



## Welcome

Our hope in providing this profile is that you would get some insight into our Church as you prayerfully consider if God would call you to be our next pastor. We are amazed at what God has done in our midst over the past 30 years and our eyes are set on the Lord with faith and anticipation as the time has come for our pastor and founder to retire.

We have provided some relevant information about our congregation, our mission, our ministries, and our surroundings. We believe God has placed us in a unique mission field with exceptional opportunities. The Lord has laid a good foundation under the guidance of our retiring pastor, one upon which we trust you would help us build to further the Kingdom of God in Hunt Valley, in Baltimore, in Maryland, and in far away places.

Be assured that your application will remain strictly confidential and we will keep you abreast of the process as we move forward. Feel free to contact Dr. Charles McGowan, McGowan Search, at [charles@mcgowanassocs.com](mailto:charles@mcgowanassocs.com) or Mrs. Jenna Mace, Pastor Search Committee Chair at [jennabmace@gmail.com](mailto:jennabmace@gmail.com), with any question you may have.

Thank you for your willingness to participate in our search process. We pray that God will use it to bless you and to lead us all in His perfect will.

Under His Mercy,

Pastor Search Committee



Hunt Valley Church began in April/May 1990 when approximately 100 people met to discuss the possibility of a new church because of a split within the church they had been attending. The following Sunday, the first worship service was held in a ballroom at the Hunt Valley Marriot Hotel with 170 people present.

In September of 1990, Hunt Valley Church became a “particular church” within the Presbyterian Church in America, with 173

members. Finding regular scheduling of the hotel space to be a challenge, the church moved to Bonnie Blink Chapel at the Maryland Masonic Home for worship on Sundays. During that time, a permanent interim pastor was engaged and the search for a senior pastor began.

In early 1991 the congregation agreed to purchase 22 acres of land on Beaver Dam Road abutting I-83 for future building. After going through the rigorous Baltimore County zoning process and disputes by the neighbors, ground was broken in 1995 and we moved into the facility in the spring of 1998.

In the spring of 1992, Frank Boswell was called to be the senior pastor of Hunt Valley Church. Frank came to us from Austin, Texas, where he had been a church planter. Shortly after Frank arrived, we moved to rented space on Schilling Circle, so we could have our own space that was available on more than just Sundays.

