

LAKESHORE

CELEBRATING 2017 AND EMBRACING VISION FOR 2018



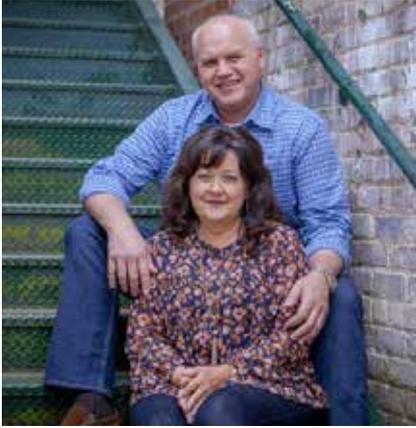
ONE CHURCH \ \ \ \ MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
CATAWBA • GASTONIA • TEGA CAY

LOVE is confirmed

HOPE is renewed

FAITH comes to life

LAKESHORE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP EXISTS TO
reach and connect people to Jesus so that love is
confirmed, hope is renewed and faith comes to life.



PASTORS GIL & DEBBIE DIRMANN

“There was once a community of believers who were so totally devoted to God that their life together was charged with the Spirit’s power. In that band of Christ-followers, believers loved each other with a radical kind of love. They took off their masks and shared their lives with one another. They laughed and cried and prayed and

sang and served together in authentic Christian fellowship. Those who had more, shared freely with those who had less until, socioeconomic barriers melted away. People related together in ways that bridged gender and racial chasms, and celebrated cultural differences. Acts 2 tells us that this community of believers, this church, offered unbelievers a vision of life that was so beautiful it took their breath away. It was so bold, so creative, so dynamic that they couldn’t resist it. Verse 47 tells us that the Lord added to their number daily, those who were being saved”

~Courageous Leadership
Bill Hybels

What a powerful description of what the Church was intended to be! What an accurate description of what God is doing here at Lakeshore! As I look back over 2017, I am overwhelmed with thanksgiving first to the Lord for His great love and grace, and next to all of you for your partnership and faith in making Lakeshore a place where God’s Love is confirmed, His Hope is renewed, and Faith comes to life! I look forward with great expectancy to all that He will do “in” and “through” us in this New Year!

Moving Forward In Him,

Pastors Gil and Debbie

Sr. Pastors
Lakeshore Christian Fellowship





CATAWBA CAMPUS

The Catawba Campus is a growing church excited to see what God is doing in and among us, as we anticipate what He will do in the future. We believe that God has placed our campus in the Catawba area to reach the communities around us; becoming a place of refuge to those who are struggling to find hope.

One of the many highlights for this campus in 2017 was being awarded the Outstanding Partnership award by the Rock Hill School District for the partnership it started in 2016 with Lesslie Elementary. In 2017 members of this campus felt it was time to increase this partnership by providing all 30 teachers Survival Bags. Each bag included classroom essentials along with a \$50 cash gift for each teacher. In addition to the bag they were able to bless 10 members of the adminis-

trative staff with gift cards to Panera. The team was also able to establish a partnership with a local company to supply the school with copy paper throughout the entire school year. This was a tremendous blessing to the school as they have a very low-funded paper budget.

This year we are looking forward to continuing and growing our partnership with Lesslie.



“ I could never have imagined how walking into Lakeshore Catawba a little over one year ago would drastically improve our lives. [Our family] searched for years to find a church that would feed our entire family’s spiritual needs, and we discovered exactly that and far more than we could have ever expected. We have finally found our home, and we look forward to all that God has planned for our family, our community, and our church! ”



GASTONIA CAMPUS

Lakeshore Gastonia will celebrate its 2nd year anniversary this Easter Sunday, and for that we are grateful!

Throughout 2017 Gastonia experienced some major growth points such as partnering with another local church to provide clothing to those in need. The campus quickly rallied around this project and began donating more clothes than we could have imagined. They also took over the spiritual wellness of the clothing-gives by offering prayer for those who come.

Another growth point for 2017 was the launching of Community Groups in Gastonia. Beginning with a Sunday afternoon, once-a-month lunch group, they were quickly able to start offering more options and now are experiencing a

variety of opportunities each week.

