



# SUMMIT in the SUMMIT



IMMANUEL  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# GATHER

577

First-Time  
Visitors

2,703

Average  
Sunday  
Attendance

6,128

Attended  
Easter  
Services

5,141

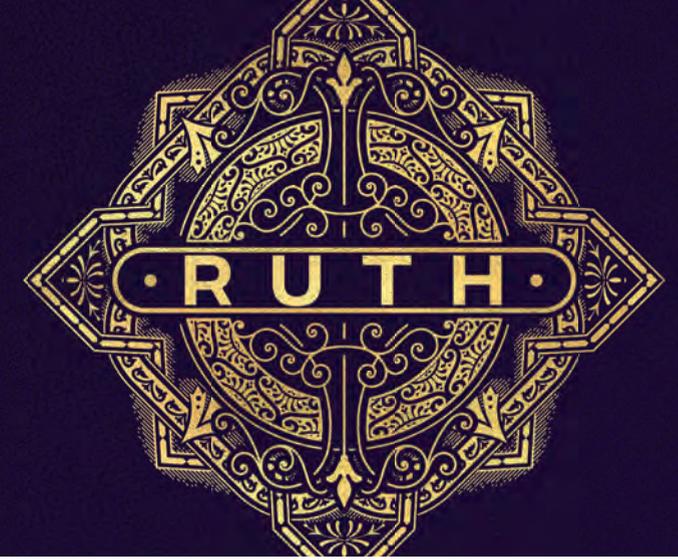
Attended  
Christmas  
Eve Services

# BEYOND ME

12 days of life transformation

THE BOOK OF JAMES

# NOW PLAYING

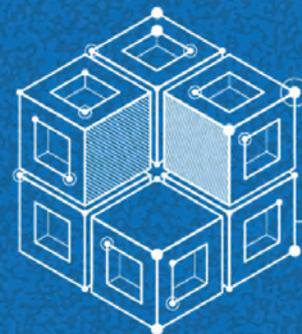


# WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT IN 2019



# DOUBTING CHRISTIANITY

answers for all of us



# BLUEPRINT FOR LIFE

A STUDY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



# God With Us

# BAPTISM STORIES

This is Walter Smith and here is his story.

I gave my life to Christ at the age of 10 but wasn't really sure what I was doing. I spent my teenage years and into my 20's living outside of God's ways because I foolishly resented him and felt unworthy of love because of past mistakes I had made. Recently I have been going to Bible study and reading the Bible and have renewed my faith in him as my creator and a loving protector. I have come to realize that none of us are worthy of his grace, but that is exactly why Christ died on the cross for our sins.

I want to be baptized as a commitment to handing my life over to his care and relinquish my old way of thinking.

This is Stephen Yates and here is his story.

A couple of years ago, I started attending church at Immanuel Baptist. I have felt very welcome and am inspired by the people I have met here. I believe that Jesus Christ was God in a body, and that He loves us so much and He suffered so perfectly that only He can forgive our sins.

Years ago, I made that profession of faith in Jesus and was baptized by sprinkling. Since then I have somewhat drifted in following Jesus closely, but that has changed. I come to be baptized by immersion and proclaim Him as my Lord and Savior.



## 87 TOTAL BAPTISMS IN 2019

Two Sundays in 2019 were specially designated as Baptism Sundays.

# BAPTISM STORIES

This is Kaity Scanlan and here is her story.

I grew up in a Christian home and have been fortunate to have parents who always taught the importance of Jesus being a central point in my life. I don't remember a time when I did not believe in Jesus, and I do remember accepting him in my heart as a little girl. It was not until right before college, however, when my family went through some loss that I really started understanding what it meant to have a relationship with Jesus. In the last 10 years I have been transformed in my relationship with the Lord. He has taken a hold of my heart and has done a great work in my life as well as in my family's life.

I am a sinner in need of a Savior. There is nothing I can do to earn His love and grace, but through Jesus, I can be in relationship with the Heavenly Father and be forgiven for all I have done and will do. He has impacted my life in how I love and serve others, extend grace to those around me, and where I put my identity and purpose. Without Him I would be very lost, but I am thankful that He fights for me and is my ultimate defender. He never promised life would be easy, but it is so worth it. He is my ultimate hope and peace.

