

BROOKWOOD MINISTRY PLAN 2013–2014

LOVE

IN

ACTION

**LOVE GOD LOVE PEOPLE**

YOUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER WILL PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES. **JOHN 13:35 (NLT)**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Brookwood Family,

During this past year, we have demonstrated *Love in Action* within our church, our community and in the world. As you review this year's Ministry Plan, you will discover the many ways we Love God and Love People through the ministries of our church.

Our proposed budget of \$7,600,021 is \$76,021 more than last year (a 1% increase). Signs of growth include a 5% increase in giving over the previous year and 709 people giving for the first time. In addition, we sold two tracts of excess land, reducing our total debt to below \$800,000. With continued generosity among our church family, we can be debt free by next summer!

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CHURCH FAMILY, WE  
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(SEE CHART NEXT PAGE)

We have spent over a million dollars in India to care for over 800 children and to buy, prepare, and fence land for a home for them. In the coming year, we will continue to care for the children and also begin construction. We have also spent \$236,000 in Africa, South America, the Caribbean islands and in the US, supporting missionaries, sponsoring mission trips and participating in disaster relief.

We will continue our international endeavors next year and increase our support for local projects such as benevolence, disaster relief, food ministry, home repairs, ServeFest and monthly community volunteering by 47%.



We have been learning about God's character and listening for His voice. We will focus on knowing Him through His Word. We will read and study *The Story*, an abridged version of the Bible, arranged chronologically over 31 chapters as one continuous story of God and His people. The lessons will be preached and taught to our entire church family on Sunday mornings. Small Groups will review what they are learning during the week. My hope is that every one of us will read each week's chapter, attend Sunday services, get involved in a Small Group and discuss what we are learning with our families.

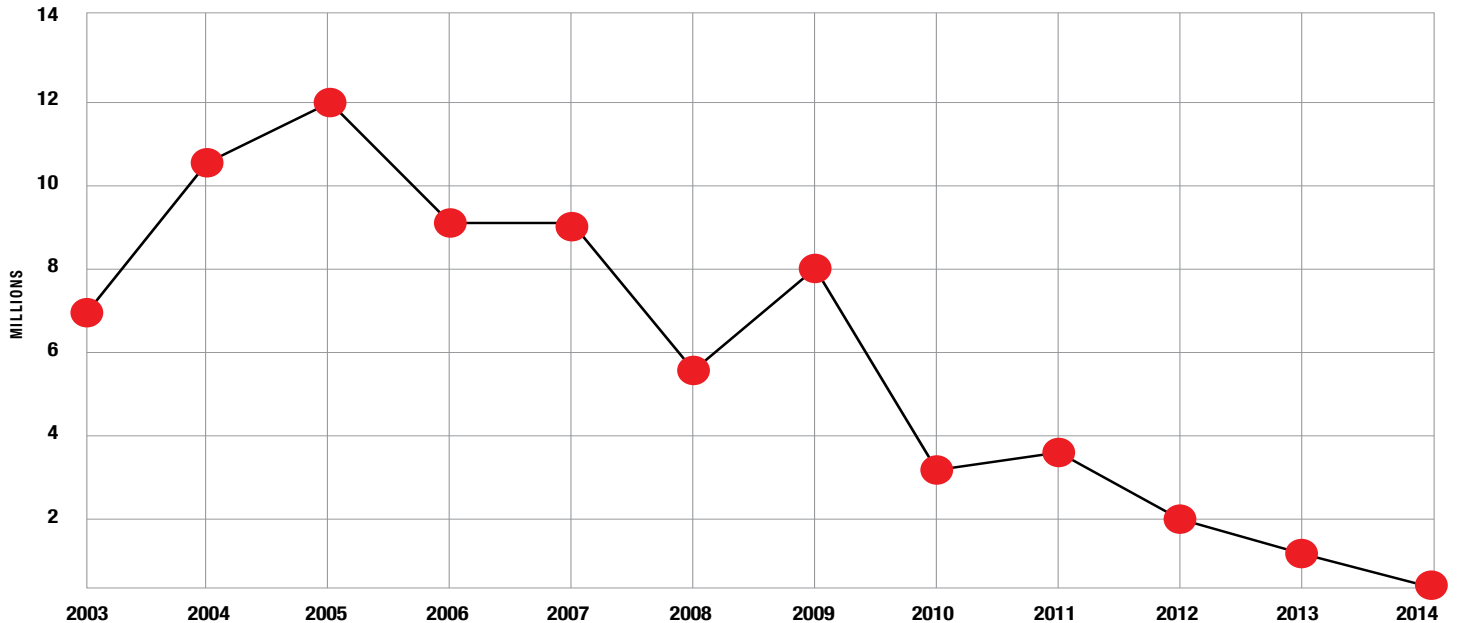
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In Christ,

