



EAGLE
BROOK
CHURCH

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ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION STATEMENT

EMPOWERED BY GOD TO REACH OTHERS FOR CHRIST



NOTE FROM BOB

This spring, I let our church know that I would be taking some time off from teaching over the summer to reflect on the amazing year we've had and begin writing another book. But before I left, I challenged us as a church to start praying for God to cause our lives to intersect with five people we can invite to Eagle Brook this fall. Maybe it's five individual people, or even an entire family of five. Either way, wouldn't it be amazing if we all focused on building relationships with people who needed Christ—and then finding the courage to invite them to church?

God is using this church in ways that still amaze me. This year, thousands of attenders put their faith in Christ and were baptized. Hundreds of families made the commitment to raise their children in Christ-centered homes. And thanks to the generosity of this church, we have finally broken ground on a new campus in Anoka for our Coon Rapids High School attenders. I'll say it again—it never gets old. Way to go, church!

More blessed than I deserve,

Bob Merritt, Senior Pastor



DECISIONS

2,134

BAPTISMS

1,880

**AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE**

20,753 ↑
4%

EAGLE BROOK CHURCH EXISTS TO bring people into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, to draw them into a Christ-centered community, and to help them grow in their faith. That's what drives every decision we make and guides every conversation we have. As a church, we are committed to continually growing in our five values: spending time with God, following Jesus, connecting in community, serving others, and living generously.

SERVING OTHERS

7,404

We love what happens in people's lives and the impact they have when they serve others. We celebrate people serving, whether it's inside or outside the walls of our church, because it allows them to use their unique spiritual gifts to point people to God, grow in their faith, and connect in community.

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD

6,824

We believe that by getting to know God's heart better, he will give us abundant wisdom and understanding. This May, 6,824 attenders made a commitment to read their Bible for 15 minutes every day and attend church for four consecutive weekends during the Spiritual Whole 30 Challenge.

CONNECTING IN COMMUNITY

6,316

God created us to be in a relationship with him, but also to be in real, authentic relationships with other people. We believe that without other people encouraging, sharpening, and challenging us to become more like Jesus, the full sense of transformation will never happen.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

65

The Eagle Brook Association regularly partners with churches to effectively connect people to a relationship with Christ. Our passion is to provide leadership practices for partner churches to invest into their church, staff, and volunteers. We are proud to partner with 65 churches in United States and five countries worldwide. And this year, these partner churches have reached 9,676 people for Christ!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

This year's financial results were nothing short of miraculous! Most years at Eagle Brook end well, but it has been many years since we've seen contributions come in so strongly. This is primarily as a result of the 90-Day Challenge, where over 1,000 families chose to take a step of spiritual growth by giving at least 10 percent of their income toward our mission. The resulting stories of how God has blessed this decision are inspiring!

Prior to this, we had a project, the Anoka campus, in need of funding; because of it, God opened the doors in a way that is allowing us to construct the Anoka campus essentially without debt. So, the extra contributions people have made are having a direct impact, making it possible for Eagle Brook to reach thousands more people for Christ in just a few short months. Praise God!



Scott Anderson, Executive Pastor

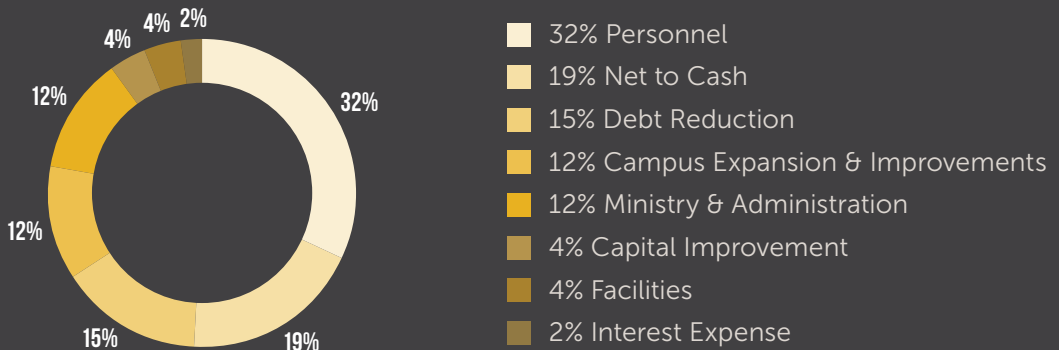
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In 2012, we launched a vision to reach new communities together—One by One. Because of our attenders' generosity, we opened a mobile site at Coon Rapids High School (Dec. 2013), built and launched the Woodbury campus (Sept. 2014), expanded efforts in our local and global communities, and improved kids' spaces at existing campuses. And we are excited to announce that in Spring 2017, the northwest suburbs will finally have a permanent location to call home when the Anoka campus is completed.

GIVING COMPARISON

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$35,580,147	↑ 28%
GENERAL FUND	\$28,717,914	↑ 43%
CAMPAIGN FUND	\$6,862,233	↓ 11%

EXPENSE COMPARISON



THE TEST

In Nov. 2015, we launched a message series titled *The Test*, which challenged attenders to test God with the first 10 percent of their income by giving it to the local church. At the completion of the series, 437 new families began tithing. Additionally, over \$500,000 was raised during the final weekend of *The Test* for local and global ministries. Thanks to the generosity of Eagle Brook attenders that weekend, here are some specific outcomes that were made possible.

\$25,000

\$25,000 was given to local partner Cru Inner City's Boxes of Love program, which provides a Thanksgiving meal to families who might not otherwise have one.

\$35,000

\$35,000 was given to local partner Urban Ventures' Center for Fathering, which works to empower men and women to be effective and loving parents through engaging classes.

\$204,000

\$204,000 was given to ORPHANetwork in Nicaragua to build a new orphanage and provide over 1,000 children with regular meals.

BLAINE

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE **4,018** ↑ 11%

In February, the Blaine campus launched its sixth weekend service time, at 4 pm on Sunday evenings. The average attendance for Sunday evening services has now increased to over 700 adults and kids.

COON RAPIDS / ANOKA

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE **1,148** ↓ 1%

On May 1, over 600 Eagle Brook attenders visited the future site of the Anoka campus for a night of worship and prayer. The evening included tours of the future spaces, as well as brief messages from Pastors Aaron Damjanovich and Bob Merritt.

LINO LAKES

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE **6,060** ↓ 1%

On Oct. 21, the Lino Lakes campus launched two community care ministries: Quest 180 (for adults) and The Landing (for teens). These ministries provide hope and support to those who are seeking freedom from addiction, enabling them to live freer, healthier, and more God-centered lives.

SPRING LAKE PARK

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE **1,972** ↓ 9%

The Spring Lake Park campus spent the month of February honoring hundreds of volunteers during a campaign called *Share the Love*. Spring Lake Park staff and attenders delivered handwritten notes to volunteers as a way of thanking them for their commitment to Eagle Brook and its mission of reaching people for Christ.

WHITE BEAR LAKE

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE **2,887** ↓ 2%

In April, the White Bear Lake campus welcomed its new campus pastor, Jon Taylor. Additionally, Kids Ministry received upgrades to its Kid-O-Deo and Elevate spaces, providing for an improved environment for kids to learn about Jesus on the weekends. This year, 135 kids made the decision to follow Christ at White Bear Lake.

WOODBURY

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE **4,667** ↑ 18%

For eight weeks in a row, the Woodbury campus hosted Saturday night events to encourage people to start attending and volunteering on Saturdays. This push opened up seats on Sunday mornings for new attenders, contributing to an 18 percent growth this past year.