The Lord has used my parents to be so influential in my faith walk, as well as the Asbury family and the Thursday Night Dinner family. (My friends) Rachael and Jordan have been especially influential in the last 5-7 months as I began to really start considering baptism, and began my journey at Immanuel. This church has been the confirmation I needed to make this decision.

I was baptized and dedicated as a baby through sprinkling, and went through confirmation in middle school. However, I did not learn and understand the symbolic meaning of baptism and a personal proclamation of my faith until college. I feel it is time to officially proclaim my decision in front of the church to continue and follow Jesus with all my heart, soul, and mind.

This is Greg Barber and here is his story.

I was raised in a Christian home and was taught about Jesus at a young age. As I became a teenager I began to stray. I have believed in Jesus for some time but never followed him. I did what I wanted and lived my life for me. Five years ago I was married and working in a frozen food warehouse in Youngstown, Ohio. I came home one night to an empty house. My wife had left me for another man. I became depressed. My mother invited me to church every single Sunday. Finally, I gave in and went. Little did I know my life was about to change. Every Sunday for that one hour I attended church I felt good and was not depressed, because I surrendered my life to Christ.

Just going on Sundays was not enough for me. I began and still do read the Bible every day, and Jesus continued to become heavier in my heart. Months after my divorce I learned that the warehouse I had been working in was shutting down and I lost my job. I then lost my house. However, it did not matter because Jesus was with me. I knew because I was now a believer that Jesus would bring me out of the storm, and boy, he sure did. Since then I started a career in fitness and have my own business. He has brought me down to this beautiful city where I get to live and my heart is full of joy now. This is all because of Jesus.

My mother and father and the great staff at IBC have all been helpful in my spiritual journey.

I am being baptized to express my love for Jesus and show that he is heavy in my heart in front of others. I hope that others who may be suffering from depression and loss can learn from my story and turn to Jesus. He truly is the one they say he is.

# GROW

## Average Participation

865 - Sunday AM

150 - Sunday PM

229 - other

## Sunday Morning Bible Study Opportunities

42

## Short-Term Bible Studies

60+

## Top Five Studies

Apologetics

How to Study the Bible

Books of the Bible

Marriage

Theology & Culture

**THE**

**STORY**

**CAMP IMMANUEL 2019**



750+ kids participated in Camp Immanuel  
at two campuses.



**750+ Kids**

**600+ Tates Creek**

**150+ Armstrong Mill**

**215 Volunteers**



**40 Children Baptized in 2019**

# STUDENTS

Catalyst  
2019

74

FUGE Camp  
2019

64 students  
12 leaders

Winter  
Retreat  
2019

85



# ROC

3,315  
Active  
Members

7 Fitness  
Classes,  
16/week

4  
Personal  
Trainers

561  
ROC Sports  
& Upward

Memberships Up 10% in 2019

| 200+ Bibles Given

# MISSIONAL SPACES



Resourcing Single Parents

Addiction Recovery

Discipleship

LCA Partnership

Friendship International

Bible Study Fellowship

# SERVING THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO:

- Provide free health care to the needy
- Help the unemployed find jobs
- Minister to single moms and their children
- Feed and house the poor and homeless
- Help women in crisis



# SERVING IN CHICAGO

Partnering with Church of the Beloved  
and Pastor James Myoung  
as he plants a new church to reach people  
in Chicago with the gospel.

# SERVING IN GUATEMALA

## Greg Peterson's Story

In November of 2019 five of us from Immanuel participated in a mission trip to Chiquimula, Guatemala. Our mission was to build three kitchens and replace the roof on the kitchen at the mission school. Going into the trip I was a little anxious. I had been on mission trips before, and I had traveled internationally before, but I had never done an international mission trip. This trip turned out to be one of the best mission trips I had ever participated in. It was a sacrifice of time and money on my part, but the blessings far out weighed any thing I put into the trip. The thankfulness of the families that received the kitchens, the friendships made with the people we were there to serve, and the contentment of the people were three of the biggest takeaways from the trip. There were so many touching stories from the trip, from the school children laying hands on us and praying for us, to the lady who prepared a “feast” for us in gratitude for building her a kitchen. I’ll share two stories from the trip.

