

# TRANSFORMATION

At First United Methodist Church Grapevine, we are excited about God transforming lives... one life at a time... one story at a time. What does transformation mean? Simply put, it is a change brought about by God's Spirit working in the life of a person.

As you read the following annual report, we pray that you will be encouraged by a few testimonies from those who have been impacted by Christ's transforming power in 2017.



## *Chase Brown*

I arrived home from a life-changing mission in Costa Rica full of renewed passion for Jesus and clarity for my calling. He provided me with an inspirational experience on the trip. I was ready to pursue the vision He had given me. God encouraged me that any endeavor He calls me to, His Spirit will be accomplishing the plan through me. As a result of His faithfulness, I have been able to boldly approach His throne and plan for my life.

## *Rachel Neil*

Rachel Neil, 6th grade Tween, has been active in Sunday School, Tween Club, missions and evangelism. By active, I mean, rarely is there a tween event or project Rachel is not right in the middle of. If there was an award for bringing friends, Rachel would be a decorated recipient of the award. She shows leadership by participating wholeheartedly in discussions and work projects. Until we attended Christ In Action's *SuperStart*, Rachel would decline when asked to lead a prayer. In our small group discussion at *SuperStart*, Rachel volunteered to lead the closing prayer. Transformation can take place anywhere. Those of us at *SuperStart* got to share this transformation moment with Rachel.



Chase and Rachel's testimonies are just a couple of examples of how God is working in the hearts and lives of His people. Your faithful prayers, service and giving was instrumental in supporting their life-changing stories, and many more that took place in the life of our church and beyond in 2017!

# 2017 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## *Revenue and Other Support*

General Offerings	\$2,011,945
Special Sunday Offerings	\$ 22,869
Misc. Building Use	\$ 25,395
Other Receipts	\$ 259,039
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$2,319,248

Total Missions Giving \* \$ 301,952

\* Designated giving in addition to the total revenue and other support listed above

## *Expenses*

Apportionments	\$ 208,000
Ministry Programs	\$1,494,856
Church Facilities	\$ 620,901
Administrative Support	\$ 68,885
Total Expenses	\$2,392,642

## *How has God transformed your life?*

We would love to hear how God is working in your life. Please take a moment to post your transformation story at [fumcg.org/transformation](http://fumcg.org/transformation) or write your story on the provided insert in your bulletin this Sunday. We'll have a special time of celebrating your transformation stories on Easter.