

# ALIVE

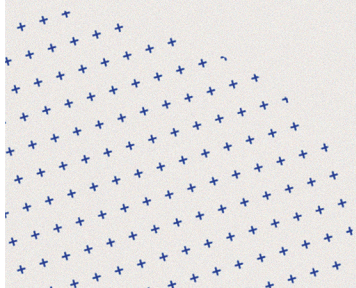
## CORE NIGHT



**ALIVE**

Wesleyan Church

**2019 EDITION**



# **TOM'S UPDATE**

**Stop and reflect.**

**We don't get to do it often, but when we do, taking time to reflect on our lives, our experiences, our year as a church can be both rewarding and enlightening. So that's exactly what we are doing here in these pages and at CORE night. We are taking a step back to see what God has been up to here. As you read through this book, you will experience a sense of contentment and gratitude, perhaps even a Godly sense of pride at what God has done and is doing. To recall how God has used our gifts, our generosity, our prayers over the course of a year of vibrant ministry is a rich blessing.**

**It is good to be part of the Body of Christ. It is good to be a part of the Bride of Christ. As individuals, our lives matter and we each experience moments of excitement, contentment and celebration. But when individuals gather together in community, when we seek to be God's presence in a community, what we experience as individuals is multiplied. Together, we gain a greater picture of Christ Himself and His boundless love for our world. When we do life as one body, we are Christ's boundless love to the world.**

**And that is the big deal! Together, we are the boundless love of Christ in our part of South Carolina. We carry that boundless love to some of the dark corners of our state as God uses ALIVE in healing, repairing, and redeeming lives!**

**In my new role for the South Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church, I have increased opportunities to engage with all kinds of churches. This can be a wonderful experience. To get to know women and men who are working hard to shine the light of Jesus across the state in a variety of contexts is inspiring. Exposure to these ministries allows a person to see movement potential and how close the body of Christ is to an all-out spiritual breakthrough across the state.**

## **TOM'S UPDATE**

The other side of being exposed to a variety of churches is to carry the burden of faithful followers of Christ who long to see a mighty move of God within their church, but are confronted with the reality that the mighty move will not happen without great change. This can be so discouraging to Christian brothers and sisters across our state.

We are a church that is thriving in so many ways. We enjoy influence and resources, spiritual vitality, and growth. Many folks who call ALIVE home can point to different ministries that have changed their lives, their marriages, their finances, their hearts.

As we move into another year, I am asking for God to increase our territory. I am asking God to allow ALIVE to see His face, to experience His power in fresh ways. Why? So we can shine the light even brighter, so we can impact our communities even greater, so we can grow even closer to each other and to the God we pledge our lives to. And as we walk in the vision God has given to us, built on the foundations of our commitment and sacrifices for that vision, God will continue His good work, not only at ALIVE, but in the body of Christ across the upstate.

We have much to be grateful for. Carry a smile on your face. God has been good to ALIVE and He is nowhere close to being finished!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Harding". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "T" and a long, flowing "H".

**Pastor Tom Harding**

**2018 - 2019**

# **BECOMING A MISSIONAL MOVEMENT...**

- We believe that it is important to reach and disciple as many people as possible. Where building a bigger church might say, 'come', ALIVE's philosophy of multiplication ignites a vision that says 'go'.
- We believe that church campuses and plants overcome geographical and cultural barriers to reach new people and increase the opportunity to raise up new leaders and multiply more churches.

- We realize that members of the church community are constantly moving. Multiple locations in an area allow church members to stay connected to the ministry they seek.
- We are committed to identifying, preparing, and empowering new leaders to plant new ALIVE campuses, plants, and ministries to reach more people and make new disciples that will reproduce other disciples.

# ALIVE KIDS

## KIDS' WING

- Opened a 18,000 square foot new kids wing on November 17, 2018 to increase our reach to the 10,000 unchurched kids in Pickens County.
- This added 8 new classrooms, 2 large group spaces, a slide, tunnel, new entryway, new kids lobby, and office spaces.
- Since opening, there has been an attendance increase of 12% in ALIVE Kids. (10% kids, 2% volunteers).
- Over 250 kid guests have visited this year.
- The TREEHOUSE! For the first time ever we have the ability to use sound/lights/tech, dance team, and videos for preschool children.

