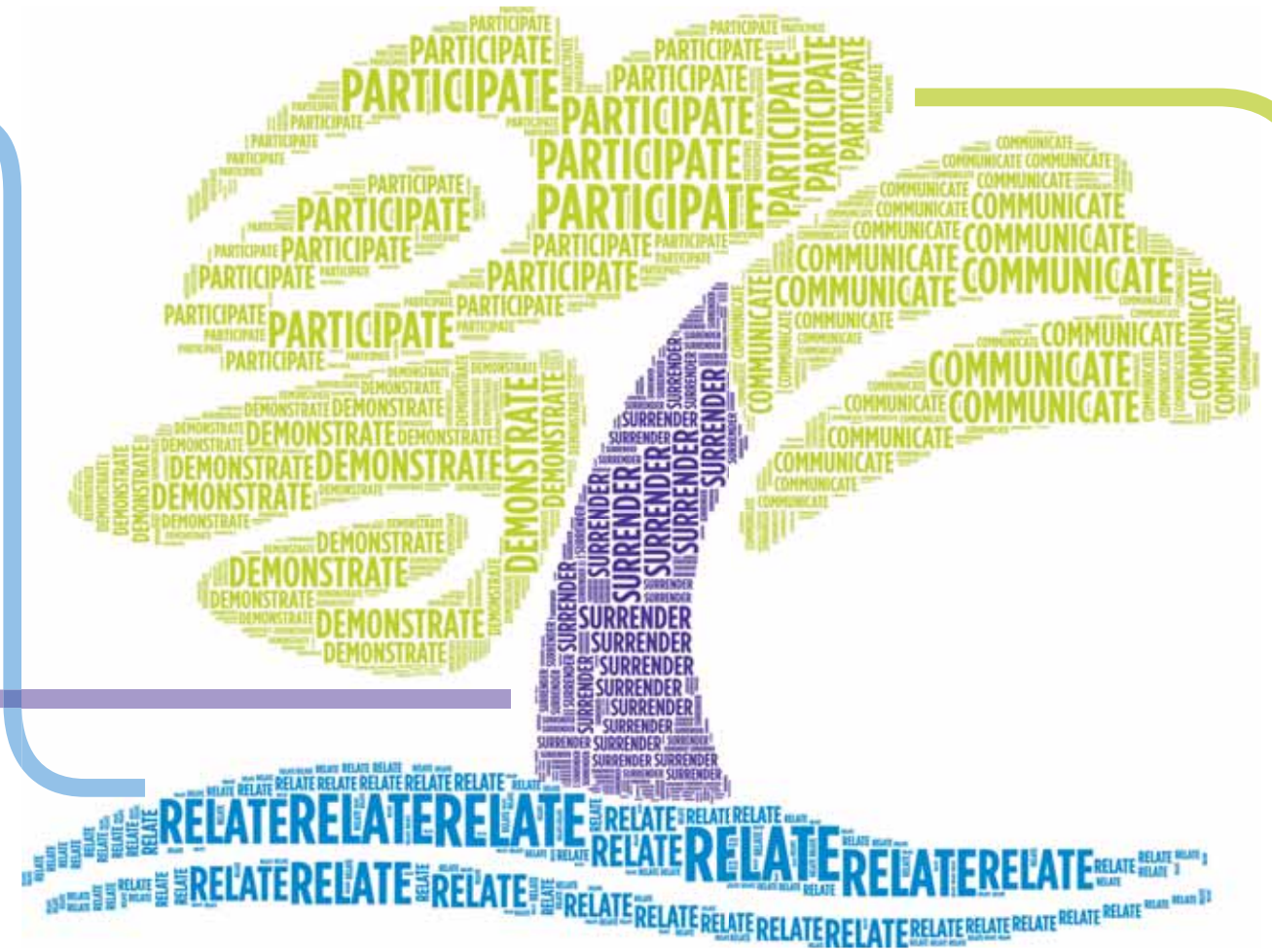
To **Build** our relationship with God. As we **communicate, participate, demonstrate**, the relationship bears fruit. Love grows!

Because we have relationship with God. As love grows, He gives us the power to **communicate** with Him, **participate** with believers, and **demonstrate** love to the world.

