



SATURATE

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“ For the earth will be
filled with the knowledge
of the glory of the Lord as
the waters cover the sea. ”

Habakkuk 2:14







Years ago I heard the statement, "You must seize the opportunity of a lifetime in the lifetime of the opportunity." If there is one word that describes this season in the life of Temple Baptist Church, it is the word "opportunity." In January 2016, when we first launched our strategic plan called "SATURATE," we knew God was calling us to "saturate the Pine Belt and the world with the gospel." The strategic initiatives in our plan are coming to fruition, and we now move into the next phases of this season of opportunity. We are humbled by the privilege and responsibility God has entrusted to us individually and as a church.

As you read this booklet, it is our hope that your passion and vision for the Lord and His work will be renewed and refreshed. You will be reminded of our vision initiatives and informed of the next steps we will take together. Our vision is fueled by a deep burden for the lost, the hurting, and those needing hope in Christ.

While the information in this booklet is not exhaustive, it does provide a clear path for sustaining, growing, and expanding our ability to "Saturate the Pine Belt and the world with the gospel." In the movie "Luther," the great Christian reformer was preparing for his trial where he had been ordered to recant his teachings concerning salvation by grace through faith alone in Christ alone. He said to his father in the ministry, "When you sent me out to change the world, did you think it would cost me nothing?" As we consider the future generations who will be blessed and reached by these endeavors, we are asking that each member of Temple prayerfully read this material and ask the following:

Lord, where are you sending me?
Lord, make me a prayer warrior!
Lord, help me to grow in the grace of giving!

Each one of us has been entrusted with one "lifetime." I implore you to seize this opportunity God has given you to make an eternal impact that will last beyond this life and into eternity. Together we can SATURATE the Pine Belt and the world with the gospel!

Dr. Darryl Craft





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TERMS TO KNOW

CORE VALUES

Temple's core values are the guiding principles that define our behavior and actions. Our heart at Temple is to see Life Change, and we see this happening through three core values: Life Worship, Life Together, and Life Mission.

SATURATE

Saturate is Temple's five-year strategic plan to saturate the Pine Belt and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that Saturate is a God-given vision for our church.

SATURATE FUNDING INITIATIVE

The Saturate Funding Initiative is a two-year financial plan that enables us to fund the initial stages of our Saturate Vision.

