LEGACY OUTREACH REPORT

The Summit Church, Fall 2026

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Here at the Summit, we are committed to stewarding all our resources to know God and make him known.

As a part of that vision, we have created five strategic Legacy Lanes—International Missions, Domestic Church Planting, Local Outreach, Leadership Multiplication, and Triangle Gospel Expansion.

We have God-sized dreams for each of the Legacy Lanes that the Lord has put on our hearts, and in this report, we are excited to share with you how God is at work in each lane!

The Legacy Team is for any Summit member who wants to give over and above their tithe to accelerate the mission and vision of The Summit Church. This team serves our church with the gift of giving by accelerating our vision. If you're interested in joining the Legacy Team, you can submit your application here.

For further Legacy questions, review the FAQs on the Legacy Team page or contact Blair Graham, pastor of stewardship and generosity, at bgraham@summitchurch.com or (919) 354-5952.

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International Missions

This lane supports projects that advance The Summit Church's global church planting and disciple-making strategy.

2026 Highlights

- 264 people currently serving on the field
- 90 international churches planted last year
- 104 people commissioned to be sent, surpassing our Send100 goal
- 58 people in the pipeline preparing to be sent long term
- 122 people participating in weekly Mission of God class

FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Second Training Cohort of Persian Church Planters

Our Persian church planting network has grown over the last year to more than 30 leaders of house churches inside closed Central Asian countries. The only way to safely offer pastoral training is to bring these leaders out of their home country for quarterly training conferences. We will be adding a second cohort at each training conference to double our capacity, in order to serve the leaders God is raising up in our network.

Renewal Residency

Every church plant in a strategic city around the globe needs a core team of marketplace leaders who can disciple new believers, lead ministries, and reach the city through their profession. In September 2025, the inaugural cohort of 11 young professionals in industries ranging from engineering to healthcare began a two-year development track with professional mentoring, global mobility training, networking, and experiential learning through guest forum speakers and international company visits.

HOW CAN I CONNECT?

- Join a short-term trip to visit one of our field teams.
- Visit one of the monthly International Church Planting Catalysts in 2026 and 2027.
- Apply to be a coach in the Renewal Residency. Email Julie Scrudato (jscrudato@summitchurch.com) to learn more.

HOW CAN I PRAY?

- Pray for the 122 people taking the Mission of God class to discover the role God is inviting them to play in his mission and to boldly take the next step of faith that God is calling each of them to take.
- Pray for our missionaries as the holidays approach, as they often feel grief around not being able to celebrate with their families. Pray that the Lord would comfort them through his Word and local community. Pray also for the Lord to provide visas for many who are anxiously awaiting them.
- Pray for wisdom as we build out partnerships in our five gospel hub cities. Pray for our church planters and missionaries on the ground, that the Holy Spirit would protect and empower them as they seek to multiply disciples and churches in these cities.

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Domestic Church Planting

This lane supports projects that fuel the work of planting more churches through the Summit Collaborative.

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- 97 percent success rate in churches planted
- 85 churches in current collaboration to help each other plant more churches
- 1:30 - For every person we have sent out, there are 30 new people worshiping in Collaborative churches
- Nine churches planted this past year
- 12 ministry leaders in this year's church planting cohort, planting in the fall of 2027
- 57,000 in attendance for Easter 2026*
- More than 5,000 college students in attendance across Collaborative churches

**These numbers do not include The Summit Church RDU.*

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Launch a Vibrant College Ministry at Southern Illinois University

Exodus Church is seeing encouraging momentum with 300+ connections made with SIU freshmen during move-in week and a growing launch team of 30 people. Preview services are averaging 42 attendees, and the church's new location at 700 Oakland Ave. provides a strategic opportunity to reach both SIU students and the surrounding community. The church has already begun building relationships through campus events, including an upcoming SIU choir concert, and has hired two staff members to focus on college ministry. Weekly international student luncheons are also drawing 12 to 15 students from nine different nations, creating meaningful opportunities to build lasting relationships.

HOW CAN I CONNECT?

- Visit a Summit Collaborative church.
- Attend one of our annual events and meet some of our church planters. Contact Ben Snyder for details by emailing ben@summitcollaborative.org.

HOW CAN I PRAY?

- Pray for our church planters and their churches to be healthy and faithful.
- Pray for God to raise up new leaders for future leadership in his church.
- Pray for God to open pathways for continued church planting.
- Pray for alignment between all new collaboratives as we seek to multiply our capacity to plant.

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Local Outreach

This lane supports projects that advance The Summit Church's local gospel demonstration and disciple-making strategy.

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- 82 worship services inside prisons this year, with a total of 8,000 people in attendance
- 171 professions of faith and 37 baptisms in prison facilities
- 82 refugee and immigrant families regularly participating in our Multicultural Fellowships
- Launching a new Recharge (foster care respite night) at Blue Ridge in the fall of 2026

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Digital Bible Teaching in Prisons

Many North Carolina prisons have begun providing tablets to inmates in order to provide secure access to education while incarcerated. Through partnerships with Department of Corrections officials and platform partners, we can offer Summit sermons on tablets inside the facilities where we serve and provide discipleship follow-up through our prison ministry volunteers. Because of your generous funding of this project, we have successfully launched this in our prisons.