The day we were working on the roof at the school, one of the children came up to me and gave me a little charm bracelet. I didn’t really have anything to give him in return, so I gave him a Sharpie marker I had in my pocket. A few minutes later he returned with a scrap piece of wood on which he had drawn a pair of hands reaching out to each other and written “la amistad dura para siempre” which translates “friendship lasts forever.”

The second story is the about the lady who prepared the “feast” for us. While we were working on her kitchen she used a neighbor’s kitchen to prepare lunch for us. She prepared roasted chicken, fresh tortillas, and black beans. When it was time for lunch she motioned for us to come and eat. Jorge Camposeco, our contact for the trip, recommended that we not eat the food for fear of food borne illness. He told us that in all likelihood the food was probably safe to eat, but this was the first full day of the trip, and none of us wanted to get sick the first day. The blessing that came from us not eating the meal prepared for us was that her family was able to enjoy a “feast” that they likely would not have gotten had we not been there.





# HOPE

## GENERATION

- mentoring and reading to children
- encouraging teachers
- facilitating foster/adoption visitation

# ENGAGED THROUGH MEDIA



10,747 likes up 5% // 101,907 engaged users



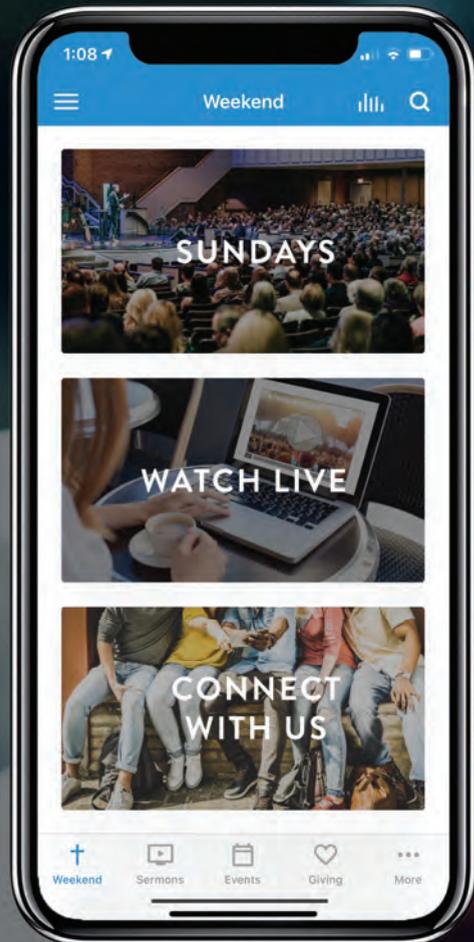
1,587 followers



Launched IBCLex Online in August 2019

Television Ministry: Viewed in 13,000 households each week.

# ENGAGED THROUGH MEDIA



Launched the new IBCLex App  
981 total downloads  
4,912 sessions launched

4,080 subscribers to the  
IBCLex Newsletter  
30% average open rate



**IMMANUEL**  
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**Bradley Thomas**  
Executive Pastor  
of Ministries



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Over the past several months many of you have joined me in praying for God's direction in our search for an Executive Pastor of Ministries at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Today, I am excited to announce Bradley Thomas as God's clear choice for this important position on our staff.

# New Website Launched January 2020



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BAPTIST CHURCH

ABOUT ▾

MINISTRIES ▾

MEDIA

EVENTS

GIVE

PRAYER

I'M NEW

LEAD PEOPLE TO JESUS.  
EQUIP DISCIPLES.

