

SEVEN MILE ROAD HOUSTON

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CHURCH-WIDE CELEBRATIONS

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BABIES DEDICATED

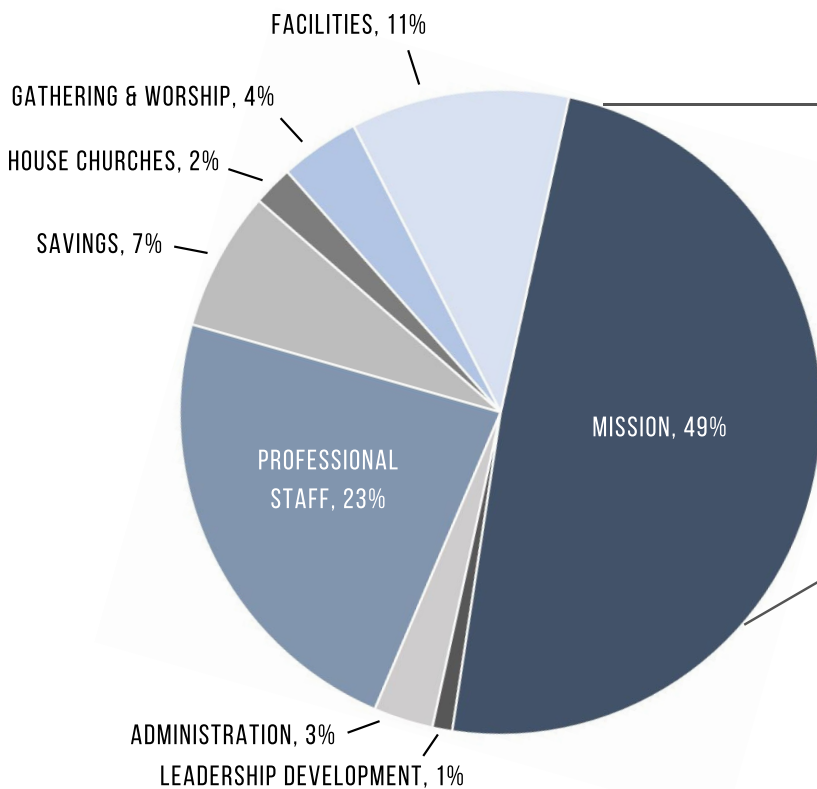
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LEADERS TRAINED

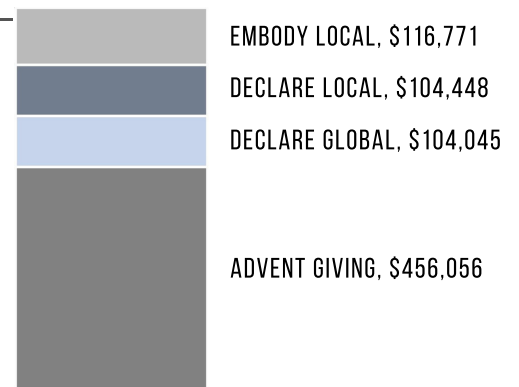
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PEOPLE BAPTIZED

FINANCIAL UPDATE



MISSION BREAKDOWN



EMBODY LOCAL

Harvey Relief, Houston Welcomes Refugees, ODM, Younglives, Agape, Lifehouse, CPS

DECLARE LOCAL

Seven Mile Road Community Church, HCPN

DECLARE GLOBAL

City Church Lagos, Soul Winners India, City to City Partnership

ADVENT GIVING

Seed Company

2018-2019 OPERATING EXPENSES: \$1,634,015

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



ERIC MINGLE, DIRECTOR OF HOUSE CHURCHES

Eric is a native-Texan, born in Houston but raised in the small East Texas town of Colmesneil. He is a graduate of Sam Houston State University, where he played baseball, studied Economics, and started following Jesus. For the last ten years, Eric has been serving as a campus pastor at Rice University, where he had the honor of serving alongside some of the brightest minds in the country. He and his wife, Bethan, both share a deep love for coffee, books, and making friends with strangers. Eric's current role at 7MR includes pastoring House Church Shepherds, in both equipping and spiritual formation, and completing his MDiv at HBU.

PEYTON SILVA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSE CHURCHES

Peyton and her husband, Matt, moved to Houston three years ago after completing graduate school in Austin. She works as a pediatric speech-language pathologist and volunteer English teacher for refugee women. She cares deeply about proclaiming God's glory to all nations, helping women love the Lord with both their hearts and minds, and welcoming all to Seven Mile Road. In her new role at 7MR, Peyton is eager to tend to the spiritual care of female leaders, train and disciple new leaders, and shape the ongoing global mission of the church.



MATTHEW SCHUNNEMAN, MINISTRY INTERN

Born and raised in New Jersey, Matthew is the oldest of 5 siblings. After wandering into years of drug addiction, Matthew was forced to leave his home and was offered a chance at a new life in Houston. After moving to Houston, Matthew struggled to keep a balanced life while tending to his drug habits. When all else failed, he checked into the Open Door Mission for treatment. It was there that he heard the gospel and accepted Jesus Christ as the Lord of his life. He has been sober and reborn ever since. Matthew's role at 7MR involves going back to the Open Door Mission to disciple men who were struggling with addiction, facilitating set-up team efforts for the church, and being an assistant to the pastoral staff. Matthew enjoys playing music, spending time with the men of Open Door Mission, and learning more about God's kingdom.