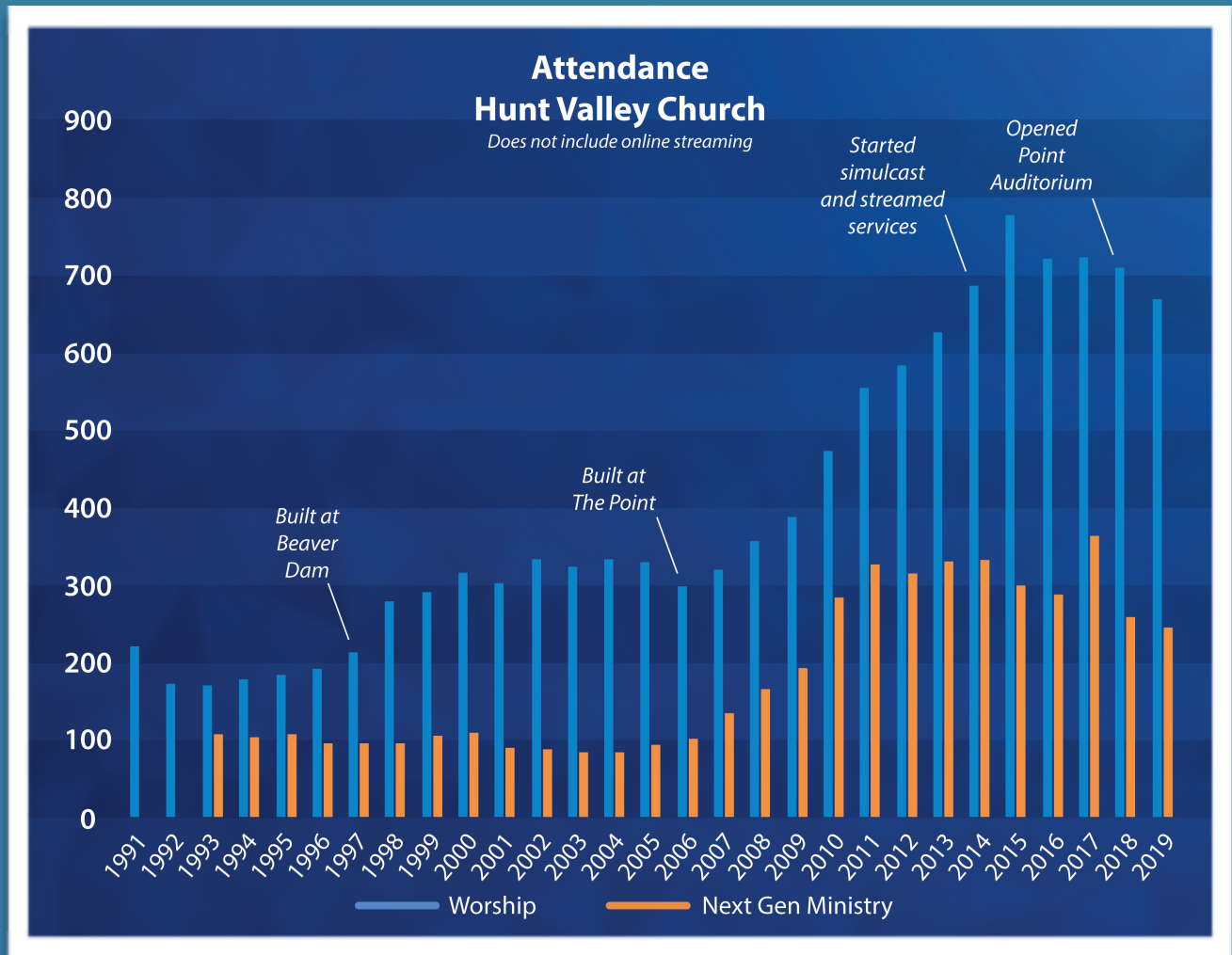
In our early years, ministries focused on mission trips, holiday food baskets and construction of homes in the Sandtown neighborhood of West Baltimore in collaboration with Sandtown Habitat for Humanity.

In 2006, we were outgrowing our space, but due to zoning restrictions were unable to expand further on our property. We began to rent space on Gilroy Road, just a few minutes over the Interstate, and moved the offices and student ministries there; children’s ministry space was renovated at the Main Campus. The Point, as it is known, became a welcoming space with a café and meeting spaces for ministries.

In 2012, we were able to appeal our zoning restrictions to Baltimore County, as we saw the need to put all the ministries on one campus. While our restrictions were largely removed, our neighbors again caused us to have protracted legal battles to be able to build as we felt God had led us; these were finally resolved in December 2018 and progress toward building is ongoing.

In the meantime, we were able to acquire more space at The Point and in the fall of 2018 a 350-seat worship area was opened there, with a satellite service held there at 9:30 on Sundays, with live music and the preaching streamed from the Main Campus. In addition to the worship space, additional meeting space and office space were also added.

# attendance growth/



Attendance has grown from an average of 450 to 860 since expanding our campuses in 2007, ministry programs are stronger than ever with 300-600 volunteers passionately investing in and serving the needs of our community, and our giving is robust with a budget of about \$3.3mm.

HVC is an active participant in the global mission field and a pillar in our community; awakening the lost to the presence of God and equipping our members to live out their calling. We believe God has positioned us for a new and exciting future to carry on the mission of HVC.

