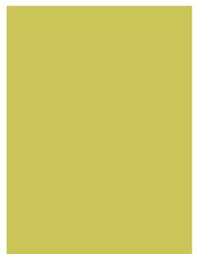




# KINGDOM COME



*Shoreline*  
CHURCH





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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## **SEPTEMBER 24**

5 YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY

## **OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

KINGDOM COME SERMON SERIES

## **OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, 25**

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

## **OCTOBER 29**

SHARE SERVICE / ONE-DAY OFFERING

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# WHERE WE'VE BEEN

In March of 2012, around 60 people showed up for an interest meeting of what would soon become Shoreline Church. Packed inside a local marina clubhouse, they began to catch the vision of a new church in our community. Just a few weeks later, many of those people began meeting together regularly as a core group. Seeking to grow in unity and gain clarity around the mission, these men and women faithfully prayed, studied God's Word, and prepared for what was to come.

Meeting in the lobby of a dentist office, at parks, in homes, and at another local ministry's office, this group pushed forward. Uncertain of how everything would unfold, they knew with confidence that God was leading and that He would provide what they needed as they needed it. This core group continued to grow in purpose and in number throughout that summer as they hosted a series of preview services for the community. God was teaching them to do something very important: worship and serve together.

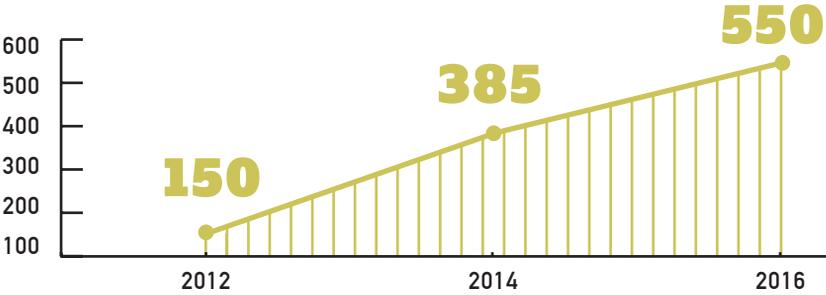
On September 23, 2012, Shoreline Church launched Sunday morning worship gatherings. By God's grace, the church began meeting at the property we now own on Westland Drive. The terms of our lease allowed us to launch frugally, and yet the space allowed us to grow in so many exciting ways. We were able to eventually purchase our building and several surrounding acres in late 2015. God's timing and faithfulness has continually proved to be perfect.

God's loving care of every detail has continued to be one of the prominent themes of our young church. He has brought us amazing people, provided the resources we've needed, and encouraged us in so many ways. Above all, God has been so kind to make His presence evident in the differing circumstances of our journey. In both joyous and hard times, God has cared for us.

It's hard to believe that we are celebrating our 5th birthday this fall! In these five years, we've been amazed at how the Lord has moved among us. We have grown together in so many exciting ways. His Spirit's work among us has been undeniable, and the gospel has set deeply into our hearts!

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# AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:



**50**   
 partners sent out to plant Hope Fellowship in 2015.

**1000**   
 people attended Easter 2017 services

**400**   
 committed partners. Added over **50 partners** in 2017 already!

# LOCAL/GLOBAL:

- Serving 10 Knox County Schools in our community.
- Donated and mobilized donations for the Gatlinburg fire victims.
- Sent resources and teams to Nicaragua, India, Madrid, and Peru.
- Hosted 250 High School students at our dodgeball tournament last spring in partnership with Young Life.
- Assembled 50 journey bags for the Forgotten Initiative for kids in foster care system.
- Partnered with Hope Resource Center in hosting their Night of Worship and also annually support their golf fundraiser.
- Started a construction outreach ministry to serve the needs of our community.
- Partnered with Yellow Creek Elementary in rural Appalachia since 2013.
- Hosted annual meeting of over 300 community pastors in our facility.
- Hosted the Chick-Fil-A A+ event.
- Hosted the First Responders Appreciation night.
- Served as a polling location for the November election.

