

# 2025 Year End Impact Report

**Southeast** |   
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

# MISSION & VISION

## VISION

To be a people compelled by Jesus' love and committed to His mission of restoration.

## MISSION

To make Jesus' presence known in our community and around the world.

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21 (NIV)

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.

Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God



# WEEKEND WORSHIP

## ATTENDANCE

Total Combined with Youth - **2,599**

Average In Person - **1,641**

Average Online - **929**



## CONNECTIONS

**89** Connections Class Attendees

**57** turned in the Welcome to the Family form

**47** signed and requested membership

**51** new families

## SOUTHEAST U

Total Registrations - **445**

These classes included content on books of the Bible, spiritual practices, and practical tools to study and learn.



# WEEKEND WORSHIP

## BAPTISM

Total (Combined Adult, Youth, YA) - **89**

Youth - **34**

Young Adult - **14**



## PRAYER

**Website Prayer Requests - 148**

These requests received multiple prayers from our online team and a mailed card.

- Every week we have multiple prayer partners praying with congregants during Sunday services and in weekly ministries. The prayer partners continue to pray for these people and requests for weeks afterwards.
- Southeast participated in leading the **National Day of Prayer** in May in partnership with multiple other area churches at Discovery Park in Parker.
- The prayer team has diligently been participating in training to grow the prayer ministry at Southeast