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. **Philippians 2:13 (NLT)**

But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Psalms 1:2-3 (NLT)



SURRENDER TO GOD

OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

\$1,184,941 WORSHIP

OUR PLANS

- Offer authentic and engaging worship in an environment of praise.
- Lead worship with musicians and technicians dedicated to communicating the relevance of Christ.
- Communicate the value of trusting God with everything.
- Encourage people to be generous.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Volunteer on a Worship or Production Team.
- Support the Brookwood Ministry Plan.
- Try the 90-Day Giving Experience (see page 19).
- Ask God to reveal a new way to give your time, talent or treasure.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

- The message and music are experienced throughout the campus and around the world.
- We are able to support all the ministries outlined in this Ministry Plan.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SURRENDER TO GOD?

I recognize that everything comes from God and I manage it for His purpose not mine. I open myself to see the needs of others instead of wanting more for myself. I pray that God constantly reveals what I have, so I can cheerfully give, knowing my needs will continue to be met.



Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1 (NLT)

FRED'S STORY

I really feel that with everything that I've done, everything I've gotten involved with, everyone I've gotten to know at Brookwood—it's changed me from just being a Christian to actually being a man who loves God with all his heart, all his soul and all his mind.

COMMUNICATE WITH GOD

THROUGH PRAYER AND THE BIBLE

\$630,175 ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



OUR PLANS

- Offer Small Groups that participate in all four Vision Priorities.
- Provide Biblical BrookwoodU classes that assist with personal, spiritual and leadership growth.
- Offer the MILE system (four classes) that equips people to explore Christianity, become followers of Jesus, grow more like Christ, and share their faith.
- Host periodic large group events that do one of the Vision Priorities and help people connect with a Small Group.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Talk with God in prayer daily.
- Read the Bible daily.
- Join a Small Group.
- Take a MILE or BrookwoodU class.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

- 1,673 people in 123 Small Groups participated in a study of *The Story*.
- 676 people participated in 35 BrookwoodU classes.
- 164 people went through a MILE class.

ANDREW AND TAMA'S STORY

We moved to Simpsonville two years ago. We knew it was important to get plugged in and were elated to see Brookwood Young Couples host a game night. At the event we connected with several couples and were invited to join a Small Group. We've learned so much through our group including how to really dig into God's word, how to lead our children to be followers of Christ, and how to bless others. As we grow in Christ, our group continues to grow. It's amazing to watch God at work in so many lives.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

PARTICIPATE WITH BELIEVERS

BY SERVING AND GATHERING IN JESUS' NAME

\$683,474 **SERVE MINISTRIES • RECREATION**

OUR PLANS

- Help people discover their unique gifts and find their best fit for serving.
- Equip ministry leaders to guide, lead and serve volunteer teams using Biblical principles.
- Provide an atmosphere of acceptance and authentic hospitality so guests can be receptive to worship and experience God's Word.
- Impact our community through ongoing service projects with partnering organizations.
- Serve each other and our community through ServeFest, a one-day community outreach.
- Create recreation activities where people can...
 - build relationships.
 - connect with God.
 - learn about life through sports.
 - invite friends and family who don't have a church home.



STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Take the BrookwoodU PLACE class to understand how God uniquely designed you.
- Serve on a Brookwood ministry team.
- Volunteer in a community serving project.
- Coach or lead a recreation program.
- Join a recreation team.

BECAUSE YOU SHARED YOUR TIME

- 2,668 new families visited Brookwood.
- Over 40 community events were held by 630 participants who...
 - fed the hungry.
 - visited patients.
 - completed beautification and maintenance projects.
- Random Acts of Kindness and 86 projects were completed by 1,435 participants during ServeFest for local...
 - churches.
 - nursing homes.
 - residential eldercare.
 - non-profit organizations.
 - parks and recreation.
 - schools.
- 202 leaders, coaches and volunteers served in Recreation offering programs, groups, leagues and camps with over 1,891 participants.

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Romans 12:4-5, 10 (NLT)



PETE'S STORY

My family moved here from New Jersey two years ago, and one of our priorities was to join a church. We chose Brookwood knowing that it was a huge church, but hoping it would have activities for the kids.

Our kids enjoyed Children's Ministry from the start, so when soccer season came around we signed them up, and I volunteered as a coach. For my first year at Brookwood I also noticed that my son's Sunday morning small group was absolutely huge, and I felt the Holy Spirit telling me I needed to help in that ministry. I tried to put it off but the calling was too strong, and I volunteered to lead a class. Volunteering in Children's Ministry and Recreation has been very rewarding to me in bringing God and Christ into our children's lives, not only on Sunday morning, but through sports! My involvement with serving and recreation also led me to co-lead a small group of men who I met through Recreation at Brookwood.

