

# Thankful

Small things done with great love will change the world



**2015 MISSION UPDATE**  
VINEYARD CINCINNATI

# Thankful for your generosity



***There's so much to be thankful for in this past year at Vineyard Cincinnati!***

*First of all I want to thank you for giving sacrificially of your time, talent and money. This church simply would not exist if not for the obedient and generous folks like you! After all, it's not about one of us doing everything, but all of us doing our part that makes this place possible.*

*I like to think of the thousands of people that have found practical help and life-changing hope in Christ this past year through our ministry efforts. Our community continues to be impacted by this unique group of Jesus followers who believe that small things done with great love will change the world!*

*This past year we felt the Father lead us as a Church (and staff) to prioritize His Word, our prayer and devotional time, and our investment in the next generation. I'm excited to have you read in this report how God has moved both in and through our church family in the last year. I think you will be encouraged and inspired for the year ahead!*

*As we look back on this year I trust you will be able to say this with me, "The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes." Psalm 118:23*

*We love you, and we are praying for you!*

***Rob King***  
*Senior Pastor*

- ! Prayers have been answered...*
- ! Lives have been saved...*
- Children and students are being reached...*
- Healing has begun...*

Our values are central to everything we do.

### Worship

It's all about God.

### Acceptance

Love the people of Cincinnati into a relationship with Jesus.

### Growth

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

### Serving

Small things done with great love will change the world.

### Generosity

Giving away to the world what God has given us.

### Being Together

Life is better done together.

# Thankful for our values



*Jesus replied "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."*

**MATTHEW 22:37-38**

# Worship is why we exist

**God can take our small efforts and turn them into God-sized results.**

People visited Vineyard Cincinnati **286,604** times during weekend services in 2015 and celebrated God through **4,368** minutes of worship music!

**3:45**, or 3 minutes and 45 seconds, is the time it takes to participate in a daily discipline of reading God's Word with *Project 3:45*.

Vineyard staff gathers **50** days per year—one morning per week—to pray over written prayer requests.



↑ ***Thankful for... prayers answered!***  
*"I asked God to find me and bring me back to church again after not going for months. This is my fourth week back! Praise Jesus!"*

**We demonstrate care and compassion in everything we do.**

**Through the Healing Center in 2015...**

**39,472** services were provided to those in need throughout the city of Cincinnati by **715** volunteers contributing **39,436** hours of service!

**4,344** households were cared for, and **211,566** meals were funded and distributed as part of the annual Hunger Walk.

# Acceptance means loving people



***Thankful for... prayers answered!***

*"God answered my prayer by my having a church home. A glorious home where I'm thankful to serve, to tithe and to worship. I'm new to Cincinnati, but not new to Jesus. He continues to amaze and I'm thankful."*



# Growth reveals who we're becoming



**God loves us just the way we are, but too much to leave us that way.**

**1,543** people received prayer, support and encouragement from **165** leaders in **90** Growth & Healing groups, classes and seminars.

**Healthy things grow...**

**476** people took a healthy step toward Jesus through baptism, Alpha and our Introduction to the Bible class, and **505** learned new ways of managing God's resources through Margin classes, and by working directly with Money Coaches.

**134** business leaders and owners participated in OneLife groups and events specifically designed to help those in the marketplace pursue God's plan for their work...and life.



***Thankful for... prayers answered!***

*"After deciding to dedicate 10% weekly income to my tithe, God has provided each step of the way. The worry and stress of money has been lifted! Amen!"*

**We serve each other. We serve in our church.  
We serve our city.**

*Small things done with great love* was expressed with over **4,400** cups of coffee served on average each week, and by over **750** volunteers who serve to make weekend services a place where guests can experience God.

Our hospitality volunteers shared over **9,000** smiles with our guests each weekend!

**550** volunteers gave their time and energy and filled over **1,500** serving roles to serve Cincinnati during *Summer of Service* (SOS).

