

# THIS IS FC

THE  
2018  
ANNUAL  
REPORT



# THE 2020 VISION

It all started with a vision. Since opening the doors of Foothills Church in 2009, God's vision for FC has been clear. It has also been profound. Jesus commands us to go and make disciples of all nations, and the vision of FC has abided in that commission since Day 1. Today, nine years later, we gaze towards a bold new chapter in that story and the role the local church plays in it. We seek to permeate the Gospel in Maryville with a vision cast towards the future. The 2020 Vision is one we believe will result in 1,000 baptisms, 1,000 people taking their next step in faith through Basecamp, and a new FC Campus planted in the Knoxville area. It's a bold step forward. Yet, we recognize God's provision has always been, and will always be, grander than we can imagine ourselves. We hope you join us in this next chapter of the FC Story.

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# A Message From Pastor Trent



As we reflect upon another year in the history of Foothills Church, it is with profound wonder and eager expectation that we celebrate the incredible work God has accomplished and continues to pursue through the body of FC. So much took place on our campus, in the lives of our partners and families, across our community, and around the globe. I truly believe 2018 was a year that signaled a transformative moment in the story of our church.

Together, we witnessed a wave of more than 1,600 first-time guests walking through our doors and a 22 percent increase in average weekly attendance. Furthermore, 164 people publicly professed their faith in Jesus through baptisms at FC.

In December, we cast a clear 2020 Vision for the next two years in the life of Foothills Church. That vision is bold and includes the opening of a second FC campus in the Bearden area of Knoxville. It also calls us to open a counseling center to serve the Blount County community, as well as witness 1,000 baptisms and 1,000 people complete Basecamp by 2020.

Early in 2018, we celebrated the opening of our new worship auditorium which symbolized a major step forward for our team and continues to serve the influx of people discovering our church.

I cannot express clearly enough or emphasize heavily enough just how unique this rapid growth and life-change across our church is. Yet, as we take a step back in awe at what we witnessed in 2018, we are reminded that we serve a God who works through miracles.

So as we march forward, firmly rooted in the founding vision of Foothills Church to develop mature disciples of Christ in relational environments, I pray that we as a church continue to experience the blessings God has poured out. And that the chapter of 2018 will be looked back upon as a stepping stone in an even grander story ahead.

For His Glory,

Dr. Trenton J. Stewart  
Lead Pastor  
Foothills Church





# WELCOME HOME

## FC OPENS NEW WORSHIP AUDITORIUM

Just nine years after hosting its very first Sunday service, Foothills Church turned the page to a bold new chapter by opening doors to a brand-new 1,200-seat auditorium. The new worship center hosted that ceremonial service on March 25, 2018. Lead Pastor Dr. Trenton Stewart's father, longtime Grace Baptist Church Lead Pastor, Dr. Ron Stewart, led the church in a prayer of dedication during the inaugural service.



