



LOVE

**GOD**

LOVE

**PEOPLE**

Y E A R I N R E V I E W

*BOY LIFE  
CHURCH  
2016*



**Bay Life**  
CHURCH

**Greetings Lifers,**

**I trust this first month of 2017 has been wrought with the grace that only God can give. I am writing to express my gratitude for your part in an incredible 2016 at Bay Life Church. I never tire of seeing what God can do through people (like you) who seek to set themselves aside in pursuit of His mission and His glory. So many here have given much to both, and we are seeing the hand of God move amongst us as a result. How else to explain the addition of The Chapel (formerly the First Baptist Church of Mango) to our family this past year? Two churches united, and God has provided - in a mere six months, attendance has more than tripled, and, God willing, we look forward to breaking ground on a new building (courtesy of a land sale there) sometime in early 2018. On top of that, we enjoyed our first year of debt-free existence as a church in 2016 and saw many needed projects on our campus completed as a result (painting the campus, fixing our patio walkways, etc.). In so many different ways, God has given us much to thank and praise Him for as a church!**

**How great was our God in leading us and blessing us as we sought to “surrender to Him as we make disciples here and around the world”? In 2016, we watched 114 lives changed by saving faith in Jesus, cheered as 75 believers declared their faith in Christ through baptism, and welcomed 174 new Lifers to our church family. I am infinitely amazed at God’s work through us! I find it difficult to express in words the personal joy I have in being your pastor. With all my heart, thanks again for playing a key role in Bay Life having another amazing year in service to our God!**

**As we move deeper into 2017, I can’t wait to see what God will do through us, here and around the world! May we all stay surrendered to Him in all things (Matthew 6:33)!**

**Mark Saunders  
Lead Pastor**

BE

**ONE**

MAKE

**ONE**

# **SURRENDERING TO GOD AS HE MAKES DISCIPLES THROUGH US HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD.**

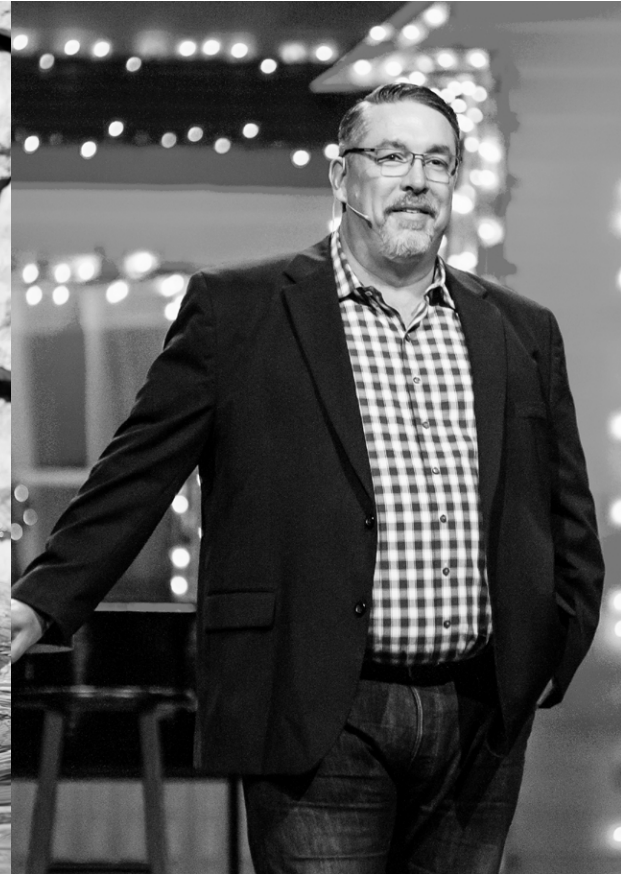
**Our mission is accomplished in two ways... Loving God and Loving People. These are fundamental to how we plan events, train Christ-followers, teach children, and serve our community.**

We love God through word, worship, prayer, and service and we love people through community, authenticity, intentionality, and unity.

By God's grace alone, He has blessed our efforts to disciple believers and share the Gospel of Jesus. Through Him, hundreds of lives have been transformed here. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, Bay Life is here for you!