# GIVING:

**2012: \$121,047.74 | 2014: \$769,363.65 | 2016: \$1,341,752.00**



# WHERE WE ARE NOW

It's easy to identify some concerns as we look across the cultural landscape. These things reach far beyond our church, but they should burden us deeply.

- Our community continues to grow and lostness is outpacing the efforts of our churches.
- It is estimated that over 2 billion people around the world who have never heard the Gospel.

But, in the book of Acts, Paul brought special attention to the necessities within the church. He speaks towards leadership needs, people who should be cared for, and so much more. Paul knew that the church must be healthy in order to impact the world around it. Similarly, our next chapter will require us to identify our own obstacles and be bold in overcoming them!

Due to rapid growth and God's amazing work among us, it's critical that we maximize our efforts in an effort to fully take hold of the opportunities that lie before us and the needs that exist within us. With that said, it's even more critical that we follow God's prompting and are involved in what He desires for our church.

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## **GOD IS MOVING MIGHTILY, BUT ...**

- We struggle to provide enough opportunities for people to connect beyond Sunday morning worship gatherings.
  - We currently have gaps in our efforts to meet the diverse spiritual needs of our church.
  - We are growing at a pace faster than what our current staff can shepherd effectively.
  - We require an unreasonable amount of effort from volunteers when managing our day to day operations (finances, building and grounds, maintenance, human resources).
  - We recognize that mid-week and/or off-campus activities can be very difficult for those with children, busy schedules, or work conflicts.
  - We need to strategically maximize the use of our facility throughout the entire week.
  - We lack on-campus space for adult discipleship opportunities.
  - We know that many in our church are often uninformed about what's going on in our church and when opportunities or needs arise.
  - We are quickly growing in our worship gatherings and must soon provide additional opportunities.
  - We require more volunteers to expand our ministries as God directs.
  - We know groups of people in our church and community that are simply underserved and not having their needs met.
  - We are called to plant churches but many are unaware of our efforts.
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# FIRST STEPS

As you can see, we face some hurdles. But, these are opportunities for us to exercise faith, grow as a church, and experience the Lord in new ways! Here's a broad overview of some steps that we already sense the Lord is leading us towards.

## **INCREASE CONNECTIVITY AMONG EACH OTHER**

- Broaden our communication efforts (email, texting, social media)
- Launch a weekly podcast / radio show

## **BROADEN OUR LEADERSHIP**

- Add full-time staff members
- Identify and utilize gifts and talents within our partners
- Effectively train volunteers

## **ESTABLISH A CLEAR PATH TOWARDS SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

- Introduce an understandable and achievable discipleship structure
- Identify the role of current and future programs within the structure

## **BETTER UTILIZE OUR FACILITY**

- Offer additional worship gatherings
- Provide space and childcare for life groups on Sunday morning and throughout the week
- Develop a master plan for the campus

## **LAUNCH MINISTRIES FOR UNDERSERVED PEOPLE**

- Identify areas of greatest need in our church and community
- Gain the training and assets necessary to implement programming

## **CENTRALIZE OUR CHURCH PLANTING EFFORTS**

- Provide leadership to the existing church planting network of East Tennessee
- Relentlessly encourage church plants and their pastors

## **MULTIPLY OUR MISSIONS EFFORTS**

- Resource our existing partners generously
- Connect our people with local and global opportunities



# SEEKING HIS VOICE

One of the most important parts of our future as church is what God might soon reveal to you. In fact, we are believing that He is going to speak directly to you to help us grow our vision and accomplish ministry in the years ahead. During the coming weeks, we are asking you to earnestly seek the Father and pray some very specific prayers. As part of this, we recognize that taking some intentional steps towards better hearing from God will be necessary.

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# 5 WAYS TO SEEK GOD

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## **ATTEND.**

Attend one of our Sunday worship gatherings each week of the “Kingdom Come” series. By studying Matthew 6 together, we’ll be learning to pray like Jesus instructed.

