



Open

Doors

2016
MISSION
UPDATE

VINEYARD
CINCINNATI
CHURCH

When we're **open to God's plans**,
He will change us...

He changes us so we can
grow and improve...

When we grow and improve,
we make a difference in
other people's lives!

"I KNOW ALL THE THINGS YOU DO,
AND I HAVE OPENED A DOOR FOR
YOU THAT NO ONE CAN CLOSE."

Revelation 3:8

God opens doors no one can shut...

Your investment and trust in the mission of this church is so very important!

Thank you for being open to giving from what you have to support the Kingdom work of Vineyard Cincinnati Church. The local church is God's best plan to reach our neighbors and our community with the love and truth of Jesus. Together we serve a God who multiplies what we offer to him beyond what we could ever imagine without him. As I begin my fourth year as the senior pastor of our church, I recognize more clearly than ever my responsibilities to our spiritual family here and to the lost who have not yet found the hope that exists in the Lord.

This report of the past year of ministry is intended to give you a sense of encouragement for the year ahead, and to share some of the practical numbers behind ministry—because behind every number is a story. Let's never take for granted the amazing opportunities we have as a church to serve others—and to walk through the "doors" he opens together! We thank God for the great things he has done, and we thank you for the part you play in this community.

We love you...and we continue to pray for you!

Rob King
Senior Pastor

Vineyard values

These values are central to everything
Vineyard Cincinnati Church stands for.



❖ WORSHIP

It's all about God.

❖ ACCEPTANCE

To love the people of Cincinnati into a relationship with Jesus.

❖ GROWTH

God loves you just as you are, but too much to leave you that way.

❖ SERVING

Small things done with great love will change the world.

❖ GENEROSITY

We're giving away to the world what God has given us.

❖ BEING TOGETHER

Life is better done together.

FINALLY, BROTHERS & SISTERS, WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE—IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT OR PRAISEWORTHY—THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS. **Philippians 4:8**



Open to worship

1%

THE AMOUNT OF OUR DAY THAT
EQUALS ONLY 15 MINUTES OF TIME
READING GOD'S WORD!

6,250

THE NUMBER OF PRAYER REQUESTS
AND ANSWERED PRAYERS PRAYED
FOR BY VINEYARD STAFF IN 2016 —
PRAYERS THAT SHOW OUR GRATITUDE
AND RELIANCE ON GOD'S WILL.

75 & 57

CHILDREN WHO MADE A SALVATION
DECISION TO BECOME CHRIST FOLLOWERS
& CHILDREN WHO WERE BAPTIZED!


147:1

THE PSALM THAT REMINDS US:
"PRAISE THE LORD! FOR IT IS GOOD
TO SING PRAISES TO OUR GOD; FOR
IT IS PLEASANT, AND A SONG OF
PRAISE IS FITTING."


REFLECTIONS FROM 2016...

"I came back to the church in 2016 after 20 years. Now I can't wait for Sunday to come. Church—this church—has saved me!" ❖

"I have been a Christian since I was probably 15 years old, but never felt the need to get baptized. Finally in 2016, I was able to draw near and get baptized with my son." ❖



We started 2016 weekend teaching by exploring how to **Begin Again** with the real hope and change that God offers, and realized **How to Love** according to God's great definition. We challenged ourselves to embrace **Generosity** and give from what we've been given, and pursued a better understanding of key **"Cross Words"** that helped us understand the comeback of the crucifixion and resurrection at **Easter**.



In 2016 we celebrated **Christmas** and **Easter** with over 17,000 people visiting the church, and became better and more loving neighbors through the **Art of Neighboring**. We got a little **Crazy Like Us**, got **Unstuck**, celebrated **Father's Day**, and we even had our **Mind Blown** by what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount.

Our weekend worship

We heard from spiritual **Voices**, remembered the **Good News**, and learned that everything is **Under God**. Along the way we checked our principles of **Forgiveness**, and listened to weekend messages about how to **Worship, Live in the Kingdom, Roll With It** and how our Vineyard value of **Being Together** really works.

Open to accepting each other

700

PEOPLE SERVED EACH WEEK THROUGH THE MERCYWORKS FOOD PANTRY AT EASTGATE.