**IN 2016, GOD USED BAY LIFE CHURCH** through our Life Groups, Foundations Classes and Saturday Seminars, and events like Kidapalooza, Feed the Bay, Gift of Hope, short-term mission trips, and more. As God's people here at Bay Life surrender to him, He has continued to use us to bring glory to His name and to make disciples here and around the world.

As we look back at over 2016, we see the great ways God has blessed, equipped, and used us. In faith, we know that God will continue to provide for us, lead His people here to be, and make, disciples, and earnestly pray for His direction, guidance, and will as we move forward into 2017 in His name.





# LIFE GROUPS + CONNECTIONS

Growing in your relationship with Jesus requires **intentional relationships**. Bay Life aims to be a welcoming family for everyone that crosses our threshold. From managing Sunday traffic, to a smile at the door, a prayer partner, Foundations Seminars, discipleship, weekly classes, and Life Groups for every stage of life... we are a family of faith who desires for people to know Jesus.

	GROUPS	ATTENDEES
LIFE GROUPS	63	567
BREAKTHROUGH	14	134
CORE CLASSES	12	98
FOUNDATIONS	6	113

## CONFERENCES + Saturday Seminars

- **APOLOGETICS**  
246 ATTENDEES
- **MESSY GRACE**  
187 ATTENDEES
- **MARRIAGE RETREAT**  
78 COUPLES

CONNECTIONS TEAM VOLUNTEERS

167

WEEKLY WELCOME TEAM AVG

71

DISCIPLER TRAINING

121

# CHILDREN

*NURSERY + PRESCHOOL + KINDERGARTEN THRU 5TH GRADE*

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO; EVEN WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT."

**PROVERBS 22:6**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **KIDAPALOOZA**  
783 KIDS // 300 VOLUNTEERS
- **PRESCHOOL PLAY DAYZ**  
112 KIDS AND PARENTS
- **HALO-WEEN**  
1300 GUESTS // 100 VOLUNTEERS
- **FALL FESTIVAL**  
2,950 GUESTS

AVERAGE WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

**430**

RECEIVED CHRIST

**72**

AVERAGE WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS

**152**

STUDENTS AT AWANA

**212**

"I'm a single mom of 4 girls and I have now been a member for about a year now and absolutely love this church. I volunteer at the women's center and my kids go to Awanas. I truly love everything about this church but also how involved they are in the community and for the community! I have always felt like it's my home and where my girls and I belong!!

**- TRACY MORRISON**









# STUDENTS

*Middle School + High School Ministries*

## SERMON SERIES

- MIDDLE // 7 SERIES
- HIGH // 6 SERIES

	MIDDLE	HIGH
BAPTISMS	12	12
LIFE GROUPS	16	13
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS	52	39

GLOBAL 5K  
MONEY RAISED

**\$21,550**

RUNNERS **478**

COMPANY SPONSORS **30**

## AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Every week students experience a combination of worship, games, a challenging message, and most importantly, interaction with a small group.

**120**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

**80**

HIGH SCHOOL

## Missions Trips

- MIDDLE // 3 TRIPS  
76 ADULTS/STUDENTS
- HIGH // 3 TRIPS  
54 ADULTS/STUDENTS
- TOTAL RAISED  
\$130,614

# ADULT MINISTRY

## MEN'S MINISTRY

Our men's ministry exists to help Bay Life men become the leaders, husbands, and dads God created us to be. They dive into God's Word together, dig into some grub, talk sports, talk business, talk family, talk struggles—you name it. It's one of the few safe places in life where men can talk openly about the challenges they face.

## COLLEGE + CAREER

Here college students and young professionals can plug in and find a community of support and friendship. Our goal is to create and equip believers ages 18-28 to know and understand God's Word and provide a home for fellowship and community.

- **MEN'S MINISTRY**  
160 ATTENDEES IN 2016
- **KEY LARGO RETREAT**  
58 ATTENDEES

"Real people coming together. This place made me feel welcomed. I felt like I belonged here. The music was great and the message was authentic and real. I love this place." - **OSCAR BIONDOLILLO**

## LADIES' MINISTRY

Our Ladies' Ministry digs deep into the Bible to apply God's Word to bring Him glory to God in every area of life. They laugh, cry, share successes and struggles, have fun, and pray for one another through this crazy, beautiful life!