# Serving shows our heart

↑ ***Thankful for... prayers answered!***

*“This church was an answer to my search to find God’s love in a place of worship. I pray for you and all the good works this church does. Christ-driven not person-driven.”*



# Generosity involves giving back



When we live selfless, generous lives it lets everyone around us know of the real life change that is happening *in us*.

Over **2,300** families received a complete Thanksgiving dinner through TurkeyFest.

**42,000** donuts were given away all over Cincinnati (and in several areas beyond!) following our Christmas Eve services.

**9,820,687** dollars were generously given to fuel ministry... one dollar at a time!



***Thankful for prayers answered!***

*“God told me not to worry, He had me. Prayers have been answered daily. I have less than half the income but bills have been paid and food is provided. God even sent a hot water heater. I feel healing every day!”*



## God shows up in unique ways when we gather together in groups!

An average of **5,512** people worshiped together across all sites each week at Vineyard Cincinnati, and over **1,000** students and children grew in discipleship weekly in student ministries and DiscoveryLand.

Christmas Parties brought the joy of Christmas to over **800** families at the Healing Center in Tri-County, MercyWorks in Eastgate, and community centers in Uptown and Middletown.

# Being Together makes life better



***Thankful for prayers answered!***

*“Praise God I have found a group at the Vineyard I am comfortable with to study and fellowship with.”*

# ↑ Thankful for...prayers answered!



*“...he made my job better!”*

**My job was horrible, low pay, a lot of stress and I was treated very badly.**

I came to the Healing Center, worked on my resume and asked for prayer to get a better job. God answered my prayer. I did not get a new job, but he made my job better! I got a raise, my workload was lessened and I was put on a new healthier team. I am glad I have my job and God answered my prayer the way He chose.

*“...hope for my future”*

**My son was stillborn in August.**

I came to church every weekend after, and after one service my family had the prayer team pray with us. My faith, and our church, gave and continues to give me strength and hope for my future. I'm currently back in school and close to receiving my bachelor's degree. God continues to give me strength daily. I'm so blessed to be part of this church community. God is Good!

*“My prayers have been answered so many times...”*

**God has kept his support close to my family.** He has given my sweet wife the strength and leadership to bring my two grandchildren into our home and teach them the presence of God — to trust, love, and respect God. They are exposed to the Bible in this church! They love to come here! My prayers have been answered so many times. From my marriage in 1980, my sobriety in 1991, my grandson coming to live with us 9 years ago, and exposure to God in this “alive” church! Thank you, God!

*“I have the power...”*

**I was sure I wasn't able to stop my sin of choice.** Now, through the word and spirit, I know I have the power to do it! And I am doing it now.

*“I truly love my church home...”*

**I had been in between churches the past couple of years.** God led me back to VC as an answer to prayer. It's clear that this is home. I experience the most amazing peace — total peace — during worship and the message. I truly love my church home and am so grateful that God led me back! (And I truly enjoy connecting here and serving, etc.) His blessings to all of you. I pray daily for all of the VC staff! God has blessed me richly through VC!

# Thankful for...the generosity of faithful givers

## 2015 Financial Summary

### Overview

**The generosity of thousands of people create the opportunity for the Vineyard to serve the city of Cincinnati.**

When you've contributed to the Vineyard financially, you've invested in the life transformation and spiritual growth of those we serve. The faithful giving by over 4,000 people in 2015 allowed this mission to continue participating in what God is doing in the community.

### Income

**As we finished 2015, a strong response to year-end-giving helped launch us into the 2016 ministry year!**

**Here's how income breaks down by the major categories for fiscal 2015 (Sept. 1, 2014 through Aug. 31, 2015):**

### CONSOLIDATED VINEYARD FISCAL YEAR 2015

#### CONTRIBUTIONS:

General Contributions .....	\$8,329,588
Healing Center .....	\$608,635
Outreach .....	\$140,342
World Missions.....	\$102,355
Other Contributions.....	\$133,006
Facility Renovation Contribution .....	\$506,761
<b>Total Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$9,820,687</b>

#### OTHER INCOME:

Event Registrations, Other.....	\$390,982
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$10,211,669</b>

### FISCAL 2015–2016

For the first 4 months of the new fiscal year, the Vineyard is on pace toward its budgeted contribution income for fiscal 2016 (Sept. 1, 2015 through Aug. 31, 2016).