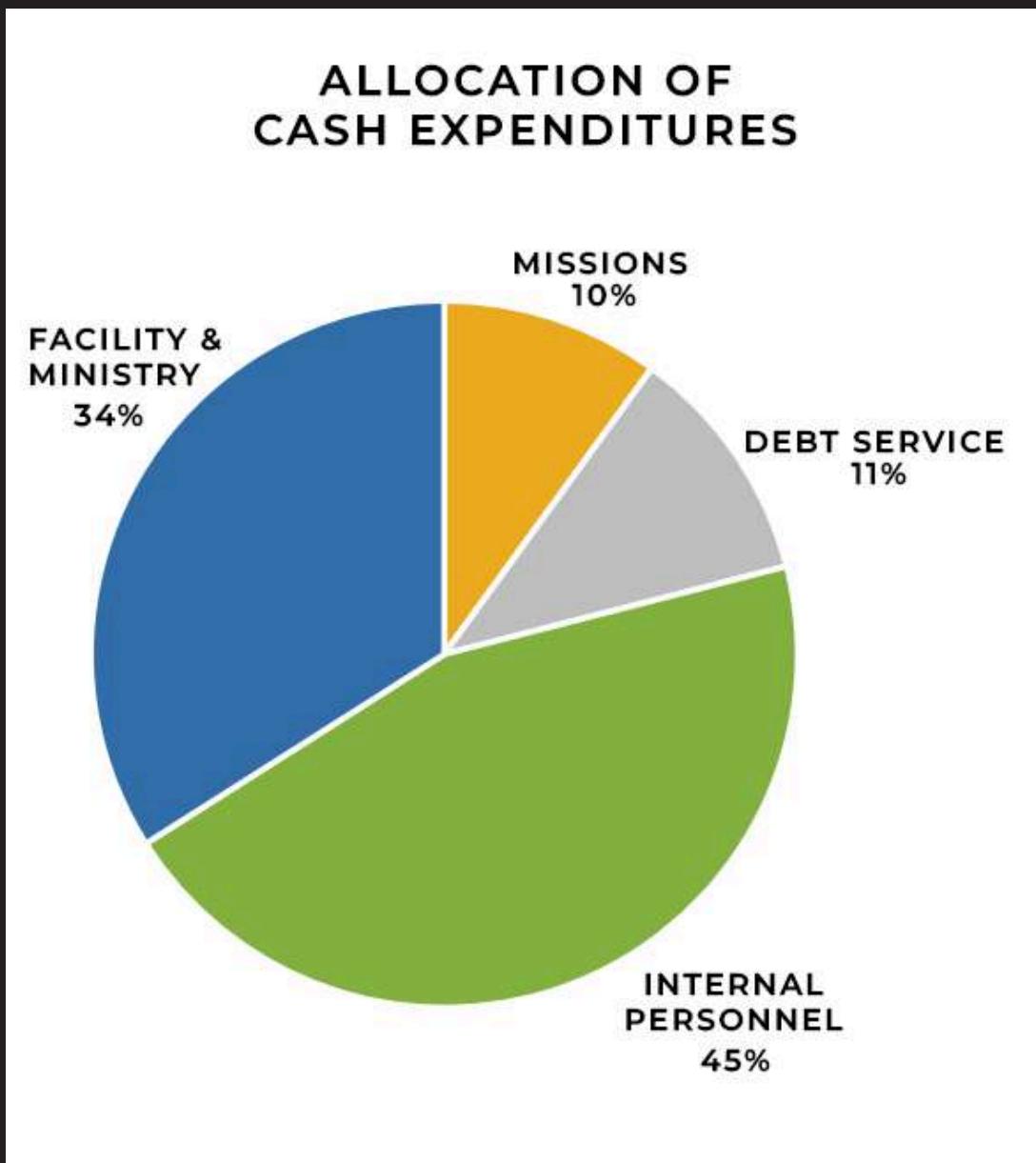


# FINANCES

Note: This is reported from the calendar year, not the fiscal year.

Total Donations - \$6.1 million from 1,246 donors with an average of \$4,895 per donor.

Contribution to building loan via Chest of Joash - \$78,000  
Money spent on Internal and Local Missions - \$639,000



# MINISTRIES

## ADULT MINISTRIES

### CARE MINISTRY

**\$35,000** in benevolence money was given to people in our church and community who experienced financial bumps in the road.

- Relationships were made to continue to counsel these people into financial freedom

Groups and workshops offered for those experiencing grief, loss, divorce, betrayal, and addiction.

### TESTIMONY

**Care Testimony:** In 2025, a person, who had previously walked away from their faith, hesitantly attended GriefShare at Southeast. Through welcoming leaders, shared experiences, and meaningful relationships, they built community and returned for a second 13-week session. During that time, leaders observed significant personal growth that reflected true life transformation. By the end of the second session, the participant expressed how impactful GriefShare had been and asked a leader to begin a Bible study with them. Even while facing serious health challenges, God has continued to work powerfully in their life. GriefShare not only helped them process grief but also restored their relationship with Jesus.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Care Portal** – This technology connects local churches with the needs of foster and at risk families through Department of Human Services and other organizations.

- Southeast, through a primary volunteer, has **served 75 families this year.**



- 4 of the teenagers Southeast served are now attending youth group, and 7 of the kids have gotten involved with Royal Family Kids.
- 10 Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for the distribution to local foster families

**SALT – Single adults have been gathering from all over the community for monthly worship, prayer, and Bible study**

**Assisted Living Homes** – Southeast is currently working in 3 separate 'Thrivecare' homes.

- Volunteers go every 2-3 weeks to stay for several hours, bringing treats, doing crafts, singing songs, and playing games.
- Meaningful relationships have been made for the residents and their families with Southeast volunteers.
- Through Aging Resources of Douglas County, Southeast Church and School worked together to provide over 100 Christmas gifts to area seniors.

**First Responders** – Southeast regularly visits the surrounding area firehouses for relationship building and encouragement; our church is trying to make a difference to them while giving them a safe place to worship if they choose.

- Visits are every 6-8 weeks with meals and sharing provided
- 11 Firehouse visits took place in 2025
- There were an additional 7 visits to Denver SWAT teams, 4 visits to Aurora SWAT teams, and 5 visits to the Denver Gang Unit

**Military Deployment Events** - We have an established relationship with the Colorado National Guard. Additionally, many military personnel attend Southeast Christian Church. Our involvement has included:

- Providing warm breakfasts, desserts, and refreshments for military events held at their bases or other locations.
- Sending packages to a group of soldiers that are in Kosovo in December.