**“God transformed me by showing me His love through the kids’ eyes. The way they grasp the Gospel is so refreshing and transforming. I have also learned how to worship by serving in ALIVE Kids with abandon, adoration, and joy.”**

**- PAIGE ROUSE**

## THE CLUBHOUSE

- The Clubhouse is a space intentionally designed for kids in our community with special needs.
- Five children currently use this space weekly as well as six buddies loving kids with special needs.

## TRANSFORMATION

- Baptisms: 12 children took the next step in their faith!
- Salvations: 72 kids made a decision to follow Jesus!
- Discovery Class: 14 kids went through Discovery Kids this year.



# ALIVE KIDS



## THE GROWING PLACE

- Within three months of opening the new kids wing, TGP was operating at 95% capacity.
- 36 staff are currently caring for our children everyday.
- Met the income goal in March for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

## OUTREACH

- Easter Egg Hunt: 800+ people came out for food, fun, and community!
- Kids Week: 300+ kids attended & 72 salvations! We taught kids that God wants us to live our lives FULLY ALIVE because we can believe that what He says is TRUE!

**“God laid the vision for ‘The Clubhouse’ on my heart, and with the support of ALIVE Kids, we were able to intentionally design a space for kids in our community with special needs. It is such a blessing to see a need and be able to fill it. I felt isolated as a parent of two kids with special needs, but when I stepped out of my comfort zone to serve others like myself, I experienced the true joy of being a part of God’s church.”**

**-KELLY WHITEHEAD**



# DISCIPLESHIP

## *The 4 D's*

### **CENTRAL**

**Discovery: 125**

**Deepen: 92**

**Define/Decide: 74**

### **PLEASANT VIEW**

**Discovery: 6**

**Deepen: 8**

**Define/Decide: 8**

"This has been a growth spurt year for my soul. I wish I could say it's because of serving, but actually I've been on the receiving end of great programs offered by ALIVE. The 'Emotionally Healthy Spirituality' and 'Emotionally Healthy Relationships' studies gave me tools I needed to clean up some stunted areas. The 4D classes gave me a refresher course on our church and areas where I can best use my gifts. Thanks, whoever at ALIVE planned each of those! Mission accomplished."

**- JACKIE BRYANT**

"I started the 4D's just wanting to learn more about the church to decide if I wanted to join, then my life group decided we would go through the rest of the 4D's together."

Little did I know that God would use the Deepen, Define and Decide classes to lay on my heart the call to enter ministry. I encourage everyone to go through the 4D's because God may open your eyes and heart to what He would have you do to further the Kingdom!"

**- JAY LITTLETON**

# DISCIPLESHIP

**SMALL  
GROUPS  
78**

**LIFE  
GROUPS  
20**

**SMALL GROUP  
MEMBERS  
643**

**NEW  
MEMBERS  
74**

## **GROUPS**

Several small groups are becoming LIFE Groups. These are ongoing groups where people experience healthy, longterm community, and become missional believers.

One small group cared for a family facing a tough diagnosis – planning meals, doing housework, and even creating a regular schedule for laundry.

Several small groups invested in the community, providing gifts for shut-ins, care packages for people in a retirement community, doing work days at local non-profits, and more.

## **4D's**

People continue to jump into the 4D's - ALIVE's process for developing missional leaders. After running these classes for a year and a half, we are starting to see people step into new ministry roles.

## **RE|ENGAGE**

RE|ENGAGE has been awesome to watch as couples have stepped in and have discovered support, hope, and growth for their marriages. The program is also creating a culture of transparency and vulnerability that overtime will impact the ALIVE culture for discipleship.

