

ATTENDANCE

Each week, an average of **1,162** individuals attended worship services

In the last two years, we've averaged **1,585** unique adults reporting their attendance each month

On Easter Sunday, **2,208** adults attended worship services

On Christmas Eve, **2,916** individuals participated in services on campus or online

359 children and students attended a Sunday program or youth group each week

BAPTISM & SALVATION

44 Baptisms

20 Professions of Faith



EBENEZER CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTRY

More than **650** people participated in small groups

128 individuals participated in classes throughout the year

3 new Wellness Workshops were piloted by our Christian Counselor

PRESCHOOL

177 students ages 3-5 enrolled in our Preschool

12 scholarships were given

85% of teachers & support staff have a Bachelor's Degree or higher

FOCUS 2025 UPDATES

Our mission is to transform lives through Jesus Christ as we connect, heal, and bring hope to the world.

2019 IN REVIEW

This was the first full year for Ebenezer Church to work with the Focus 2025 Vision. We began to align our programs under the five focus areas of Hope and Healing, Transforming Stafford, Transforming our World, Connecting all at Ebenezer, and Connecting our Neighbors with Christ. During the summer we partnered with local authorities to host Hidden in Plain Sight, a program that helps parents recognize risky behavior. Later in the year we launched *StaffordHope.org* to promote several support groups meeting on campus.

After months of planning, a team journeyed to Sierra Leone, Africa to begin the work to build self-sustaining economies in 3-5 villages in the next five years. Closer to home, we focused on our schools. We stocked a teacher supply closet at Moncure Elementary and donated a translation system to facilitate communication between school staff and non English-speaking parents and guardians. After meeting with several administrators, we are learning where Ebenezer can make a real difference to support teacher and student success.

We expanded our ministry to Young Adults with planned outings and new Young Adult small groups. Ebenezer Church also took the first step to expand the parking lot and add another entrance thereby removing the barrier between the church and the Embrey Mill community.

LOOKING FORWARD

We have ambitious plans for 2020.

In February, we launch Stafford Hope, a night of support groups and classes for people during defining moments in their lives.

Our partners in Sierra Leone will begin executing the plan to improve the sewer and water system in Fengehun Village.

This year, we'll engage the congregation on plans for the parking lot expansion and options for establishing a second location.

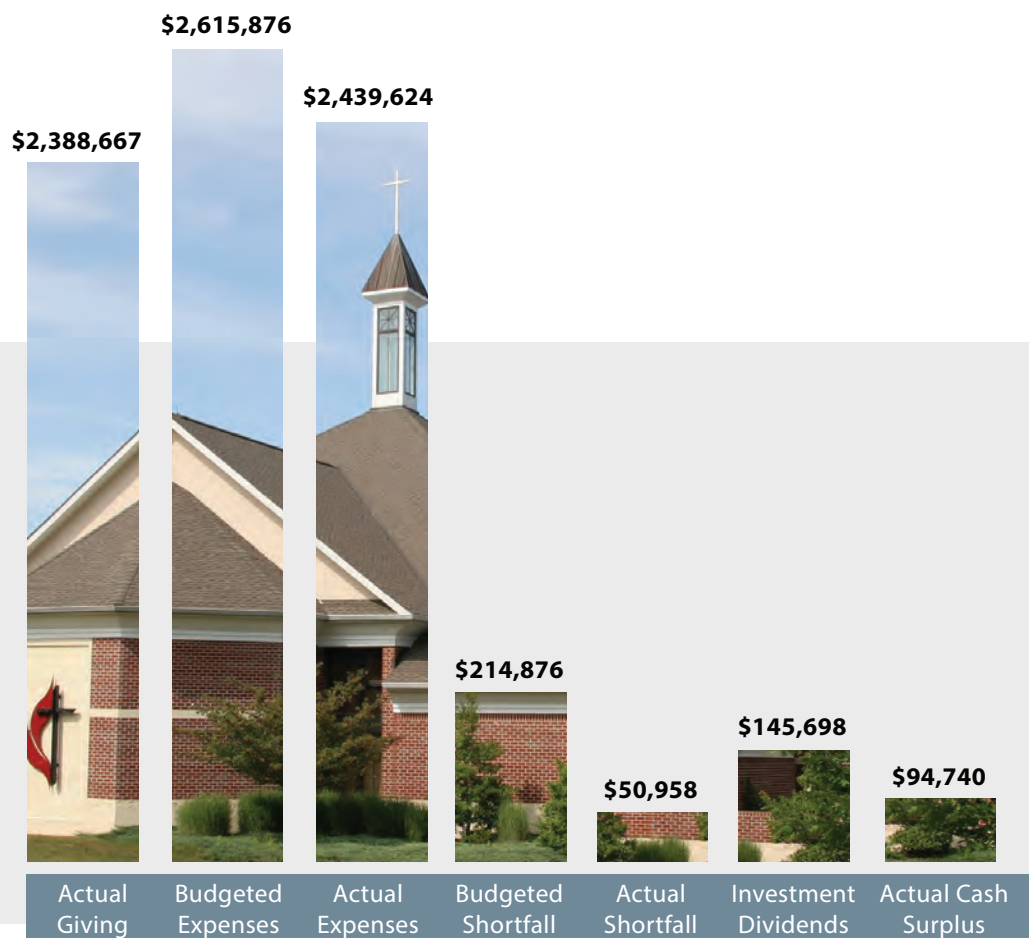
These plans help guide us in our mission to transform lives through Jesus Christ as we connect, heal, and bring hope to the world.

