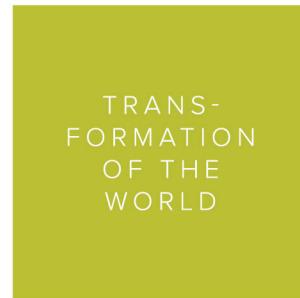


2025

MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT



A REFLECTION ON 2025

Over the last couple of years our facility has been undergoing a good bit of renovation. The Sanctuary, the Chapel Narthex, the Children's Wing, the Family Life Center, and Columbarium have all been remodeled, updated, or repurposed. Your support of this effort and temporary inconvenience has been exemplary. It has been a 2-year project. I've been aware during this time that it's not just the building that's being repurposed. It's the people! It's us! It reminds me of the spiritual concept of sanctification. The word sanctification refers to the state or process of being set apart, or made holy as a vessel of the Holy Spirit. I have sensed that happening in our fellowship over these last few years. This is what God's grace does in us as we grow deeper in our faith. God remodels us in ways that enable us to be more purposeful in our mission and witness. I sense this happening in multiple ways in our people: in our staff, lay leadership, missional partners, worship life, spiritual formation, and service in our community and the world. As we enter into the 175th year of our existence as a church, I continue to see the ripple effect of grace in ways that bring glory to God, and that embody the love of Christ. I'm continually amazed and thankful for the evidence of the Spirit I see in you!



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Dr. Davis Chappell
Senior Pastor



MINISTRY AT A GLANCE

1151

average weekly *in-person* worship attendance

991

average weekly *online* worship attendance

7693

active members of the church

180

new members joined the church

\$18M

total given to Stewardship, the Capital Campaign, and designated funds

387

kids involved in
Children's Ministry

174

children participated
in a worship ensemble

82

children's Bibles
given out

44

children baptized

191

children reached through
VBS, made possible by
85 volunteers



Almost half of our children participated in a faith milestone in 2025.

“Both our sons ask to read their new Preschool Bibles before bed, which has been such a gift for our family. **Kelsey Swygert, BUMC Kids Parent**

“The Worship Readiness Milestone has made such a difference for our family. *Our kindergartner now understands what worship is and feels confident participating alongside us.* She recognizes parts of the service, sings the Doxology, and seems so happy to be a part of the congregation. We’re grateful to be part of a church that values children as active participants in worship and partners so intentionally with families. **Katie Stamper, BUMC Kids Parent**

“This was our first time to attend Worship Readiness. As a single parent, this was so helpful for my son. I was a little fearful to bring him into church for the whole hour once he was in the first grade, but this class prepared him and me for what to expect and how we can experience worshiping God together as a family. I love having him beside me, and even when he is drawing or maybe sleeping, *I know he is getting something special from this experience.*

Ann Young, BUMC Kids Parent





204

students attended
BUMCSM programming

166

students attended a
retreat or mission trip

203

students participated in
a worship ensemble

62

students were confirmed
in the church

14

students chose to be
baptized

“ Confirmation class at BUMC was not only a great experience for our daughter’s confirmation, but our entire family. Throughout the 10 weeks, we had great conversations around various topics including what it means to be confirmed, traditions in the church and our family, and ways to serve God and our community. ***We had been visiting BUMC for the previous 9 months, and decided as a family to officially join BUMC on our daughter’s Confirmation day, which made that day even more special. George & Laura Meeker, BUMCSM Parents***

“ From Angel Choir and Rhythm and Bells to Sonshine and Praise Band, BUMC has been a big part of who I am for as long as I can remember. This student ministry program has created a space where I know I can come whenever I need someone to cry to, can’t wait to share good news, or just want to be around people who I know love and support me. ***The community that this church has built has taught me that I am allowed to have fun in my faith, I am still loved on my bad days, and I have gifts that I haven’t even realized yet.*** Through various choirs, ensembles, and bands, I have been able to use music to strengthen my faith. I have learned how much of an impact I can have on other people and witnessed and experienced so much joy as I have led VBS groups, liturgical dance, and middle school musical camps. BUMC has provided me with so many opportunities that I know will continue to guide and strengthen me as I make my life and my faith my own. **Eve Hickman, Senior Class of 2026**





ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

180

*new members
joined the church*

20

*adult Sunday School Classes,
with a total average weekly
attendance of 456*

18

*unique studies
offered, with a total
attendance of 511*

1274

*adults participated in
a worship ensemble or
volunteered in worship*

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. **John 13:35 (NLT)**

Having a group of people you can truly depend on is rare, and our Roots Sunday School class has been that gift to our family. Allison and I were blessed to help start this class, believing deeply in the importance of walking through life together in community. ***Little did we know how profoundly God would use this group, not only to impact the families within it, but to carry us through one of the hardest seasons of our lives – fighting cancer.*** This class shows up. From serving local ministries, celebrating newborns, and surrounding families facing health challenges, to the moments that we will never forget: 22 men standing in our driveway praying as chemo began, the women praying every hour during surgery, the countless meals, hospital visits, calls, texts, and constant prayers. Looking back, we see clearly that God was already preparing this community long before we knew we would need it. We are beyond thankful for the love, faithfulness, and support of this class, and for the way God has used them to be His hands and feet to our family.

Daniel Cage, Roots Sunday School Class & Lifelong BUMC Member



1000+ 200

prayer requests received
and prayed over by our
Caring Team and **500+**
Prayer List recipients

900

meals provided by **50**
volunteer cooks and
20 volunteer drivers
to **20 families** through
Fishes & Loaves

400

bouquets made
from altar flowers
and delivered to
homebound members

30

active Stephen
Ministers providing 1:1
care to people going
through difficult
seasons of life

156

hours of respite
provided to each
caregiver of our **15**
Sunny Day Members
by our **45 volunteers**

EVERY DAY

our pastoral staff
visits and contacts
BUMC members and
families in need of
support

EVERY WEEK

BUMC walks with
families as they
prepare to celebrate
the life and resurrection
of a loved one



CARING MINISTRIES

Caring for families as they walk through the grief of losing a loved one is one of our most constant and enduring ministries.

While memorial services are laced with heartbreak, they are some of the most beautiful days at BUMC. **Service days are the church at her best.** At visitation, the narthex is filled with the sounds of reunions, laughter, weeping, and storytelling. Families receive hugs and memories and reminders of the most beautiful gifts their loved one gave the world. A pastor circles up with the family in the last minutes before the service and takes a deep breath and prays with them. They are led into the sound of Gregg Bunn on the organ and for the next hour are reminded that God is worthy of our worship, the person they loved the most deserves to be celebrated, and that God and their church will comfort them in the days to come. James Wells will sing a solo that rises straight to heaven, family members and dear friends will share stories of how their lives are better because this person was in it, and a pastor will proclaim the Good News. At the conclusion of the service, their Sunday school class will be dismissed and create a tunnel of love through which the family will be led. With walls of love on either side of them, they will not just be told – but shown – that they are not alone. The Caring Ministries Staff and volunteers are privileged to walk alongside each family and have a front row seat to the community of faith embracing them with the love of Christ.

Rev. Casey Orr, Director of Caring Ministries



MISSIONS+ OUTREACH



“For 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.”
[...] *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*

Matthew 25:35-36,40 (NIV)

In 2025, you were the hands and feet of Jesus through...

\$661K

given to missions
initiatives

\$64K

in aid given from our
Disaster Relief Fund

\$11K+

worth of donated food
given to Ebenezer's
summer food pantry

\$21K

in food assistance
donated to neighbors who
lost their SNAP benefits

54

home repair projects
completed by Repair &
Restore Ministry for BUMC
members needing assistance

45

missions partners worked
with to effect change,
including **4 Strategic
Partners**

130

food baskets and **60 gift
cards** given to Middle
TN families providing a
Christmas meal

475

students and **30
teachers** sponsored in
South Africa

224

warm beds provided to
our unhoused neighbors
through Room in the Inn's
winter shelter program