# PLEASANT VIEW CAMPUS

- One of the greatest highlights at PVC is watching those who are a part of the ALIVE family discovering their personal gifts and sharing those gifts with others. A great example of this is the many volunteers who've plugged in over the last year and owned a specific area of the mission to reach the 24,000 spiritually hungry folks surrounding PVC.
- Each year the Egg hunt is a high point. This year many new faces came back after the Saturday Egg Hunt and attended Easter Sunday!



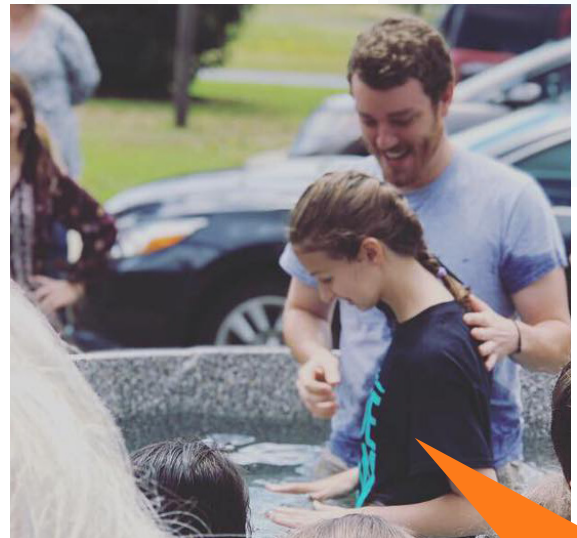
"I enjoy regularly seeing my church family and wanting to get to know others that are a part of it. Recently, I was encouraged to step out of my comfort zone and start hosting a small group. Through that group we have grown together and recently did an outreach to the 24,000 by passing out water at a local Chilli Cookoff. My encouragement would be to find a way for God to use you even if it is out of your comfort zone and invite someone else to come along!"

-Jeremy Nalley

# PLEASANT VIEW CAMPUS

**“Many have taken a risk to invite family, friends, and regularly give to see the 24,000 that are unchurched in our community find a personal relationship with Jesus. This is summed up in this one sentence that was said by a local principal: “I have never met a more giving church than you guys”.**

**-Kehl Hudson  
Campus Pastor**



**“ALIVE Pleasant View means the absolute world to me because I didn’t know God until my husband brought me to church. Through my journey so far, I have met the most amazing people; friends that we are able to do life with! They are now some of my closest friends and I know that I can depend on them for guidance, support, and most of all love when I’m not able to do those things for myself. I can’t think of a better way to go through life than with those you love!”**

**-Amy Elgin**

**“ALIVE is the place I can be fully human, fully broken and still be full of hope. We have so many opportunities for personal, spiritual and relational growth. I feel God’s love through worship, service, and community.”**

**- Paula Burgess**

- **Over 157 people have visited ALIVE PVC for the first time. Twenty five more guests visited PVC this year compared to last.**
- **This year, PVC launched its first Define Class and graduated the first group of people that fully completed the 4D’s. Many of these are actively serving at ALIVE and are ready to see other missional believers rise up.**

# GLOBAL OUTREACH

“ALIVE has chosen to be part of what God is doing in places where there is sometimes political instability. Due to these unforeseen circumstances, our teams and partners were forced to change the plan. We are reminded that God has called us to be part of a global mission to reach people with the good news of Jesus, no matter the challenges we face.”

- Beth Petersen

Through ALIVE's relationships with two missions organizations and partnerships with four missionary families, the ALIVE community was able to:

Support church planting in

- India
- Nepal
- Bhutan
- Mozambique
- Provide free or discounted education to over 200 children from the community.
- Help a group of people have portions of the Bible translated into their language for the very first time.
- Support a children's village in Haiti that is home to over 80 orphaned children.

- Four men traveled to Mozambique and helped facilitate a Pastors Training event, built relationships and encouraged church planters.
- ALIVE sent **three teams** to Haiti during the summer of 2018.
- The **first team** encouraged and provided continuing education for teachers at the Children's Village school.
- The **second team** was a combination of youth who had completed ALIVE student ministries leadership classes and adults who worked with teens at the Children's Village.
- The **third group** was part of construction projects on the Hospital grounds.



