

Financial Review 2016

2016 was another year of experiencing God's faithfulness to Roots Community Church. God gave gifts to our church in 2016 that were packaged with both joy and sorrow. And as a result, we began 2017 with a renewed sense of awe as we experienced together God's ability to keep His own and glorify His great name through our church. In more ways than we can mention here, our community experienced the loving embrace of our heavenly Father which proved yet again that God is for us. And for this, we remain humbled.

We were also humbled to see God move on the financial side of things at Roots. Although an increase in monetary gain is not always a sign of God blessing a person or entity, we were nonetheless encouraged by the increase of giving at Roots. Our prayer is that this increase came as a result of families and individuals trusting the Lord with their finances and seeing more clearly that God chooses to use the local church as His primary means of accomplishing His perfect will on earth. Through the tithes and offerings of **105 families or individuals**, Roots received a total of \$234,332.76 in 2016. This is around a 50% increase year over year.

General Income: \$234,332.76

General Expenses: \$146,783.42

Net Income: \$87,549.34

The natural result of a growing church with a growing budget is increased financial complexity. Seeing this trend solidify, in May of 2016, the Elders reached out to a third party accounting firm called *Finch Accounting* to help steward the resources coming into Roots. Finch has become a great asset for us and we look forward to a long relationship with them.

Some notable expenses this year were:

- New technology and bible software for our pastoral staff
- Pastor Dylan came on board part-time in 2016
- New Curriculum for our Kid's Ministry
- Increased giving to our global partners
- Finch Accounting
- Church office (Wayfare)

-Ligonier Blueprint
-And over \$30,000 in benevolence giving

Our resolve to celebrate the glory of God through lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ has never been more impassioned. We've experienced the power of the gospel. We've seen grace come in and change hearts of stone. We've experienced what happens when a church is compelled by the love of Christ. And so, "we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

So with the strength that God supplies, we embrace Paul's ambition in Philippians 2:12 "Not that (we) have already obtained this or are already perfect, but (we) press on to make it (our) own, because Christ Jesus has made (us) his own."

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