

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



LEADERSHIP

PASTORAL TEAM

Tom Hogsed
Lead Pastor

Jeff Dayton
Associate Pastor

Nolan Oakes
Family & Discipleship Pastor

Matt Stuchul
Worship Pastor

STAFF TEAM

Stacey Coffee
Director of Connections

Hannah Hogsed
Director of Communications

Liz Ostergren
Early Childhood Director

Megan Krause
Elementary Director

SUPPORT TEAMS

Facilities Team
John M. & Mark S.

Finance Team
Roger G., Cary M., Glenn H.,
Tyler I., and Keith J.

Missions Team
Tanner C., Bob D., Katie H.,
Kate I., Tammy M., Emily S.,
Scott N., Mark M., Kelly D.,
Michelle M., and Ace S.

Food Pantry Team
North Canton Cares Pantry
Board of Directors



OUR GROWTH

500+ attenders

50% of attenders volunteer

100 Age Birth-18 attend weekly

200 lbs of mints eaten

19 Adults Baptized

129 New Facebook followers

14 Kids Baptized

61 New Instagram followers

13 New members of the church

49 New YouTube subscribers

17 Children dedicated

672 Hours watched on our channel

FINANCIAL HEALTH

\$730,095

2025 Contributions

\$565,626

2025 Expenses

+

\$104,228 to Missions

\$97,308 to Building

\$755,535

Year-End Bank Balances

\$194,438

General Fund

\$546,022

Building Fund

\$15,074

Missions Fund

The Summit Finance Team thanks you for your generous and faithful giving in 2025! Your contributions have enabled the church to remain debt free and well-positioned to take the next steps in God's plan!

These numbers reflect a commitment to keep 3 months of monthly budget in the **General Fund** for savings. We also continue to grow the **Building Fund** as we move toward the future.

The Finance Team requests prayer for wisdom as they manage the church's finances.

PROPERTY

For 2026, we will be assessing our current property and look closely at next steps. We'll also be considering *other options* for additional space within our community. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and God's provision for our church family.

Questions? Email finance@thesummit.life.

LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS

WAYS WE SUPPORT

Prayer Support:

asking God to accomplish much through the work of the missionary.

Financial Support:

15% of our monthly budget is invested in local & global missions work.

Missions Committee:

a team of people helping pray for and maintain regular contact with missionaries, & raise awareness in the church.

Missions Minute:

a weekly update in the newsletter and on-stage, highlighting local/global missionaries the church supports with prayer requests & relationship-building beyond finances.

New in 2025! We began supporting two missionaries in unreached peoples (restricted access nations)

Chris



Mongolia

Beth



Central Asia

The Lytles



FBC Strongsville

The Coxes



Massachusetts

The Stewards



Ireland

The Larsons



H2O Kent

The Hawkins



France

Traci Warner



Nicaragua

Burkholders



EBI Ministry



Burkholders



Chicago

Barb Dunbar



Japan

The Bartas



H2O Buffalo



Ireland Missions Team 2025: Tanner C., Bob D., Bella L., Ace S., Tom R., Sandy T., Anna F., Marla D., and Tom H.

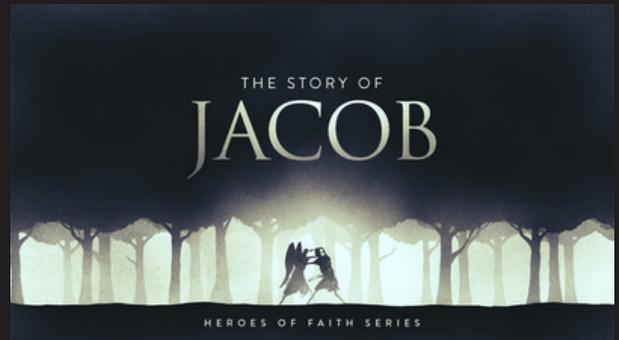
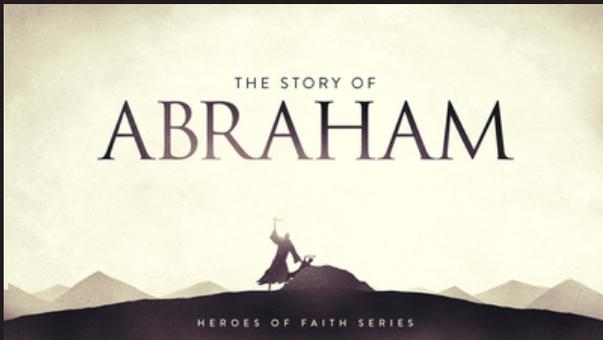
In August 2025 we sent a 9 member mission team to Ireland in support of Josh and Denise Steward at Tralee Bible Fellowship. Our 6 days in Tralee coincided with the town's annual Rose of Tralee Festival. This festival is an internationally known beauty pageant where large, enthusiastic crowds gather in Tralee for parades and town festivities, leading up to the crowning of the "Rose of Tralee".