# LOCAL OUTREACH

## PARTNERING WITH THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

- Provided Central Elementary teachers with two duty-free lunches and connected with students.
- Provided teacher supplies, flu-season supplies, and snacks to local middle and high schools in the Fall semester (Pickens High, Liberty Middle and High, Daniel High, Edwards Middle, as well as Elementary schools).
- Were invited to lead two Daniel High School events where teachers were given a duty-free lunch. While there, the ALIVE volunteers spent time building relationships with students.
- Provided breakfast and a devotional for FCA meetings at Edwards Middle School, Daniel High School, Liberty Middle School, and Liberty High School. This allowed volunteers to share Christ's love with over 175 students on a monthly basis in the school system.



- Served over 200 teachers in Anderson County through duty free lunches, popsicles, snacks, cleaning classrooms, and providing breakfast.
- Distributed over 2000 “branded” pencil pouches to kids in five elementary schools, filled with goodies and supplies to begin school.
- Took “Jingle Jam” on the road to two local elementary schools and brought Christmas fun to over 1000 students and staff.
- Had the honor of having lunch with 18 principals from Pickens County Schools and discuss ways of reaching and caring for their kids together.
- Provided a snack cart for many Anderson County elementary school teachers.

# LOCAL OUTREACH

## FOCUS ON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

- Every year ALIVE is excited to welcome new students back to town and this year was no exception. Student Sunday was full of giveaways and even offered three new college small groups for students to join.
- College Fairs: ALIVE was a part of Southern Wesleyan, Clemson, and Anderson Universities welcome back fairs. Volunteers and staff were able to connect with students and introduce them to ALIVE.



# LOCAL OUTREACH

## IMPACTING LOCAL FAMILIES

### RE|ENGAGE

26 Couples have participated in RE|ENGAGE this past year.

“God and ALIVE opened doors when we first arrived with a prompt to launch a marriage ministry. We are blessed to see how God and His Word is enabling couples to grow in oneness in their marriage and are excited to see RE|ENGAGE reach others in our local community.”

- CAROL AND LEWIS MCMILLAN

“I loved the RE|ENGAGE program. We didn't have any issues we were working through other than life had gotten very busy and we had very little time for each other. RE|ENGAGE helped pull us back closer together through the Bible study. We grew to love the people in our small group and we are very grateful we signed up.”

- HALEY KELLEY

**FLE SMALL  
GROUPS  
8**

**FLE  
COACHES  
10**

## FINANCIAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

**I WAS BROKE.**  
**Now I'M NOT.**

**FLE  
ATTENDEES  
170**

# STUDENT MINISTRIES

## AWSM

- Baptized 18 students this year!
- Attendance - Weekly attendance hit an all-time high, averaging 92 people per week after a slow summer and building to 108 per week January-May.
- Met 151 Guests in the last year!
- Groups - Discipling 75 people a week (7-12th) and 25 people a week at Club 56.

**"I used to come to youth every Wednesday to be a part of a community that simultaneously loved me and challenged me. Now it's different, instead of seeking a 'pouring in' it's much more of a 'pouring out.' Missional leadership is less about me and what I feel I'm capable of and more about living a life of fearless worship. It is actually trusting God will do, 'far more than we could ever ask or imagine' when He nudges us to do something, even if we feel like we aren't adept to do it. AWSM took me from watching people live a life of worship, to actually doing it."**

**-Ellie Rhyne (High School Senior)**



# STUDENT MINISTRIES



- NTS participation - This year AWSM took 37 students to NTS, and many of them made life-altering decisions for Christ there!
- Sent 11 students and 3 adults to “Claim Your Campus” to be trained as prayer group leaders for their schools. This included three students who were already leading groups at three different schools in our region (Easley High, Daniel High, and Oconee Christian Academy).
- AWSM groups served multiple local families in need (medically, or related to aging) in various ways in the last year - cutting and hauling brush/trees, cleaning gutters, spreading mulch, and helping multiple families move loved ones in need.