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## **FAST.**

Fasting is voluntarily going without food in order to focus on prayer and fellowship with God. For instructions on how to safely fast, visit [shorelineknox.com/kingdomcome](http://shorelineknox.com/kingdomcome).

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## **MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS.**

Eliminate some of the unnecessary “noise” in your life. Then schedule regular times of focused Bible study and prayer.

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## **PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS.**

On Wednesdays during this season, join various staff members and elders as they lead a focused time of prayer from 6:30-7:30PM in the worship center. Childcare is available.

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## **IF YOU’RE MARRIED, TALK THROUGH THIS WITH YOUR SPOUSE.**

As each of you pray and talk to God, share with each other what you sense God is leading you to do. Seek His will together, and ask for a unified vision.

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# RESPONDING AND SHARING

On October 29, we'll have a Share Service for you to share how God has been speaking to you. In obtaining this information on our Share Cards, we'll be able to better see how God is moving among our church. As a result, we'll be better positioned to minister to each other. This information will also prompt us to explore new church ministries and/or come alongside you in your personal ministries. We understand that you may not fully grasp how the Lord is leading you at this point, and you may be unsure of how everything will unfold. Regardless, share what you can and move towards taking a first step of obedience.

## KINGDOM COME

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOW HAS GOD BEEN SPEAKING TO YOU?

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### WHAT DO YOU FEEL LED TO DO?

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### COULD THIS IMPACT OUR CHURCH?

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### DO YOU NEED HELP IN ANY WAY?

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# CONTRIBUTING FINANCIALLY

In order to accomplish all that God is leading us into, it will require faith and sacrifice. It will require our time, passions, energy, and finances. It's for this reason that we ask partners and others connected to our church to faithfully give. As a part of that commitment, we are asking everyone to prayerfully participate in a special One-Day Offering that will be in conjunction with our Share Service on October 29th.

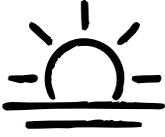
In 2017, we aggressively budgeted \$1.5 million for our Ministry Plan. However, we have always been committed to controlling expenses and operating our ministries based on what is coming in rather than what was budgeted. This year is no exception. This One-Day Offering will help us accomplish all the ministry projects that we planned for 2017. It will also allow us to accelerate our pace on some exciting new projects (\$150,000) that we feel led to begin soon.

Any money that comes in above our \$250,000 goal will likely go towards hiring additional staff and expedited debt reduction on our facility mortgage. With that said, we will also evaluate any financial needs that might be connected to what's gleaned through our season of prayer and sharing. We'll also use that information to also help build our 2018 Ministry Plan.

This is a significant goal for our church. As we enter this season of intentional prayer, we're asking you to seek God's grace in teaching you to trust Him in every area of your life. This includes your finances. Some of us can give more and some can give less. But, we know it's not about that. For where your treasure is, there your heart is also. Our hearts are the point.

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# FULLY FUND MINISTRY PLAN \$100,000 NEW PROJECTS:



**\$15,000**

## **HOPE RESOURCE CENTER**

Fund a new program of Hope Resource Center for one year.



**\$40,000**

## **INDIA**

Build the first floor of a community center/church/orphanage in India



**\$40,000**

## **ADOPTION FUND**

Start an adoption scholarship fund for partner assistance



**\$10,000**

## **CHILDCARE FUND**

Fund childcare for life groups immediately



**\$20,000**

## **SENIOR/SPECIAL NEEDS**

Purchase handicap accessible cart/s for seniors and special needs



**\$25,000**

## **FACILITY IMPROVEMENT**

Redesign and consolidate offices to help maximize facility usage

# **TOTAL \$250,000**

Throughout the Kingdom Come series, we'll be providing additional details about each of these new projects. We'll also be sharing that information at [shorelineknox.com/kingdomcome](http://shorelineknox.com/kingdomcome).