<b>AGE RANGE BREAKDOWN</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>30%</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>19%</b>
	<b>40</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>31%</b>
	<b>60</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>and over</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>20%</b>

**ADULT MEMBERS AND  
REGULAR ATTENDERS**

**1278**

**COMMUNING MEMBERS  
823 ADULTS**

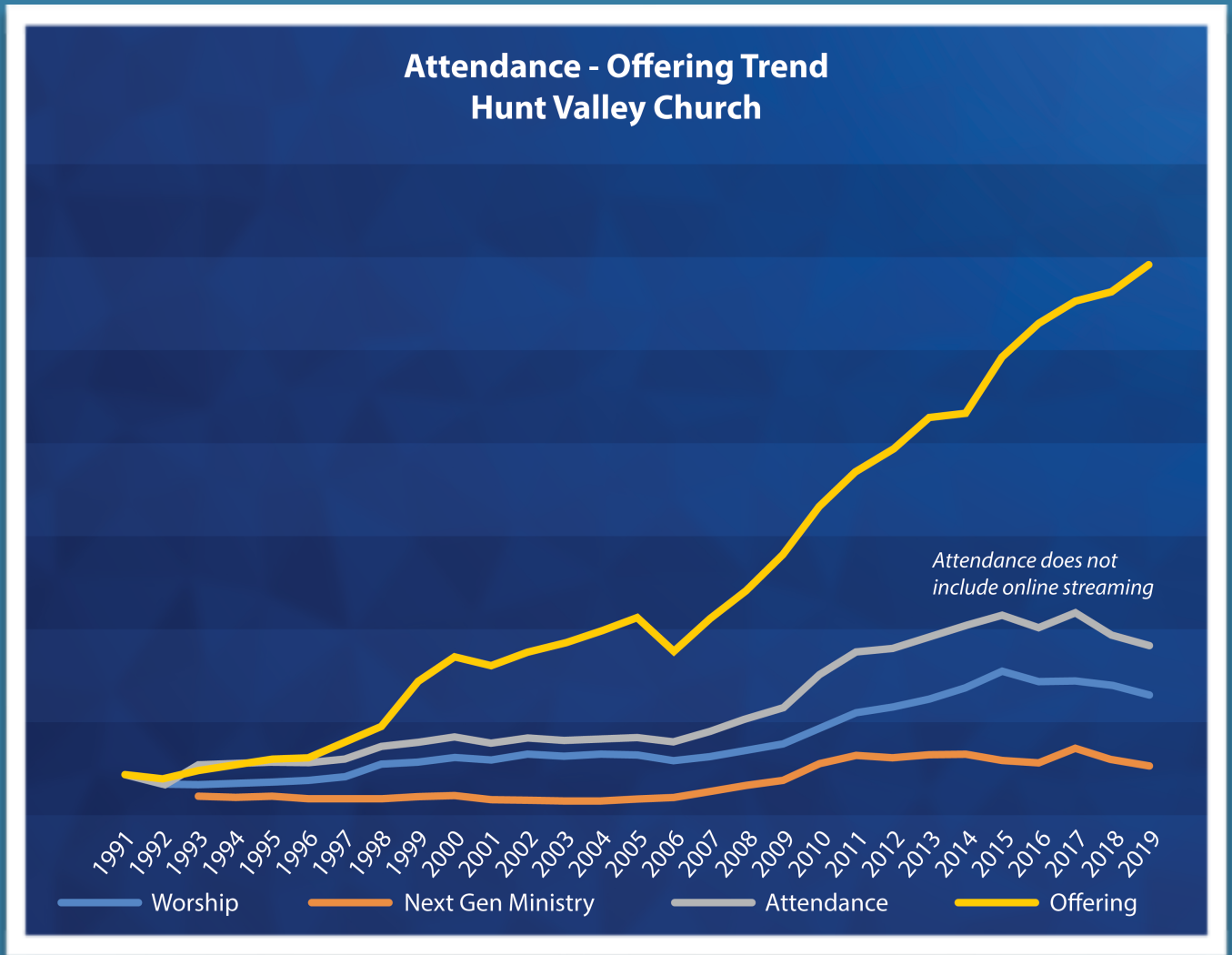
**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

