

2017 Annual Report

COLLEGE PARK CHURCH



LIFE CHANGE

As a young mom, Shelly Johnson sensed God was leading her to take a step of faith and start a Bible study in her neighborhood. At the time, the idea seemed crazy, and Shelly was reluctant to listen. She didn't know how to lead a Bible study. Still, she knew God was telling her to do it. After three years and a conversation with Pastor Joe Wittmer, Shelly was ready to listen.

She texted eight of her neighbors and friends, Christians and non-Christians, about starting a Bible study. To her surprise, all eight said yes. "I lost it," Shelly said. "I was on the floor in tears. I was watching God's work and how He was using me."

Shelly has depended on God for boldness and wisdom to lead the group. In five short months, one woman has accepted Jesus, and many more have been encouraged, including Shelly. She is experiencing God's faithfulness and provision like never before. "One great, big God with a plan made all this happen," she said.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

In September, more than a thousand people came together on a Sunday evening for a special College Park Institute (CPI) Forum. We had the incredible privilege of hearing from minority culture members of College Park as they shared their experiences as well as their thoughts on racism in our culture and in the church. They also expressed their hopes for the gospel to reign supreme and bring unity. The forum was a small step in understanding race issues and how they affect our church. It also represents the heart of College Park leadership to engage in difficult conversations for the sake of the gospel and the good of our community.



WATCH THE FORUM ON BIBLICAL
UNITY IN DIVERSITY AT
YOURCHURCH.COM/CPIFORM

BLESSINGS MARKET

In early November, the Women's Ministry team celebrated their second annual Blessings Market, and the results were incredible. Twenty-three local vendors came out for the two-hour event, offering a variety of handmade goods. All profits were donated to a local or global ministry partner of College Park.

Over 500 women came out to shop and enjoy good company. At the end of the evening, the vendors were able to donate a total of \$14,630 to local and global ministries—over \$14,000 as a result of just two hours. Praise God for His provision for these ministry partners through the Blessings Market vendors.

NEIGHBORING

This year, we have focused on being a church of intentional and godly neighbors. You have risen to the challenge. You've stepped out in faith to initiate, develop, and strengthen relationships with your physical neighbors as well as others who are in your regular sphere of influence. As a result, we have seen the fruit of neighboring reach far and wide.

Vicky Bailey started a neighborhood Bible study this year and said, "The neighboring initiative has reminded and encouraged me to be more intentional about looking for opportunities to serve and interact with our neighbors." She said the "How to Share the Gospel" class was especially helpful in showing her practical ways to love people in a way that will prayerfully lead them to Jesus. Vicky's own love for Jesus is growing as she realizes how much He loves this group of women. She understands His grace in a new way.



REGISTER FOR THE "HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL" CLASS AT
YOURCHURCH.COM/EVANGELISMWINTER

BELONG GROW MULTIPLY

In August, through the “Following Jesus Together” series, we unpacked a new strategy for the mission of igniting a passion to follow Jesus: **Belong, Grow, and Multiply**.

BELONG

We’re meant to do life together with other believers, and we want you to:

- Belong to College Park in covenant membership
- Belong to a group where you can know others, be known by others, serve, and live out your mission as a follower of Christ

GROW

Whether you’re new to following Jesus or have been walking with Him for years, you are called to grow in your:

- Knowledge of God and His Word
- Character and pursuit of Christlikeness
- Ability to use the Word in your own life and in the lives of others. At College Park this happens through classes, groups, discipleship, and serving

MULTIPLY

Igniting a passion to follow Jesus requires action. There are lots of ways to multiply:

- Sharing the gospel near (locally) and far (globally)
- Being part of a discipleship relationship
- Serving with College Park or through our ministry partners
- Helping raise up the next generation of leaders
- Helping launch a new congregation through adoption or planting



LISTEN TO THE “FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER” SERIES AT

