

2025

ANNUAL REPORT



CITY GATES CHURCH

City Gates Church Annual Report

1. Introduction

This document serves as an overview of what has been accomplished by the City Gates Church plant in Shallotte, North Carolina over the year 2025. We aim to offer insight into what the Lord has done for us and through us as a church body over this year and display transparency for our stewardship of those opportunities. We give Him all the glory for great things He has done.

2. Message from the Pastor

Dear City Gates Church,

2025 was truly a testament to God's faithfulness as we officially began weekly gatherings as a local body. Throughout the year, we saw growth in more ways than just those that can be numerically measured on these pages. We truly believe that the Lord has invited a specific group of people to come together as a local body and join in the good work he is already doing in this community. We are extremely honored to have the opportunity to participate in that along side you. Thank you for the way you have faithfully served and loved this church family over this past year.

For His glory,
Tim Powell, *Lead Pastor*

3. Local Community Engagement

This year our community engagement has been focused on meeting needs of the families in our body as well as partnering with the schools in our area. These engagement opportunities have included the following:

- Donating 35 backpacks to West Brunswick High School guidance office
- Providing breakfast for teachers and staff at Supply Elementary school during teacher appreciation week
- Providing breakfast for teachers and staff at Shallotte Middle School to welcome them back for a new school year
- Providing breakfast for teachers and staff at West Brunswick High School to welcome them back for a new school year
- Joined two other local churches to provide breakfast for Prayer at the Pole at West Brunswick High School
- Donated 8 pregame meals to West Brunswick High School athletics program (football, baseball, and softball teams)
- Partnered with FCA for pregame devotions for the West Brunswick football, baseball, and softball teams
- Supplied one of the local food pantries with 250+ loaves of bread
- Provided NLT Bibles and The Biggest Story Kids Bible to our church body

4. Growing Our Church Community

Being a new church plant, we have chosen to lean in to events for our local body in an effort to grow new relationships, build trust, and deepen our friendships. This has looked like:

- Mens Monthly Prayer Gatherings
- Womens Bible Study
- Young Adults Bible Study
- Good Friday Dinner
- Popsicles in the Park events through the summer
- Christmas Party and Cookie Swap

5. Answered Prayers

Over the year 2025 we saw God answer prayers a variety of ways. Some of those include:

- Providing a meeting place for our soft launch and official launch in 2025 at Coastal Church.
- Growth in our volunteers for the worship and kids ministries.
- Providing a more permanent meeting place for us at Shallotte Senior Resource Center, allowing us to meet on Sunday morning for weekly gatherings.

6. Financial Overview

Financial stewardship is a big focus for us. Prior to the 2025 fiscal year, the Lord provided opportunities to front load our church savings account to bridge the gaps we experienced in our first year. Our expenses included investing in equipment for weekly gatherings, funding community engagement, supplementing church staff, giving back to missions and other church plants through the NC Baptist Convention, and more. Below is a summary for the year 2025:

Total Giving

\$70,702.80

Internal Giving	External Giving
58%	42%

Total Expenses

\$74,654.45

7. Future Goals

As we aim to keep our pace sustainable, we are looking forward to the areas of growth and development God has for us in the coming years. We believe those include:

- Establishing local elders and deacons
- Growth in spiritual maturity and Bible literacy
- Enhancement of our worship experience and technological upgrades
- Increased support for our kid's ministry and worship team

8. Conclusion

We conclude this report with gratitude and hope. As we step into the future, we carry forward our mission to follow Jesus, walk in freedom, and multiply the kingdom.

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