Our Gastonia Campus is unified, confident and ready to embrace the 2018 vision to make more room and reach more people. Believing that both those who are far from God and those who are looking to go to the next level in their faith will make Lakeshore their home this year!



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I had stopped attending church for almost a whole year and since I have been attending Lakeshore Gastonia I am understanding God's word in a fresh new way, I'm no longer stuck in a religious routine but I have a desire to GROW in my relationship with Christ and I feel more connected to God than I ever have.

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TEGA CAY CAMPUS

In February 2000, Lakeshore Christian Fellowship was birthed from a merger of two congregations and came under the umbrella of the denomination – International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, also known as Foursquare.

2017 started off like any other year at the Tega Cay Campus but we quickly realized that God had some big things in store. It began by the addition of some new ministries such as Tuesday Talks; a monthly large-group gathering for the women of all campuses to come together and connect, learn and grow. These nights were created with a TED Talk format in mind and became wildly successful. They even spurred the men to begin more connection through additional meetings times and fellowship events like our Father's Day Outings which brought 75 men from three campuses together to go bowling, play mini golf and go skeet shooting.

NextGen also had a great year. The youth ministry re-branded their name to LYC (Lakeshore Youth Community and started updating their student ministry area. They had 18 students participate in a summer-long leadership internship program and established new school partnerships. They hosted a district-wide Fall Retreat that allowed 193 students from 8 area churches to come together and "Encounter" Jesus. Our Children's Ministry led an exciting "After Vacation Bible School" and led our first ever Kid's Sunday for all ages. Significant improvements were made in the Preschool building including new flooring, AC

units, and updated paint & decor in several areas. In the fall of 2017 Lakeshore welcomed the addition of Madeline Tillery as our Children's Ministry Director over all three campuses.

Especially significant this year, was our first ever on-site water baptism at the Tega Cay campus. Up to this point all baptisms were held off-campus, but we were able to borrow a portable baptistry and saw over 60 people get water baptized. This paved the way for an end of summer event, Party-in-the-Park, where all three campuses came together for a service on a Sunday morning at the Ann Springs Close Greenway and celebrated baptisms as a whole church.

By the end of 2017 the Tega Cay Campus experienced so much growth we began planning and preparing for the addition of a second Sunday morning service to make more room so we could reach more people. In doing this we now have three unique worship teams at each campus. Middle school and high school youth have their own combined Sunday morning service. The Children's Ministry has a full array of classes at each service. The pastoral teaching team will now rotate between the campuses more each only having to preach at one campus a week.

Life as we knew it has changed and our teams and staff are ready, excited and willing for this new season!





LOVE MY CITY

IN 2017 LAKESHORE LAUNCHED A SPECIFIC INITIATIVE
AIMED AT LOCAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES CALLED
LOVE MY CITY.
HERE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS...

TEGA CAY JULY 4TH PARADE:
Lakeshore was well represented in this year's Tega Cay Land Parade. Our entry featured a float with live music, 4 fully decorated golf carts, and over 40 volunteers and staff wearing "Love My City" shirts and passing out Love My City stickers to over 7,500 people on the parade route. It was a great way to let the community know who we are, where we are and that we Love Our City.

ADOPT AN OFFICER: TCPD
This initiative was launched in July of 2017 and quickly connected with the Tega Cay Campus. On the Sunday we made the announcement we had the opportunity to invite Tega Cay Police Chief, Steve Parker to attend service with us, share briefly about how much this means to the police force and allow us to cover him in prayer. Within a matter of days we had enough people to cover the 31 TCPD officers in prayer. Each officer also receives hard written cards each month encouraging them and thanking them for their service.

**ADOPT A SCHOOL:
LESSLIE ELEMENTARY**
Lakeshore Catawba initiated and fostered this new school partnership as our "Love My City" project. In addition to volunteering and prayer, all 30 teachers were given a "Back

to School Survival Bag" with classroom essentials and a \$50 cash gift for every teacher. We also established a partnership with a local company to supply the school with copy paper throughout the year, since this is an area of great need.