During the event there are thousands of additional visitors to the city. During this visit we focused heavily on street ministry in Tralee. This was a prime opportunity to share the Good News in the town center and make locals and visitors alike aware of Tralee Bible Fellowship. We also made people aware of the large outdoor "Church in the Park" event that Josh held on August 31st.

It was a real blessing to participate in Sunday worship at Tralee Bible Fellowship and meet the church members. The people and sights of Ireland are forever etched in our hearts. We are truly grateful that we could serve God in this capacity and help further His plan for the people of Ireland!



SERMON SERIES



THE STORY OF ABRAHAM

18 weeks | Jan 5 – May 18

We walked purposely through Abraham's life and watched God build a people through promise, covenant, and imperfect faith. Week after week, Genesis kept bringing us back to the same lesson - God is faithful even when we are not.

THE STORY OF JACOB

15 weeks | June 1 – Sept 7

Jacob's story put family dysfunction, conflict, and God's patient transforming work on full display. It was a steady reminder that God doesn't just "use" people, He changes them - sometimes through messy relationships and long seasons of growth.



1ST PETER

10 weeks | Sept 21 – Nov 23

During this series we focused heavily on this truth - Jesus is our hope in the midst of our suffering. Peter clearly showed us that suffering is an opportunity to show others the surprising generosity and love of Jesus, which is fueled by the hope of His return.



HOLY MOMENTS

5 weeks | Nov 30 - Dec 24

A focused series highlighting God's grace through unlikely stories in the family line of Jesus (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary). It was a strong year-end reminder that God works through broken people and complicated stories to accomplish a holy plan.

BIBLE STUDIES

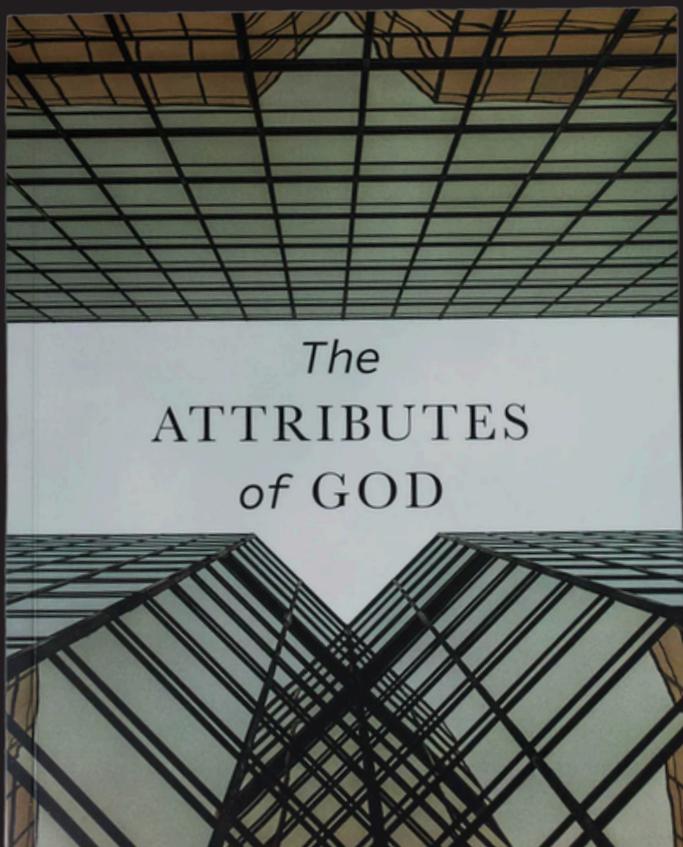
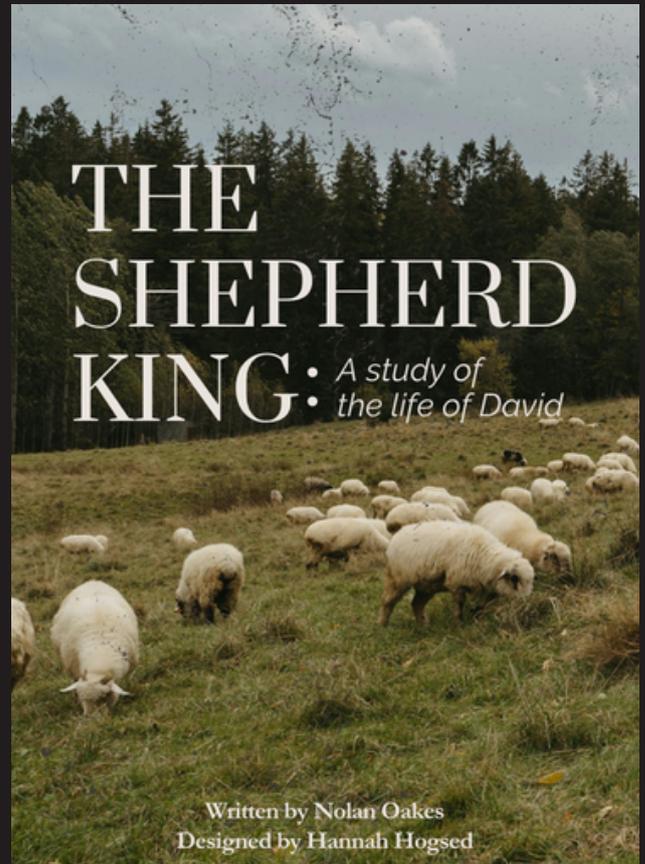
THE SHEPHERD KING