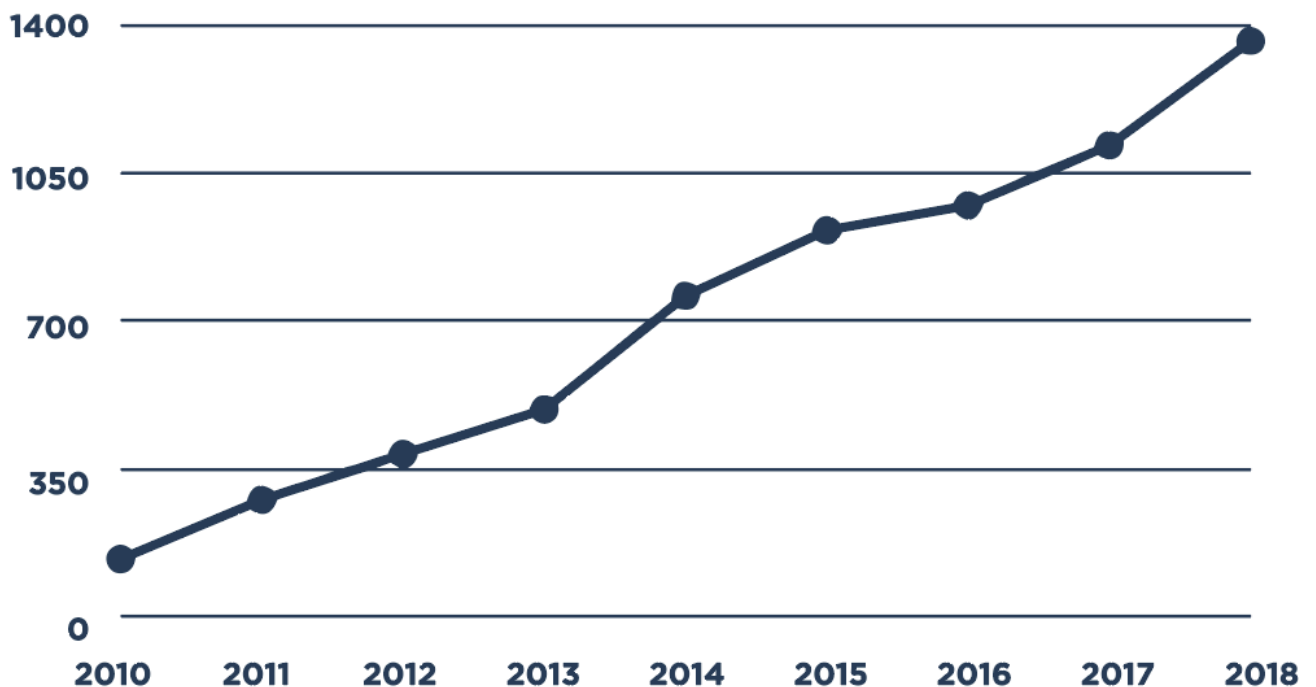
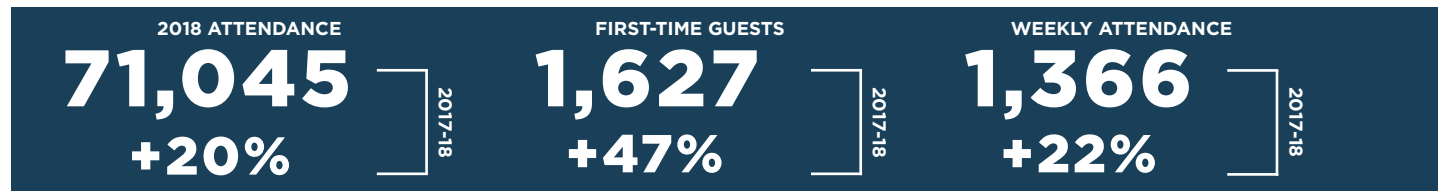
NEW WORSHIP CENTER





## REACHING OUR CITY WITH THE GOSPEL

In 2018, Foothills Church marched forward in its mission to develop mature disciples of Christ in relational environments and God responded in a big way. Average weekly attendance grew by 22 percent with 1,366 people walking through the doors of FC each Sunday. Additionally, a total of 1,627 first-time guests also discovered Foothills Church - a 47 percent increase in just one year. In a five-year period, since 2013, average weekly attendance at FC has grown by 178 percent.





## DEVELOPING MATURE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

At the core of Foothills Church, is the mission to develop mature disciples of Christ in relational environments. To carry out that mission, FC has developed The Journey, a four-part experience built to promote the mission of FC, help partners discover God's unique DESIGN for their life and get involved by promoting ministry leadership skills. With 195 people completing Basecamp, total partnership at FC rose to 734 - a 105 percent increase from the previous year.

TOTAL PARTNERS

**734**  
+105%  
2017-18

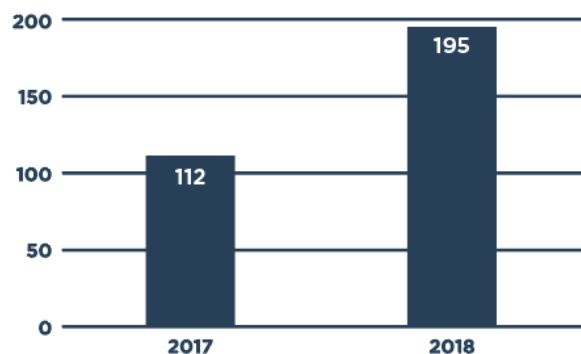
BASECAMP

**195**  
+74%  
2017-18

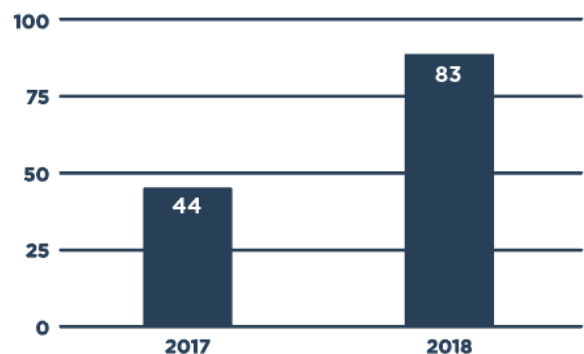
CAMP II

**83**  
+88%  
2017-18

### BASECAMP



### CAMP II







## EQUIPPING MINISTRY LEADERS OF TOMORROW

In 2018, Foothills Church officially launched The FC School of Ministry. With three unique tracks designed to provide in-depth teaching, the school is specifically designed to develop, train and equip ministry leaders. In its inaugural year, the FC School of Ministry welcomed 28 students. As part of the FC 2020 Vision, we aim to see more than 100 students complete the program in the next two years.