# Thankful for...the opportunity to be good stewards

**We believe we are called to be good stewards of the generous financial gifts provided for us to use by faithful givers in this church community.**

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

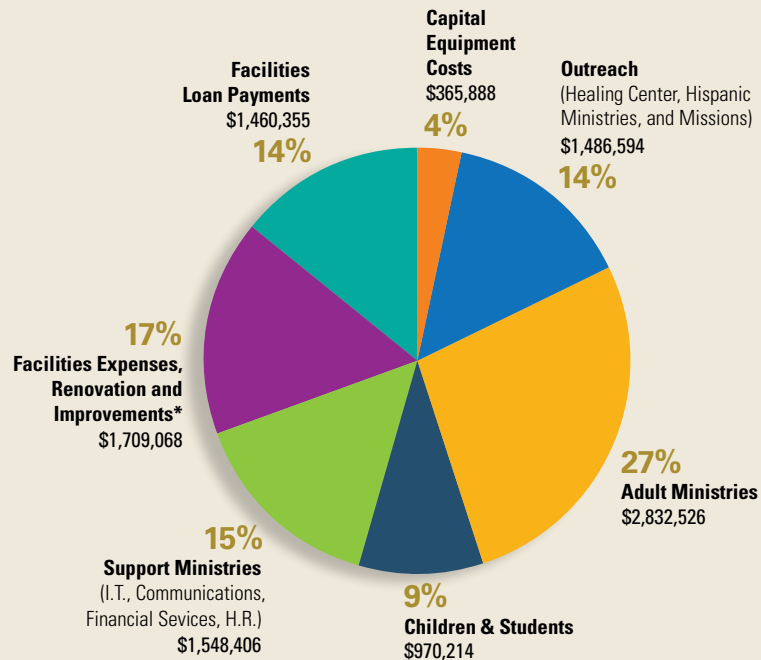
As an outward-focused church we love the investment we're making together to serve people in the city of Cincinnati and beyond. In 2015 we took intentional steps to build a thriving and growing "next generation" of faithful Christ-followers by investing in both our children and student ministries.

Vineyard Cincinnati is also creating strategies to ensure that people can experience spiritual growth in a number of ways, and all visitors would know a "next step" in their journey. As an example, the new Introduction to the Bible class is just one of the new ways to help people continue in their pursuit of God's plan for their lives.

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

## Use of Overall Contribution Funds

(Sept. 1, 2014 to Aug. 31, 2015)



*\*We received a one-time contribution for facility renovations of \$506,761*

# Thankful for...resources to impact lives

**Our financial services department has a mission of serving the Vineyard's ministries so they are well-equipped to make ministry happen.**

They also help create financial efficiencies that save expenses and hold ministries accountable for wise use of funds.

*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.*

**1 CORINTHIANS 4:2**

## INCOME

**Regular contribution income at the Vineyard grew 3.9% year-over-year (fiscal 2014 to fiscal 2015).**

In addition to growth in regular contributions, we also received over \$500,000 in facility renovation contributions to make updates to the church building!

## EXPENSES & RESOURCES

**Expenses for the fiscal year 2015 (Sept. 1, 2014 – Aug 31, 2015) were within 0.7% of budget.**

Refinancing the mortgage on our facilities over the summer before rates began to move up will save \$204,000 in interest costs in fiscal 2016. This savings will provide an opportunity to invest in technology that will make ministries more efficient and effective. This savings also allowed us to budget conservatively for income growth in the current fiscal year (2016).

**The 20+ year-long practice of engaging an independent accounting firm to perform an annual financial audit has revealed results that continue to speak highly of our practices and processes.**

A positive report was issued for this past fiscal year.