SERVICE TIMES

WATCH ONLINE

# NEW STAFF



Jared Underwood  
Worship Ministry Associate



Bradley Thomas  
Executive Pastor of Ministries



Ron Edmondson  
Teaching Pastor



Dan Russell  
Director of Residency

L I V E  
*Generously*





# TOTAL GENEROSITY

\$6,920,195



# TOTAL COST OF MINISTRY

\$6,506,136



**PERSONNEL COST  
VS  
TOTAL COST OF MINISTRY  
32%\***

**\* national average 50%**



**CURRENT REMAINING DEBT**

**\$300,000**



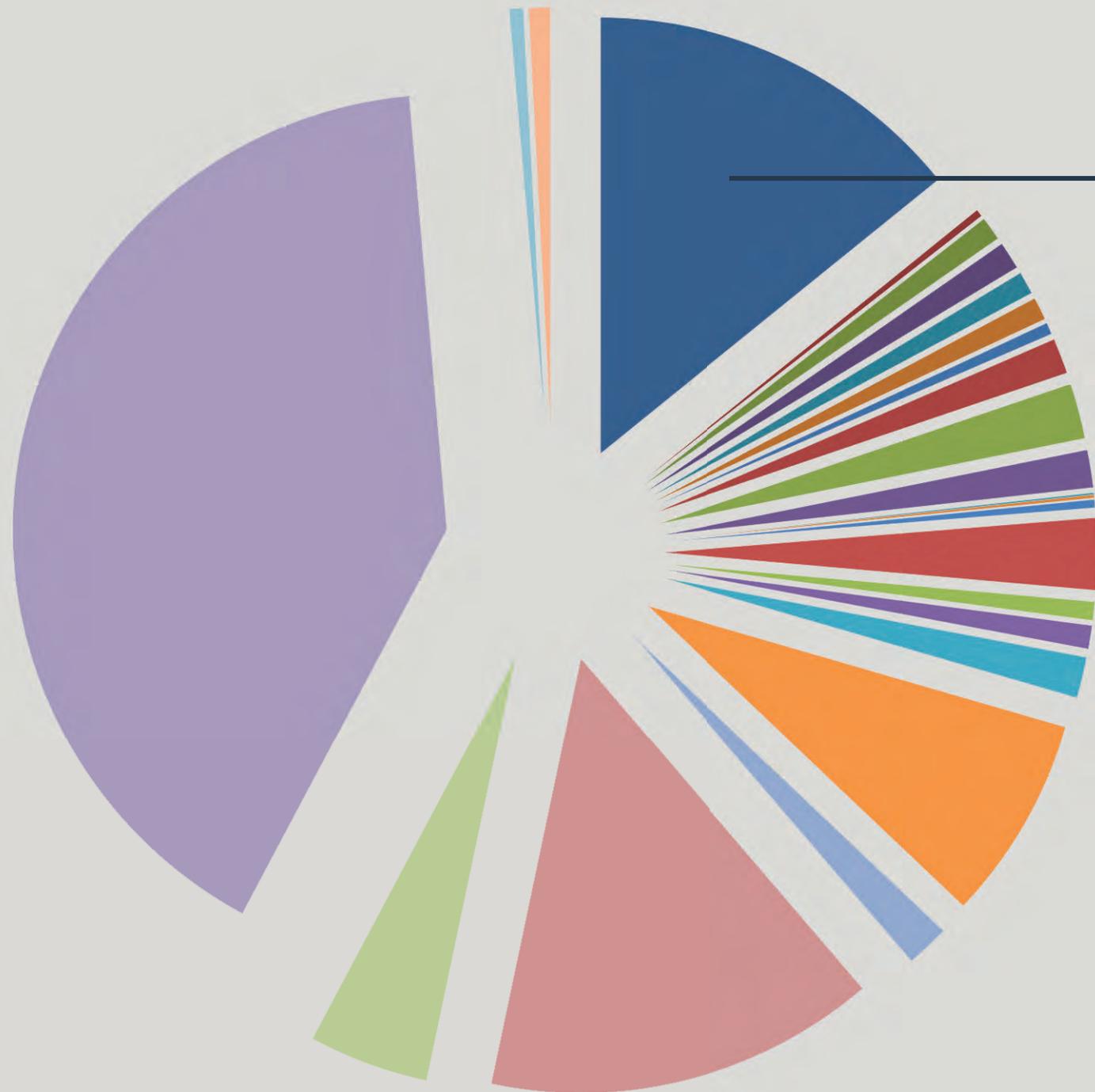
**DEBT PAID SINCE  
10/20/19**

**\$771,483**



We can release \$190,000 for additional ministry impact by paying off the full debt today. This will impact our neighborhoods and nations while also preparing Immanuel for growth in fall 2020 and 2021.

