

We Are Central

Serving Christ in Congregation and Community

2017 Community Impact Report



The Christian Faith is about Impact

Jesus came from God to transform the world with love made flesh and bone. We are all made in God's image, and redeemed by this love. All of God's creation will experience this salvation of God.

With everything we do and say at Central, we want to ask, "How are we impacting the world for Christ?" What are each of us doing individually, collectively, and through our influence?

How is Central Impacting the World?

Our ministry as Christian people is to convey this message and conduct our lives so that it is realized in and around us. Here at Central, it may look like:

- Grandchildren leaving worship on Sunday afternoon telling the family how God spoke to them through the experience.
- Adults hearing stories of resilience and redemption through struggle, leading them to believe they too can find healing and new life.
- Families living with disability seeing their loved one flourish in a place of welcome, embrace, and invitation to full expression of embodiment.

Your giving makes all this possible.



Westside Players Academy 2017 Summer Showtunes ~ A wonderful revival of a decades long legacy!



Worship has "gone to the dogs" 1st & 3rd Sunday 9am worship service in the Central Dog Park.

We are Stories. People know us by the stories we tell and the ones we create together through shared experience. The same is true of our life in God. We know God through stories others have told - like in The Bible - and the stories of our experiences of God through our lives. In these pages you catch glimpses of stories of lives impacted and communities being healed and transformed. You are asked to imagine how we might deepen and broaden this influence both within and beyond Central Christian Church.

Our Off-Campus Community Impact Partners

Central partners with these and other groups in the surrounding context around our campus to impact individuals, families and entire communities.

North Dallas Shared Ministries
Pastors for Texas Children
Juliette Fowler Communities
Meals on Wheels
Area Hospital Volunteer Auxiliaries
Thai Christian Fellowship

Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries
Maple Lawn Elementary and Rusk Middle School
Austin Street & Genesis Women's Shelters
Week of Compassion & Church World Service
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
St. Thomas The Apostle Episcopal Church



Promoting Education

Education is essential to the foundation for a life of possibility and pursuit of God's best for us. Mentoring, Homework Club, Reading Buddies, School Supply Drives, Site-based Decision Making and the Campus Turnaround Initiative Team are among the ways that we partner with the faculty, students and families of Maple Lawn and Rusk, our DISD neighborhood schools.

Supporting communities in need

Raising funds and collecting items for those in emergency situations. Partnering for ongoing community development with local agencies and families. Venturing into work projects with communities, locally and at a distance. Reflecting and working for immediate response and sustainable systemic transformation that addresses the root causes of poverty.



Fostering Collaboration and Innovation

Central is partnering with nonprofit leaders, entrepreneurs, creatives, telecommuters and people in transition. We are entering and creating "spaces of collaboration" (called coworking) both on our campus and throughout North Texas. We recognize that helping people flourish and experience true community in the workplace is a core ministry for the 21st century. Our building is an amazing resource within which people can become all God intends.



Our On-Campus Community Impact Partners

Central's ministry includes strategic partnerships with these and other groups to promote wholeness in all aspects of human life. We are stronger together.

Connecting Point of Park Cities
Sunday Morning Live and CMA (Tue / Thr Noon)
(12 Step Recovery Groups - LGBT Welcoming)
SyncLife & Table Coworking
Central Dog Park
NTX Coworking Alliance

Berean Evangelical Church of Ethiopia
The Gathering Worship Community
Westside Players & WPA Academy
Cast of Bronze Community Handbell Choir
Area Neighborhood Associations
Conference and Workshop Hosts

Spiritual Growth

Whether exploring Spirituality of Stage and Screen, listening to guest speakers, or deepening our experiences of prayer, we seek to grow in our understanding and practice of our faith. We value connecting ancient wisdom from scripture and tradition in language our present culture can hear and understand.



Physical Wellbeing and Flourishing

Central has a strong commitment to promoting wellbeing through 12 Step Groups Sunday Morning Live (AA) and Crystal Meth Anonymous. We also host Tai Chi movement classes. These are great compliments to our amazing partnership with Connecting Point of Park Cities, affirming that whatever your abilities or limitations, there is a place of belonging and the opportunity to thrive.



Diverse Communities

Diversity is difficult, but Central continues to strive for it. One way is through hosting several worshipping and teaching Communities in addition to our 11am Sanctuary Service. We seek to hear and speak across difference, and allow God to and through us. Diverse leadership and friendship is one good way to achieve diversity in community. Along the way we seek opportunities to fellowship and celebrate together.



The Money - How it flows and where it goes...

Where it goes?

It is said that individuals and organizations reveal their values through their check books. As you can see in the table to the right, more than ½ the church's expenses serve beyond the congregation's membership. This is accomplished through the tithe (10%) of our giving that we send directly to our Impact Partners. In addition, we direct our programming, facilities, and staff time so that we are not just serving ourselves in a self-gratifying feedback loop. Central exists for the sake of the world Christ came to serve and save. Our goal and prayer is that we remain and increase in faithfulness to this invitation from God to bless others. *(This table illustrates how expenses related to staff time, building expense, and programming are allocated across these five ministry areas.)*

How it flows?

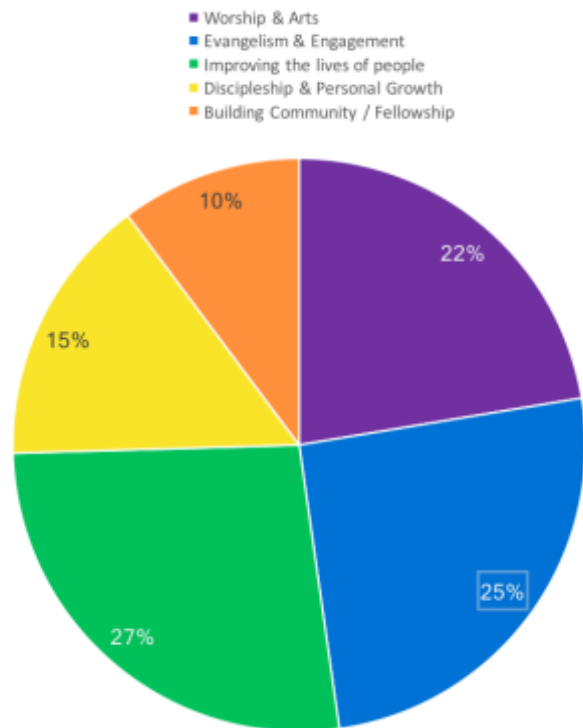
Central has a heritage of faithful and committed givers from throughout the congregation and community who believe in the ability of Central to impact the world in positive ways and spread the Good News of God's love that we encounter in Jesus Christ. Through increased giving, shared cost use donations from our Impact Partners, and growth of our Endowment, we will be able to expand our ministry to bless even more people. **Won't you join us?**

**Please join your heart with ours
as we impact the world for good.**

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2018 Expense Allocations by Ministry Area



2018 Projected Income by Source