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LEADERSHIP TRACKS

**28**

2018 STUDENTS

**100**

GRADUATES BY 2020







BAPTISMS

## FC IS A PLACE OF LIFE-CHANGE

We love celebrating life change. And 2018 was no exception. Throughout the year, we witnessed and celebrated 164 baptisms at FC. The figure further evidenced God's provision is blessing the people and ministries of FC. Since 2009, FC has baptized more than 700 people.

2018 BAPTISMS  
**164**  
**+42%** 2017-18

TOTAL BAPTISMS ('09-'18)  
**704**

2018 BAPTISMS BY AGE

6-11 YEARS-OLD	<b>24</b>
12-17 YEARS-OLD	<b>50</b>
18-29 YEARS-OLD	<b>22</b>
30 AND OVER	<b>68</b>







## FC SMALL GROUPS MULTIPLY BY 60 PERCENT

In addition to our Sunday corporate worship experience, we believe FC Small Groups are where life happens. We invest deeply in the development and multiplication of small groups across our church body. In fact, FC Small Groups more than doubled in 2018, with 568 people collectively making up 48 unique small groups that meet weekly at FC and inside homes across Maryville, Blount County and the greater Knoxville area.

NEW FC SMALL GROUPS

**18**  
**+60%**

2017-18

ACTIVE SMALL GROUPS

**48**

SMALL GROUP MEMBERS

**568**





## ACTIVE FC STUDENTS

**436**  
+63%  
2017-18

## DECISIONS TO FOLLOW CHRIST

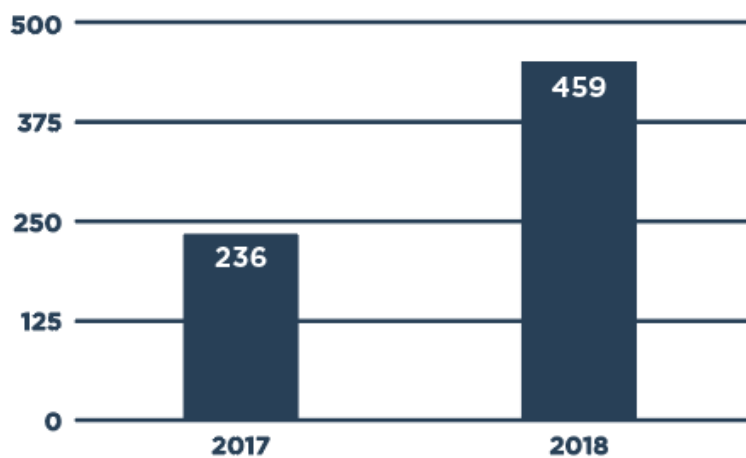
**232**  
+42%  
2017-18

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

**459**  
+94%  
2017-18

## FC STUDENTS INTRODUCES TWO SERVICES TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH

The FC Students ministry continued to grow at an exponential pace in 2018. The ministry saw a 94 percent increase in weekly attendance and more than 400 active students by the end of the year. With the growth and God's provision to pave a clear path for the Next Generation at FC, the FC Students ministry successfully implemented a plan for two services each Wednesday night to accommodate its expansion.