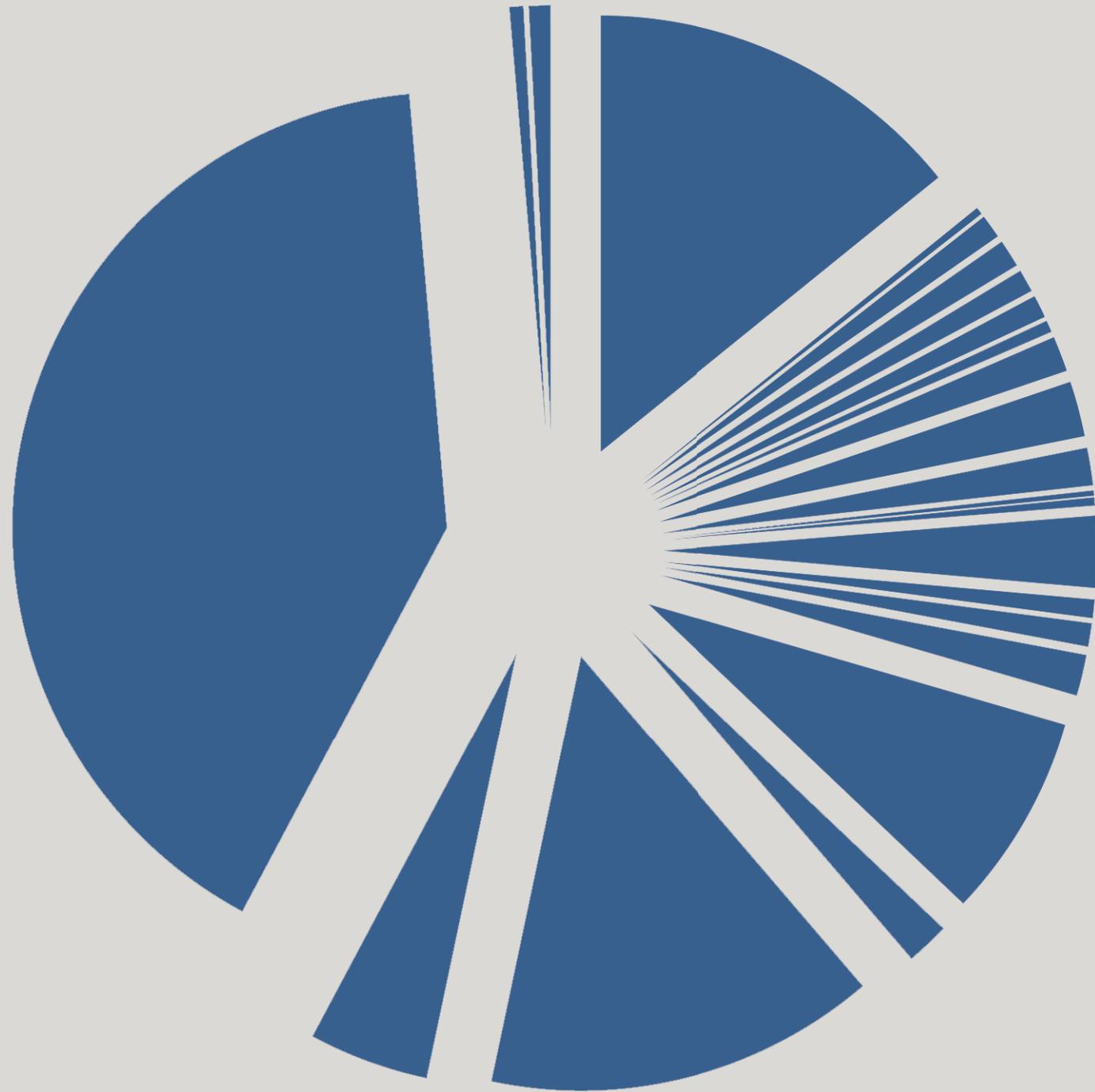
# COST OF MINISTRY BREAKDOWN



**BUDGETED  
MISSIONAL  
GENEROSITY**

**\$767,785**

**UP 5%**



**EVERYTHING  
IS  
MISSIONS**



**SUMMIT** *in the*  
**SUMMIT**



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