1,645

PEOPLE SIGNED-UP FOR THE HUNGER WALK AND \$70,614 WAS RAISED TO HELP THE HEALING CENTER FEED FAMILIES IN NEED.

14,400

MOUTHS FED THROUGH TURKEYFEST (BASED ON 1,800 BOXES THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED).



4,268

FAMILIES SERVED THROUGH HEALING CENTER PROGRAMS WHERE "HELP FOR THE WHOLE PERSON" IS THE FOCUS.

REFLECTIONS FROM 2016...

"Around early September I was drawn to the Vineyard after not being in attendance for years. I was a long-standing member and volunteer but somehow lost my way. I came on a Sunday and it was the "Unstuck" series—something I really

needed to hear. I haven't missed a series since. I've enrolled in FPU and volunteered for VITA. Thanks to Jesus and the Vineyard for welcoming me back!" ❖

401

FOLKS WHO LEARNED NEW WAYS OF MANAGING GOD'S RESOURCES THROUGH MARGIN CLASSES, AND BY WORKING DIRECTLY WITH MONEY COACHES.

1,500

COURAGEOUS PEOPLE THAT GREW TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS THROUGH GROUPS, CLASSES, HUDDLES AND SEMINARS OFFERED THROUGH THE GROWTH & HEALING MINISTRY.

252

BUSINESS LEADERS & OWNERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ONELIFE MINISTRY THAT'S DESIGNED TO HELP THOSE IN THE MARKETPLACE PURSUE GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR WORK...AND LIFE.

1,768

PEOPLE WHO INTENTIONALLY PURSUED A DEEPENING OF THEIR FAITH BY BEING IN A SMALL GROUP.

Open to growing



443

SPIRITUAL EXPLORERS WHO TOOK A HEALTHY STEP TOWARD JESUS THROUGH BAPTISM, ALPHA & OUR FOUNDATIONS CLASSES.

REFLECTIONS FROM 2016...

"My mother and brother passed away in Jan. and Feb. 2016. They were my only immediate family. At that point I felt very alone, but I knew I had 3 little boys that needed me so I made a way to attend church every Sunday. I wanted to thank Vineyard Church in helping me through the most difficult time of my life without even knowing." ❖

"I've become very close with the people I serve with at the Healing Center. I rely on their friendship and fellowship as a large part of my spiritual life." ❖

Open to service

230,000 & 55

SQUARE FOOTAGE & ACREAGE OF BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY SUPPORTED, CLEANED, LANDSCAPED AND MANAGED BY VINEYARD'S FACILITIES STAFF AND AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

35,200

OUNCES OF COFFEE SERVED AT THE VINEYARD IN 2016.



750

VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE WEEKEND SERVICES A PLACE WHERE GUESTS CAN EXPERIENCE GOD.

70,000 & 32,000

MEALS & GALLONS OF WATER PACKED FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD BY VINEYARD STUDENTS (MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL) DURING SOS!



REFLECTIONS FROM 2016...

"I began drawing near to God when I started working in the Café. I have never really felt a sense of community in a church before."

Getting plugged into the Café made the Vineyard feel more like home and prompted me to take Foundations classes." ❖

REFLECTIONS FROM 2016...

"In 2016, I found myself fighting with tithes, and taking a finance class (Balanced) drove me to contribute double of what I have been. I'm still a work in progress with it, but I see myself

getting better with it. My wife and I will soon get there and we'll continue to be better at it. I am a work in progress!" ❖

Open to being generous

42,000

DONUTS GIVEN AWAY AFTER CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF CINCINNATI.

\$20,301

FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE HEALING CENTER TO 118 FAMILIES TO HELP KEEP THEM IN THEIR HOMES.

\$9,571,372

GENEROUSLY GIVEN THAT FUELED MINISTRY...ONE DOLLAR AT A TIME!

\$82,470

FUNDS DEVELOPED FOR MERCYWORKS THROUGH THE EASTGATE SITE WITH MEIJER "SIMPLY GIVE."



Open to being together

105

NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP WEEKLY AT OUR SPANISH CHURCH, LA VIÑA (A 17% INCREASE FROM 2015).