*Perry*

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## BROOKWOOD CAN BE DEBT FREE!



# WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

HOW EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN TO BROOKWOOD IS DISTRIBUTED



**19¢ EXPRESSING LOVE TO GOD**  
Worship Ministries

**\$1,467,076**

**15¢ SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY**  
Care/Serve Ministries

**\$1,162,266**

**29¢ LEADING THE NEXT GENERATION TO JESUS**  
Family Ministries

**\$2,229,782**

**28¢ TAKING JESUS TO THE WORLD**  
Missions

**\$2,089,339**

**9¢ FORMING RELATIONSHIPS FOR  
SPIRITUAL GROWTH**  
Adult Discipleship

**\$651,558**

**TOTAL 2013–2014 MINISTRY PLAN**  
**\$7,600,021**

# LOVE IN ACTION EXPRESSING LOVE TO GOD

**\$1,467,076** WORSHIP MINISTRIES

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*

**Matthew 18:20 (ESV)**

## Our Plans for This Year

- Create an environment to praise and worship the Everlasting God and experience the reality of His presence.
- Lead our congregation in personal and spiritual transformation.
- Provide renewal each week through praise, worship and God’s message so the Brookwood family can go into the world to Love God and Love People.
- Inspire people to personally experience the Bible as one continuous story.
- Redefine worship as a way of life.

*O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.*

**Psalm 8:1 (NLT)**

## Here’s What You Can Do

- Come regularly, ready to participate in worship.
- Bring someone to church who doesn’t have a church family.
- Invite a person to church who isn’t a believer.
- Give to celebrate God’s grace and blessings in your life and in thankfulness for what you have already received.
- Become a Christian by surrendering yourself to Jesus.
- Become a Brookwood member.
- Join the Worship Choir or Sunday Production Team.

*But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.*

**Psalm 59:16 (NIV)**





## BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY...

- The congregation can respond to God and His greatness through worship.
- The Holy Spirit stirs within our hearts and we become more aware of His presence as we praise God.
- Lives are changed and people can go into the world to love and serve the Lord.
- We have meaningful impact within our church and community.

*Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.*

**Colossians 3:16-17 (NLT)**

# LOVE IN ACTION SERVING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

**\$1,162,266** CARE/SERVE MINISTRIES

## Our Plans for This Year

- Offer resources, including food, home repairs and living expenses to those in need.
- Visit the sick, elderly and imprisoned, and pray for those with difficult life circumstances.
- Provide connection and healing to individuals and families in crisis.
- Educate and counsel people in making wise spiritual and financial decisions.
- Serve each other and our community through ongoing service projects.
- Equip ministry leaders to guide, lead and serve volunteer teams using Biblical principles.
- Help volunteers identify their unique gifts so they can serve to their fullest.

*Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NKJV)**

## Here's What You Can Do

- Contribute food to the Food Ministry.
- Take the Church Counseling Training class.
- Commit to be a part of the Prayer Ministry.
- Serve on a Brookwood ministry team.
- Volunteer in a community project.



## STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

“When I first came to Brookwood at the end of 2012, I felt worthless and invisible...weak, ashamed and useless. But I don’t feel that way anymore. I am now in a Divorce Care support group, am participating in Celebrate Recovery, and have received counseling. I have learned the people of Brookwood are kind and accepting, many who are much like me: broken and alone. But the good news is, God accepts me just the way I am. And, more than that, He loves me. For God’s love, for the love of my Brookwood friends, for Pastor Perry’s love and honesty, I am forever thankful.”