Participating with others at Brookwood has made our large church a much smaller place. I feel like I am at home and Brookwood has brought me and my family much closer to God.

DEMONSTRATE LOVE TO THE WORLD

BY CARING FOR OTHERS

\$846,373 CARE MINISTRIES

OUR PLANS

- Equip ministry leaders to facilitate support groups.
- Train lay counselors to provide wise, spiritual guidance.
- Train mature, married couples to offer premarital guidance and marital enrichment.
- Provide benevolence participants with educational opportunities.
- Offer resources and support, including home repairs and living expenses, to those in need.
- Provide a Christ-centered recovery ministry of hope and healing for those struggling with hurts and addictions.
- Facilitate Celebrate Recovery groups in the community.
- Minister to the elderly and sick through visitation and prayer.



STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Serve on one of the Care Ministries teams.
- Volunteer to be a mentor to the disadvantaged.
- Take the Church Counselor Training class.
- Sponsor a family for Christmas.
- Commit an hour each week to pray in the Prayer Room.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

- 422 people volunteered on 25 Care Ministry teams in...
 - Benevolence.
 - Celebrate Recovery.
 - Counseling.
 - Prayer and Visitation.
 - Support Groups.
- 2,508 hours of lay counseling were provided.
- 220 baptisms were celebrated.
- 207 pastoral visits were made to hospitals and nursing homes.
- An average of 165 people are involved in our Celebrate Recovery ministries each week.
- Celebrate Recovery ministries happen each week at...
 - Carolina Center for Behavioral Health.
 - Perry Correctional Institution.
 - Serenity Place.

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ..."If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. ...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:13, 15, 20-21 (NIV)

KIM'S STORY

"Surely no one would ever expect me to serve again. I have a free pass." That was my line of thinking before I took the Brookwood Church Counselor Training class. My 19-year-old daughter died 6 years ago and the grief that my family suffered was all-consuming. I couldn't help anyone. I was in survival mode. But God had another idea. In the counseling class, it was as if I 'woke up' and I began to get excited about growing in my faith. What started as a way to meet people and get involved at church ended in learning about a deeper walk with God, and catching the vision of "God not wasting my pain...and using it to help others." Now I am so excited to 'pay forward' the love and care that I received from the people who helped me in my darkest times. I'm facilitating a Griefshare support group and learning to be a lay counselor.



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

2 Corinthians 1: 3-5 (NIV)



DEMONSTRATE LOVE TO THE WORLD

BY SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

\$1,879,267 GLOBAL MISSIONS



JOSHANNA—FROM QUARRY TO COLLEGE

Who can take a child who spent eight years as a slave in a rock quarry and enroll her in college? Only God can! Brookwood is now helping provide for 1,311 rescued children in India under the care of Pastor Praveen.

As a young child, Joshanna was forced into a life of slavery. She worked in rock quarries experiencing abuse, starvation and neglect. Joshanna was rescued early in 2012 with hundreds of other children by Pastor Praveen. By God's grace she overcame deep anxiety, physical weakness and serious illness. Joshanna loved to learn. After two years of intense study, she was able to pass the entrance exam for college. This is miraculous because she had no formal education before becoming a slave in the quarries. When she applied for college, she was rejected because she was considered untouchable. Pastor Praveen's dear friend spoke with the college about Joshanna. They said it was acceptable for her to list her caste as Praveen's caste because she was now part of his family. She was then accepted!

After two years of college studies, Joshanna can apply for medical school. She wants to become a doctor and help Praveen with his work.

Defend the weak and the fatherless, uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

Psalm 82:3 (NIV)



"You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere."

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

OUR PLANS

- Partner with pastors in India and West Africa to share Jesus with those who have never heard the gospel and start churches that transform communities and multiply.
- Build the Set Free Children's Home campus to help Pastor Praveen provide a future for rescued children in India.
- Support missionaries who are equipping believers to share Jesus and helping people grow.
- Send Brookwood volunteers on short-term mission trips that encourage believers and help them reach others.
- Encourage Brookwood people to pray and give sacrificially to make disciples of all nations.



STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- PRAY for our mission partners—for freedom and protection to proclaim Christ in the face of persecution. Four pastors were martyred this year.
- GIVE to support mission work that reaches thousands for Christ and provides care for rescued children.
- SPONSOR a child in India. Visit setfreealliance.org for details.
- GO on a mission trip that will change your life while you serve others.
- TELL someone how God is changing your life.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

IN INDIA

- 1,311 rescued children have hope and a future.
- 80 older youth have received vocational training, are employed, and are giving back to the ministry financially.
- The Set Free Children's Home campus is under construction.
- Over 200,000 were baptized by over 2,000 Sylom Pastors.

AROUND THE WORLD

- New churches exist where Jesus was unknown in Liberia and Sierra Leone despite severe persecution.
- Doctors Dean and Dianna Kubacz are beginning their medical mission work in Chad, Central Africa.
- Rick and Laura Leatherwood are recording audio story Bibles so that oral learners can have a Bible they understand.
- Water of Life is providing clean water along with the gospel in developing countries.
- 11 other mission ministries and missionaries are receiving support.

LEAD THE NEXT GENERATION

TO RELATE WITH GOD

\$2,223,745 **FAMILY MINISTRIES**



We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.

Psalm 78:4 (NLT)

OUR PLANS

- Empower parents to take on the primary spiritual role at home.
- Equip and train parents through practical parenting classes and resources.
- Encourage parents and students to volunteer and participate in Small Groups.
- Inspire children and students to be passionate Christ followers.
- Help children transition into Student Ministries through ministries like Switch (grades 5–6) and Adventure Week.



I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. I know that same faith continues strong in you.

2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)



STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Model faith by leading a family devotional, praying for your child, and being involved in a Small Group.
- Model service by volunteering in the Children and/or Student Ministries.
- Model kindness and generosity by giving of your resources.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

- 250 children and 49 students surrendered their lives to Jesus.
- 179 adults attended parenting classes.
- 253 students are involved in Small Groups and growing as a community of believers.
- 294 adults and teens are equipped to lead children and students to relate with God.
- We are able to be creative in making the Bible become real to our children and students.
- We can offer high energy worship, a creative, fun environment and relevant ways to communicate the gospel.

COBY'S STORY

The reason I love Axis is that it isn't just some boring Sunday school kind of thing. It's fun and interesting for us middle schoolers. I love playing in the band to worship the Lord and help others worship also. The leaders here love God with all their hearts and love helping the kids in their walk with Christ. Not only does Axis do things on Sunday, but they also plan awesome events and activities outside of church. Axis is truly helping middle schoolers grow to become men and women of God.

STATS AND FACTS

FOR THE PAST YEAR

Since its launch in January, **THE LANDING** is helping an average of **25 TEENS** work through their hurts and habits each week.



You handcrafted **524** **GREETING CARDS** for nursing home residents.

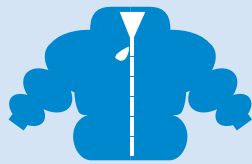


635 **FAMILIES** were first-time givers.



11,200 **CUPS OF POPCORN**

were popped at Family Night at the Movies.



You donated **5,012 COATS** and blankets to the **Warmth Project**.

9,133 copies of *The Story* were sold. You gave the year to God and we read the stories of the Bible together.



937 Bibles were purchased.



17,906 **MEALS** are served weekly to children in India.



You may be one of the **1,696 PEOPLE** who participated in a Small Group.



151 VOLUNTEERS served on mission trips.

246 **WOMEN** attended the Women's Retreat.



1,500 **CUPS OF FREE COFFEE** are served each Sunday.



You supplied **11,731** **CANS OF FOOD** during the Food Drive.



