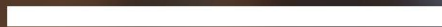


A Year in View



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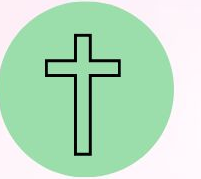
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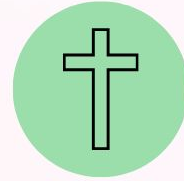
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Total Church – Tim Chester

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Acts 17:10-12

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OVER 500,000 SOLD!

A PRAYING LIFE

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN A DISTRACTING WORLD

Paul E. Miller

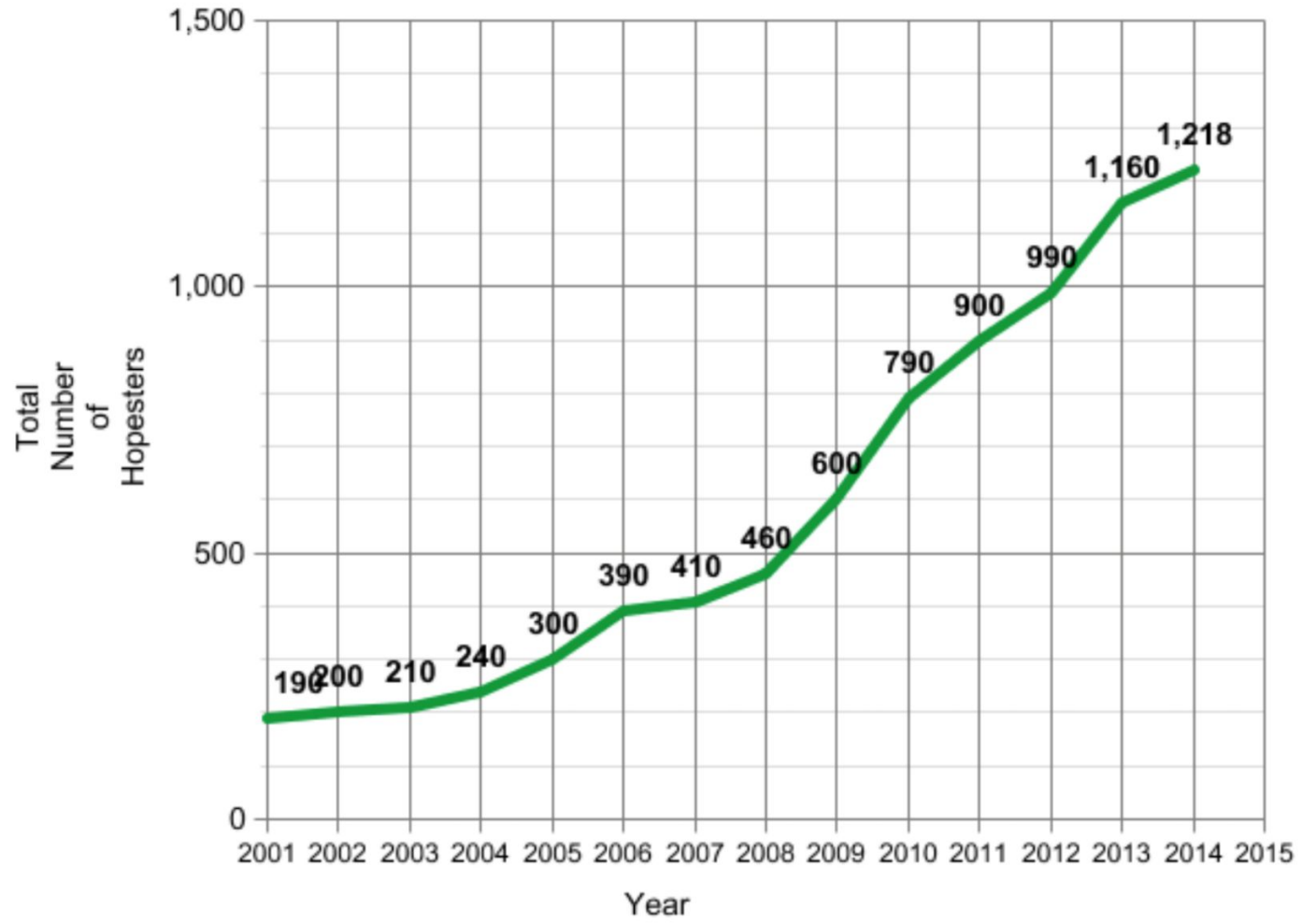
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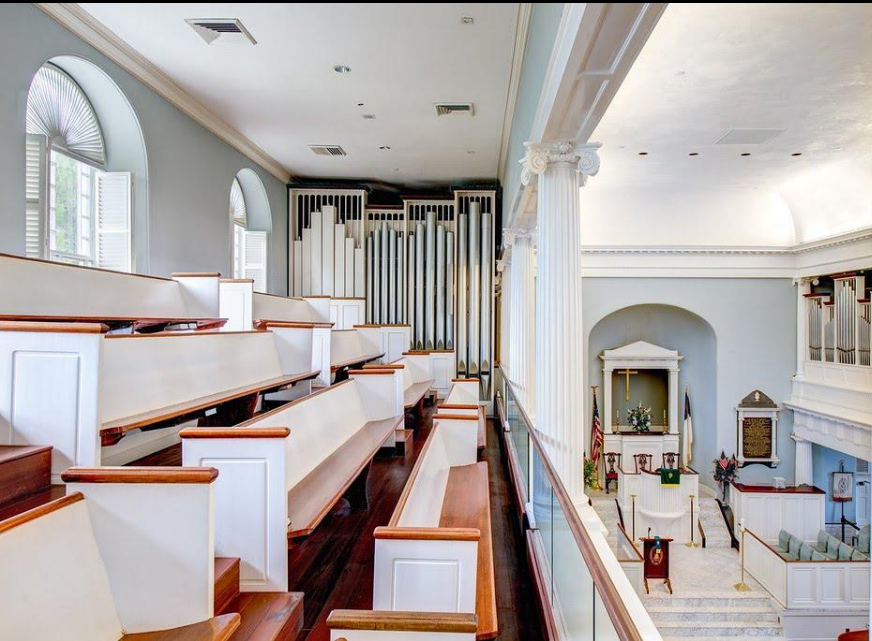
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Progression of Attendance since 2001