**1000**

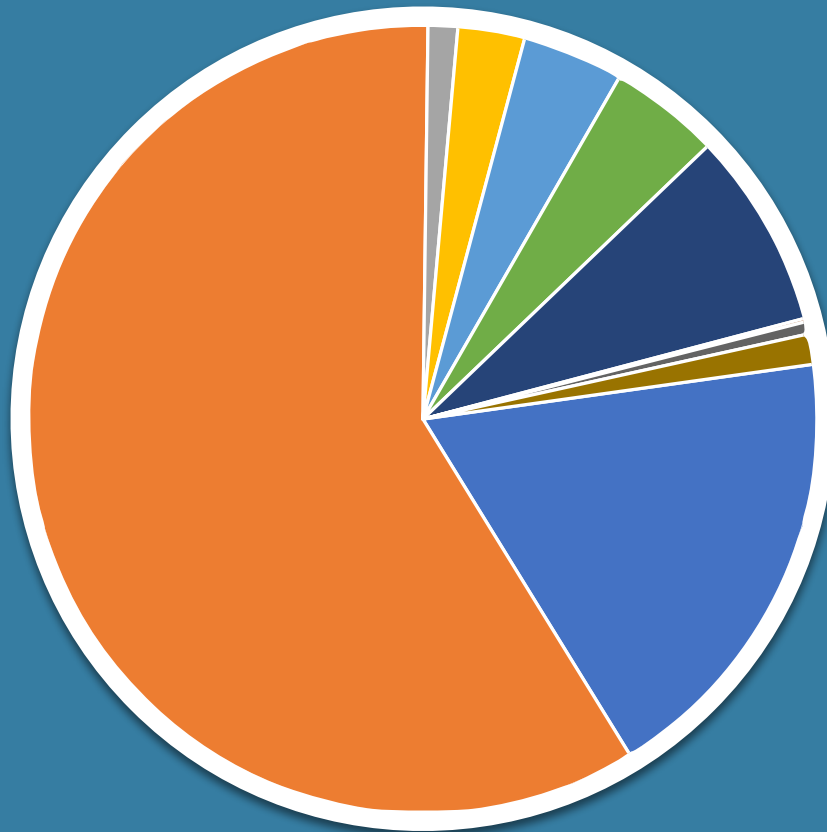
**(adults and children)**

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# offering growth/



Building and Equipment	615,934	18.40%
Personnel*	1,971,727	59.00%
Administration	40,588	1.20%
Communications	91,530	2.70%
Education	138,583	4.10%
Creative Arts	151,508	4.50%
Outreach	269,178	8.10%
Group Fellowship	4,800	0.10%
Assimilation/Welcome	16,800	0.50%
Financial/Legal Fees	41,402	1.20%
Total	3,342,050	100.00%



\*Note that personnel is inflated above normal due to (a) allotting for a Lead/Teaching Pastor in overlap with Senior Pastor (both 2018-2019 and 2019-2020) and (b) in anticipation of immediate growth with the building expansion project (we especially built into NextGen as a growth strategy). This strategy, approved by both Management Team and Session, leads to an unbalanced budget for the short term (and may appear unusual to an outsider, hence this brief explanation; most years our expenses are below income). Most churches our size run 50-55% for personnel.

# /2019-20 budget

# mission/

Reaching people where they are and transforming their lives through Christ to impact the world for Him.

## core values/

**risky obedience** / God's leading often requires faith-stretching risks to most effectively reach and disciple people. When necessary, we will abandon security and embrace risk in order to respond to God's call.

**biblical truth that connects** / The Bible will take first place in our lives as the lens and light by which we see, imagine and evaluate everything. We will dig deep to hear Scripture clearly and thoroughly so we can connect its truth to people's core concerns and needs.

**interdependence** / As a church and as individuals we intend to live as apprentices of Jesus, dependent upon him and interdependent with each other. We will seek to grow, share, and serve in the context of a variety of loving relationships, such as discipleship, mentoring, small groups, triads and ministry teams.

**inner work** / God's plan is to have Christ formed in us so that we come into possession of our True Selves and enjoy an increasing capacity and freedom to love and serve others like Christ did. As a church, we look for deep change in people's character and motivation rather than for participation in programs and knowing right answers.

**viral outreach** / We want our work, leisure and personal lives to help our families, friends and neighborhoods to become everything God designed them to be. After gathering for worship, we scatter to spread the Gospel virus using every aspect of our daily lives to demonstrate and tell how we've found bread for our souls.