- Hosting deployment ceremonies for soldiers preparing to leave for active duty
- Organizing holiday events for military and their families.

**We look forward to empowering our congregation towards involvement in the community in 2026!**

# INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Note: Mission orgs typically gather and report on data from the previous year, not the current year. We can expect that, when we receive them later in 2026, 2025 numbers will far exceed these for 2024.

- Our 6 partner organizations are working in +64 nations including some of the most unreached nations like **Afghanistan, Syria, North Korea, Sudan, and Iran**.
- There is global evidence that peoples and nations that had once been considered the 'un-reached' are now home to the **fastest growing churches** of mature disciples of Jesus.
- We continue to engage with, invest in, and celebrate the work of nationals who, in obedience to Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8, even under severe persecution, are efficiently growing disciples of Jesus among their own peoples.
- To illustrate, just one of our partners reports these outcomes for 2024:
  - 322,091 new disciples of Jesus
  - 28,873 churches planted by these disciples
  - 75 movements\* begun
    - *A Disciple Making Movement is when at least 100 new churches multiply to the fourth generation of disciples of Jesus. It is all due to disciples making disciples.*
    - *It's not just growth; it's Gospel replication at scale!*



## LIFE GROUPS

- Our vision is to connect people in Christ centered relationships, compelled by Jesus' love and committed to His mission of restoration. In groups we are challenged to grow in Christ, love one another, contribute to the church, and make disciples.
- Currently there are 340 people in Life Groups. 74 leader/volunteers.
- In 2026, we are preparing for a Life Group leader/group launch. We are hoping to have new Life Group leaders for new groups providing a place for people wanting to be in a Life Group.

## TESTIMONIES

"There is a gentleman who has accepted Jesus while being in our group! He has asked our Life Group to stand with him as he is baptized at Southeast."

"Over the past year we have all dealt with aging parent issues including death of a parent, illnesses and accidents.

One member's mother was dealing with her last days. In order to ensure she could remain involved we had Zoom set up for her to participate in our Life Group."

"My father was in a car accident which required me to be with him most of last Summer. The Life Group came up to the ranch and helped with some of the ranch work in addition to being able to attend via Zoom."

"A Life Group leader was out of town in Estes for the week and the rest of the group members didn't want to miss group. They all traveled together to Estes to be together and still have group. A family member joined them and loved what she saw and decided she would go back to her church to start a Life Group also!"



## MARRIAGE MINISTRY

- **10** couples are Marriage Mentors. New mentor couples are being sought out for training and addition to the team.
- At least **3** marriages were saved & restored by the grace of God!
- In 2026 Men's & Women's Ministries are working together to do a marriage conference led by authors and speakers Steve and Lisa Cuss

## MEN'S MINISTRY

- **87 men** attended the "RESCUED" Men's Conference in February.
- **At least 20 men** made professions of faith in Jesus Christ for the first time
- **8 men were baptized**
- **42 new men** joined our weekly groups and activity groups
- **An average of 73 men** attended quarterly breakfasts!
- "THE BIG Grill OFF" annual event kicked off
- **84 men** attended the FORGED25 Men's Retreat. **At least 1** salvation and dozens surrendering their addictions/habits to Jesus Christ and joining men's groups!

The lives of men have been changed through encounters with the presence of Jesus at the men's retreat. Many men found freedom in confession and repentance at the men's retreat. For some men, this was the first time they admitted their struggles to other people. A strong network of support and community rallied around these men for continued encouragement and discipleship. In 2026, men can look forward to more groups, conferences, breakfasts, retreats, and gatherings!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- **91 women** read through the Old Testament in a year and received a weekly email from our volunteer Bible encourager. 2026 we will read through the New Testament together