LAKESHORE FOOD PANTRY:
Last year our food pantry gave over 20,000 pounds of food to families in need. Although we do not limit the number of times a family can receive groceries, it is worth noting that most only need assistance for less than two months. This allows us to reach many different families throughout the year. This outreach ministry also saw many people make a decision for Christ and some became part of our Lakeshore family in turn giving back to the very ministry that helped them.

EASTER PARTIES:
We hosted two Easter Outreach Parties on the Catawba and Gastonia Campuses. The S.P.L.A.S.H. team hit it out of the park in 2017 with the addition of live music, carnival games & prizes, snow cones and fun for the whole family. Between these two events they were able to present the story of Jesus to over 150 kids and their parents, many who may have heard it for the first time.



GLOBAL MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PARTNERS

IN 2017 LAKESHORE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PARTNERING WITH SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL MISSION PROJECTS AND LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

BOLIVIA:

In June of 2017 Lakeshore sent a team of 16 people to serve the Faro del Cielo Foursquare Church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. This was our second year partnering with them. During this trip great advances were made in the continued construction of their new worship center. The foundation for the floors has been completed, the balcony pillars are ready for the support beams and the stage and baptismal were completed. We were also able to lay the groundwork for future Lakeshore medical missions teams by scouting out the need, assessing our abilities and providing a small clinic in Peji; a property the church has started outside of Santa Cruz. As a team we were able to see almost 20 patients providing them with medical advice and medication needed.

CAROLINA ARABIC MINISTRIES

This ministry partnership with Lakeshore saw great increase in 2017. Hany & Diana

Asaad lead this ministry for Arabic speaking Christians. In addition to weekly worship services, they hosted 8 outreaches and helped facilitate and participate with 6 Arabic speaking conferences. They also saw their largest turnout for a single event. It had over 120 people in attendance and they were able to provide food and presents to everyone who attended. At that same event they had 45 people make a decision to either dedicate or re-commit their lives to Christ. One unique opportunity they had was to help relocate and settle an at-risk family. 2018 has big things in store as they have already scheduled events in February in Tega Cay, SC Knoxville, TN and in Greenville, SC.

FOURSQUARE MISSION INTERNATIONAL:

Our 2017 Lakeshore family continued its monthly support for FMI, which deploys & supports trained US missionaries to share the gospel, develop ministry leaders & cultivate

healthy church movements worldwide.

SPEAK UP:

We have partnered with Speak Up, a local nonprofit founded by LCF members, Matt and Lana Shaw, since 2009. Speak Up empowers homeless people to go from being beggars to business owners. In this past fiscal year, Speak Up supported 64 homeless individuals in a variety of ways—helping them find self-empowerment, a voice, dignity, income, spiritual renewal, and a pathway off the streets. LCF provides financial, spiritual and volunteer support. To learn more and partner, visit speakupmag.org.

HAITI:

Lakeshore continued its support of a small orphanage in Torcelle which is located in Port-au-Prince area, not far from the main Foursquare church and base-camp. Pastor Bellande who oversees the orphanage will use the \$1,800 that we donated to care for the 4 girls and 4 boys who live there.

NextGen

LAKESHORE IS PROUD TO HIGHLIGHT ITS NEXTGEN DEPARTMENT WHICH
FEATURES S.P.L.A.S.H. FOR CHILDREN BIRTH - GRADE 5 AND
LAKESHORE YOUTH COMMUNITY [LYC] FOR STUDENTS GRADES 6-12



**S.P.L.A.S.H.
[BIRTH THROUGH
GRADE 5]**

Throughout 2017 S.P.L.A.S.H. saw an incredible amount of salvations, baptisms, and testimonies of God speaking and moving in the lives kids. God not only grew our kids spiritually, but our volunteer team significantly. Altogether our amazing 130 children's minis-

try volunteers served 1665 hours.

