# A GREAT WORKS

2013 MINISTRY REPORT



God has been good to us this year. We've seen Him move in countless ways through people coming to faith, experiencing believer's baptism, getting plugged into small group life, serving here and around the world and families expanding through adoption. We've also seen God's faithfulness and your commitment to Outlive continue throughout this year.

Over two years ago, we asked our church family to make a commitment to grow spiritually, go on mission and give like never before. You did this, and we're continuing to see the legacy of Outlive play out. Because of that legacy the Madison and Starkville campuses are both debt-free, more families have adopted children, we've opened the medical and dental clinic at the Madison campus and we've seen hundreds come to Christ here in our church and at churches around the world.

We don't want this to stop. God has a big work He wants to do in and through us. He wants to use us to make His name known around the world. We look forward to 2014 and the direction we have received from Him: lean into prayer, create a pathway for discipleship, launch a campus in Oxford and become debt-free.

Thank you for your willingness to be available to how God wants to use you. Thank you for how you give to the life of our church and for how you live to make Him known.

In Christ,

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Chip Henderson

#### OUTLIVE — THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

In January of 2011, we made a commitment to Outlive our lives by living out our faith. We saw God do amazing things throughout those two years — prayers were answered, faith was increased, needs were met and lives were changed. Even today, we are still seeing the legacy of Outlive.

In 2013 we continued to see the results of our commitment to grow, go and give. We witnessed hundreds join short-term mission teams as well as some follow the call to long-term missions. Parents who received scholarships through Outlive brought children home to join their family. More mouths are being fed with the addition of Care Centers in Starkville and Madison. And after opening the Caring Hands Clinic at the Madison Care Center, people are able to receive medical and dental treatment that may not have been able to otherwise.

The ripple effect of the four church plants launched during Outlive in the communities of Fondren, Loveland, Pearl and Bradenton is almost impossible to measure. These new bodies of believers continue to grow and bring more people to faith.

We followed God's call to launch a campus in Starkville and find a permanent home for the Madison campus, together a \$10.8 million venture. God used your giving and we are thrilled to announce both campuses are debt-free! There are many more numbers like this that attest and celebrate the provision of our God. You'll see them noted throughout this book. The journey we began in 2011 is just that, a journey. We are still faithfully following the path God started and are continuing to see the fruit.

#### SINCE OUTLIVE BEGAN IN 2011...

14.5

Million given towards Outlive Your Life ministry efforts



Million given toward a permanent home for Pinelake Madison



Million given toward the Pinelake Starkville property

1.7

Million given to support those who committed to GO with a mission team

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Million given to Church Planting, Adoptions and Care Centers



People joined one or more small groups and committed to live in biblical community

### 55

Families are pursuing adoption or fostering

### 31

Families have received scholarships for adoption

# A MOVEMENT OF GOD

## 460

Total baptisms in 2013

#### TEAM INFLUENCE: ETHAN'S STORY

One night after Pinelake Madison's Sports Camp, an eight-year-old boy named Ethan Mallett gave his life to Christ. Ethan followed his decision with obedience in baptism, and when he showed up to be baptized at Identify, his entire baseball team came to celebrate with him. Ethan is a great example of what it looks like to share our faith outside the walls of the church. His life impacted others around Him and because of that, other children are now asking spiritual questions.





#### CREATING A DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Jesus summed up all He had taught His disciples when He commanded them to "go and make disciples." His plan was for all Christians to obey his command to make disciples by reaching the world with the Gospel. One of the desires of our church is that we would all take steps to lead others to Christ — that is disciple making. We want to create a pathway to help guide our church in making disciples. In July, Steve Norris joined our staff as Pastor of Missional Discipleship. Steve serves as the leader, visionary and communicator of our Discipleship Ministry and is developing a pathway to creating new disciples through relationships and missional activities.

#### A SURE FOUNDATION

Over the last two years, our worship team spent time writing songs that express the heart behind what God has done in our church. These songs are chapters in our story and represent the seasons we have gone through, the lessons we've learned and the spiritual movement of God. Earlier this year this collection of songs titled "Sure Foundation" was released as Pinelake Worship's debut album. Since then, we've worshiped with these songs collectively on Sundays and even on our own riding in our cars. They are a beautiful expression of the movement of God in the people of Pinelake.

"Sometimes you hear or see people singing and all of a sudden you see it click on their faces. They get it — this is us. This is unique to us. It's incredible to give a voice to our people — our body of believers — of what God is doing here. It's humbling to get to be a part of that. That's the joy when you are writing with the heart of a shepherd as opposed to writing for yourself. There is a lot more enjoyment and satisfaction when you are writing for that and not for your own approval and ambition."