Spring 2025

Written and designed by our church team, this 9-session study traced the full life of David, from 1 & 2 Samuel through his final moments in 1 Kings 2.

Participants engaged through a balanced format of personal Scripture reading and reflection, teaching sessions, and table discussions within separate men's and women's environments, fostering both biblical depth and meaningful community.

80 People Attended



THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Fall 2025

Using a study by The Daily Grace Co., we brought men and women together for a unified evening study. By offering childcare and aligning the schedule with Youth Group, we created an accessible space for families to participate.

Over 7 sessions, participants explored more than 20 attributes of God through daily personal study, teaching, & table discussions, growing in their understanding of God's character & faithfulness.

37 People Attended

BIBLE INSTITUTE

In Fall 2025, we kicked off a **BRAND NEW** opportunity for our Summit Church Family. In Bible 101, we walked through a variety of vital topics such as how our Bible is put together, and why we can have confidence in the Scriptures. We also looked at challenging questions that have been leveled against the Bible today. And we closed the class comparing the Bible to the Book of Mormon & the Koran. **50 People Attended**

THE JOURNEY

In The Journey Study, individuals discovered that the Bible is not just a collection of 66 separate books. It is one unfolding story of God's redeeming work. By walking through eight major themes, participants gained practical tools to read Scripture with clarity and confidence. They began to connect passages they once found confusing to the bigger picture of what God is saying through His Word. People opened their Bibles with fresh desire, understanding the storyline more clearly, and finding their love for God and others renewed as Scripture becomes both personal and life changing. **40 People Attended**

D GROUPS

D-Groups have become a place of growth and community. In the groups, people (men, women, and married couples) gathered around four simple commitments: Scripture, relationships, prayer, and care. Week by week, people opened God's Word together, built friendships across seasons of life, prayed with honesty, and showed up with practical support when needs surfaced. God has used these groups to deepen discipleship and strengthen the bonds of our church family. **21 People Attended**



NEW FACES

Matt Ballard
Bass Guitar

Cory Boosz
Vocalist

Ari Dayton
Vocalist

Christian Griffin
Vocalist & Acoustic Guitar

Nate Miller
Bass Guitar

NEW SONGS

Light a Fire
David Leonard

Mighty Name of Jesus
The Belonging Co.

Holy Forever
Chris Tomlin

You've Already Won
Shane & Shane

Worthy Of It All
CeCe Winans

At the end of 2025, Justin Logan designed, built, and installed **new lighting features** for our fly space to improve the aesthetic and function of our stage lighting system. It made a tremendous impact to our streaming and in-person experiences. Providing increased visibility and performance capabilities, it gave us greater control over the quality of the feed to our online viewers and helped us continue to refine & enhance Tom's face each Sunday :)



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We had a total of 88 children come through the early childhood department in 2025. We had **46 volunteers** in the Nursery- Kindergarten!