As 2018 begins, the mission of SPLASH is to lead kids into becoming Christ-followers in such a way that God's love is confirmed, hope is renewed, and their faith comes to life. We desire for every child to walk away knowing they are seen, valued, and loved by God and by us.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 36 first-time salvations
- 36 people joined our team
- 20 kids were water baptized
- 13 kids received the baptism with of the Holy Spirit
- 150 children attended our Easter outreaches with 80 volunteers



LYC [GRADES 6-12]

In 2017 the student ministry of Lakeshore changed its name to LYC (Lakeshore Youth Community), and they re-established their mission and vision to reflect the church as a whole. LYC exists to reach and connect students to Jesus Christ so that love is confirmed, hope is renewed, and faith is awakened. Whether it was through a

youth service, Connect Group, overnight retreat, special event, or the Internship Program, we saw this mission being walked out week after week in 2017.

We are currently exploring ways to strengthen LYC at all three campuses, and to increase our influence on school campuses and communities surrounding our campuses.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 25 made a first-time decision for Christ
- 43 were baptized in water
- 116 attended a Community Group
- 18 were a part of the Internship Program

LAKESHORE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Our Christian education addresses the needs of students
spiritually, academically, and physically.



Lakeshore Christian Preschool is a direct extension of our church and continues to have a wide reach in the community around our Tega Cay Campus. Parents initially choose our school because it continues to be one of the best in the area year after year, but they quickly realize it is so much

more than just a school. In fact we know that 37% of families that are enrolled have no church they call home currently. As we teach their children basic skills, we also have the privilege of teaching them about Jesus, and to extend invitations to the various events we host throughout the year.

It's been a mutual blessing for many LCP families to make a decision to call Lakeshore their church home.

School enrolment was 195 students.

LAKESHORE MINISTRIES:



ALL-CAMPUS LCF CONNECTIONS:

- 3 Night of Worship Celebrations
- Party in the Park Baptism Sunday @ Anne Springs Close Greenway
- Fall Chili Cook-off
- 2 Christmas Eve "Celebrate with Family" Services

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

- 44 Small Groups
- (Bible/topical studies, prayer & fellowship)
- 29 couples attended Marriage classes & conferences
- 3 seminars on Bible Journaling
- 4 classes on Financial Stewardship
- 40 families participated in Building a Solid Family Series
- Monthly Caleb Generation (50+) Fellowships
- Men: groups, activities, service
- Women: Monthly Tuesday Talks & Life-Chat Groups



PRAYER:

- 63 Altar Team members
- 116 iPray intercessors prayed for 528 prayer requests

CARE:

- Weekly visits, calls, and meals delivered
- 120 cards of encouragement sent
- \$4,375.34 given to local families in need

LAKESHORE BY THE NUMBERS



In comparison here is a look back at how we ended 2016:

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| Salvations | 60 |
| Water Baptisms | 9 |
| Baptism of the Holy Spirit | 55 |
| Healings Noted | not tracked |
| New Members | 38 |
| Mortgage Owed for 3 Campuses | \$45,266.49 |

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MAKE
MORE
ROOM
REACH
MORE
PEOPLE
PEOPLE

2018 VISION

“Make more room – reach more people”
Priorities to accomplish our mission:

Make more room [for God]...

- Continue to encourage a daily commitment to Bible reading and prayerful journaling
- Maintain a strong emphasis on corporate worship and the study of the Word
- Continue to encourage consistent worship service attendance
- Host two annual fasting and prayer initiatives for the church
- Host four nights of worship and prayer
- Establish systematic new believer and discipleship studies that include the Holy Spirit’s activity & evangelism

Reach More People...

- Adjust Sunday worship times & add 9:00a service at Tega Cay
- Increase ministry focus to those outside our walls
- Create more connection events for newcomers
- Strengthen & multiply our Community Groups
- Create more opportunities to serve, lead, and grow
- Establish a clear pathway for leadership training
- Launch a combined Sunday morning youth ministry [grades 6-12]
- Strengthen family-focused ministry
- Global Missions - Raise funds & send a team to assist with the church building project in Bolivia
- Maximize Outreach Opportunities:
 - Food Pantry
 - Love My City
 - Adopt An Officer
 - School Partnerships



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