- Jason Elam, Pinelake Clinton Worship Pastor

#### A HOUSE OF PRAYER

We desire to be a house of prayer and a praying church. We value prayer and the opportunity to pray for one another and go before the throne to present our request to God. This year, God gave us vision for some specific ways to make prayer an important part of what we do as a church, such as offering a prayer time before Renewal, hosting College of Prayer and having our Elders available to those in need of prayer.

In Scripture, there are many instances where Jesus got alone to pray. That's why we offer a time of prayer before Renewal every Wednesday. We want to give you time to get alone to pray, worship God, cry out and simply sit at His feet. Whatever your position needs to be, we want to be a place where you can experience the power of prayer.

#### 320 Total participants in College of Prayer



We ask our church to share their prayer needs with us, and every Wednesday during Renewal, at all campuses, we literally lift up over 1,000 people's requests before the Lord. What an amazing opportunity for us as a church family and for our community!

We introduced College of Prayer, a weekend experience that teaches us the impact prayer can have in our lives. This year we focused on praying as individuals and over the next two years, we will cover praying for our families and our church. College of Prayer is a time for people to seek the Lord. We have seen personal revival take place as prayer lives have been stretched and made bold.

Our church is led by a team of Elders, a group of men who serve in multiple capacities and help lead our church through their wisdom, spiritual discipline and prayer. The Elders devote time to spend in prayer for our church as a whole, but also for individuals in our church. We've seen a number of people have the Elders pray over them for their need, whether it's a spiritual or physical issue. Here are some of the stories the Elders shared testifying to God moving through these times of prayer:

"A group of women felt compelled to pray for their small group leader who is bound to a wheelchair. They called a prayer meeting with the Elders and spent time praying over her, anointing her with oil, reading Scripture over her and encouraging her in her faith. By the end of the meeting, with the help of Elders, she stood."

"A young man who was scheduled for surgery at the Mayo Clinic went to the Elders for prayer for healing before his surgery took place. When he went to have surgery, the doctors said he had been healed and he didn't have to undergo surgery."

# MAKE DISCIPLES AS WE GO

#### ON MISSION TO MAKE DISCIPLES

God has given us a mission: make disciples as you go — disciples who learn from Christ, live for Christ, lead others to Christ and join Jesus in His mission to redeem the world. We worship God by making disciples wherever we are, whether that's at work, school, the grocery store, on the soccer field, in another state or around the world.

Hundreds of you have made the commitment to be on mission right in your own community. We've seen small groups adopt local ministry partners and individuals join together every month at 2nd Saturday to be the hands and feet of Jesus. People like Allen Blanks and Blake Palmer who followed God's call to start conversations about God with strangers. Or Chris and Candy Ray who are selling their house to move to Midtown Jackson to minister to that community. It's been amazing to watch God move in our church family and see them obediently follow the call of God on their life.

#### "LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD; LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU." PSALM 67:3



#### CHANGING FLIGHT PLANS: CAITLYN'S STORY

Caitlyn went on a mission trip to Honduras over the summer. The trip was scheduled to be just one week, but God confirmed in Caitlyn's heart while she was there that this was where she belonged. One of the missionaries mentioned they needed a science teacher. Caitlyn had just graduated with a degree in biology and knew she could do it. She changed her flight to stay longer and interview for a job with the orphanage. God put a love for orphans in Caitlyn's heart a long time ago, and now He was fulfilling her desire to serve and care for them. After Caitlyn returned home from her trip, she found out she got the job and a month later, returned to the orphanage in Honduras to live there for a year to fulfill God's call on her life.

#### SINCE OUTLIVE BEGAN IN 2011...

9,720 People served locally

Full-time missionaries

Served with a global missions team

1,115

274

missions team

Served with a national

#### "YOUR KINGDOM COME. YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

This prayer of Jesus is being worked out through partnerships between Pinelake and international ministries around the world. Praise the Lord! Over the past year we have seen 900+ baptisms of Punjabi people in Northern India — over 4,000 now worship weekly in hundreds of house churches in the region. Thousands are worshiping our Father weekly in labor camps in the United Arab Emirate and at a Farsi-speaking church of Iranians and Afghans in Vancouver, British Columbia. A young Chinese student's heart was turned to a living Savior because of the work of one of our teams who spent time in East Asia. Scripture has been shared and left in the hands of Muslim families in Turkey. Abandoned and at-risk children in Mexico, Honduras and Botswana have experienced the love of Jesus through your touches. Worship of our King through local churches now exists in Hukuntsi and Kang, Botswana. Finally, people from Somalia are coming to Christ and surviving intense persecution with a joy to see their tribes won to Christ! God is showing us fields ripe for harvest. Jesus is calling. The Holy Spirit has empowered us for this harvest!



