

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



COLLEGE PARK CHURCH CASTLETON



REACH|18

Two and a half years ago, College Park Castleton was a prayer. We were still months away from our first church service as a congregation. However, God has worked mightily during the past few years. By his grace, we are a growing, healthy church that is proclaiming the gospel both in Castleton and across the globe.

During REACH|18, we announced our first missionary partners—the Humphreys and the Foltzes. The Humphreys currently serve in Dubai and the Foltzes, in Thailand. As we seek to financially support their ministries, we've also committed to prayer. Our newly formed Barnabas Team meets monthly to pray for these two families and the Global Outreach ministry of our church.

The Humphrey and Foltz families are spreading the good news of the gospel through the Persian Gulf and Southeast Asia, and we are excited to be a part of it.



LOCAL OUTREACH: ESL MINISTRY



This year, we partnered with College Park Fishers to launch an English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry. Together, we hosted as many as fifteen students for this weekly, two-hour course. As our teachers, teacher's aides, and Hospitality Team worked diligently, we saw tremendous progress among those who came.

We taught language skills to people from countries such as Japan, Bolivia, Mexico, and India. In the process, we were also able to demonstrate the hope of the gospel through the relationships we formed and the love we showed.

“We are now in our second semester and continue to prayerfully recruit students,” said John Ayers, a Castleton member and ESL Ministry volunteer. “We remain faithfully committed to the mission that we began last semester. We all have a huge heart for loving these people and are united in God’s love to provide this service.”

FINDING BELONGING

The first time Nick and Kristi Blackwell visited College Park Church, they learned about a new congregation, College Park Castleton, launching the following week. Since Castleton was closer to their home, the Blackwells decided to visit.

When they stopped by the Next Steps Desk, they were warmly greeted by volunteers who also invited the Blackwells to sit with them during the service. This hospitality made a huge impact on Nick and Kristi.

“We immediately fell in love with this church,” Nick said, looking back. “It was so easy to get connected with people.”

After pursuing baptism and membership, the Blackwells decided to volunteer on the Hospitality Team. This past summer, they were asked to be leaders of the Next Steps Desk, a ministry that’s busier than ever.

“When we first started coming to the church, there were about 300 people going to one service,” Nick said. “Now the Lord is bringing people from all around Castleton.”

As the volunteer Team Leads for the Next Steps Desk, Nick and Kristin are quick to greet guests with the same kindness and joy they were shown on their first visit. Their warm welcome, often including a dinner invitation, is just one way they’re pouring out the love of Christ that flows so strongly here at College Park Castleton.

“That’s the heart of the hospitality ministry,” Nick said. “We share the love of Christ not just through greeting, but through serving. We want to invite these people into our lives.”





87%

are engaged in Small Groups
or are serving



57

new church members



we moved to

2 services

in August 2018



\$24,855

given to support the ministry of
Heart for Lebanon from
College Park Church Castleton



The College Park Family
of Churches grew to
five with the addition of
One Fellowship Church



2018 CASTLETON

BUDGET

GIVING

2018 CASTLETON	BUDGET	GIVING
General	\$512,000	\$527,981
Global Outreach	\$50,000	\$44,857
Benevolence	\$3,100	\$13,864
Building	\$6,000	\$6,523
Next Door Mission	\$38,000	\$38,294
Local Outreach	\$16,000	\$18,434
TOTAL	\$625,100	\$649,953



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