**Investing in Eternity**

**The Church at Canyon Creek and with Southern Baptists**

**Ministries**

**Worship –** where else can people experience **corporate** worship?

**Preaching –** gifted, inspiring biblical teaching

**Preschool –** a human’s view of God is mostly developed by age 6

**Weekday preschool –** wonderful means of reaching the unchurched representing multiple religious faiths

**Children’s ministry**

* Effective teaching environments on Sunday mornings
* Theatre camp – huge percentage of participants are unbelievers
* VBS – hundreds of children, dozens of unchurched parents
* Centri Kid
* Preparing for Adolescence – biblical teaching on sex

**Youth ministry**

* Bible teaching relevant to their current age related issues
* Deep End – great place to develop friendships – Bad Company corrupts good morals. Deep End can help students choose a better friend group.
* Youth Camp – fun and relevant spiritual experience
* Progreso – a great experience for our students to serve
* Super Week – outreach event
* Mission trips – life changing growth experiences
* Student leadership opportunities

**Adult ministry**

* Adult Bible Fellowships – convenient, consistent opportunity to study and encounter God’s Word under very capable teachers!
* Life Groups – great opportunity to practice the one anothers and forge deep friendships
* Growth groups – intense discipleship to equip the next generations
* Mentors and counseling – capacity to pair up folks with a mentor helping them through tough issues
* Ladies ministries – uniquely relevant discipleship
* Bible study for Mandarin speaking folks
* Marriage classes – dozens of marriages have been saved, hundreds enriched
* Specialized equipping classes

**Local missions**

* Austin Disaster Relief
* Education Connection – reading with students
* Reveal ministries – food and clothing pantry
* Partners in Hope – repair and remodel of homes for the poor and elderly
* Heart of Texas Pregnancy Center
* Bridges International – outreach to international college students
* Baptist Children’s Home

**Global missions**

* Czech Republic – both student and adult trips, sharing the gospel in educational environments
* Africa – comprehensive ministry to orphans
* East Asia – working with missionaries serving in a country closed for Christianity
* India – launching church pastors who have birthed 35 churches and led to 970 plus folks to Christ

**Southern Baptist Ministries**

**Southern Baptists take seriously the Lord’s example of compassion and His command to love and care for the needy (John 3:16; Luke 10:25–37; Matthew 25:31–46).**

* a church in rural Arkansas sponsors a food pantry and clothing closet in a small town;
* a church in metro New Orleans actively supports the local crisis pregnancy center and provides for the
* needs of pregnant young girls;
* a church in Lower Manhattan sponsors a soup kitchen on Wednesday nights and offers free lunches in the park on Saturdays for the needy;
* a church in San Francisco ministers directly to homeless street people;
* a church in Atlanta seeks to rescue girls and young women who are held hostage to sexual slavery.

**Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) is one of the three largest relief organizations in America. Teams respond to fires, ice storms, tornadoes, damaging winds, hurricanes, and flooding across the United States.**

* Southern Baptist volunteers prepare most of the meals distributed by the American Red Cross and provide many other disaster services.
* Southern Baptists have more than 1,550 mobile disaster response units on call for local, state, and national emergencies, with more than one hundred thousand trained volunteers scattered across the nation.

**Southern Baptist Global Hunger Relief (GHR), receives and disburses designated contributions from individuals in local Baptist churches throughout the year.**

* All contributions to the relief fund are divided 80 percent to overseas hunger relief and 20 percent to domestic hunger relief.
* Fifty-six million dollars was contributed and disbursed during the past decade. Since Southern Baptists’ unified missions and ministry budget, called the Cooperative Program, provides administrative costs to the entities of the Convention, every dollar raised through Global Hunger Relief goes directly to meet human hunger needs.
* In addition to food given and poverty issues addressed through thousands of projects in hundreds of countries, many of the world’s neediest people have also been introduced to Jesus as the Bread of Life for their impoverished souls.