**full time calling** / Everywhere and all the time we will seek to discover His call on our lives and strive to live it out in greater and deeper ways. We will recognize that all followers of Christ are called to "full-time Christian work" in their leisure, vocation and passions so that they are the advancing front of the new creation that God has already begun.

**awakening spiritual curiosity** / We will constantly look for ways to refresh and reframe how we see and experience Jesus so that it would stimulate curiosity, connection and hearts that are open to God's movement in people's lives. We intend to live this out by encouraging experimentation, creativity, questioning, imagination and "excellent mistakes" in order to arouse a growing desire to live as apprentices of Jesus.

a spiritual community awake to  
the presence of Christ

# /vision





Our Mission acts as our “North Star” to constantly remind us where we are going. Our Values act as our rudder helping us make decisions that keep us moving and on course.

The three key components are Reaching, Transforming, and Impacting.

**REACHING:** We consider this a personal calling. This call invites us to use our unique gifts, talents, and imagination (along with compassion and creativity) to reach out to our family, friends, and neighbors to share with them the hope of Jesus in us. That this “good news” is the greatest gift we could ever give another and has the power to literally change lives for eternity.

**TRANSFORMING:** Jesus was very clear, He said, “Follow me.” That means we seek to follow His example, walk in His ways, learn from His teaching, and become more and more like Him, even if this means following Jesus in hard places. As we see Him better, and are transformed more into His likeness, we believe this is the process that fuels our compassion and energy for ‘Reaching’ and ‘Impacting.’

**IMPACTING:** The Lord’s Prayer says, “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done...” Jesus came not only to rescue us from our sins, but He also came to establish His kingdom and redeem what He once called, “very good.” We take our role as ambassadors in His Kingdom very seriously and seek to establish its presence here and now. Acts of justice, kindness, influence, and courage bring love and light to a dark world. They assist in literally establishing an outpost of Jesus’ Kingdom here and now.

# adult ministries/

## **HVC:men**

HVC:men connects men and builds them up as leaders in the home, the church, and the community. The core of the ministry is our Quads - groups of about four men who meet regularly to play, pray, learn, and grow. Our annual spring retreat is to Rockbridge Camp in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. We host a series of events throughout the year to help men connect and grow. Team Fix-It is a monthly opportunity where groups of guys do service projects and home repairs for the needy in the area.

## **Women's Ministries**

Women's Ministry cultivates meaningful relationships with God and one another as we journey together in our faith. Bible studies meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. A preschool children's program is available during our morning studies. Our mentoring program also fosters deeper relationships with God and one another while offering more flexible scheduling.

We also hold periodic events such as Book Club, Time Out Events (to provide more opportunities to recharge, renew and reconnect through fun, service and special events) and a winter retreat that help us connect with God and with women inside and outside our church community.

## **Core Groups**

We believe spiritual growth takes off when you are connected in relationship with other believers. Core Groups are an essential part of HVC's discipleship ministry. They create a caring environment where relationships are formed, Interdependence is fostered, and Biblical Truth is shared together. In Core Groups, people go through life together, strengthen their faith in Jesus (or accept him for the first time), connect with God's Word, and continue on their spiritual journey with each other.

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## **New Life Furniture Warehouse**

Our furniture ministry shares the love of Christ with our neighbors in need by providing them with used furniture in good condition. We collect used furniture from neighbors in our community and work with Christian organizations and social agencies to offer it to people in need.

## **DivorceCare**

Separation and divorce are one of the most painful and stressful experiences one can face. DivorceCare groups will help one face these challenges and move toward rebuilding his/her life. Our ministry team will walk alongside men and women going through separation or divorce. There is hope and healing after separation and divorce. Don't go through it alone.

## **English as a Second Language**

ESL classes are a concrete way to share the love of Christ with immigrants from all over the globe. We teach free English classes and develop relationships with non-native speakers in our area.

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Three times a year, we come together as a congregation to give blood through the Red Cross. These life saving donations are a wonderful way to impact our neighbors.