277

VINEYARD MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN LAUNCH, OUR BIGGEST EVER START TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

5,197

PEOPLE ON AVERAGE WHO GATHERED TOGETHER ACROSS ALL SITES EACH WEEKEND AT VINEYARD CINCINNATI CHURCH.

1,000

STUDENTS AND CHILDREN WHO GREW IN DISCIPLESHIP WEEKLY IN STUDENT AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES.



REFLECTIONS FROM 2016...

"I changed my work schedule so I could go to church on Sundays with my friends at the Vineyard. It was important to me to be in a community with my church and Christian friends. I prayed and asked that my schedule change. Guess what? It did! Thank you God!" ❖

"Started a small group from two people and we reached out and then people came! Now six weeks later we had six people interested in the study of Jesus. Just when I thought no one was interested." ❖

How we...

"I'M DRAWING NEARER TO JESUS DAILY. I APPRECIATE THE MANY HEALINGS I'VE RECEIVED. THANK YOU JESUS FOR YOUR MIRACLES YOU'VE GIVEN ME! AND THANK YOU FOR THE VINEYARD. AMEN!"

"THIS YEAR HAS BEEN HARD FOR ME IN MANY WAYS...GOING THROUGH A DIVORCE. WHAT HAS MADE MY LIFE EASIER IS READING MY BIBLE, VOLUNTEERING ON THE WELCOME TEAM AND ATTENDING FPU. ALL OF THESE THINGS HAVE GIVEN ME STRENGTH, PEACE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. EVEN THOUGH THIS YEAR MAY HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST, I HAVE LEARNED THE MOST."

❖ draw near to God

"LAST YEAR I DECIDED TO NOT ONLY DO THE CHURCH-WIDE DAILY BIBLE READINGS, BUT AGREED TO CHECK-IN WITH A FRIEND EVERY DAY TO KEEP EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE. IT KEPT BOTH OF US ON TRACK AND ALSO BROUGHT US CLOSER TO EACH OTHER."

"I'M TAKING THE TIME OUT EVERY DAY TO READ THE BIBLE. I HAVE FOUND MYSELF RUSHING TO MY BIBLE IN THE MORNING TO READ. NEVER IN MY 65 YEARS HAVE I FELT THIS ANXIOUSNESS TO READ. I PLAN ON GETTING THROUGH 2017 PROJECT 3:45 GUIDE...I HAVE ENCOURAGED MY DAUGHTERS TO DO THE SAME."

❖ stir up

"WE ARE GOING INTO OUR 10TH YEAR AS A SMALL GROUP. WITHOUT MY SMALL GROUP I CAN'T IMAGINE WHERE I'D BE. LOVE, SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT IS WHAT I GET BESIDES STUDYING GOD'S WORD. YOU SEE, I AM THE ONLY CHRISTIAN IN MY FAMILY AND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT. GOD HAS BLESSED ME WITH THE PEOPLE IN MY SMALL GROUP!"

REFLECTIONS FROM 2016

❖ and hold fast

The Generosity

...OF FAITHFUL GIVERS

The Church

& STEWARDSHIP

2016 SUMMARY

OVERVIEW

One of the things that is clear about the people at Vineyard Cincinnati Church is their commitment to generosity and reaching out to the community. 2016 has demonstrated that when followers of Jesus act together, funds are used in God-honoring ways to impact lives here in Cincinnati and all around the world.

It took the giving of 4,096 people, many of whom significantly increased their giving in 2016, to fuel all of the transformative ministry that happened at the Vineyard.

INCOME

The "Open Doors" year-end giving response was extremely encouraging as our congregation rose to the challenge of abundantly investing in God's vision for this community in 2017!

Here's how income breaks down by the major categories for fiscal 2016 (Sept. 1, 2015 through Aug. 31, 2016):

Consolidated Vineyard Fiscal Year 2016

CONTRIBUTIONS

General Contributions	\$8,526,376
Healing Center	\$569,567
Outreach	\$140,066
World Missions	\$107,670
Other Contributions.....	\$173,693

Total Contributions.....\$9,517,372

OTHER INCOME

Event Registrations, Other.....	\$538,782
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Total Income\$10,056,154

Fiscal Year 2016–2017

For the first 4 months of the new fiscal year (Sept. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016), the Vineyard is 8% above projected contribution income for fiscal 2017 (Sept. 1, 2016 through Aug. 31, 2017).