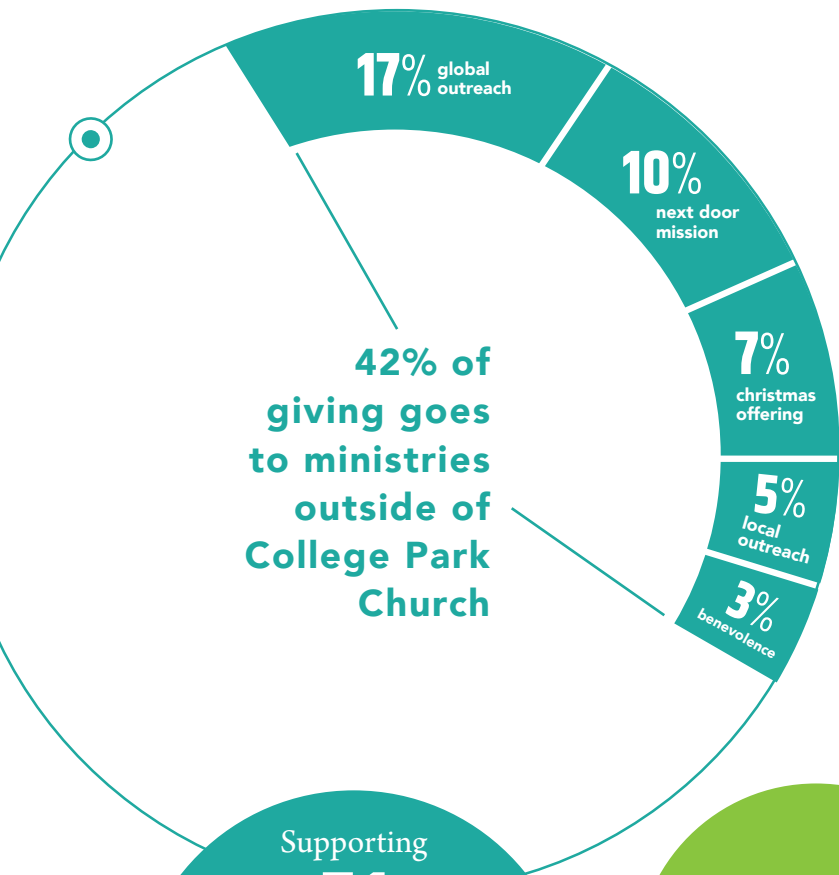
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NEXT DOOR MISSION

The goal of College Park’s Next Door Mission is to mobilize our church to reach unchurched people in the Indy-metro area through a strategy of church multiplication. We believe that starting and adopting churches in the city will help people in our body invite their neighbors, connect in more meaningful ways to their communities, and motivate all of us to live out our external mission.

We’ve seen God do some incredible things in both Fishers and Castleton this year. Chris Beals is preaching full time at Fishers as they continue on the path toward self-governance. Castleton launched in the Castleton community in September and hired Lead Pastor Tommy Johnston. We are grateful to God that both congregations are thriving. We are also seeking God’s guidance as we look forward to the other congregations He may lead us to in 2018.





Giving was **7%** above 2017 budget

Over **7,000** attended this year's Christmas Concert

403 new givers

Supporting **51** Missionaries and **5** Strategic Partnerships on **6** continents

1200 people are in Small Groups

2017 Christmas Offering raised **\$1.2 MILLION** to reach over 540 million children in India

749 weekly live stream viewer average

243 new members

1996 - 2017 Christmas Offering Total **\$12,036,000**

2017 ALL CONGREGATIONS	BUDGET	GIVING
General	\$ 7,518,545	\$ 7,635,062
Global Missions	\$1,233,900	\$1,395,582
Benevolence	\$154,000	\$208,261
Building	\$200,000	\$256,263
Seminary	\$22,100	\$9,315
Next Door Mission	\$731,000	\$1,032,649
Local Outreach	\$357,000	\$386,016
Fishers	\$924,500	\$996,382
TOTAL	\$11,141,745	\$11,919,530



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