

**Senior Pastor's Year-End Missions Report
for
Kelley Chapel United Methodist Church**



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I want to thank Kelley Chapel members for another great year. We have shown once again that God is in action at Kelley Chapel. The following is my year-end report to you so that you can see what your time, talents, and gifts have done. Together, we did exactly what Jesus charged and challenged us to do; we helped Jesus. Jesus said, when I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me...because when you helped them you were helping me. Take a look at all we did last year. Let's do more! Let's continue to make the world a better place:

1. We identified two Mission Leaders who are approved by the church/charge conference to lead outreach efforts:

Vibert Sayers
Tara Thomas

2. We established missions as a priority for our church by forming a Biblically based Mission Strategy.

Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." **Mark 1:17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

3. We established a Vision statement. Our vision statement is as follows:

With God's help and guidance, we will transform our church and community by providing a safe and nurturing environment for spiritual, physical, and emotional growth, caring for those in need and empowering those called to serve.

4. We established an evangelism goal for every Kelley Chapel member, which is each member is challenged to invite 26 new worshippers. As a result, we had 25 new members to join the church.
5. In 2016, our Food Pantry increasingly helped people in our community. We expect the Food Pantry to continue to grow and become even more successful by serving more families. The Food Pantry is open on Mondays from 4pm-6pm and Wednesdays from 10am-12pm.
 - In 2016, we were able to purchase a trailer to transport food from the Atlanta Food Bank to Kelley Chapel.
 - We served over **6,131** families this year – increasing the number of seniors, adults, and children – totaling **1,795** boxes. Also, **19** Thanksgiving baskets and **14** Christmas baskets were distributed.

6. CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet is another Outreach Ministry of Kelley Chapel United Methodist Church. We served the community with gently used and new clothes, shoes, and coats for children, women, and men. The Clothing Closet's mission is to clothe the community one family at a time.

The Clothing Closet is open on Mondays from 4pm-6pm and Wednesdays from 10am-12pm.

- We serve **40-50** families per week. We also accept donations on the days that the Clothing Closet is open. Our donors are church members, Snow Cleaners (a community dry cleaning business), and people from the surrounding community.
- We now have a direct phone number to our Food Pantry and Clothing Closet, and visible signs are posted for easy accessibility.

The Clothing Closet is operated by Kelley Chapel United Methodist Church members. We interact with each and every person that comes into the Clothing Closet. We invite them to come join us for Bible study, Sunday school, and Church services. A Lay Speaker/Servant is present during Clothing Closet hours on Mondays and Wednesdays and prayer is provided.

- The Clothing Closet served over **4,665** family members in 2016.
- Also in 2016, we participated as a Distribution Center for TOYS FOR TOTS. We received **500** toys and two bicycles and were able to provide toys and bicycles to over **303** families during the Christmas holidays. TOYS FOR TOTS was a success. This partnership will continue in 2017.

7. FEEDING THE HUNGRY

- We served the residents of Rite4us Inn & Suites on several occasions this year:
 - January 6: Soup and sandwiches to **75** families.
 - During Easter: Book bags and materials to **85** families.
 - We also supplied toiletries, soup and crackers to **150** adults and children close to Downtown Atlanta Homeless Shelter and under a bridge close by Auburn Avenue.
8. We participated in the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. volunteer “Day of Service” where church members were actively involved. We continue to participate in the “Hosea Feed the Homeless” event. Kelley Chapel’s members worked at the DeKalb County Jail preparing food. This is one of our annual events that Kelley Chapel participates in to demonstrate our continued commitment to the community.
 9. We not only participate in our community, but also globally through participating in the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) Missionary Covenant Relationship program **and by** establishing a continuing relationship with a United Methodist Missionary. Our missionary’s name is **Dr. Albert Willicor**.

Dr. Willicor is the Chief Medical Officer at Ganta United Methodist Hospital in Ganta, Liberia, Liberia Annual Conference. Dr. Willicor was approached by the Ganta United Methodist Hospital to serve as its doctor. He accepted the request without much hesitation, sensing the invisible hand of God in the shadows of this opportunity.

Willicor says that about a year ago, he was like a “one-man horse race, virtually alone, running a 100-bed hospital.” Today, three junior doctors have joined him on the front lines of his work.

“As chief medical officer, my duty is to ensure adequate medical service to a people striving to recoup their lives after a devastating civil war, compounded by poverty resulting from generations of subsistence farming,” he said.

While this objective is being pursued with some success, according to Willicor, infectious diseases continue to wreak havoc with devastating consequences in the midst of limited circumstances.

“In spite of it all, I’ve seen God’s transformational power at work,” he said.

This year, as in previous years, Kelley Chapel supported Dr. Willicor who works on our behalf to provide adequate medical services to people admitted to Ganta hospital. These people are striving to recoup their lives after a devastating civil war. This year we contributed \$2500.

10. We formed an alliance with the Women’s Resource Center who reached out to battered women and children throughout the Atlanta metro area. We gave food, clothing, and toys during Christmas from the Angel Tree, and meals during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

11. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY**

January 7, 2016: There was a meeting with Pastors in the vicinity of Kelley Chapel UMC.