GENERAL FUND AT EBENEZER

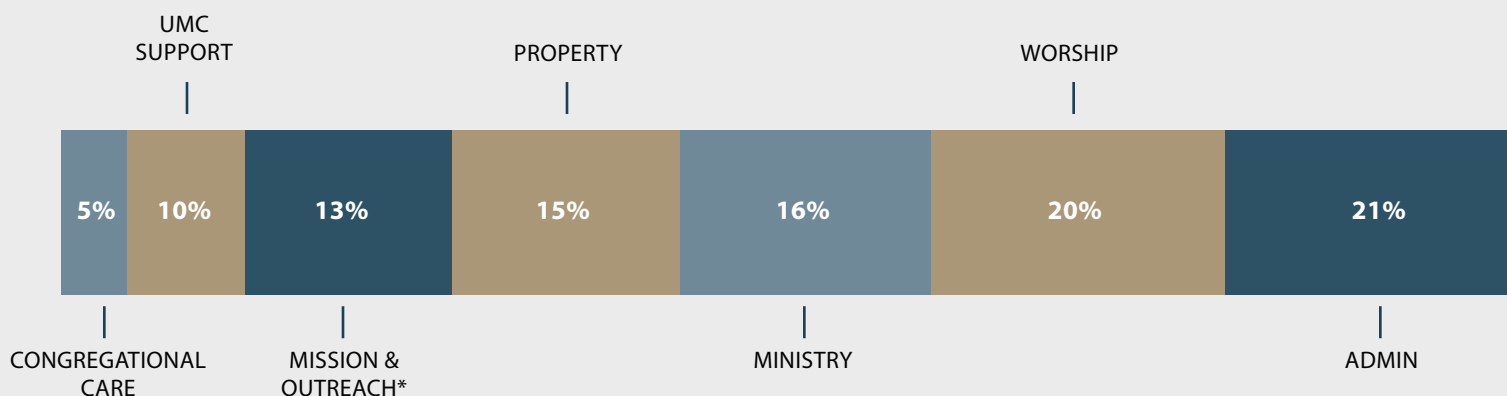
At the end of 2018, Ebenezer staff budgeted for a deficit of \$214,876 (not including investment income) to support the work outlined in the Focus 2025 Vision.

General income was 1% less than budgeted, but expenses were 7% under budget, resulting in an actual deficit of only \$50,957.

Investment income was \$145,698, resulting in a year-end positive cash position of \$94,740.



WHERE WAS OUR MONEY SPENT IN 2019?



Congregational Care — includes counseling, connection services, lay leadership, and funeral meals

Mission & Outreach — includes support of local, national, and international mission partners and individual assistance

UMC Support — includes apportionments paid to both the district and conference

Property — costs of maintaining the physical church

Ministry — includes children, student, young adult, and adult ministry expenses

Worship — includes expenses associated with the pastors, worship leader, music ministry, and supplies associated with worship services

Admin — general expenses associated with supporting all aspects of the church's mission, including general office, communications, finance, etc.