- **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**  
449 LADIES REGISTERED IN 2016
- **LADIES' RETREATS**  
71 ATTENDEES
- **CHRISTMAS TEA**  
408 ATTENDEES

C+C AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

48

C+C LIFE GROUP MEMBERS

28

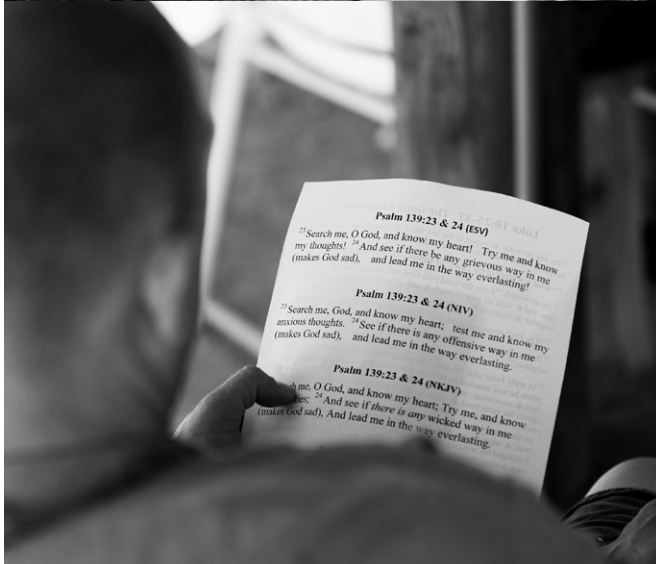
C+C LIFE GROUPS

3

C+C SERMON SERIES

4





# CARE + COUNSELING

Over the past year, Bay Life Church has taken strides to raise the level of care for the people in our church. We've seen **lives changed**, **relationships restored**, and **physical** and **spiritual** needs met. All of this takes place through our care and on-call pastors, Prayer Team, Hospital Visitation Team, Counseling Center, Breakthrough Groups, Financial Ministries, Marriage Ministries, and our partnership with the Women's Resource Center.

WORSHIP STATION PRAYER CARDS

2,392

HOSPITAL VISITS

28

RECEIVING COUNSELING

400

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

22

"I love Bay Life Church because we exemplify love in action. Our goal is to impact the community around us and the world."

- MARY VALESANO

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

Each week our staff, pastoral team, and prayer team pray over the **hundreds of prayer requests** that we receive through emails, phone calls, visits with our Prayer Team during service and in The Corner after services. We believe in the **power of prayer** and take the time to bring these requests before the Lord.

## BREAKTHROUGH

Breakthrough **provides** men and women a place to pursue redemption in Christ from pain, sin, and addiction. Each semester offers different groups such as Divorce Care, Boundaries, Anger, Griefshare, and Shelter From the Storm. Breakthrough has helped **over 100 people** this year see hope and restoration.

"Awesome Church..The people are very nice! I Really Like Pastor Mark, He is by far the best person I heard preach the Word."