#### OUR COMMITMENT TO PLANT CHURCHES

Together, we are catalysts of life-change by making disciples through planting and supporting local churches. We've seen our people live this out through church planting right here in Mississippi and around the country.

ROBERT GREEN Fondren Church | Jackson, MS Launched September 2011

We've added over 400 people to community groups. We've seen people go out on mission and are excited about the local and global partnerships we have. There is a beautiful collision of cultures in Fondren and our church family reflects it. God has given us favor in Duling Hall, not just for church on Sundays but offices, a children's ministry area and an area for an inner-city kids mentoring program called Red Door. There is a lot we could brag on God about!



ANGUS MCKINLEY Elevation Church | Loveland, CO Launched February 2012

Elevation Church began as eight people who transplanted our lives to Loveland, Colorado. In the first year, we went from eight people to 88. Easter 2013 we had 130 people in attendance and baptized six people on Easter Sunday! We had 600 people attend our community Easter egg hunt and have seen entire families be baptized together. God is doing amazing things!



BRYANT MAY The Exchange Church | Pearl, MS Launched August 2012

This year we finished renovations to our permanent meeting space and moved in July. We've had great opportunities to partner with the city and sponsor city events and meet families in our community. Each week we are seeing God bring new families to our gathering and are celebrating multiple stories of life-change. Discipleship is happening as a result of what God is doing through the lives of people who have chosen to walk in obedience. We continue to be humbled and amazed by the things God is doing through The Exchange.



We've spent a lot of the past year investing in the elementary school where we meet. The mentoring/ tutoring program we started has been especially incredible. We've seen families come to church, be baptized and get plugged into life groups as a result. We didn't know these efforts would lead to being given a Business Partner of the Year Award, but it was huge to know we had made that big of an impact. God revealed that He wanted us to "be the church" to the school and we are just following that vision.





JOHN HICKMAN Everyday Church | Oklahoma City, OK Core group launch August 2013/Future Launch January 2014

Our goal is to reach the city to reach the world one day at a time. We had our first service in August with over 80 people in attendance and three professions of faith. But even before that, Everyday Church was able to minister to the community when the tornado blew through in May. We had a group of people who were here serving the community during that time. We also had a sports camp in July, with the help of a team from Pinelake, and had more than 100 children attend. We were able to see over 40 salvations during camp! We recently did an event called "A Christmas Gathering" and had 150 ladies attend from the two schools that were decimated by the tornado. We want to see people find true community and live their lives together every day for Jesus Christ by encouraging, studying and serving together. We are currently meeting bi-monthly but will officially launch in January 2014.

#### SINCE OUTLIVE BEGAN IN 2011...

National Mission teams sent to serve Pinelake church plants

7

Church planters trained and in the pre-launch process 45

Launched Church Plants

# WE ARE ONE CHURCH



#### CLINTON - NEW LEADERSHIP

In June, we introduced Jason Barber as the new Pinelake Clinton Campus Pastor. Jason has the spirit of a shepherd and an incredible ability to relate to people. The Pinelake Clinton family experienced this first-hand one Sunday when the sermon video could not be shown. Even though he had only been at Pinelake a short time, Jason stepped up and delivered an incredible word that spoke to many.



"We were at church and the sermon wouldn't work. There was a big question mark over the audience's head of what to do. Jason got up and had a message prepared. Whether it was recent or something he had used before, it didn't matter because that was the message God wanted him to use that day. I feel like it was God's way of saying, 'Here is your new pastor, I want you to hear something from his heart.' God anointed Jason and the message he spoke out of Psalm 24. What I heard from Jason was a true word from a shepherd to his flock. You can see that he has love and concern for us. My husband and I were both blessed by his message that day."

- Rhonda Norris, member Pinelake Clinton

#### MADISON - CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

During Outlive, God put it on our hearts to do more to care for the needy. As a part of that, we asked you to join us in doing so and to give to help in these efforts. Thanks to your giving we were able to open the Caring Hands Clinic at the Madison Care Center this September. Now, in addition to providing food, we have the opportunity to provide free medical and dental care to those who may not have been able to receive care otherwise. We are able to help those who are sick and in need with physical healing, but this also gives us the opportunity to provide for their spiritual needs. Because of your giving, we are seeing people cared for and loved like Jesus.



