



I can't say enough about how thankful I am for the way things are moving forward at our Flemington campus of Zarephath Christian Church. There are so many good things happening, including new families coming weekly, an amazing core team of people serving Jesus and the beginnings of a youth ministry for middle school students. The bottom line is that we have the privilege of pointing people to a life changing relationship with Jesus and lives are being impacted daily, in Hunterdon County, as a result. Here are some highlights from 2016:

- Sunday morning middle school class We added a Sunday morning class for middle schoolers and are preparing to start monthly youth meetings. One third of our attendance each Sunday is children, and we are preparing to come along-side families by helping to equip their middle school children.
- First ZCCF family retreat It is hard to describe the impact that God can have during a weekend away focused on Him. We had our first ZCCF weekend away in February 2016. It was a blast and had significant impact on many of the 91 people in attendance.
- Steady growth Average weekly attendance has grown from 100 people (July 2014 June 2015) to 132 people (July 2015 June 2016) at our Sunday worship services.
- **Budget** We are exceeding expectations for our new budget This allows us to be more creative in ministry and outreach in Flemington.
- **Membership** 11 people committed to membership at our new member commissioning in October.
- **Missions** A five person team from ZCCF went to serve Jesus in Nicaragua for the first time, helping to build homes and encouraging the believers there.

In addition, I am more than thrilled to give a couple of more recent updates. We had our first middle school youth event in October (2016) and had 25 students attend. We are so thrilled to evolve as a church and offer more to families in our community. We also had our first Christmas Eve (2016) Service in Flemington and had a very significant time together with our largest attendance to date (approximately 200). My prayer was that we would attract new families that had never been to ZCC in Flemington, and that is exactly what happened. I had the privilege of talking to three specific families who said they are looking forward to coming back for one of our Sunday services! We will see how God uses this!

I anticipate God doing more amazing things this coming year!