- **130 women** came to the retreat at Snow Mountain Ranch- I am Because He is.
  - *“There have been so many retreat ripples of transformation and continued sanctification through community.” -Women’s retreat attendee*
- **101 women** went through the Bible Study - RVL Discipleship Seasons 1-3. We will complete season 4 in 2026.
- **20-40 women** attended the monthly ministries of Cultivate and The Table for growth in spiritual disciplines and community.
- **MomCo ministry**, targeted at young moms, is growing and flourishing with **40 members**.
- Hundreds of women were impacted by Women’s Ministry special events like ‘The Feast’ conference and Prepare Him Room Christmas Party
- 2026 will continue our focus on God’s call to Prepare The Way through studies, gatherings, activity groups, an onsite conference and a new mentoring ministry



# FAMILY MINISTRIES

God in His faithfulness sustained, provided, protected, and was ever present in Family Ministries this year.

Each week we get to serve children, youth, and young adults weekly in large and small group settings with worship, the Word, and prayer while building community.

## KIDS MINISTRY

- Average of **265 children** each Sunday ranging from babies to 5th graders!
- **198 volunteers** served an average of twice a month to build relational discipleship and point kids to Jesus and the Bible. Our volunteers were so steadfast this past season as we did not have a full staff team. They stepped in and served faithfully each week with smiles and compassion.

**Preschool** - This year it was beautiful to see our preschoolers retell the Bible stories using the crafts they made. Their excitement showed how much they remembered and how meaningfully the story connected with them.

**Kindergarten** - One kindergartener was able to retell the entire Bible story to his parents from start to finish and even recite the memory verse. The best part? He didn't even mention that the Bible story teacher had brought a real snake to make the lesson come to life —he was so focused on the story itself!





**2nd & 3rd Grade** - Witnessed a powerful moment when one student bravely volunteered to pray for her small group when no one else wanted to. That month's theme was courage, and she truly lived it out.

**Preteen (4th & 5th Grade)** - Our preteens amaze us with how quickly they find Bible verses during an activity that is called Sword Drills- how quickly can you find the Bible verse and the Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. A Preteen class is offered on Sundays now with a worship team and curriculum that is age appropriate for 4th and 5th graders with the launch of Preteen nights beginning in January 2026.

- **18** Child Dedications this year.
- **34** Kid and Youth Baptisms this year.

## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Our serves an average of **12 individuals** in the ministry each Sunday ranging from high needs with one-on-one care to those who are high functioning and need an environment that is sensory friendly.

On a Sunday the curriculum is engaging, teaching them God's Word, leading them in worship, and activities that are created specifically for each need. The community that is built in the Special Needs Ministry is a strong one and allows families to feel not so alone.



## VBS

We had **550 children** participate in a fun 4-day that had a strong stage presence of 16 Hype team members leading in worship, a great team of three young adults teaching the Bible from stage, and rotations that brought God's Word alive in play as we learned what it means to Live it Out by loving like Jesus!

For the week of VBS, our Special Needs Ministry created a one-on-one buddy system for **20 plus children** whose parents asked for additional support for their child.

God's faithful provision of **338 volunteers** made VBS an incredibly wonderful week!



## YOUTH

- **30 youth leader volunteers** and **10 strong student leaders**.
- This past year we averaged 65-70 students, but now that we have a Youth Director, we are averaging **90 students**, with new students visiting every week.
- In February, we took **75 students** to Colorado Winter Retreat in Fraser, CO where hearts were moved and changed to live for God! **17 adults** went to lead out the groups at Winter Retreat. **10 students** gave their lives to Christ over these two weekends and some of them were baptized shortly thereafter.
- Over the summer we took **35 students** with **10 leaders** to the Desperation Conference in Colorado Springs for a day of worship and teaching with other CO churches. This was a powerful day of heart transformation in students.
- We have partnered with Lifelines where students and leaders have packed meals for those who experience food scarcity within the Denver metro area and across the world.
- In November for our annual Feast celebration prior to Thanksgiving, **150 students** came and participated in a rich night of community, food, and God's Word.