– **Melanie**





## STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

“The *Feeding the Homeless* community project with Brookwood has been a life-changing experience for my son and me. We always look forward to serving alongside some of the most amazing, Jesus-loving people—and most importantly, bringing the Word of God, as well as hope, love and great food to some really deserving hearts. They have touched our lives in so many ways and are a blessing to us more than they could even imagine. God is doing such a work in their hearts and it is simply an amazing thing to see.”

– Alysha

## BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY...

- 4,000+ hours of free counseling services were provided.
- 2,500+ hours of intercessory prayer were offered.
- 480 care packages of food were distributed.
- 600+ people participated in the Celebrate Recovery program and support groups.
- 1,400+ Servefest volunteers participated in 93 projects in a one-day community service celebration.
- 60+ households received benevolence assistance.
- Volunteers served in over 6,500 opportunities throughout our church and community.

*“So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.”*

**Galatians 6:9 (MSG)**



## LOVE IN ACTION LEADING THE NEXT GENERATION TO JESUS

**\$2,229,782** FAMILY MINISTRIES

### Our Plans for This Year

- Empower parents to take on the primary spiritual role of their family.
- Provide parents with practical parenting classes and materials.
- Partner with families to strengthen their faith.
- Encourage parents to participate in Small Groups as their family journeys through different phases of life.
- Challenge people to volunteer in ministries from birth to teen.
- Inspire children and students to be passionate Christ followers.
- Create seamless next-steps for children into the Student Ministry.

### Here's What You Can Do

- Model FAITH by leading a devotional and praying with your child and/or student daily.
- Model SERVICE through volunteering in the Children and/or Student Ministries.
- Model KINDNESS and GENEROSITY by giving of your resources.

## BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY...

- Children and students are coming to know Christ.
- We are able to be more innovative with our approach to making the Bible real to our children.
- Students and children are involved in Small Groups to grow as a community of believers.
- Recreation programs provide opportunities for children and families to grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- Parents can bring their children to learn about Jesus in a safe, fun and nurturing environment.

*I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.*

**2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)**

## STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

“We began attending Brookwood Church in the spring of 2012. Our previous several months had been filled with visiting a different church every Sunday, and putting our daughter Samantha in a different Sunday School class every week. We had put off attending Brookwood because of its size, but finally decided to give it a try. We got Samantha checked in at BrookwoodKiDs and then went to service. After church, we discussed the visit, and this was the first church that Samantha actually wanted to visit again. Since we have been at the church, we have seen Samantha blossom. She attended Adventure Week, followed shortly thereafter by CentriKid Camp. The BrookwoodKiDs leaders did such a great job of helping her come out of her shell. She has since accepted Jesus into her heart and has been baptized. Samantha’s faith has increased tremendously since we started at Brookwood, and that has been wonderful. It was amazing to see her at CentriKid Camp this year, worshiping and sharing her faith with others. BrookwoodKiDs has been a blessing for our daughter and our family.”

– Stewart



# LOVE IN ACTION

## TAKING JESUS TO THE WORLD

**\$2,089,339** MISSIONS

*“You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere.”*  
**Acts 1:8 (NLT)**

*Defend the weak and the fatherless, uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.*  
**Psalms 82:3 (NIV)**

### Our Plans for This Year

- Introduce Jesus to people who have never heard the gospel.
- Start multiplying churches that transform whole communities.
- Show the compassion of Christ to rescued slaves and abandoned children in India by meeting their needs for loving care and guidance, and equipping them to live a productive life of service to God and others.
- Assist Praveen in liberating more children from slavery in the rock quarries in India.
- Support mission ministries and missionaries that are world changers.
- Send hundreds to serve on short-term mission teams.

### Here's What You Can Do

- PRAY for our mission partners—for freedom to proclaim Christ and protection from violent opposition, especially in India.
- GIVE to support the mission work that is changing lives for many thousands of people.
- DO something extra by sponsoring a child in India.
- GO on a mission trip to serve Christ and others.
- TELL someone your faith story.