59 CHILDREN were dedicated to the Lord.

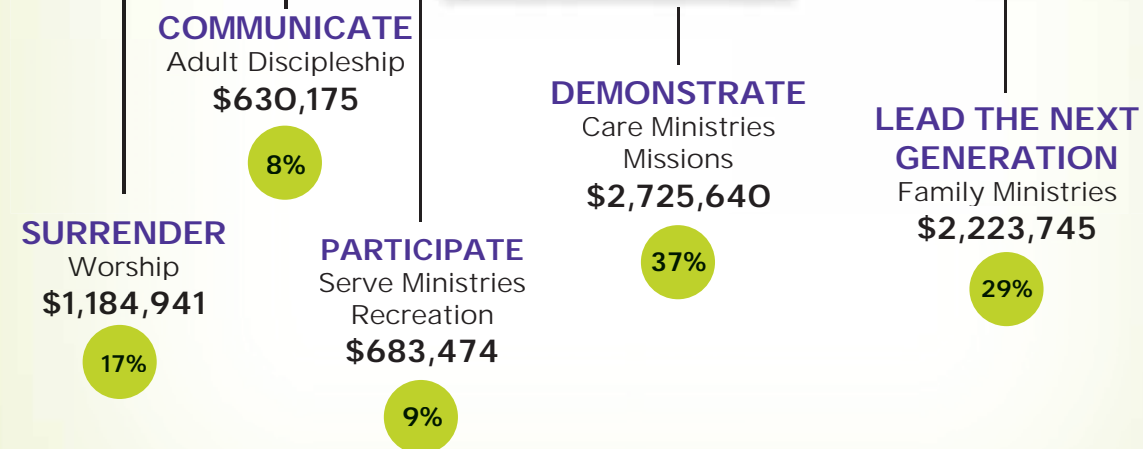


You participated in **4,817** meetings, activities and events at Brookwood.

1,231 Children and Adults participated in Recreation.



HOW EVERY DOLLAR IS DISTRIBUTED



TOTAL 2014-2015 MINISTRY PLAN

\$7,447,975

THANK YOU FOR THE MANY WAYS YOU GIVE TO LOVE GOD AND LOVE PEOPLE

ONLINE



brookwoodchurch.org/give
Set up a recurring or one-time donation.

MOBILE



Download the SecureGive app.
Make a one-time gift on the go.

KIOSK



Give through the kiosks located outside the North and South entrances of the Auditorium.

BILL PAY



Give through your banking online bill-pay service.

OFFERING BASKET



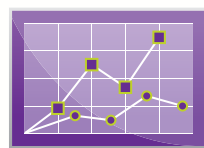
Offerings are collected during Sunday services.

US MAIL



Brookwood Church
580 Brookwood Point Place
Simpsonville SC 29681

STOCK



Stocks can be given through our broker, Wells Fargo Advisors at 877.785.3936.

LIFE INSURANCE POLICY



Designate Brookwood Church as a beneficiary. Contact Financial Services.

WILL



Designate Brookwood Church as a beneficiary. Contact your attorney or Financial Services.

MORE THAN
1/2

of the offerings are given in ways other than the offering basket.

GENEROSITY BEGINS BEFORE THE OFFERING PLATE

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)



90 Day Giving Experience

TRUSTING GOD WITH MY MONEY FOR 90 DAYS

Sometimes it's hard to trust God, especially with our money. We fear what the future holds, and we're afraid to let go of our money. The 90-Day Giving Experience is designed to help us take a step toward trusting God with our finances. It gives us an opportunity to let go of our fear and let God increase our faith.

For more information email your name and contact information to financialservices@brookwoodchurch.org.

WHAT'S THE PREFERRED GIVING METHOD?

We are glad for you to give in the way that is best for you. The most cost-effective way for the church to receive offerings is through recurring, online giving.

POINT. CLICK. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

brookwoodchurch.org/give



BROOKWOOD MINISTRY CONTACTS

We're happy to assist you with any questions or needs you may have.