- JESSICA SYVRUD

# MISSIONS

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **ACTS 1:8**

## Financials

LOCAL PARTNERS	\$28,400.00
LOCAL MISSIONS	\$17,485.75
MISSION TRIPS	\$216,161.00
GLOBAL PARTNERS	\$42,696.68

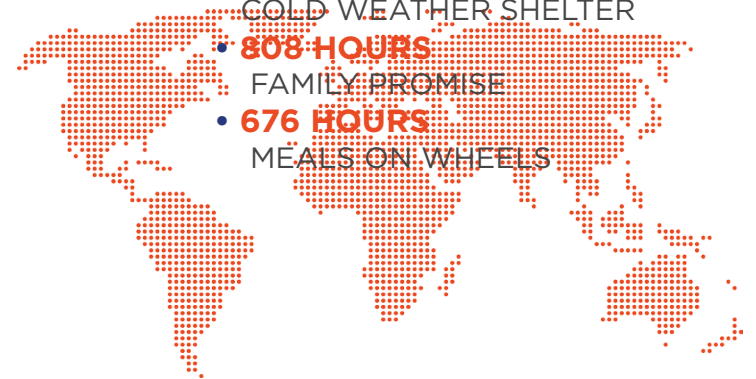
**TOTAL** **\$304,743.43**

## Trips

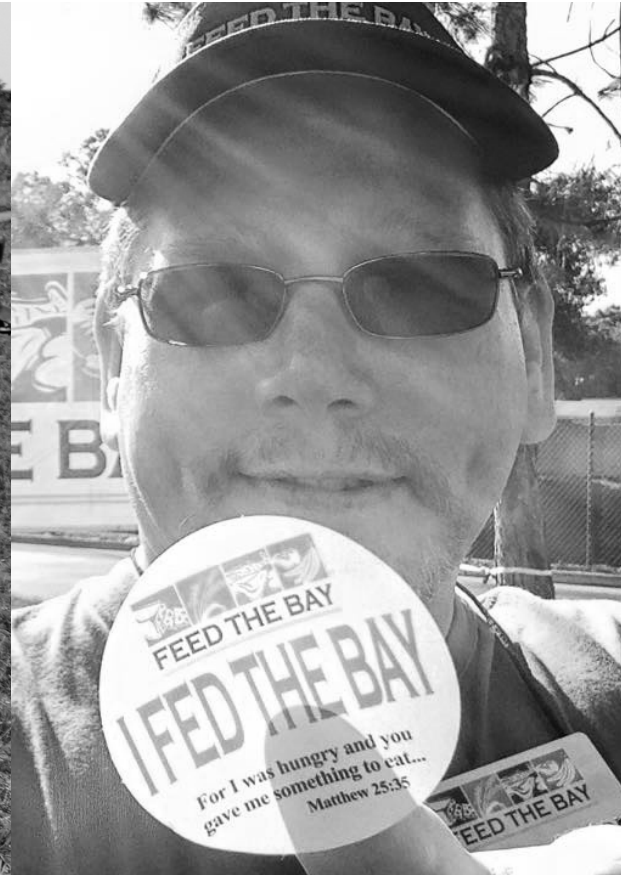
- **UGANDA**  
13 PARTICIPANTS
- **HONDURAS**  
7 PARTICIPANTS
- **GUATEMALA**  
6 PARTICIPANTS
- **GOOD SAMARITAN TRIP**  
5 FAMILIES, 17 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

## Volunteer Hours at Boy Lifers

- **208 HOURS**  
COLD WEATHER SHELTER
- **808 HOURS**  
FAMILY PROMISE
- **676 HOURS**  
MEALS ON WHEELS









# WORSHIP ARTS

Through music, we hope to accomplish two things: **worship our great God** and **lead our people** in doing the same. We do this by seeking to play music that is true, good, and beautiful; to use music that is **aesthetically pleasing** and also teaches the **truth** of the **Scriptures**. We want people to genuinely understand who God is and what He has done through **Jesus Christ**.

WORSHIP  
ARTS  
VOLUNTEERS

154

SONGS  
SUNG  
IN 2015

247

AVERAGE  
WEEKLY  
VOLUNTEERS

46

"It's wonderful to see such love for community. I so enjoy worshipping here!"  
- **TERRI LINTON**

"It's a blessing to serve knowing that your son is being treated with so much love. And he is hanging with his buddies I love my church!"

- **FERNANDA BRENNEMAN**

SONGS IN STUDENT MINISTRY

56

MUSICALS

2

SERVICES

214

# CHURCH WIDE

"My husband and I started attending church at Bay Life during a very difficult time... Ever since we set foot in the door we have felt like we were welcomed with arms wide open. I feel at home here, and I've never felt that at any other church. We now have a baby girl (which we have been praying for since attending) and it brings me a lot of joy to think about her growing up at Bay Life."