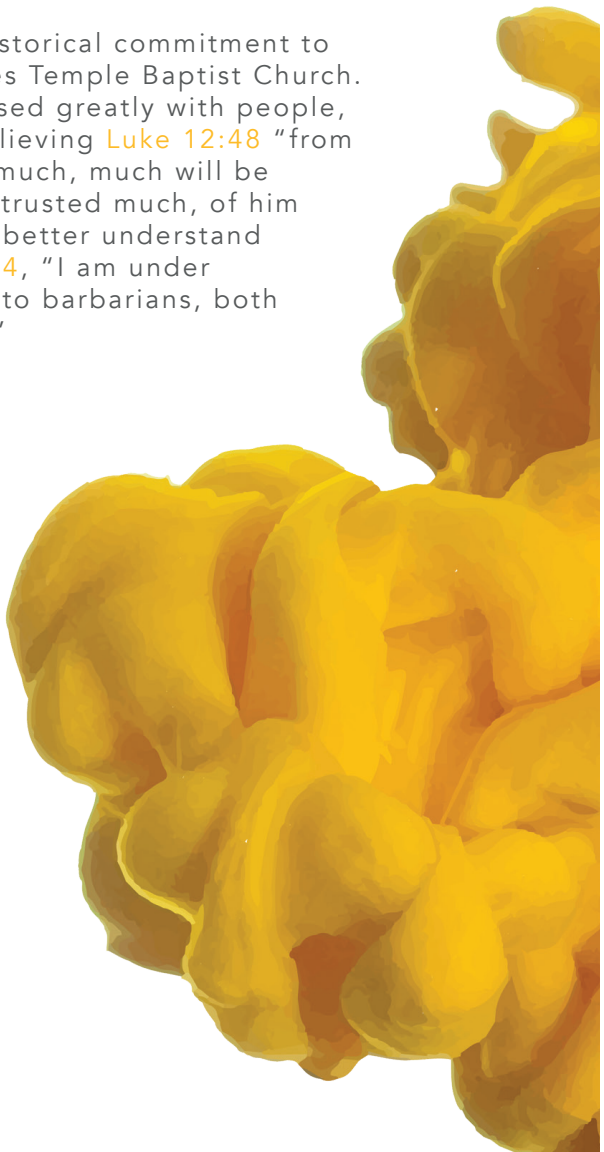
ONE FUND GIVING MODEL

The "One Fund Giving Model" enables us to see that everything we do is missional. A part of this initiative is to challenge each of us to increase our financial support with a two-year commitment to the Lord's work through our church.



BUILDING FROM THE FOUNDATION

God has greatly blessed the historical commitment to being on mission that embodies Temple Baptist Church. As a result, we have been blessed greatly with people, resources, and opportunity. Believing [Luke 12:48](#) "from everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more," we better understand Paul's statement in [Romans 1:14](#), "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish."





In 1907, 15 Baptists came together for the purpose of offering Sunday School for their children in a location nearer to their homes. They began meeting in a small servant's house on Sunday afternoons, eventually moving to a home as their numbers grew. Their desire to foster a community of worship and spiritual learning would keep growing, becoming the Temple Baptist Church of today. A small group of 15 believers is now over 4,000 and continues to grow.



The church is officially organized on 4th Avenue in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Riley and is given the name "Faith."



The site for the new church is donated by H. A. Camp. Because of its location on 5th Avenue, the name becomes 5th Avenue Baptist Church, the first Baptist church in the western part of the city.



On the corner of Hardy Street and 16th Avenue, construction begins for a newer, larger church building. On June 3, 1951, the church changes its name to Temple Baptist Church.



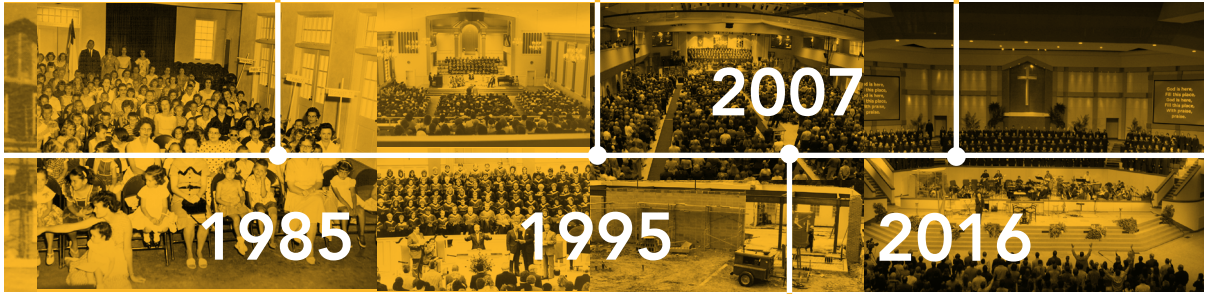
In June, construction begins on a major expansion for the Hardy Street Church.



As membership grows, Temple votes to lease 50 acres in Lamar County on Old Highway 11.



Saturate five-year initiative begins.



Temple's resident membership grows to 4,493.



**OUR PAST
FOUNDATION
BRINGS
US TO OUR
PRESENT
CORE
VALUES**





OUR PASSION IS TO SEE LIFE CHANGE THROUGH THREE CORE VALUES

LIFE WORSHIP

We see the body dedicate itself to the teaching of the apostles, to worship, and to prayer.

LIFE TOGETHER

We also follow their example of committing themselves to life together and to the common meal, living in wonderful harmony, holding everything in common.

LIFE MISSION

We see that by living out their faith, people in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

**OUR CORE
VALUES
MOTIVATE
US TO
SATURATE**





WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Because **1.9 BILLION PEOPLE** in the world have never heard the gospel! We have a burden that begins with the glory of God and is fueled by our compassion for the lost, the broken, and the hopeless. People in our community and the world need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

WHY NOW?