NURSERY 23 Kids
TODDLERS 38 Kids
PRE K - K 27 Kids

We are grateful for everyone who has an impact on these children's lives as they pass through each grade. We were able to complete a full year of running through the Gospel Project. We went through the books Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, Proverbs, 2 Chronicles, Jeremiah, Jonah, Exodus, and Leviticus. Each child has a special place in our hearts. Please join us as we pray this verse over them this next year:

"But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." - John 20:31



ELEMENTARY MINISTRY

This year we were incredibly grateful for the faithful and joyful service of our volunteer team, with **15 volunteers** investing weekly in our 1st-2nd grade class and **5 volunteers** pouring into our Pathfinders ministry for 3rd-5th graders.

In Pathfinders, students studied the same lessons taught in the main service and had great conversations about the truths found in the Scriptures. We took meaningful steps forward by introducing regular events and participating in the Elevate retreat, giving our students opportunities to build friendships, grow in their faith, and feel deeply connected to our church community.







STUDENT MINISTRY

Our **Elevate 6-8th** ministry continues to flourish, and it has been a joy to watch our students grow deeper in their relationships with God and with one another. On Sunday mornings, it's not unusual to see a packed room — we've even run out of chairs from time to time! They love to laugh, conversations flow freely, and this group brings incredible energy and enthusiasm each week. We are blessed with eight dedicated leaders who faithfully pour love, encouragement, and biblical truth into our students.



Throughout 2025, Elevate participated in numerous activities, but our Fall Retreat at Skyview Ranch was especially memorable. One highlight was a powerful bonfire worship night under the stars, led by Matt and our worship team. It was a meaningful time as we saw God move in the hearts of our students in a special way.



STUDENT MINISTRY

This year has been one of growth and transition for **Climb Youth 9-12th**. We currently have 22 amazing high school students in our church but due to changes in leadership, meeting times and uncertainty it has left this group of students with a lot to digest.

Through it all, a strong core of students has continued to dig deeply into God's Word each Sunday and Wednesday. Six committed leaders have faithfully invested their time, energy, and hearts into discipling these students. We are reminded that God calls us to plant and water faithfully, and He promises to bring the growth in hearts.

We are filled with hope and expectation for what God has ahead for Climb. Next year, we will welcome five 8th-grade students into the high school ministry, bringing fresh energy and excitement to the group. We trust that God has wonderful things in store for this ministry in the coming year.







NORTH CANTON CARES PANTRY

The North Canton Cares Pantry is beginning its **7th year** in 2026. 2025 was filled with tremendous growth and changes. After six years of setting up, tearing down, and transporting food back and forth to the Summit, the pantry was able to secure a permanent location just down the road in the Mayfair Plaza. The new location, including an attached warehouse, has given our team and guests the security that we will always have enough food at our pantry events.

The new pantry Executive Director and Board of Directors are doing a fantastic job leading and guiding our pantry into a new era. We are thankful for the support of so many great volunteers. 2026 should be another great year filled with challenges and God's blessing!

123,000

lbs. of food donated

2,080

volunteers

60%

growth in 2025

20%

holiday season growth

5,300

hours served

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL



In October we hosted The Summit's first Fall Family Festival with **more than 500 people attending**. The evening began with food prepared by a dedicated team of volunteers from our church. The Climb/Elevate youth group organized games and inflatables for all to enjoy, while the Moms' Group led pumpkin decorating.

We also held a pie contest and the winners had the opportunity to pie the pastors! Hosting the event at Flite Test made the night even more unique as kids were able to watch candy being dropped from airplanes.

We closed the evening with a time of worship around several campfires, followed by roasting marshmallows together. It was a meaningful opportunity to gather as a church family and enjoy time in community.



HONORING THE LIFE OF

JOHN MURRAY

2025 was a difficult year because the Summit lost a vital part of our church staff. John Murray, *the Summit Facility Guy*, was part of the Summit Church family, dating back to our time in the movie theater. His kind spirit warmly welcomed and encouraged everyone, and helped people feel at ease. In the early days, John was part of the Summit Band, greeted at the door, and helped with setup and teardown on Sundays.

As we transitioned to the current facility, John used his gifted hands to fix, upgrade, and replace countless things throughout the Summit building. John's fingerprints are throughout the entire facility, from the very top to the smallest spaces. He was the truest picture of the humble servant who followed Jesus. John enjoyed catching up with folks on Sundays, and he especially loved ribbing and joking with anyone he could talk to. John was committed to Christ, his wife, Cathy, his family, and the Summit Church. His wisdom and gentle presence were deeply loved and will be sorely missed.



The only nameplate in our church located at the end of the north hallway. Created and hung by John Murray.