## **School Impact**

HVC partners with our local schools to meet the needs of families in our area through our annual Back to School Supply Drive, the Christmas Shop, and serving at Cockeysville Middle School's food bank.

## **Assistance Center of Towson Churches**

ACTC is a consortium of local churches working together to provide material help to needy families and the homeless in our community. HVC supports ACTC financially, as well as with an annual food drive and Thanksgiving Bag collection. Members of HVC also volunteer time at ACTC.

## **Weekends at Warren**

Women's Connection provides weekend food bags for children attending a neighborhood school. We finance, purchase, pack and deliver these bags weekly during the school year. This activity is coordinated through ACTC.

/community  
impact

**HVC Next Gen** is committed to partnering with parents as they lead their children to become fully devoted followers of Christ. From birth through high school, we want to be there coming along side, equipping and resourcing parents. Together the church and family can make a greater impact on the faith of the Next Generation.



# children's ministries/

## **Front Porch: nursery and toddlers**

**8:00, 9:30 & 11am services**

Front Porch is a loving and fun environment where our kids build their first impressions of their church home and the God who made them and loves them! Front Porch is an environment for our infants and toddlers that is designed to help our littlest members experience the unconditional love of God through the leaders they are with every week. Those leaders use play, music, and storytelling to help our kids know without a doubt that God made them, God loves them, and Jesus is their friend forever.

## **House Party: preschoolers**

**9:30 & 11am services**

House Party is a welcoming and fun environment where our kids experience more of the God who loves them through play, music, storytelling, and activities! House Party is an experience for our preschoolers, 2 years old through pre-K, designed to help them connect with their friends and leaders as they learn about God's big and true story in the Bible. We want our preschoolers to know without a doubt that God made them, God loves them, and Jesus is their friend forever.

## **Street Party: kindergarten – third grade**

**9:30 & 11am services**

Street Party is an engaging and exciting environment where our kids connect with their friends and leaders, hear about God's big story, and explore how it impacts their lives! It is designed to help them build relationships with their peers and leaders as they explore God's word and what it means to follow Him. We believe that in order for our kids to experience a growing and authentic faith, we have to be intentional about how we are engaging and guiding them. That means using games, music, storytelling, and small group activities to help our kids know that they should treat others the way they want to be treated, that they can trust God no matter what, and they have God's power to help them make the wise choice.

## **Highway 45: fourth – fifth grade**

**9:30am service at the Point**

Highway 45 is a ministry for our 4th and 5th graders that is designed to help them navigate the crazy and confusing transition between childhood and adolescence that our preteens are walking through. We believe that in order for our students to experience a growing and authentic faith, we have to be intentional about how we are engaging and guiding them. We focus on building deeper relationships with their peers and leaders as they explore God's character, God's word, and what it means to follow Him.



# student ministries/

## **Middle School Ministry: 6th - 8th**

**9:30am service at the Point**

Middle School students are constantly being bombarded by different influences all fighting for their imaginations, time and attention. Sunday morning's environment is specially designed to help them figure it all out. With a dynamic group experience—complete with a great music, intentional speakers, small group discussions, and fun games—students explore their relationship with Jesus and how that can influence every decision they make.

## **Middle School Small Group**

**7:00 - 8:30pm Mondays at the Point**

Small groups are where we feel students can experience a real sense of community and belonging. Led by adult leaders, each small group includes students from the same school grade and gender. This gives them the opportunity to discuss the scriptures and how they uniquely apply to where they are in life, which leads to further encouragement and accountability.

## **High School Ministry: 9th - 12th**

**6:30 - 8:30pm Sundays at the Point**

Sunday Night is designed to be a fun, safe, and spirit-filled environment where High School students can come together and find community, fellowship and excitement. The night has a time for games and music followed by a time of teaching and discussion. It is an environment that is great for anyone on the spiritual journey.

## **Quads**

**varies from group**

Students looking to go even deeper are encouraged to join a formation group. These are groups of 4 to 5 students partnered with a leader who meet weekly to study the scriptures. Schedules are set around the specific availability of the group. Quads kick off in September and January.