OUR OFFICE HOURS

8:30 am–5:30 pm Monday–Thursday

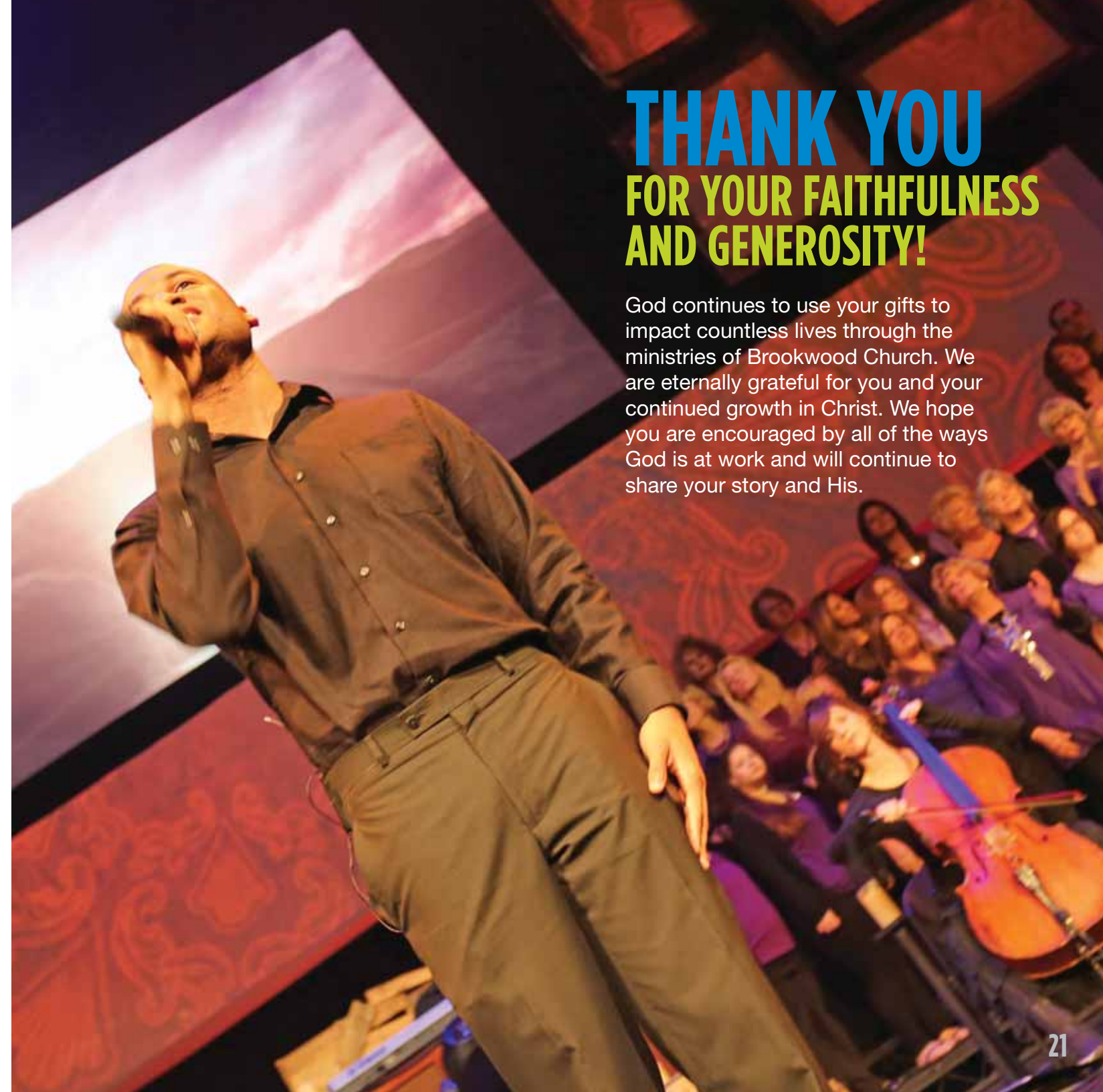
8:30 am–12:30 pm Friday

8:30 am–12:30 pm Sunday

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BrookwoodU	864.688.8242	brookwoodu@brookwoodchurch.org
Care and Support	864.688.8270	care@brookwoodchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery	864.688.8218	cr@brookwoodchurch.org
Children (Preschool–Grade 4)	864.688.8239	brookwoodkids@brookwoodchurch.org
Counseling	864.688.8355	counseling@brookwoodchurch.org
Contributions	864.688.8294	contributions@brookwoodchurch.org
Financial Services	864.688.8229	financialservices@brookwoodchurch.org
Human Resources	864.688.8265	hr@brookwoodchurch.org
Membership	864.688.8267	membership@brookwoodchurch.org
Missions	864.688.8313	missions@brookwoodchurch.org
Preschool Academy	864.688.8223	academy@brookwoodchurch.org
Recreation	864.688.8211	recreation@brookwoodchurch.org
Senior Pastor's Office	864.688.8267	seniorpastor@brookwoodchurch.org
Small Groups	864.688.8242	smallgroups@brookwoodchurch.org
Special Friends	864.688.8231	specialfriends@brookwoodchurch.org
Student Ministry (Grades 5-12)	864.688.8290	students@brookwoodchurch.org
Volunteer	864.688.8282	volunteer@brookwoodchurch.org
Worship	864.688.8396	worship@brookwoodchurch.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS AND GENEROSITY!

God continues to use your gifts to impact countless lives through the ministries of Brookwood Church. We are eternally grateful for you and your continued growth in Christ. We hope you are encouraged by all of the ways God is at work and will continue to share your story and His.



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