Youth was held by Jesus' provision of amazing volunteers who stayed the course without a Youth Pastor for 8 months! We had volunteers step up to be small group leaders, to teach from God's Word, to lead worship, and build more community. This is one of the biggest testimonies of Youth this year- the volunteers. They stepped in and helped plan, prep, teach, and lead in a way that kept the Youth ministry going. God then moved the heart of Chris Jahng our Connections Director to apply for the Youth and YA position.

## YOUNG ADULTS

- YA has been meeting weekly as they hunger for God's Word.
- There is an additional community of Young Adults called Loud Love where an average of **40 young adults** meet to be in community and be in God's Word together.
- All young adults life groups continue to launch.
- More young adults are attending Southeast on Sundays.

## STAFF LIFE

- **28** full time employees (35+ hours) including Founding Pastor Russ McCracken
- **6** part time staff (20 -34 hours)
- **11** limited staff (under 20 hours)
- **9** childcare staff

### **Between January and November**

- 14 new people joined (Kids Director; Assistant Kids Director; Communications Director; Production Director and Production help; Childcare staff; Kids Weekend Coordinators; Executive Teaching Pastor; Connections Director; Security Director; Video & Graphic Designer)
- We are actively hiring for three positions, including the Executive Operations Director
- Our Pulse survey results moved up in a very positive direction from the last two years indicating a much healthier staff.



- The staff went on an annual retreat in October; Guest speaker and author Steve Cuss walked us through practical teachings on releasing leadership anxiety to reclaim the truth of the gospel. It was very successful and impactful!

## SCHOOL

Southeast runs a vibrant preschool and K-8 school with a total of **580 students** and **67 staff**.

- Average test scores in math and reading are 20% higher than students in the Rocky Mountain region (according to IOWA testing data 2025).
- Serving is a backbone of the school with the goal of students logging 1500 service hours. Parents also serve and have logged 5832 hours this year.
- An array of extracurricular activities are offered including basketball, volleyball, running club, soccer, missions club, orchestra, drama, Bible studies, and middle school learning and mission trips.
- The school shares the gospel not just with students but with their families; school families attend a variety of area churches including Southeast.

## SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER

Alternatives serves women and men impacted by unexpected pregnancy by providing support, medical access, and counseling for the flourishing of healthy families.

- Alternatives had a **12%** increase in total clients served, a **35%** increase in pregnancy tests, and a **35%** increase in ultrasounds.



- Clients who worked with Alternatives are 50% more likely to carry their child to full time because of the support they receive.
- 286 babies were born to Alternatives clients.

## TESTIMONIES

They (the staff at Alternatives) tune into what you are saying and actually listen to your needs. They reassure you and your worries. Coming in after going through a traumatic experience to get tested and they are there to see you and sit with you while you process everything and validate your feelings. They aren't there to push you in a specific direction. They are there to walk with you. They really do create a welcoming environment and try so hard to make sure you're comfortable. They explain everything that is going on the entire time, so you're never confused or left in the dark.

## COVERED COLORADO

Covered Colorado provides trauma-informed housing, counseling, and long-term support for adult survivors of sex trafficking in Colorado, with a focus on safety, dignity, and sustainable independence.

- In 2025, Covered opened a new crisis home called Lighthouse, designed to provide short-term stabilization for women actively escaping trafficking. To date, Lighthouse has served 13 women, helping them find safety, stabilize, and begin next steps toward healing.
- Covered House, our long-term residential program, served 12 women in 2025. Both Lighthouse and Covered House are currently at full capacity, reflecting the urgent need for safe housing and support.
- After one year in independent housing, 92% of graduates remain stably housed, employed, and connected to healthy community.



- In 2025, Covered also helped launch the **Rocky Mountain Anti-Trafficking Collaborative**, a multidisciplinary partnership focused on improving survivor care during reporting and investigation. The collaborative includes over **40 representatives** from local police departments, sheriff's offices, the FBI, and district attorney offices, working together to strengthen trauma-informed response and coordination.
- While Covered serves women regardless of faith background, approximately **81%** of women currently in our homes have accepted Jesus and are actively seeking Him, engaging in spiritual growth alongside their healing journey.