# missions /

**Global Outreach** HVC's GO Team is designed to equip and mobilize HVC to transform lives globally through Christ and His gospel. The GO Team does this through church engagement, faithful partnerships and cross cultural service. We partner with numerous local ministries as well as ministries throughout the world.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Mission To the World

- Jason & Liz Polk (Ethiopia)
- Scott & Megan Dillon (Peru)
- Dan & Janet (Mxlim ministry)
- Eric & Sara Beth (Southeast Asia)
- Jim & Karen (West Africa)
- Walt Coppersmith (Japan)

### Kingdom Rain

- Brian and Donna (Cent/South Asia)

### ECMI

- Bob Walter (Europe/US)

### AIM

- Steve & Amanda Taylor (Kenya)

### Crossworlds

- Bruce & Deb Robinson (Haiti)

### CMFI

- Ben & Hannah Devenney (Ivory Coast)

## LOCAL INDIVIDUALS

- CRU- Larry Kelly
- Search Ministries- Mike Donahue
- Young Life- Gary Wilmer
- FCA- Drew Wardlow
- FCA- Mark Vernago
- Man in the Mirror- Steve Basht
- RUF1- Jacob Jasin (Hopkins)
- RUF1- Terry Mitchell (Hopkins)

## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Araminta Freedom Initiative
- unCUFFED Ministries
- Helping Up Mission
- Philemon Ministry
- RVR Outpost Camp
- Salaam Center
- Young Life- Baltimore County

\$525,111



donated  
to outreach  
& missions

Total outreach giving in 2019  
including budgeted funds  
and additional giving.

Hunt Valley is a community in Baltimore County, Maryland, which is home to prominent businesses such as McCormick, T. Rowe Price, PayPal and Black & Decker, as well as horse farms.

Baltimore County surrounds Baltimore City almost entirely; the two jurisdictions have a combined population of about 1.5 million people. Baltimore County boasts excellent schools, with nearly 25% of residents being of school age.

Hunt Valley is one of the most affluent and educated regions of Maryland. There is easy access to the sport and cultural attractions of Baltimore, such as Oriole Park at Camden Yards, M&T Bank Stadium (Ravens), the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, Baltimore Inner Harbor, as well as to other East Coast cities.



/area snapshot

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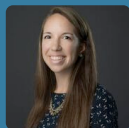
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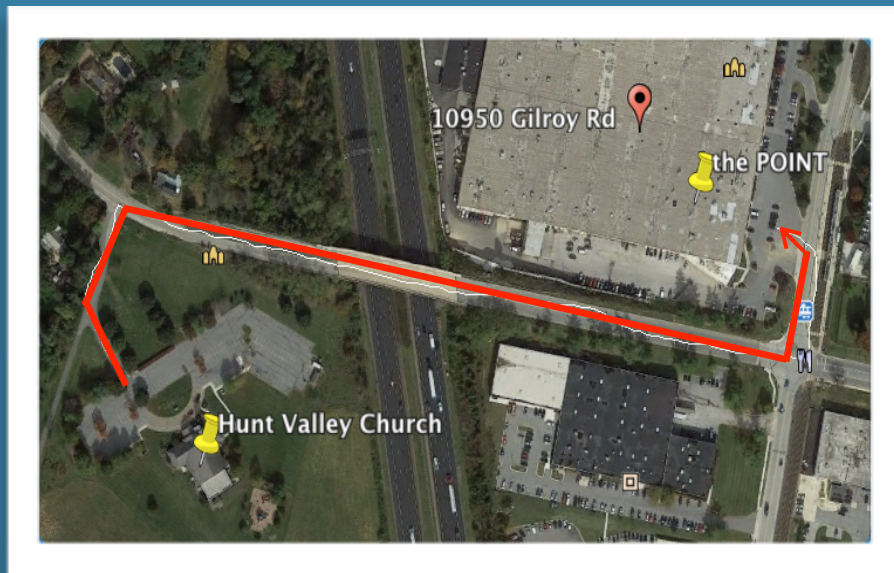


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