**“AWSM has helped me in a lot of ways. My attitude has changed, my whole life has changed, and I’m closer with my family. I have friendships now that will never go away, and I have a great family - which is my small group.”**

**- Grant Wilson (High School Sophomore)**

# COMMUNITY

## NIGHT TO SHINE

- 190 Guests
- 430 Volunteers
- 100 parents / caregivers



NIGHT *to Shine*  
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## COMPASSION EXPERIENCE

- 2,830 Stories Walked Through
- 226 Children Rescued (Sponsored)



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

- 10 Active Stephen Ministers
- Have loved on 17 long term care receivers.



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN**  
**MINISTRY**

Our Stephen Ministers have faithfully provided one on one encouragement for people facing health, financial, and family challenges.

## MEMBERS

**16 / 17**  
**691**

**17 / 18**  
**819**

**18 / 19**  
**893**

## INCOME

**16 / 17**  
**ACTUAL**  
**\$2,180,179**

**17 / 18**  
**ACTUAL**  
**\$2,224,712**

**18 / 19**  
**ACTUAL**  
**\$2,191,099**

**19 / 20**  
**BUDGETED**  
**\$2,270,000**

## ATTENDANCE

**16 / 17**  
**1,444**

**17 / 18**  
**1,483**

**18 / 19**  
**1,487**

## HOPE GROWS HERE

**TOTAL  
PLEDGES**  
**258**

**TOTAL AMOUNT  
PLEGDED**  
**\$1,590,310**

**TOTAL GIVEN  
TO DATE**  
**\$813,224**  
**(51%)**

# DIGITAL



**571,000+ People  
Saw ALIVE on Facebook**

**1,000,000+  
The number of  
times ALIVE came  
up on Facebook**

**3,390,618  
MINUTES**

**THE AMOUNT OF TIME  
SERMON VIDEOS WERE  
WATCHED THIS PAST  
YEAR ON YOUTUBE**

**188,521  
NUMBER OF YOUTUBE  
VIEWS THIS PAST YEAR**

**9,500,520  
MINUTES WATCHED ON  
YOUTUBE SINCE 2012**



# FINANCES

## ALIVE Wesleyan Financial Report April 30, 2019

### Cash Accounts

First Citizens - Operating	\$	207,941
Wesleyan Investment Foundation		593,132
First Citizens - The Growing Place		37,334
Total Cash Accounts	\$	838,407

### Debt

Wesleyan Investment Foundation	\$	4,220,775
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Fund Balances	May 1, 2018 Balance	Receipts	Expenses	April 30, 2019 Balance
General Fund	\$ 208,561	\$ 2,191,099	\$ 2,188,911	\$ 210,750
The Growing Place Activities	62,322	1,184,757	1,176,744	70,334
96,000 Reach	159,229	150,000	700	308,529
Hope Grows Here Building Fund	205,606	343,814	534,561	14,859
Construction	(437,390)	2,713,339	2,275,949	-
Debt/Capital	150,000	-	-	150,000
Memorials	1,136	-	-	1,136
Small Group Activities	11,211	32,195	25,519	17,887
Outreach Activities	18,783	51,095	55,560	14,318
Operating Activities	41,461	40,778	31,644	50,594
Totals	\$ 420,918	\$ 6,707,077	\$ 6,289,587	\$ 838,407