"One day in August while I was at the Care Center, I had the opportunity to counsel and pray with a very distraught Hispanic woman, with the translating help of José. Her nine-year-old son had a brain tumor and he was not growing normally. She was desperate and crying, as you could imagine. In September she returned with her son, and José asked if I remembered praying for a little boy with a tumor. 'Yes!' I said. Well, there he was with his mother, standing in the hall! She looked up and recognized me as having prayed with her and pushed her son toward me for a thank you hug. José then told me she had taken him to the doctor, the tumor was gone and now he was growing normally!"

- Linda Hurstell, Madison Care Center servant leader



#### RESERVOIR - TOGETHER WE'LL IMPACT THE WORLD

At Pinelake we desire to see people become a part of biblical community. This past year we saw over 800 people connect with a group at the Reservoir. But people aren't just joining groups — they're stepping up to lead groups and then living on mission in our community with their group. Several groups are serving on mission teams to help our church plants and serving globally — all in an effort to share the Gospel.

We recognize God's call to invest in the lives of next-generation Christ-followers. By mobilizing students into groups, engaging them on their campuses and mentoring them, we have an opportunity of a lifetime to impact the world like never before. Over the past year, the Reservoir College Ministry has seen an incredible movement of personal transformation and community outreach as groups have begun to emerge throughout the Metro-Jackson area. We have seen students begin their college, university and military careers with a focus to impact the world around them for the name of Christ. With great intentionally, we are investing in the lives of high school seniors and college students to strategically help transition them toward adulthood.



#### STARKVILLE – TAKING SPIRIT-LED STEPS

In January 2011, we launched Pinelake Starkville. No one could imagine how much work God would do in and through this church in just a short period of time. We've seen hundreds of lives changed, thousands of people attend services and seen God move in amazing ways. This year alone, 83 people have been baptized.

But what's more impressive is the life-change that is so evident in our people — like Bryce Rader, a college student who got mixed up with drugs and alcohol. God did a remarkable work in his life and

opened his eyes to what it really means to be a Christian. God saved him from drugs, brought him to church and on a Wednesday night during Renewal service, God saved him and he was baptized. Bryce's desires changed at that point. He's not the same guy he was — he is fired up and excited about God and his life has influenced his family and those around him. He's shared his story with his fraternity, gone on mission trips and leads a small group. God also used him to lead the guy who first gave him drugs to Christ. Bryce learned what it meant to be a Christ-follower and now he's leading others to do the same.



#### OXFORD - REACHING A NEW COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST

In August we announced we were following God's call to open a Pinelake campus in Oxford. Creating Pinelake Oxford allows us to share the hope of Christ and live out our mission to develop Christ-followers. We're humbled by God's work at Pinelake and the opportunities He has given us to partner with other life-giving churches in the area to reach the community for Christ and see lives changed through Him. We're excited to be coming to Oxford in late 2014!

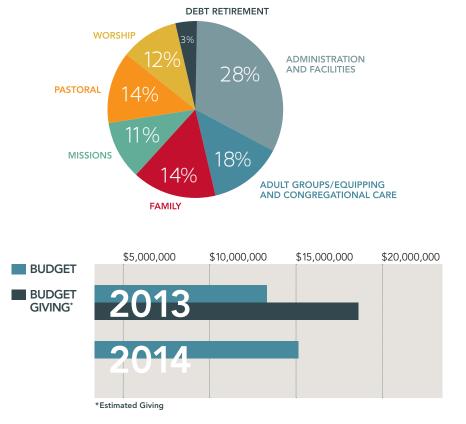
"We are excited to walk through this next step of faith and see Jesus exalted in Oxford through Pinelake Church. The Spirit has led us to go to Oxford and seek life-change in the name of Jesus. It will be an honor to partner with so many great churches and movements there for the name of Jesus."

- Jeff Redding, Executive Pastor of Ministries



#### 2014 BUDGET

God is accomplishing so much through the ministry of Pinelake, which is made possible through the faithful financial support from our church family. This represents a summary of the budget proposed for 2014.



#### 2013 2014

\$13,501,186 \$15,002,437

TOTAL BUDGET FOR PINELAKE CHURCH

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Pinelake is one church with multiple campuses: Clinton, Madison, Reservoir and Starkville.