- HEATHER ALFORD

*Our Mission*

**TO SURRENDER  
TO GOD AS HE  
MAKES DISCIPLES  
THROUGH US HERE  
AND AROUND  
THE WORLD.**

HIGHEST  
ATTENDANCE  
WEEKEND

**3,952**

AVERAGE  
WEEKLY  
ATTENDANCE

**2,134**

NEW MEMBERS

**159**

SALVATIONS

**114**

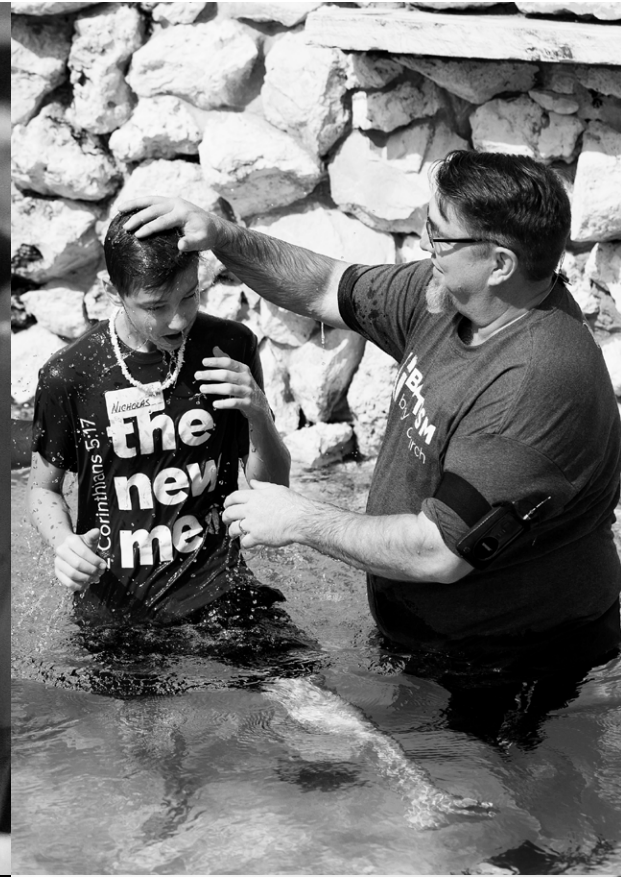
BAPTISMS

**96**

## *SPECIAL EVENTS*

- **FEED THE BAY**  
37 CHURCHES  
14 FOOD AGENCIES  
826 STORE VOLUNTEERS  
165,693 LBS COLLECTED
- **THANKSGIVING GIFT OF HOPE**  
446 FAMILY UNITS  
1,784 INDIVIDUAL SERVED  
269 VOLUNTEERS  
40 SALVATIONS
- **CHRISTMAS GIFT OF HOPE**  
611 FAMILY UNITS SERVED  
2,444 INDIVIDUALS SERVED  
402 VOLUNTEERS  
29 SALVATIONS  
4 RE-COMMITMENTS
- **BAY LIFE CAR SHOW**  
553 SHOW CARS  
\$5507.90 RAISED FOR MISSIONS  
1000S OF VISITORS ATTENDED
- **FOR JANE - ORPHAN EVENT**  
47 BAKERS AND ARTISTS  
20 LIFE GROUPS  
6 BANDS/MUSICAL GUESTS  
36 VOLUNTEERS  
\$6710.14 FOR ORPHAN CARE





# DIGITAL STATS

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE NUMBERS.  
**IT'S ABOUT MAKING DISCIPLES.**

**133,481** SITE VISITS  
THIS YEAR

**295,343 PAGE VIEWS**

SERMON VIDEOS VIEWED  
**10,998 TIMES**

MOST VIEWED FACEBOOK VIDEO:  
**12,294 VIEWS**

CHAINBREAKER  
(W/ BAY LIFE CHOIR)

PEOPLE FROM

**132**

COUNTRIES &  
TERRITORIES  
VISITED OUR SITE

**SOCIAL  
MEDIA**

FACEBOOK:

**3,308**

INCREASED 18%

INSTAGRAM:

**339**

TWITTER:

**336**

MOBILE APP:

**DOWNLOADED  
3,615 TIMES**



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Statistics aren't about numbers and achievement; for us, statistics are about people. Every number and piece of data is a different story of life change in the men, women, children, and families of Bay Life.

In every ministry, the quantitative number provides us a qualitative realization that God is at work here at Bay Life to draw His people in our community, and around the world, closer to Himself. The statistics aren't here so that we can think loftily about how good we are, but instead, how great, faithful, and wonderful God is. Our prayer remains that through our surrender in everything we do, He will make disciples through us here and around the world!