## MORE CHILD SLAVES TO BE RELEASED

Before any of the slave children were released, Praveen had been witnessing to one of the quarry owners for years. Recently the man died and the family called Praveen to come see them. The man had written Praveen a letter before he died telling of turning to Christ and the peace he experienced. Then the family warned Praveen about the anger of many quarry owners and their plans to kill him. They also disclosed information about the location of seven more quarries where children were enslaved. In the power of the Holy Spirit Praveen visited those quarries and was actually welcomed by those who had opposed him before! Many asked Praveen to pray for them. Praveen and several pastors with him gathered information from the children so attempts could be made to locate their parents. The plan is to care for the children in village churches near where the parents live. Pray for protection for Praveen and the pastors who will rescue these children and the means to carry out their work.



## BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY...

### In India

- 800 rescued and abandoned children are receiving love and guidance, a secure home environment, medical care, basic education, and age appropriate vocational training.
- A campus is under construction on six acres near Kakinada.
- 50 older girls have been trained to sew and now are working in a Bangalore shirt factory under the watch care of local pastors' wives.
- Praveen is planning to liberate several hundred more children who are still slaves in rock quarries.

### Around the World

- Over 30,000 new believers have been baptized by our mission partners.
- 498 new churches have been started in West Africa and India in five years.
- Dennis Aggrey trained 225 pastors who started 226 new churches in Liberia.
- Rick and Laura Leatherwood provided audio Bibles for 15 unreached tribes who will learn of Jesus and the scriptures and disciple many more in remote Ethiopia.
- Dr. Dean and Dr. Deanna Kubacz will begin their medical ministry in a mission hospital in Chad (Central Africa).
- Water of Life drilled water wells that helped to start new churches.
- 119 people have gone on mission trips to serve and encourage our mission partners.

# LOVE IN ACTION

## FORMING RELATIONSHIPS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**\$651,558** ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

### Our Plans for This Year

- Assist people to connect with a Small Group or spiritual partner.
- Assist people with personal, spiritual and leadership growth.
- Equip leaders to guide participation in Biblical priorities.
- Equip people to take a next step in their love relationship with God and others.
  
- Build relationship with God by:
  - Surrendering to God in PRAISE
  - Hearing from God through BIBLE FOCUS.
  - Talking with God through PRAYER.
  
- Build relationship with people by:
  - Sharing life with others through FELLOWSHIP.
  - SERVING others.
  - SHARING JESUS with others.

*Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)**

### Here's What You Can Do

- Join a Small Group.
- Take a MILE or BrookwoodU class.
- Attend an affinity ministry event such as Men, PrimeTime (50+), Singles, Single Moms, Spanish, Women or Young Couples.
- Read the Bible in *The Story* every week.



## STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

“I came from a home where both my parents were atheists. I never had a place where I felt I could discuss openly about God, and the MILE classes gave me the perfect opportunity to do so. I was able to grow and discuss the questions that I had ... the people there had so much patience with my questions. With the help of the materials they provided, the people I got to know, and the discussions we had, I was finally able to accept Christ. I got baptized along with my daughter—we were born again! People at work came to me and said ‘Something has changed about you.’ When I came to the MILE classes, I was finally able to get understanding of what it meant to know Jesus and grow in Him and accept Him.”

– Karina

## BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY...

- 36 new Small Groups were formed.
- Over 300 people became connected with Small Groups.
- 1,066 people attended affinity ministry events.
- 575 people participated in BrookwoodU classes.
- 82 people participated in the first series of MILE spiritual-growth classes.