468

Angel Tree wishes
fulfilled and **\$9,000
given** to partners to
support Christmas giving

350

backpacks with supplies
donated to local students
and organizations

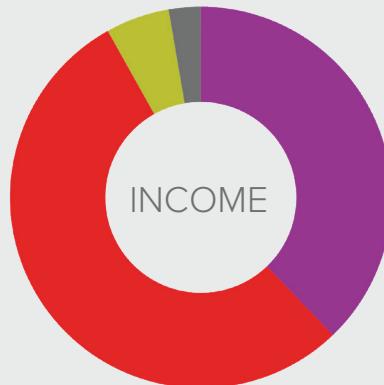
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mission partner events to
help fundraise, educate,
and provide volunteer
opportunities



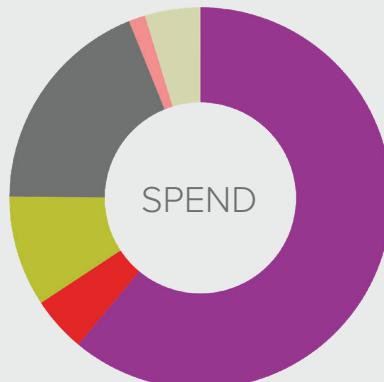
The BUMC Foundation currently has \$13 million. In 2025 they distributed \$0.5 million in grants for scholarship, mission, and ministry through BUMC and our strategic ministry partners.

FINANCES



2025 INCOME

- Operational Giving - \$7M
- Capital Campaign Giving - \$10M
- Missions & Other Designated Giving - \$1M
- Foundation Grants - \$0.5M



2025 SPEND

- Renovation Project - \$13M
- Missions & Other Designated Giving - \$1M
- Operations & Admin - \$2M
- Personnel - \$4M
- Programs - \$0.3M
- Apportionments - \$1M

A REFLECTION ON 2025

As I read these stories and reports I am overcome with gratitude, and this scripture comes immediately to mind. "Our prayers for you are always spilling over into thanksgivings. We can't quit thanking God our Father and Jesus our Messiah for you! We keep getting reports on your steady faith in Christ, our Jesus, and the love you continuously extend to all Christians. The lines of purpose in your lives never grow slack ... kept taut by hope. The Message is as true among you today as when you first heard it. It doesn't diminish or weaken over time. It's the same all over the world. The Message bears fruit and gets larger and stronger, just as it has in you. From the very first day you heard and recognized the truth of what God is doing, you've been hungry for more. It's as vigorous in you now as when you learned it." Colossians 1:3-6 MSG

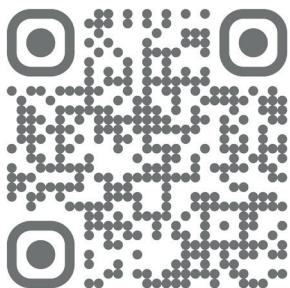
As I read these stories, I see the faces of the many people who are serving and caring for so many... your faces. And I see the faces of the people being cared for. I see generosity beyond measure! Because of our shared resources of time, finances and spirit, we make ourselves available to God, being used to spread Christ's love throughout our community and beyond. Our missional impact remains strong, and is growing, because of your giving. You are bringing hope to men and women living in poverty and recovery, to students studying for tests and parents cooking dinner, to people of all ages worshiping and singing praises, to people praying and teaching, to people experiencing sadness and joy. Because of you, lives truly are being changed in our Brentwood community, in middle Tennessee, and across the globe. I can't quit thanking God for you!

Your ongoing generosity through your prayers, presence, gifts, and service are what make everything in this report possible.
My hope is that you will go forward from this, listening for the ways God is calling you to give of your time and gifts so you may join us in multiplying our impact in 2026. No matter how you participate, know that I am grateful beyond measure.



Leslie Hotzfeld
Leslie Hotzfeld
Executive Director

2026 marks the 175th year of Brentwood UMC's ministry to our community! We hope you will join us in continuing this legacy of service as we welcome newcomers, serve our neighbors, and above all, make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Learn about how you can support our ministry through sharing your prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

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