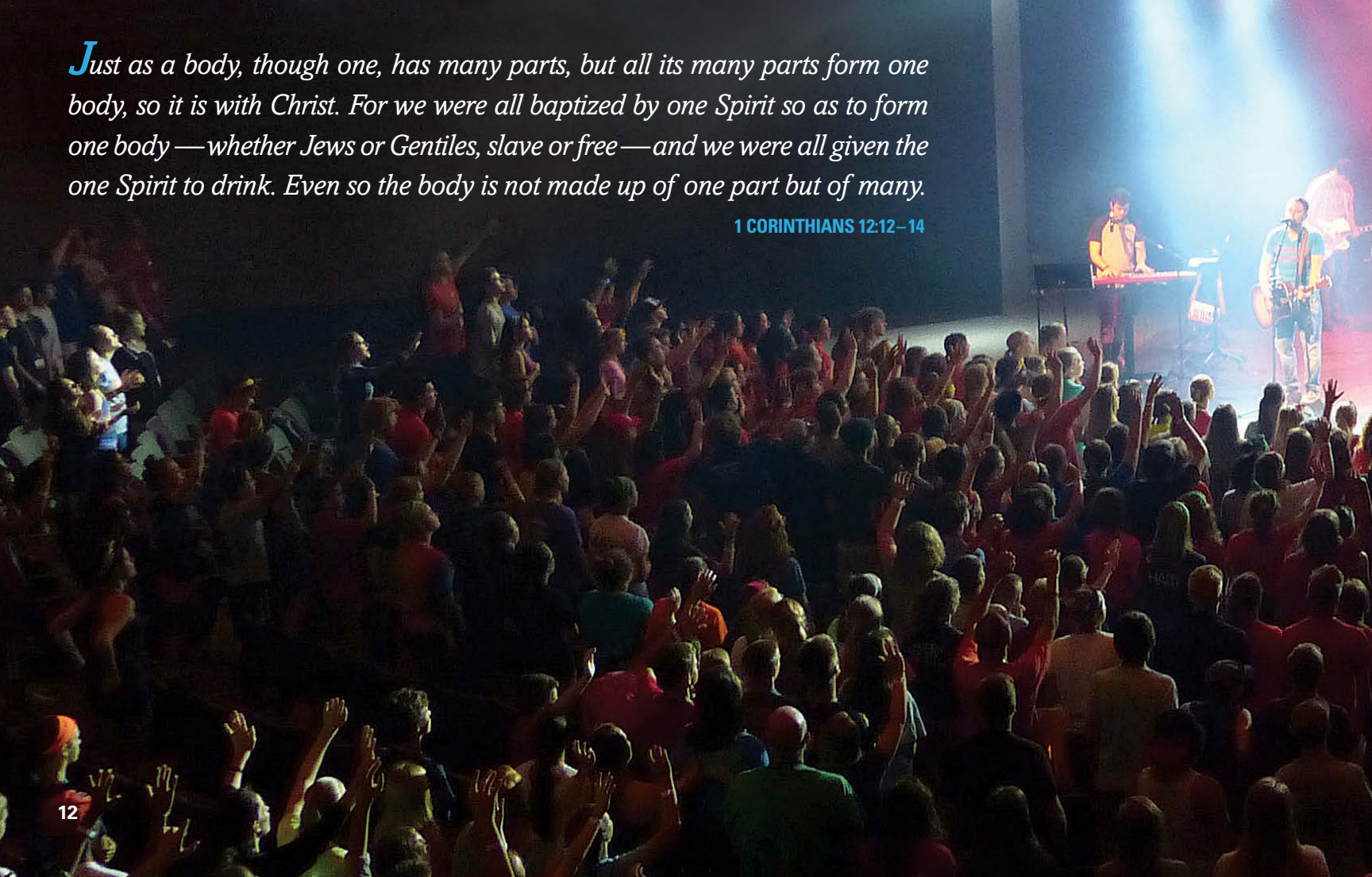
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*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12–14





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# OUR MISSION

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



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