We are a blessed people, and God has entrusted us with many gifts and resources. Because of God's generosity, each of us has a greater responsibility to be a good steward.

Luke 12:42-48

Our community, our nation, and our world are in desperate need of the gospel. Jesus told us to go and make disciples.

Matthew 28:18-20





WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SATURATE?

We are providing a clear path for sustaining, growing, and expanding our church's ability to impact the Pine Belt and the world with the gospel!

HOW?

SENDING

Our goal is to be a people known for going and sending.

PRAYING

Our goal is to be a people known for prayer.

GIVING

Our goal is to cultivate a culture of growing biblical generosity.



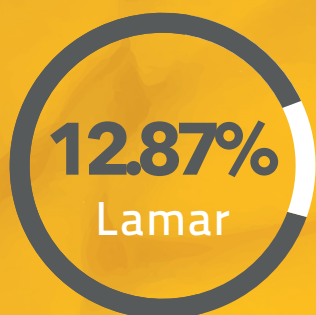
SENDING

A CHURCH SATURATING
THE PINE BELT AND THE
WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL

A PEOPLE KNOWN FOR GOING AND SENDING

- DISCIPLES INTO OUR COMMUNITY
- MESSENGERS INTO OUR WORLD

Active evangelical households by county:



"Active" is defined as attending
1 out of every 4 Sundays.

**GO THEREFORE
AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL
THE NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM
IN THE NAME OF
THE FATHER AND
THE SON AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT
MATTHEW 28:19**

**GO INTO ALL
THE WORLD
AND PREACH
THE GOSPEL
TO THE WHOLE
CREATION
MARK 16:15**

What is a “sending church?” A sending church is one that obediently responds to Jesus’ final command to His followers to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.

Today, there are 1.9 billion people who have never heard the name of Jesus. Charles Spurgeon once said, “I plead this day for those who cannot plead for themselves... Shall we let them perish? Can we go to our beds and sleep while China, India, Japan, and other nations are being damned?” A sending church is one that has a burden for and a plan to see that all who are presently damned hear the life-changing message of the gospel.

As you will see on the pages that follow, we have an intentional strategy that will prepare our people to faithfully share the gospel and establish

Christian communities in every part of the world. A sending church is one that is known more for the numbers they send than the ones that gather. Our desire is that Temple will be known as a going and sending church.

SENDING OPPORTUNITIES

DISCIPLESHIP

**PINE BELT
GAP**

PARTNERSHIPS

**CHURCH
PLANTING**



DISCIPLESHIP

OUR GOAL IS TO INTENTIONALLY MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS

**IF YOU ABIDE
IN ME, AND MY
WORDS ABIDE IN
YOU.... YOU BEAR
MUCH FRUIT, AND
SO PROVE TO BE
MY DISCIPLES.
JOHN 15:7-8**

The family is the God-designed unit for shaping an individual from birth to personal maturity. In the same way, the body of Christ is the God-designed unit for shaping an individual from spiritual birth to spiritual maturity. This is why disciple-making should be at the heart of all that a church is and all that it does. Much like a greenhouse, a church has many intentional components or environments that contribute to the product of the disciple who makes disciples generation after generation. Three disciple-making environments at Temple are as follows: **Bible Fellowship** organizes the church into ongoing, smaller, multiplying groups that are open to everyone in order to help people



connect, belong, be cared for, use their spiritual gifts, and gain Bible understanding and application; **Life Groups** help those who desire to be a disciple-maker; **Equipping Classes** equip people in specific stages of life, crisis, or core habits/truths in short-term groups primarily on Wednesday nights.

Jesus will make an impact in our hearts during this Saturate Funding Initiative. See, **discipleship, and stewardship are intertwined**. As we grow in our discipleship, we grow in our stewardship; and as we grow in our stewardship, we will grow in our discipleship. The two concepts work hand-in-hand to mold our hearts more into the image of Jesus.