***Purpose:** To discuss how we might empower the communities we serve through a collaborative effort.

* In attendance: 8 churches, 4 elected officials, 5 community presenters on education legislation.
Total 18

January 11, 2016: Community/Senior Informational forum on proposed legislation relating to seniors during 2016 session.

Attendees: 35

January 18, 2016: Training for Senior Ministry and Community on how to do voter registration.

Attendees: 30

February 13, 2016: Voter Registration Drive and partnership with United Way on free tax preparation during basketball league session. Attendees: 100

March 24, 2016: Follow up meeting with Clergy on community

Attendees: 12

June 11, 2016: Juneteenth Celebration

Attendees: 75

October 4, 2016: District 7 Candidates Informational Forum

Attendees: 150

12. **We paid apportionments in full.**

What are apportionments? The United Methodist Church (UMC) is a connectional church intentionally. We are deliberately committed to do together those things, which no one of our churches could do separately. Apportionment is the method the general UMC uses to assure that all local churches share the general operating and global missional expenses.

What specific kinds of things is this money used for?

Payment of our share of the apportionment cost is one of the ways we respond to God's love by reaching out to other people and other churches. It is our way, as a member of a local church, to have a part in thousands of worldwide ministries. It is our basic link to involvement in the world mission program. It helps the church to build new churches, feed the hungry, care for the sick, teach the uneducated, provide resources for local churches, train new people in new skills, alleviate injustices and meet other human needs.

- By paying our apportionments we help to aid the Black College Fund, which provides support for 11 historically black Methodist colleges: Bennett; Bethune-Cookman; Claflin; Clark-Atlanta; Dillard; Houston-Tilliston; Meharry Medical; Paine; Philander-Smith; Rust and Wiley. Many of our students from Kelley Chapel attend these colleges, where 85% of the students receive financial aid. Some of our members also work at these colleges. Monies from the Black College fund are also used for faculty salaries, library resources, supplies, equipment and financial aid.
- Many other students receive Methodist Student Scholarships, which makes college attendance possible.
- Summer employment opportunities are available for youth/young adults at Methodist camps.
- Facilities are available for United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women use.
- Workshop leaders and resources are available from the United Methodist Center for workshops, vacation church school and retreats.
- Equitable salaries are provided for many congregations.
- Gammon Seminary at The Interdenominational Theological Center and Candler at Emory receive funds for education of ministerial students.

Payment of our apportionments allows us to share our love, faith, and loyalty to God and the United Methodist Church in a global context.

This year, again, we **paid 100%** of our apportionments, which was **\$32,703**.

We also collected special offerings or provide financial assistance to the following ministries:

- **We gave to the Housing and Homeless Council:** The North Georgia Housing and Homeless Council provides capital and operational grants to organizations throughout the North Georgia Conference who are serving our brothers and sisters in need. By contributing to the Homeless Offering, Kelley Chapel is directly supporting ministries and agencies that serve those experiencing homelessness and poverty. These organizations might include housing programs, food pantries, veteran support programs, Habitat for Humanity houses, domestic violence safe homes, and many other programs in communities large and small.
- **We gave to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR),** previously known as One Great Hour of Sharing. Our offering enables UMCOR to reach people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We helped provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.
- **We gave to Wesley Woods:** For more than 60 years, Wesley Woods has cared for hundreds of retired Methodist clergy members, many with meager savings and modest pensions who have benefited greatly from your contributions. Some are surprised to know that 75% of the residents at Wesley Woods require some form of financial assistance to remain in their homes each year, and over a third live below the poverty line. Wesley Woods receive the Mother's Day offering as the chief means in which they fund benevolent support in 10 different locations. Kelley Chapel has had members benefit from our offering to Wesley Woods.

- **We gave to Bishop’s Annual Conference Mission Appeal:** Each year our Bishop identifies a program or ministry for North Georgia to support. This year, as in previous years, Kelley Chapel collected an offering and took it to annual conference to support this effort.
- **We gave to the Methodist Children’s Home:** The United Methodist Children’s Home Amazing Grace Offering calls on Christian people to help us realize the day when all children live in a loving, compassionate, and nurturing home. By collecting an offering for this cause, Kelley Chapel is helping to provide a significant portion of The Children’s Home operating income. This helps the Children’s Home realize their vision to provide a loving, compassionate, and nurturing home for foster children.
- **We gave to Action Ministries. Our offering helps provide the following:**
 - **\$25** Provides food for 10 sack lunches
 - **\$50** Provides 25 snacks for the after-school program
 - **\$100** Feeds 20 women and children for a month
 - **\$300** Sends a homeless child to summer camp
- **We gave to Aldergate/Collinswood Home:** Aldergate/Collinswood is a related agency of the North Georgia Conference advocating for the needs of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Aldergate reaches out to those whose abilities do not include independence and self-sufficiency and their families. They work to serve this population through advocacy, education, inclusiveness and community connection, providing guidance in living options and enhancing community living.
- **We gave to the Global Ministries offering:** Our church took special collections of funds for disasters, both at home and abroad. These funds supported the victims of various disasters such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes.
- **We gave to the Human Relations offering,** which strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.
- **We gave to the Murphy-Harper Children Center offering:** Our offering helped provide a safe and nurturing environment where severely abused and neglected children and teenagers can thrive and heal toward a goal of re-engaging with society and leading productive lives.
- **We gave to the Native Americans offering:** Our offering helped empower local spiritual development with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.
- **We gave to the Peace and Justice offering:** Our offering enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs. Because Kelley Chapel gave to this offering:
 - Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities.

- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination’s Social Principles to address social-justice issue.
 - Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad.
 - **We gave to the World Communion offering:** Our offering provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.
 - **We gave to the United Methodist Student’s Day:** Our offering furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.
13. We also **contributed monetarily** to or participated in an Advance Project in 4 of the areas listed:
- International Advance
 - National Advance
 - UMCOR material resources (cleaning buckets, health, school, sewing, or bedding kits)
 - North Georgia Conference Advance
 - District Advance (Contact your District Office for information)

14. **We provided support** for one of the North Georgia Conference (NGC) Bridges initiatives through participation, giving or hosting a workshop for any one of the Bridges:

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| East Africa | El Salvador | Bahamas | Portugal |
| Russia | Philippines | World Methodist Evangelism | |
| | Action Ministries of the North Georgia Conference | | |

Kelley Chapel supported one of the North Georgia Conference Bridge initiatives through the Bishop’s mission (Bahamas) offering \$500, June 7, 2016.

15. **We gave to WESLEY WALK** and participated in the walk. Six church members walked. All donations collected, which was \$481.00, was given to the church to support the Food Pantry.
16. Through our benevolence committee, we **assisted people** who had fallen on hard times with **utilities, rent, and hotel stay**. Although there were many we could not help because the need was so great, we did the best we could with the money you gave the church. Numerous received help and hope.

17. **Kelley Chapel BEST Basketball Ministry/Recreation Ministry**

- 82 participants last year
- Over 500 participants total throughout the BCAA (Best Christian Athletic Assoc)
- Collaboration of 5 Churches; St. Philips, Beulah, Big Miller Grove, Green Forest, Kelley Chapel
- Kelley Chapel Fitness program has served over 125 participants this past year
- Provided over 500 cans to food pantry and 300 articles of clothes to the clothing closet
- Recreation has raised over \$10,500 dollars and has supported or donated \$10,200 to the church and/or church missions

- Purchased a trailer for the food pantry \$1300
- Given to the Empty Stocking fund and Hallelujah Party \$600
- Donated over \$700 to church events such as picnic, church anniversary, pastor appreciation
- Given \$800 to church maintenance projects such as stripping/waxing floors, rugs, mops, etc.
- Donated \$1,000 toward Kiosk
- Paid \$7,000 toward operating recreation ministry for items such as league fees, banquet, trophies, and equip.
- Purchased signs to advertise local voters' registration drive
- Has donated over \$3,000 already this year to church initiatives
- Need to purchase uniforms this year at a cost of \$3,500

18. **The United Methodist Men gave**

- Monetary support to our Boy Scouts
- Monetary support for College scholarships
- Monetary support to give Thanksgiving dinners for needy families
- Monetary support to give Christmas dinners for needy
- Monetary support to purchase back to school supplies
- Monetary support to help with church sponsored activities

19. **The United Methodist Women gave**

- WMW Scholarship - \$500
- Children and Youth Ministry - \$100
- Friends and Family Picnic - \$100
- District Missions Initiatives - \$800
- KCUMC Food Pantry Donation - \$300

20. Combined, our Food Pantry and Clothing Closet served over **10,000 people** this year alone.

21. We gave **more than 10%** of our budget toward missions.

This is not all, but just a portion of some of the things we are doing through your time, talents and gifts, to make the world a better place. This coming year I want us to continue helping Jesus even more by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and being supportive, and caring to those in need. So, I am asking everyone to increase their giving this year by **\$500**. That is **\$9.62** for **52** Sundays; or **\$41.67** every month; or **\$20.84** every two weeks.

We were able to accomplish all of these things, and we can do even more because God's Word says **"we are more than conquerors through Christ who strengthens us."** (Romans 8:37)

Thank you!

³¹⁻³³ “When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

³⁴⁻³⁶ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom. It’s been ready for you since the world’s foundation. And here’s why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.’

³⁷⁻⁴⁰ “Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’

⁴¹⁻⁴³ “Then he will turn to the ‘goats,’ the ones on his left, and say, ‘Get out, worthless goats! You’re good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was homeless and you gave me no bed,
I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,
Sick and in prison, and you never visited.’

⁴⁴ “Then those ‘goats’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn’t help?’

⁴⁵ “He will answer them, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.’

⁴⁶ “Then those ‘goats’ will be herded to their eternal doom, but the ‘sheep’ to their eternal reward.” (Matthew 25:31-46)