An in-depth look at a church's financials can tell you a lot about their effectiveness, vision, and priorities.

Our leadership has always considered themselves stewards of God's resources. The Vineyard has the responsibility of managing the Kingdom investments of thousands of people, and we don't take that responsibility lightly.

Transparency is critical to ensuring sound stewardship in the handling of finances.

Our Executive Team and Board of Trustees approve budgets and continually monitor Vineyard Cincinnati Church expenses.

We're open to answering any of your questions about income, expenses or debt at any time.

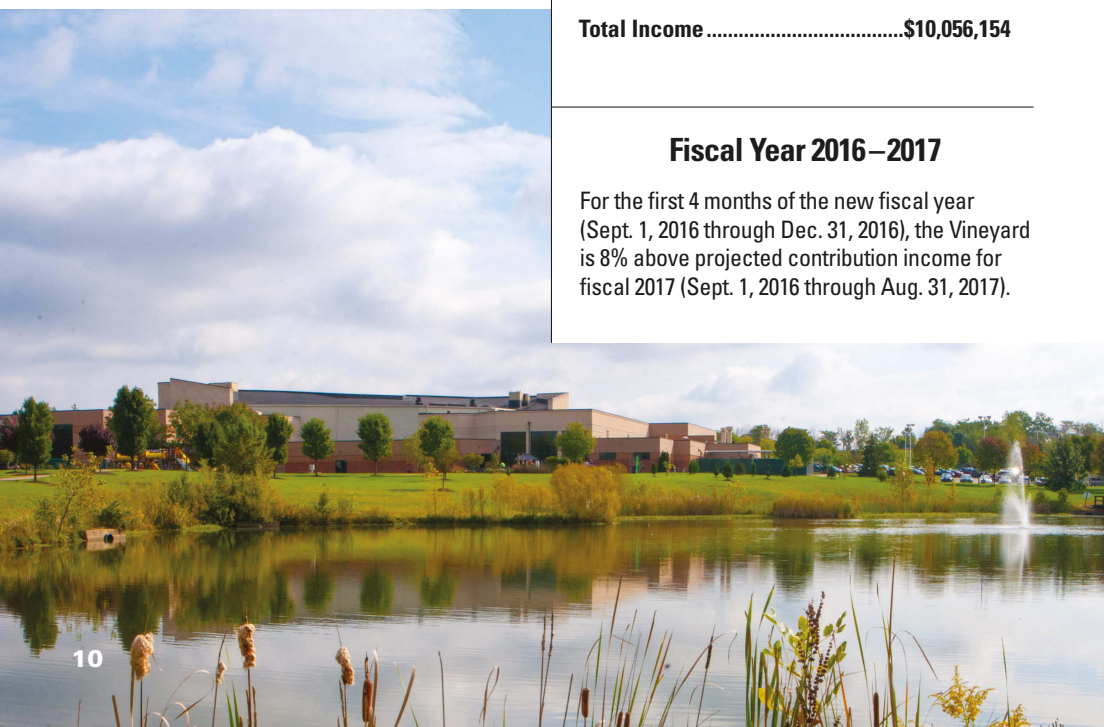
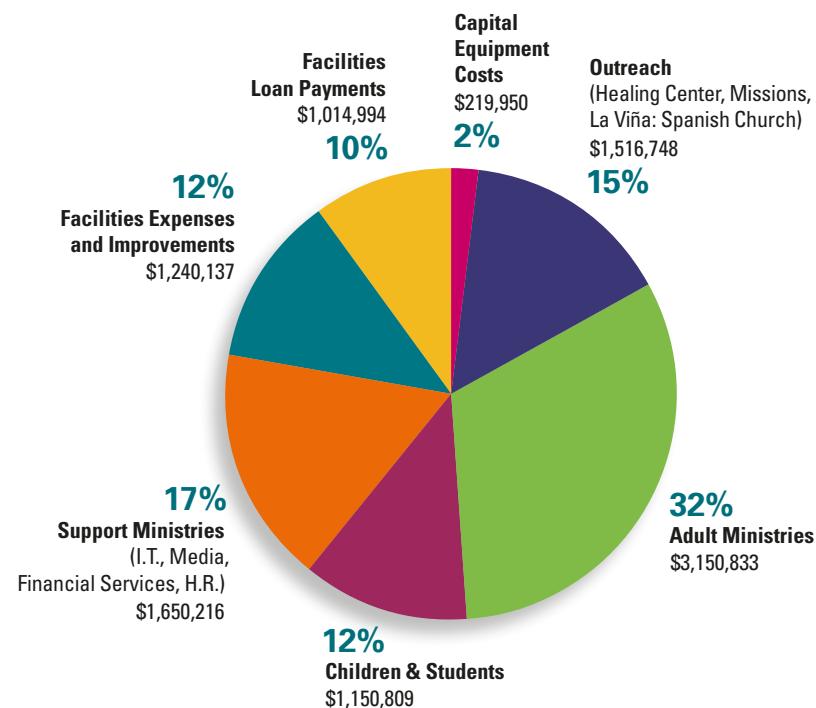
The pie chart below is a representation of the Body of Christ at the Vineyard—all working together in our areas of strength to accomplish the mission God has given us.