Discipleship involves our conviction, character, and conduct. A disciple of Jesus is a person who is following Christ (conviction), is being changed by Christ (character), and is committed to the mission of Christ (conduct). "He said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men'."

 **1,000 NEW PEOPLE**
ENROLLED IN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES
FIVE YEAR GOAL



PINEBELT

OUR GOAL IS TO SATURATE THE PINEBELT WITH THE GOSPEL

TELL OF HIS
GLORY AMONG
THE NATIONS,
HIS WONDERFUL
DEEDS AMONG
ALL THE
PEOPLES.

1 CHRONICLES 16:24

By 2019, 52,000 people will live within five miles of Temple Baptist Church. This is 80% of the Lamar County population. Within the "Five-Mile Radius" are the poorest and wealthiest citizens in the Pinebelt. Temple is strategically located to the population base that surrounds it. The "Five-Mile Radius" surrounding the church is diverse ethnically, economically, and culturally.

"26.4% of people in America live in apartment communities. Only 5% of multi-resident housing residents go to any type of evangelical church." North American Mission Board



Within the “Five-Mile Radius” of Temple, 60% of the population expressed they are Christian and members of a local church. However, in Lamar County alone, only 12.87% claim to regularly attend. More troubling is that regular attendance is now defined as one in every four Sundays. If projections are correct, of the 52,000 people residing within the “Five-Mile Radius” in 2019, fewer than 12% are going to be in church on any given Sunday.

“EIGHTY-TWO PERCENT OF THE UNCHURCHED ARE AT LEAST SOMEWHAT LIKELY TO ATTEND CHURCH IF INVITED.”

Dr. Thom Rainer, *The Unchurched Next Door*

- FULLY ENGAGE THE “FIVE-MILE RADIUS” AROUND TBC WITH THE GOSPEL
- ESTABLISH A REPRODUCIBLE OUTREACH TO MULTI-RESIDENT HOUSING
- ESTABLISH INTENTIONAL OUTREACH TO INTERNATIONALS
- REFOCUS THE CAC TO BECOME A HUB OF ACTIVITY WHERE THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY INTERSECT ON BRIDGES TO THE GOSPEL



GAP

**OUR GOAL IS TO EQUIP AND RELEASE
YOUNG ADULTS TO LIVE FAITHFULLY AND
MISSIONALLY WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW**

**AND THIS
GOSPEL OF THE
KINGDOM WILL
BE PREACHED
IN THE WHOLE
WORLD AS A
TESTIMONY TO
ALL NATIONS,
AND THEN THE
END WILL COME.
MATTHEW 24:14**

GAP ministry is a missional opportunity for young adults, 18 to 24 years of age, to commit a season of their lives, 6 months to 1 year, developing a strong biblical foundation and a Christ-centered worldview while taking the gospel to the nations.

We will develop a training center at Temple that, in five years, will prepare 25 young adults annually in the GAP ministry. This is just one of the innovative ways Temple will prepare workers to share the love of Christ and build Christian communities in every part of the world.



CONNECTING LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY THROUGH MISSIONS



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IT ALL STARTS HERE

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. [Ephesians 6:12](#)



PARTNERSHIPS

**OUR GOAL IS TO DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS
THROUGHOUT THE PINEBELT, IN EVERY
REGION OF NORTH AMERICA, AND ON
EVERY CONTINENT IN FIVE YEARS**

**IN ALL MY PRAYERS
FOR ALL OF YOU, I
ALWAYS PRAY WITH
JOY BECAUSE OF
YOUR PARTNERSHIP
IN THE GOSPEL
FROM THE FIRST
DAY UNTIL NOW.
PHILIPPIANS 1:4-5**

Temple desires to see the power of the gospel transform lives and communities. We intend to do this by forming strategic partnerships with like-minded churches and ministries around the world. Strategic partnerships multiply ministry effectiveness for kingdom growth by enabling partners to leverage their strengths and resources. They will provide Temple with access to locations that would be unreachable otherwise. Also, they will provide increased mission opportunities for Temple members. Most of all, strategic partnerships will better enable Temple to follow



the Lord's command to make disciples of all nations.