FC STUDENTS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE







## DECISIONS TO FOLLOW CHRIST

**24**  
+84%

2017-18

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

**334**  
+14%

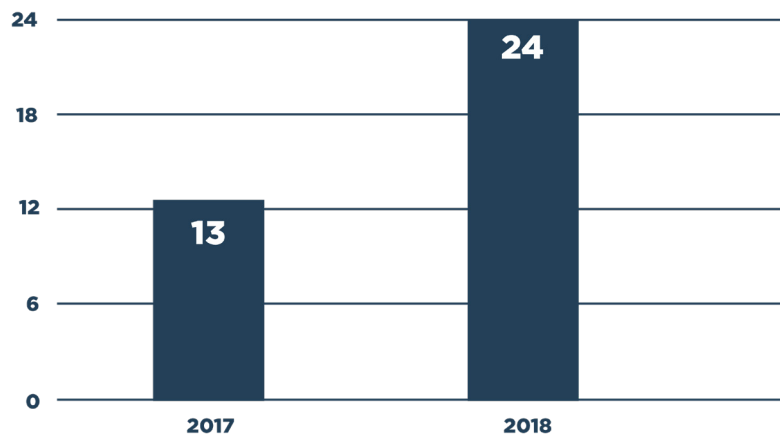
2017-18

## ACTIVE FC KIDS

**537**

## LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR A LIFETIME OF FAITH

The FC Kids Ministry reaches on average more than 300 children each weekend. In 2018, the ministry continued to grow in pace with the overall church body, with more than 500 active kids registered and participating in the ministry. God moved in profound ways in FC Kids during 2018 as 24 kids made the decision to follow Jesus - an 84 percent jump from just one year ago.



FC KIDS DECISIONS TO FOLLOW CHRIST





**LONDON, ENGLAND**

## SPREADING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

In 2018, Foothills Church sent partners abroad on mission to six locations across the globe, while also partnering with nine local ministries. At FC, We believe We Can't Stay Here. Therefore, we continue to encourage FC Partners to engage in opportunities that positively impact our city and the nations with the hope of Jesus.

MISSION PROJECTS

**394**

LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS

**9**

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

**5**



**MALAWI**



**HAITI**



**MONTANA**



**LONDON**



**ZAMBIA**



**GHANA**

## FC SUPPORTED THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES IN 2018

Kids Hope USA | Family Promise | Pregnancy Resource Center  
Deeper Still | Compassion International | Kingdom Design Ministries  
Feeding the Orphans | Second Harvest Food Bank | Fellowship of Christian Athletes







## GO BE THE CHURCH

In 2018, Foothills Church continued its tradition of Let's Go Week, a full week dedicated to reaching our local community. This special week allows our FC Partners and guests to band together as the church and positively impact organizations and ministries across the area.

# LET'S GO WEEK



## 211

### Volunteers

More than 200 volunteers took part in Let's Go Week, reaching 10 different organizations across Maryville and Blount County.



## 10

### Organizations Impacted

As part of our annual Let's Go Week, Foothills Church directly impacted and supported 10 different organizations across Maryville and Blount County.





## SHARING OUR MESSAGE WITH THE WORLD

Foothills Church continues to seek new and creative avenues to execute upon our mission of developing mature disciples of Christ in relational environments. That includes meeting people where they are and creating a worship experience that extends beyond the walls of our physical location. We continue to invest and enhance our digital communication channels including the Foothills Church live stream, the FC App, social media and more.

MULTIMEDIA

LIVE STREAM PAGEVIEWS

**9,691**  
+60% 2017-18

TOTAL FC VIDEO VIEWS

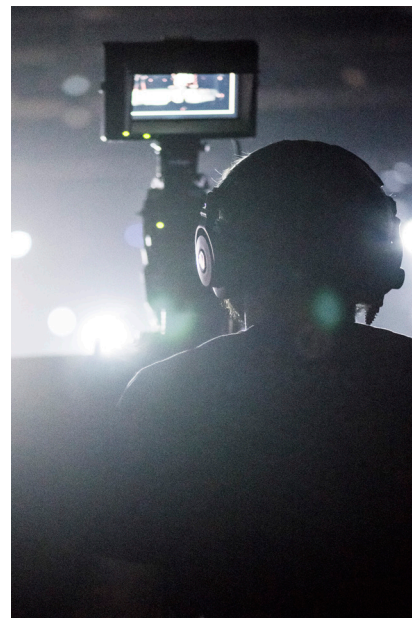
**49,000**  
+40% 2017-18

FC APP DOWNLOADS

**1,185**  
+21% 2017-18



TO BE HUMAN





## STEWARDING RESOURCES FOR THE KINGDOM

### 2018 GIVING

Offering .....	\$2,041,338
Missions .....	\$28,445
Vision Offering .....	\$432,628

**TOTAL:.....\$2,502,411**

### OTHER INCOME

Launchpad Tuition .....	\$190,174
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**TOTAL INCOME: .....\$2,692,585**

### 2018 EXPENSES

Personnel .....	\$1,028,067
Operations .....	\$328,188
Construction (New Building) .....	\$237,376
Debt Retirement .....	\$430,369
EQUIP (Discipleship) .....	\$148,380
CONNECT (Family, Assimilation) .....	\$91,456
SHARE (Evangelism & Outreach) .....	\$84,935
Launchpad .....	\$176,612
Creative (Worship/Media) .....	\$139,507

**TOTAL..... \$2,664,889**









SUS

Hope has a name  
His name is Jesus



*We exist to develop mature disciples of Christ in  
relational environments.*