As the church has grown, so has the responsibility to continue to reach out, expand, and steward all that has been given. Generous giving allowed the Vineyard to do some great things in 2016. We were able to renovate key areas of the church without adding debt. We will also be able to ensure more appropriate worship areas for students and children with upgrades to facilities in the Vineyard Kids and Vineyard Students ministries.

NOTE: The Vineyard is now saving approximately \$25,000 per year by transitioning all lighting to LED bulbs during 2016!

Use of Overall Contribution Funds

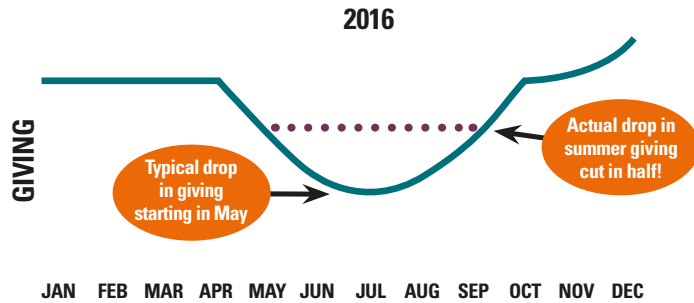
(Sept. 1, 2015 to Aug. 31, 2016)



Financial SUMMARY

HIGHLIGHTS

Normally during the summer, Vineyard Cincinnati Church experiences a drop in giving. This past summer, senior pastor Rob King addressed that practical challenge for our church and, because of this congregation's faithful and intentional response, the traditional "summer slump" of giving was cut in half!



DOLLAR OFFERINGS

Our *Dollar Offerings* encouraged everyone to give at least \$1 to a local generosity initiative.

In 2016 Princeton Closet received \$7,500 from our dollar offering to assist their mission, and we partnered with the city of Springdale to provide another \$7,800 to improve a nearby park that will benefit the Willows Apartment Complex community.

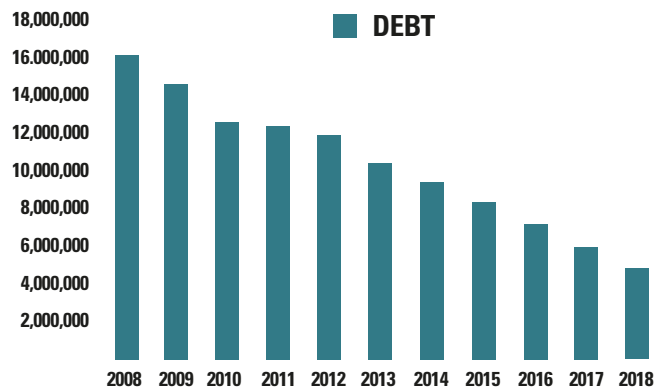
ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Every year Vineyard Cincinnati Church has employed the services of an independent accounting firm to perform an annual financial audit. We continue to receive highly positive reports on our financial practices and processes. Another positive report was issued for this past fiscal year.