A partnership is defined as an arrangement where parties agree to cooperate for the purpose of advancing their mutual interest. Temple seeks to develop partnerships to increase the likelihood of achieving our missional goals and to expand our reach into the world with the gospel message.

TEMPLE'S PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE PARTNERSHIPS:

- Temple partnerships should be formed to penetrate darkness. [Luke 19:10](#)
- Temple partnerships should impact all five regions of North America and every inhabitable continent around the world.
- Temple desires to partner with our own missionaries, encouraging, supporting, and enabling them to accomplish the mission God has called them to.



CHURCH PLANTING

OUR GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH **ONE CHURCH PLANT IN AN** UNREACHED AREA OF THE WORLD

**BUT YOU WILL
RECEIVE POWER
WHEN THE HOLY
SPIRIT HAS COME
UPON YOU; AND
YOU SHALL BE MY
WITNESSES BOTH
IN JERUSALEM,
AND IN ALL
JUDEA AND
SAMARIA, AND
EVEN TO THE
REMOTEST PART
OF THE EARTH.
ACTS 1:8**

Temple will develop an intentional plan for planting churches.

It goes without saying, lost people need Jesus. Church planting is the most effective way to saturate a community with a gospel presence. Church plants reach different people groups. The Great Commission mandated that disciples be reached among all nations, not just the Galileans who were gathered. They can reach different demographics of people by strategically positioning them to serve communities in fresh and effective ways.



CHURCH PLANTING INVOLVES THE WHOLE CHURCH

INVITE

Soon, we will **INVITE** people of all ages and all seasons of life to hear Temple's vision for church planting.



INTEREST

For members **INTERESTED**, leaders will help people identify a role and a place on the church plant team.



INVEST

We will **INVEST** in each team member to develop a contextual strategy that leads to effective church planting.



SEND

Temple is committed to **SENDING** church planters and team members who are trained and equipped to take the gospel to the nations.

"America is drastically underchurched. The church-to-population ratio has been steadily declining for the past century. In 1900, there were 28 churches for every 10,000 Americans. By 1950, that number had dropped to 17 for every 10,000. In 2000, there were only 12 churches per 10,000; and in 2004, the ratio was down to 11 per 10,000." Tom Clegg and Warren Bird

PRAYING

A CHURCH SATURATING THE PINEBELT AND THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL

A PEOPLE KNOWN FOR PRAYER

MOREOVER,
AS FOR ME,
FAR BE IT
FROM ME THAT
I SHOULD
SIN AGAINST
THE LORD BY
CEASING TO
PRAY FOR YOU,
AND I WILL
INSTRUCT YOU
IN THE GOOD AND
THE RIGHT WAY.
1 SAMUEL 12:23

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18

Samuel Chadwick reminds us that, "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray." We seek no less than total prayer saturation over our church family and our ministries locally, nationally, and internationally. Together, we will reclaim the church as a house of prayer for the nations! (Isaiah 56:7)

We desire to make it easier and more likely that people will pray personally and corporately. Prayer is our first response, not a last resort! May we never act without prayer but never pray without acting!

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING
1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

OUR GOAL IS TO CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF PRAYER



PERSONAL | Life Worship

We encourage members to prioritize prayer in their personal time with the Lord, using the ACTS tool as a guide:

- A** **Adoration:** praising and adoring God for who He is
- C** **Confession:** admitting our sin and seeking God's cleansing
- T** **Thanksgiving:** thanking God for His blessings and answered prayers
- S** **Supplication:** asking God to work in our lives and in the lives of others



CORPORATE | Life Together

Together we will reclaim the church as a house of prayer for the nations. (Isaiah 56:7)



KINGDOM | Life Mission

As a church, we will respond to God's call to unite all believers in focused prayer for world evangelization, the persecuted church and spiritual awakening.