## ROYAL FAMILY KIDS

Royal Family Kids works to bring encouragement, hope, and the Gospel message to those impacted by the foster care system. They run an annual camp for kids 6-12 and a monthly mentorship club for kids 6-12. Kings Team is their partner who runs camp and club for kids 13-16.

- **58 kids participated**; 13 were new and 45 were returning
- **10 kids** aged out (turning 13 years old)
- **91 volunteers**, ages 16-84, served in RFK; **78% these volunteers returned**.
- Volunteers from all walks of life filled rolls including nurses, social workers, camp counselor roles (called 'Big' Campers), craft and game leads, mentors, prayer warriors, and many others

## TESTIMONY

**A 10-year-old boy attended camp causing him to ask about Jesus. He was transformed and later adopted by a couple in our church. This couple took in another foster child who then also went to camp and loved it so much he gave his life to Jesus and asked to be baptized. This family invited other foster and adoptive parents to church at Southeast and causing an amazing Kingdom ripple effect!**



## SECORCares

SECOR is a free food market aimed at restoring hope and dignity for all of its guests. This year SECOR:

- Provided Christmas gifts for over 850 local youth through the Christmas Market hosted at SECC. **"Let me tell you something: you are a light in a dark place. Thank you for everything because there's food on our table and gifts for the little ones."** - SECOR Cares Christmas Outreach recipient
- Delivered over 66,000 bags of non-perishables to 32 Food for Thought partner schools, providing important weekend nutrition to local students.
- Served 5,991 households through 39 mobile markets, visiting 11 different locations.
- Continued to serve 450 households each week through shopping appointments in the Free Food Market. (Guests travel from 56 zip codes across the SE Denver metro and speak 28 different languages.) **"I am so grateful to God for using SECOR to provide for families. For my family, it has been a great blessing to have this resource. It has become essential. I have been participating in this program for 5 years. God bless you and your beautiful families."** - SECOR guest

## TREASURE HOUSE OF HOPE

Treasure House of Hope is an immersive program including rehabilitation, life skills training, employment, and discipleship for men and women who have hit rock bottom.

- 21 men and women were welcomed into residential treatment care out of the 92 that applied online.
- 4 participants successfully completed the program and stepped into stable, meaningful employment. 1 graduate became a member of Southeast and 1 graduate completed vocational training
- 14 men and women are currently finding safety, support, and restoration in our homes
- By God's provision, we purchased a Mommy & Me Transitional Home—creating a place of hope for mothers and their children



- 232 community volunteers came to the bread kitchen - 30 of them are LuHi students who faithfully serve on Friday nights in the kitchen
- 21,500 loafs of bread were baked

## TESTIMONY

One of our graduates will be moving into the Mommy and Me home with her son. She completed her vocational training, got a job and purchased herself a cute spunky new car that fits her so well. When she came into the home, she was so beat down literally and figuratively. Jo Spille (Covered CEO) coached her in the court case against her abuser, and she is now confident to be out in the community by herself. When she came to THH she would not leave the house by herself she had so much trauma.

## YOUTH FOR CHRIST AND CAMPUS LIFE

YFC is aimed through transforming the lives of teens for and through Christ. They work in schools, community centers, and juvenile justice facility around the Denver Metro area.

- 332 first time decisions to follow Jesus! We praise God for this amazing transformation with teenagers in our community.
- 1,290 authentic sharing relationships with kids have been established by staff and volunteers.
- 2,991 young people have been reached in our community.
- Over 180 teen parents/families and community families through the Christmas toy shop
- 400 Christmas gifts for incarcerated youth were provided this year.

One other big piece of news about is that Chaparral and Sierra will have a new Campus Life director next month. There has not been ministry at either school for over two years so this is a very exciting step forward.