Campus Partnership Grants

We were able to provide each campus with funds to distribute to their most strategic partners. These funds were used to bless a large number of partner organizations and local schools, doing things like purchasing supplies for food pantries in local schools and buying clothes for foster families.

Wake House Visitation Center

We helped fund the renovation of the Wake House Visitation Center, a place for children in the foster care system to be able to spend time and reunite with their parents. This project will allow hundreds of children and parents each year to experience visits in a setting that reflects dignity, hope, and care.

HOW CAN I CONNECT?

- Welcome and host refugee families at the next multicultural dinner. Email John Messiah to learn more (jmessiah@summitchurch.com).
- Serve foster families at a Recharge respite night in Durham or Raleigh. Email Anna Ashley for more information (aashley@summitchurch.com).
- Join a Serve Saturday project to plug into campus-specific projects in your community.
- Connect with the prison ministry to join one of our many opportunities to serve in local correctional facilities throughout the Triangle and surrounding areas.

HOW CAN I PRAY?

- Pray for more volunteers to regularly engage in multicultural dinners as we expand to more campuses this year.
- Pray for God to call new leaders for the teams we hope to see expand our prison, foster care, and international fellowships ministries across the Triangle.
- Pray for new families that would open their homes to support vulnerable children through foster care, and that God would raise up other families that would help hold the rope for foster families, case workers, and teens aging out of foster care.

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Leadership Multiplication

This lane supports projects that fuel the work of identifying, developing, and sending the next generation of kingdom leaders through The Summit Church.

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- 1,730 kids served through Summit Kids summer ministries, supported by 300+ volunteers, with 26 first-time faith declarations
- 721 high school students attended camp; 60 made first-time professions of faith, and 60 took steps toward vocational ministry
- 514 middle school students attended camp; 32 made first-time professions of faith
- 200 Summit College students and staff served on Summer Projects across 12 countries
- 1,250 gospel shares through Summit College Summer Projects led to 158 decisions to follow Jesus
- Four Triangle campuses launched weekly Summit College gatherings, reaching 1,200+ students
- 55 percent year-over-year growth in The Summit Institute, with 33 percent minority leadership and 60 percent female leadership
- 14 leaders participated in Mavericks, our college leader development cohort; six were commissioned or committed to church planting or college ministry roles

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Fall 2026 Summit College Large Group Meetings

Funding launched a new weekly large-group structure for Summit College, creating a consistent, invitational environment on four Triangle campuses for over 1,200 students.

2026 City Project in NYC

This project funded 170 college students and leaders to travel to New York City this summer for hands-on evangelism training among unreached people groups.

2025/2026 Mavericks Cohort

The Mavericks Cohort developed 14 Summit College leaders who can now be sent with our church plants to reach college cities.

HOW CAN I CONNECT?

- **NextGen:** Serve during weekend services in Summit Kids or Summit Students. For conversation or deeper involvement, contact Josh Joyner (jjoyner@summitchurch.com).
- **Summit College:** Mentor a current student or connect one-on-one with staff. Contact Elise Thayer for more information (ethayer@summitchurch.com).
- **The Summit Institute:** Join a Monday training to experience formation in action. Email Mike Calhoun to learn more (mcalhoun@summitchurch.com).

HOW CAN I PRAY?

- **NextGen:** Pray that parents, caregivers, and small group leaders would embrace their calling as disciple-makers—and that their investment would bear lasting spiritual fruit in the lives of our kids and students.
- **Summit College:** Pray for continued salvation among college students and for those being sent to reach others across the globe.
- **The Summit Institute:** Pray for our vision of training two hundred leaders each year—for effective recruiting, strategic partnerships, and Holy Spirit-led growth.

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Triangle Gospel Expansion

This lane supports building projects that advance The Summit Church's local gospel demonstration and disciple-making strategy.

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- We have begun the process for a renovation and refresh of our Apex campus and the initial design of our Fuquay-Varina campus property.
- We are actively pursuing opportunities to transition mobile campuses to permanent campuses.

HOW CAN I CONNECT?

- Plan a time (or two) to worship with us at one of our newer permanent facilities, Alamance or North Durham, and rejoice in how the Lord is using these campuses to reach the Triangle with the gospel.
- Join us in the Boiler Room during a Sunday service at our Chapel Hill campus to pray for the Lord to give us favor and open doors in pursuing a new permanent facility as we continue making disciple-making disciples.

HOW CAN I PRAY?

- Pray that the Lord grants us favor and opens doors as we pursue a permanent facility for our Chapel Hill campus. Pray that the Lord provides the resources we need as well as guidance and favor throughout the legal process, and that he gives us wisdom and discernment through his Spirit as we move forward.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for our directional elders as they evaluate future opportunities for Triangle gospel expansion, and that the Lord would give them bold faith and confidence in following his lead.






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