EXPENSES & RESOURCES

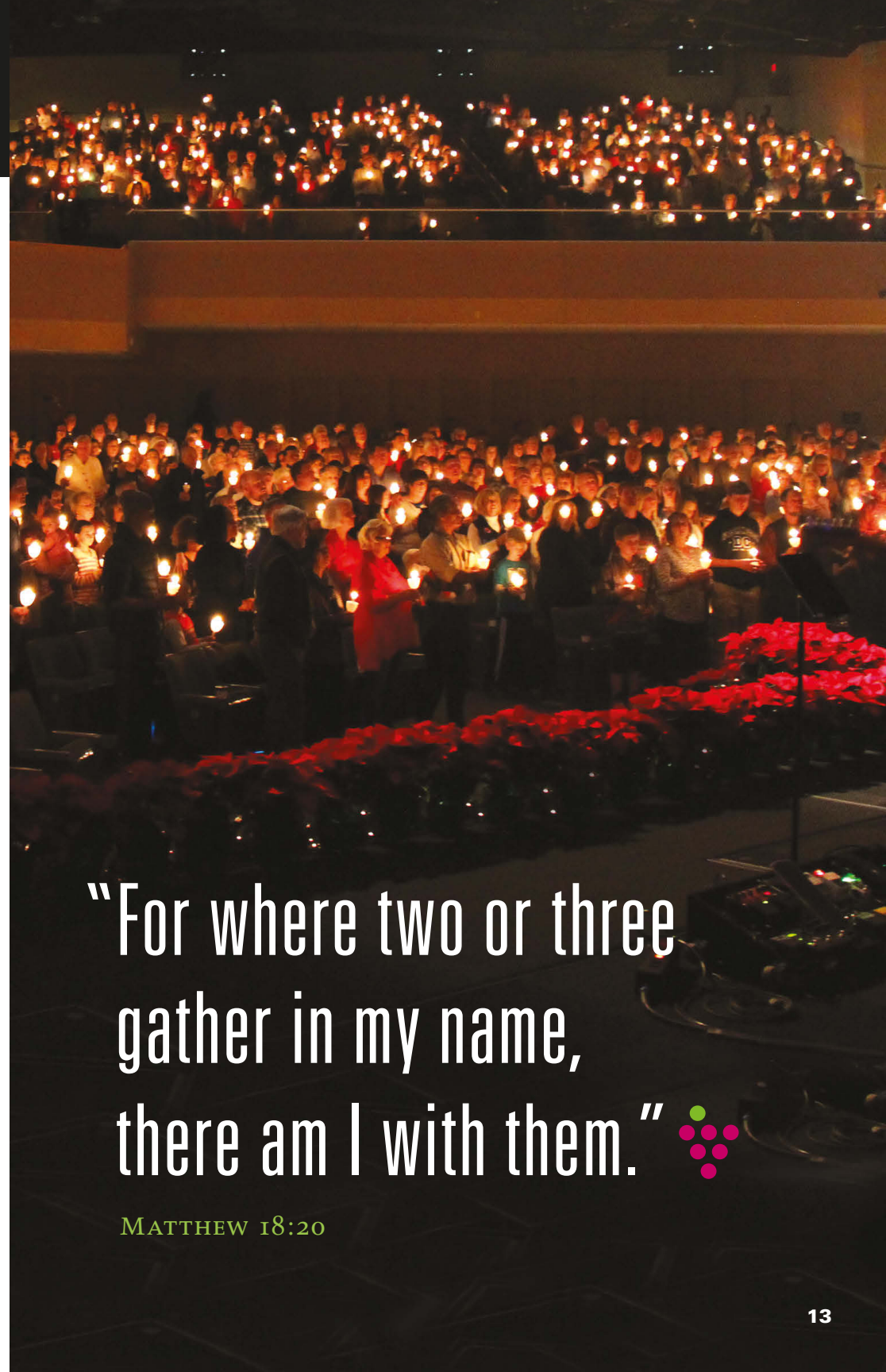
Expenses for the fiscal year 2016 (Sept. 1, 2015 – Aug. 31, 2016) were within 2.5% of budget.

From a high in 2008, Vineyard Cincinnati Church has cut its debt in *half*, and is on-schedule to reduce by half again in the next 4 years (by 2020).



We want to hear your feedback, ideas and questions about Vineyard finances, so please contact:

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“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”



MATTHEW 18:20

OUR MISSION

To love the people of Cincinnati
into relationship with Jesus
and give away to the world
what God has given us.



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