# FINANCES

## ALIVE Wesleyan Church General Operating Fund May 1, 2018 - April 30, 2019

	Year to Date	Budget	Difference	Percent of Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Tithes & Offerings	1,983,575	2,050,000	66,425	96.76%
Sunday School	835	-	(835)	0.00%
Miscellaneous	8,049	1,000	(7,049)	804.95%
Interest Income	11,660	11,500	(160)	101.39%
TGP Revenue	186,981	186,000	(981)	100.53%
<b>INCOME TOTALS</b>	<b>2,191,099</b>	<b>2,248,500</b>	<b>57,401</b>	<b>97.45%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>				
Pastors	284,828	270,689	(14,139)	105.22%
Pastors' Housing	156,066	156,066	(0)	100.00%
Ministry Support Staff	189,182	221,261	32,079	85.50%
Office Support Staff	80,474	96,607	16,133	83.30%
Custodial	16,433	14,926	(1,507)	110.10%
Internship	30,536	53,623	23,087	56.95%
Security	9,446	9,900	454	95.42%
<b>Fringe Benefits Total</b>	<b>186,635</b>	<b>157,022</b>	<b>(29,613)</b>	<b>118.86%</b>
<b>Salaries and Benefits Total</b>	<b>953,602</b>	<b>980,094</b>	<b>26,492</b>	<b>97.30%</b>
<b>Ministries</b>				
Worship	62,679	63,909	1,230	98.07%
Outreach	178,900	194,970	16,070	91.76%
Fellowship	15,034	13,100	(1,934)	114.76%
Service	12,361	13,610	1,249	90.82%
Discipleship	35,459	33,379	(2,080)	106.23%
96,000 Reach	150,000	150,000	-	100.00%
<b>Ministries Totals</b>	<b>454,432</b>	<b>468,968</b>	<b>14,536</b>	<b>96.90%</b>
<b>Operations</b>	<b>147,251</b>	<b>149,683</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>98.37%</b>
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>382,930</b>	<b>387,100</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>98.92%</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>72,696</b>	<b>87,655</b>	<b>14,959</b>	<b>82.93%</b>
<b>General &amp; District Budget</b>	<b>178,000</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>(3,000)</b>	<b>101.71%</b>
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>	<b>2,188,911</b>	<b>2,248,500</b>	<b>59,589</b>	<b>97.35%</b>
<b>Over / (Under)</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,188)</b>	

# FINANCES

## ALIVE Wesleyan Church Recommended 2019 - 2020 Budget

	2018-2019 Actual	2018-2019 Budget	2019-2020 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Tithes and Offerings	1,983,575	2,050,000	2,050,000
The Growing Place	186,981	186,000	210,000
Interest Income	11,660	12,500	10,000
Other	8,884	-	-
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>2,191,100</b>	<b>2,248,500</b>	<b>2,270,000</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	953,602	980,094	1,022,550
Ministries			
Worship	62,679	63,909	63,320
Outreach	178,900	194,970	144,400
Fellowship	15,034	13,100	13,350
Service	12,361	13,610	13,560
Discipleship	35,459	33,379	33,330
96,000 Reach	150,000	150,000	155,600
Ministries Total	454,432	468,968	423,560
Operations	147,251	149,683	129,100
Facilities and Equipment			
Building Payment	239,729	240,000	320,000
Improvements/Repairs	54,994	45,900	40,320
Equipment/Technology	88,207	101,200	69,700
Utilities	72,696	87,655	86,770
Facilities and Equipment Total	455,626	474,755	516,790
Other			
General and District Budget	178,000	175,000	178,000
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>2,188,911</b>	<b>2,248,500</b>	<b>2,270,000</b>

# **2019 - 2020 LAY LEADERSHIP**

## **LBA MEMBERS**

### **SENIOR**

**KEN HALL  
JOY ELLISON**

### **JUNIOR**

**PAM FIPPS  
JUSTIN PETERSEN**

### **FRESHMEN**

**DON MILSTEAD  
CAROL MCMILLAN**

### **TREASURERS**

**JANICE BISHOP  
CHARLES TEGEN**

### **SECRETARY**

**HEATHER TOUCHBERRY**

## **TRUSTEES**

### **SENIOR**

**JON STANLEY**

### **JUNIOR**

**BERT EPTING**

### **FRESHMAN**

**DAN CROSBY**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO BOB BLACK, KATHY  
SWANK, AND JIM TOLLESON FOR THEIR  
THREE YEARS OF SERVICE.**



NOTES



REACHING SPIRITUALLY  
HUNGRY PEOPLE