FOCUS ON PRAYER

God is moving through the prayers of His people! Jesus says to ask and we will receive. These are some evidences of answered prayers for God's direction for our church:

PRAYER WALL

Write a request on our Prayer Wall located upstairs in the B Building and downstairs in the WC Building. You can also enter a request on our online prayer wall.
www.tbclife.net/prayerwall

BOILER ROOM

The Boiler Room Ministry prays during our weekly worship services. Individuals, families or groups sign up to pray on a rotating basis.

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Our church family gathers once a month for House of Prayer uniting our hearts in calling out for God to intervene through our prayers and to celebrate answers to prayers.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Each month through our Bible Fellowships we have a monthly prayer focus as a church.

PRAYER ROOM

Members sign up to pray in one-hour blocks on a weekly basis. We have people praying in our prayer room around 25 hours a week. Soon you will be able to access our prayer room online.

PRAYER WALK

We prayer walk at our church events, around neighborhoods and schools, over local needs and during national trips.

CONNECT WITH PRAYER



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GIVING

A CHURCH SATURATING THE PINEBELT AND THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL

A PEOPLE KNOWN FOR GENEROSITY



Americans donated two percent of their disposable income to some form of charity last year.

TEMPLE GIVING



OUR GOAL IS TO CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF GROWING BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

1 Equip members for a lifestyle of growing biblical stewardship that empowers financial freedom and generosity.

- Help individuals grow in the grace of giving.
- Increase the number of givers.

2 Pour greater resources into being a sending church by eliminating debt.

- Form a culture of giving beyond the tithe to reduce and/or eliminate church debt in five years.
- Redirect future funds from servicing our debt to spreading the gospel.

3 Develop a legacy initiative that will enable members to continue their gospel influence beyond their lifetimes.

But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also. 2 Corinthians 8:7

SATURATE FUNDING INITIATIVE

The Saturate Funding Initiative is a two-year financial plan that enables us to fund the initial stages of our Saturate Vision. We are asking our membership to make a two-year financial commitment to expand our vision and mission.

GOALS:

GROW AND
STRENGTHEN
FAITH

FULFILL THE
SATURATE
VISION

ELIMINATE
DEBT

100%
PARTICIPATION

ONE FUND MODEL

The Saturate Funding Initiative is accomplished through the “One Fund Model.”

The One Fund Model enables us to see that everything we do is missional. A part of this initiative is to challenge each of us to increase our financial support with a two-year commitment to the Lord’s work through our church.

The One Fund Model is a comprehensive financial plan that includes ongoing ministry expenses, new initiatives, and further debt reduction. The goal is to reduce and/or eliminate the debt so that the debt service part of our current budget can be used for reaching our community and world for Jesus Christ.

We are challenged to be generous and participate in the One Fund Giving Model. Pray about your participation and ask God to show you how you can grow in the grace of giving.

ONE FUND MODEL

EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED IN ONE BUDGET

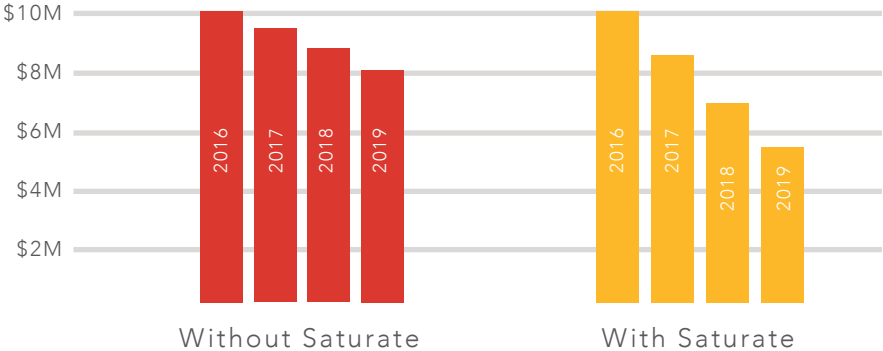
- Ministry Budget
- International Missions Offering (Lottie Moon)
- North American Missions Offering (Annie Armstrong)
- State Missions Offering (Margaret Lackey)
- Saturate Initiatives
- Debt Retirement

By eliminating current debt, church funds can be used to **SATURATE** our community, country, & world through...