# HOW CAN I GIVE?

## Offerings are received in the following ways:

- **Online giving** is accessible at [brookwoodchurch.org](http://brookwoodchurch.org). Click on *GIVE* in the menu bar.
- **Giving kiosks** are located in the Concourse for giving with your debit or credit card.
- **Mobile giving** is available by downloading the SecureGive app on your smartphone.
- **Bill-paying services** through your personal bank can be used.
- **Offerings** are collected during the Sunday morning worship service.
- **Drop boxes** are located at the Auditorium exits and at various locations throughout the building.
- **U.S. Mail** to Brookwood Church, 580 Brookwood Point Place, Simpsonville, SC 29681.
- **Stocks** can be given through our broker, Wells Fargo Advisors at 1.877.785.3936.
- **Wills and insurance policies** can designate Brookwood Church as the beneficiary. Contact your attorney or Brookwood Financial Services.

## WHAT'S THE PREFERRED GIVING METHOD?

We prefer that you support the Ministry Plan by visiting the Brookwood website and setting up a recurring gift via your bank account. This will minimize processing costs for the church and help you make giving a priority.

**ONLINE GIVING  
POINT.  
CLICK.  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE.**



[brookwoodchurch.org/give](http://brookwoodchurch.org/give)



# HEAR THE HEART OF GENEROUS GIVERS...

## Quotes from our giving envelopes:

“All we have is given by You. Thank you Jesus, Father.”

“Thankful for God’s blessings. May the little I have and give be used to bless others.”

“I give not because I have to but because I want to. Thank you for all you are!”

“I began using online giving and now every week I give back BEFORE any other commitments. Thank you Lord for what you have given me.”

“God, we give to you with a cheerful heart. Thank you so much.”

“The more I give the more He gives back to me. Thank you Lord for giving me every day.”

“I cannot out-give you, God. Praise to you for your gift of salvation.”

“Happy to give to the work you and our Father are doing in the lives of the kids in India. I have all I need in Him!”

“I commit my finances to you. I love you Father. You will provide all our needs.”



## CONSIDER THREE TRUTHS

- God made everything and owns everything. **Psalm 24:1**
- God has redeemed us. He bought us back. **Titus 2:13-14**
- We own nothing. We manage what God has given us. **Luke 12:42-48**

## ASK YOURSELF ONE QUESTION

What does God want me to do with all He has entrusted to me?

# FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU



Try the **90 Day Giving Experience**. It's an opportunity to let go of financial fears and allow God to increase your faith. Contact us at [90daygivingexperience@brookwoodchurch.org](mailto:90daygivingexperience@brookwoodchurch.org) or 864.688.8229.



In **Financial Peace University** you can learn how money really works from budgeting and dumping debt to building wealth. This nine-week class is offered several times a year through BrookwoodU. Contact Lora Catoe at [lora.catoe@brookwoodchurch.org](mailto:lora.catoe@brookwoodchurch.org) or 864.688.8242.



The **Brookwood Financial Mentor Ministry** offers classes, seminars and one-on-one mentoring for families or individuals who are facing financial hardships or need assistance with budgeting. Contact Lisa Campbell at [lisa.campbell@brookwoodchurch.org](mailto:lisa.campbell@brookwoodchurch.org) or 864.688.8291.



**DIY • Do It Yourself Financial Plan** • A 20-page booklet to help you get started managing your finances. Contact [FinancialServices@brookwoodchurch.org](mailto:FinancialServices@brookwoodchurch.org) or call Sherry Morris at 864.688.8306.



**The Legacy Journey** will teach individuals and families how to live and leave a legacy—one that will bless their families, community and the world for generations to come. This seven-week class is offered twice a year. Contact Lora Catoe at [lora.catoe@brookwoodchurch.org](mailto:lora.catoe@brookwoodchurch.org) or 864.688.8242.



**Brookwood Estate Giving** will help you reach your goals and dreams for future generations. Contact Bryan Holley at [bryan.holley@brookwoodchurch.org](mailto:bryan.holley@brookwoodchurch.org) or 864.688.8229.

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS ABOUT GENEROSITY AND FINANCES

*Igniting a Life of Generosity* • A 21-day devotional written by Chris McDaniel.

*The Treasure Principle* • Unlocking the secret of joyful giving. Written by Randy Alcorn.

*Plastic Donuts* • A fresh perspective on gifts. Written by Jeff Anderson.

*The Holy Bible* • The ultimate authority on life and money. Written by God.





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