NIKKI MANN, MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Nikki Mann is a wife, mother, and candy enthusiast who loves a good podcast. Born and raised in Kansas City, she graduated from the University of Kansas (Rock chalk!) and moved to Denver shortly thereafter to pursue her nursing career and be closer to her future husband, Phillip. Nikki has practiced as a nurse since 2010. The Mann family relocated to Houston a year ago for her husband's medical residency at the University of Texas. Elias (3) and Asa (1) keep her on her toes adventuring to something new in Houston on the regular! God changed Nikki's heart in the mountains, and she's beyond grateful for where He's brought her since then. She longs to live a life fully situated at the feet of Jesus and knows that this will be a never-ending pursuit.



INTERNAL CHURCH-PLANTING RESIDENCY



TERRENCE CAMPBELL, CHURCH-PLANTING RESIDENT

Terrence accepted the call of God to preach the gospel in June 2001. He received a B.A. from Nashville's Fisk University in May 1999. He has been pastoring since March 2013 and is preparing to lead a re-launch church plant after his residency with 7MR. Terrence strives to share the love of Jesus with those he meets through intentional relationship-building. His life's mantra is, "Growth solves a lot of problems." His extracurricular activities include reading, painting, photography, videography, working out, and playing basketball. He is a proud, native Houstonian that loves how diverse the city is. Terrence married his high school sweetheart, Cindi, in October 2000. They currently do not have any children but have started the foster-to-adopt process.

JORDAN GOODIE, CHURCH-PLANTING RESIDENT

Jordan is a native Houstonian who loves all things Houston, even the heat! He attended Sam Houston State University, where he studied history, started following Jesus, and met his now-wife, Katie. They have recently moved back to Houston from West Virginia University where they, alongside a team of four others, pioneered Chi Alpha Campus Ministry for the past six years. They have a daughter of four named Zoe, who is in pre-K, and a fun family fact is that they are all in school! Katie is a middle school music teacher, and Jordan is completing his MDiv at HBU. Jordan's role at 7MR will include training to identify and sharpen entrepreneurial aptitude in the local church, learning practical ministry skills, and serving the church's vision for impacting the city of Houston for God's glory.



LOOKING BACK ON OUR YEAR



PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS

Top: Worshipping at Sunrise Easter Service

Right: Sending SMRCC on Multiplication Sunday

Bottom: Commissioning future house church leaders



A NOTE FROM LEADERSHIP

GREETINGS SEVEN MILE ROAD,

As we approach our third birthday, it has produced gratitude to pause and look back over our time together. God has been on the move in powerful ways, and I am thankful to each of you for your partnership in this journey. I would like to briefly outline three of the things I am celebrating in this season as well as one prayer that I have for us moving forward. Please join me in thanking God and petitioning Him to continue moving.

It is hard to limit my celebrations to just three, but here goes:

1. Our core values are not just words on paper. I am stunned by the ways that you are Enjoying God, Loving Neighbor, Embracing Family, Revealing Truth, and Facilitating Movement. I see evidence of each value in every corner of our community and am floored by you. I love you and am so proud to be your pastor.
2. We are seeing generational discipleship. In other words, we are in a season of ministry where men and women who came to know and love Jesus in our midst are stepping into leadership. It is invigorating to see folks who were baptized, discipled, and trained in our community begin to serve on volunteer teams, launch house churches, and join our staff. Watching those born again in our midst grow up in maturity and begin leading others to Christ is a privilege and a joy.
3. We have a growing network of leaders that are taking responsibility for their ministry. Ours is a community where the saints are empowered for ministry, rather than passively watching the “professionals” do the work. Our structure has remained simple, the mission is making the decisions, and each of you is stepping into your ministry with Jesus – taking next steps as he leads you on the journey.

The challenge that I have been praying through is the longing to continue to see new life. We have seen 39 people baptized with several more that we will celebrate on our anniversary Sunday. This is stunning and a pure gift of God’s grace. That being said, we had prayed and asked God to see 100 people baptized in our first 3 years. I am the first to admit that our metrics may very well be our invention rather than God’s calling. That being said, we want to be white hot with love for God and neighbor. We want to be longing for his kingdom to come in Houston as it is in heaven. To that end, please keep praying with us about how God might use you to be an extension of His mission this coming year. Let us not claim that a full room equals a completed mission. We will give our lives to embody and declare God’s redemptive story until EVERY Houstonian has opportunities to respond to the good news of Jesus.

Lord, flood us with your presence. Give us eyes to behold Jesus afresh. We want to see Him in all of His beauty in such a way that we enjoy you deeply and are catapulted out into the mission that you have marked out for our lives. Thank you for hearing and responding to our prayers these first three years. Lord, would you give us a double portion of your Spirit and power. We look forward to what is next, for your glory and our joy! Amen.

WITH GRATITUDE AND AFFECTION,
JEREMIAH MORRIS