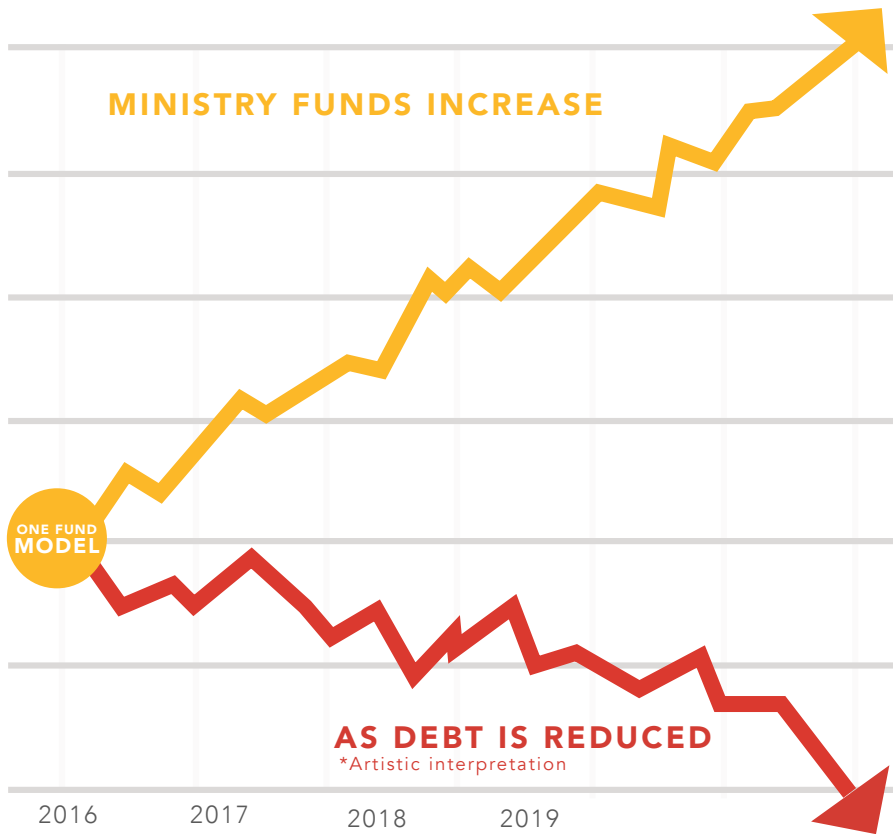


THE RESULT

PROJECTED DEBT LEVELS (DEC 2016 - DEC 2019)



By the end of 2019,
debt will be minimized
to greatly increase
ministry and mission
funds.



YOUR ROLE IN SATURATE



Lord, where are You sending me?
Lord, will You make me a prayer warrior?
Lord, will You help me to grow in the grace of giving?

Each one of us has been entrusted with one "lifetime."

**SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY
GOD HAS GIVEN YOU!**

**YOU CAN MAKE AN ETERNAL
IMPACT!**

Together we can SATURATE the Pine Belt and the world
with the gospel!



WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

THE BEGINNING GIVER

"I am beginning my giving journey."

BIBLICAL HEROES: Zacchaeus and the boy with fishes and loaves

THE CONSISTENT GIVER

"I am giving at least once a month."

BIBLICAL HEROES: Cornelius and Mary

THE TITHING GIVER

"I am giving my first fruits (10% of my income) to the Lord."

BIBLICAL HEROES: Abraham and Jacob

THE EXPANDING GIVER

"I am giving beyond my tithe to the vision of my church and needs I encounter."

BIBLICAL HEROES: The Good Samaritan and David

THE EXTRAVAGANT GIVER

"I am living a radically generous life with all of my resources."

BIBLICAL HEROES: Barnabas and the widow



AVENUES FOR GIVING



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