**Start of a new series, Easter, Christmas, kick
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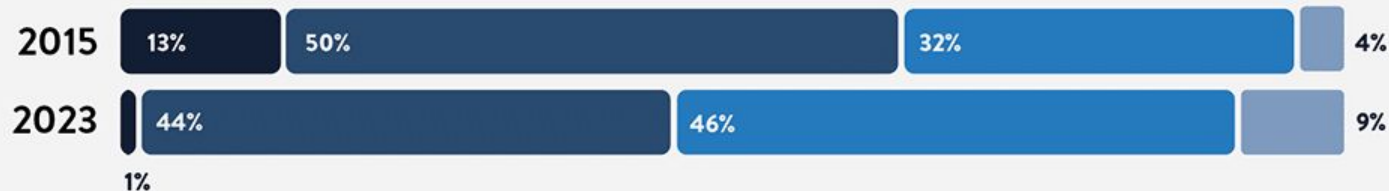
OUTREACH EFFORTS IN CHURCHES HAVE DIPPED IN RECENT YEARS

If you had to rate your church's effectiveness at discipleship or spiritual formation - that is, helping people become more like Christ - would you say it is...?

Very Effective Somewhat Effective Not Very Effective Not At All Effective Don't Know



And what about your church's effectiveness at reaching out to unchurched people?



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**ON
MISSION**

IN COMMUNITY

GOSPEL

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Mark Dever, *The Church: The Gospel Made Visible* (Nashville, B&H, 2012), 3.

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1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

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It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

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² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

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We highly value taking God very seriously, while not taking ourselves too seriously. Is this man willing to laugh when someone lights one up at an elder meeting and says, “Nice one”? Does he enjoy a good laugh? This man must be able to laugh at himself, our team, and Hope’s failures. For example, we are okay with non-perfection in presentations on Sundays. When things go wrong, this man should be able to grin, shrug it off, and keep going.

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LOWERTOWN
Life

Gospel Application

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