

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

What an amazing year of momentum and life change at The Bayou! Across every area of our church, people are growing closer to God, building meaningful community, and discovering how to make a difference. From our vibrant NextGen spaces to the Auditorium and Theater venues, every Sunday is filled with worship, joy, and teaching that equips people to live out their faith throughout the week. We've celebrated record-breaking attendance and baptisms, watched our groups thrive, hosted incredible events, and seen our generosity create lasting impact in Acadiana and beyond. As we look back with gratitude, we can't wait to see all that God will do next because, as always, the best is ahead!



And this is the way to have eternal life—to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one You sent to earth. John 17:3 (NLT)

► **2360** people attending Sunday services (average)

- **1759** adults in person (10% increase)
- **601** NextGen (3% increase)

► **1545** first-time guests (17% increase)
(includes preschoolers, kids, and students)

- **266** gifts given to first-time guests (January-October)

► **3944** people attended across all five Easter weekend services

► **332** baptisms (79% increase)

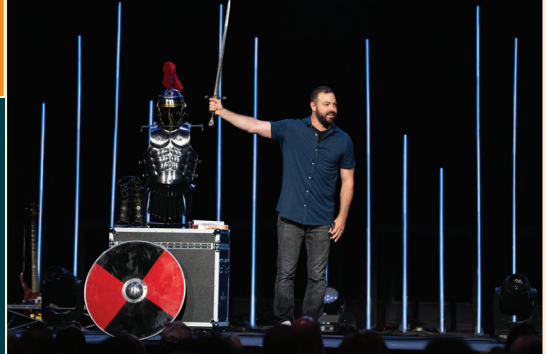
- **145** baptisms on Baptism Sunday

“ Walking into church for the first time, I wasn’t sure what to expect. I felt a mix of excitement and nervousness, but the moment I stepped inside I was greeted with smiles and kindness. The atmosphere was warm and inviting and it didn’t take long for me to feel like I belonged. The pastors and church members were so helpful, and I could sense a genuine community of faith. ”

- Gerami Felix

“ What I love most about The Bayou is how genuine and humble our pastors are. They’re honest about their own struggles and always point us back to God’s grace through biblical principles. Every message feels like it’s meant just for me—it’s grounded in Scripture and always touches my heart. Over this past year, I’ve felt God softening me in ways I never expected. My heart isn’t as hard as it used to be, and I’m learning what true humility and understanding of His Word really look like. ”

- Shannon Arabie





Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)



► **140** adult groups meeting
(small groups, discipleship groups, and care groups)

► **70** new adults groups started

► **1229** people participating in groups (average)

► **981** adults in small groups

► **102** disciples in discipleship groups

► **146** adults in care groups



► **178** First Steps graduates

► **290** women attended our Adore Women's Conference

► **267** men attended our Men's Night events
(average)

► **142** adults, students, and kids attending Celebrate Recovery on Monday nights (average)

► **155** students participating in weekly small groups
(average)

► **52** students participated in Bayou Students Internship

► **86** K-WOW participants (4th and 5th graders)

► **469** preschoolers/kids/students attended a summer camp



“ The first time I met my small group I left the leader's house and didn't make it to the first stop sign before I started crying tears of joy and relief! I feel like I finally found a circle where I belonged. Being part of my small group has given me a safe space to deepen my knowledge of being a Christian and has allowed me to grow as a wife, mom, and friend. We share wins and we pray together through tough times. Life has been beautiful lately, but I know without a doubt my small group will be there for me if/when the next storm comes in my life and that simple fact makes me feel like a stronger and more confident person in every area of my life.”

- Amanda Hebert

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16 (ESV)

- ▶ **220** volunteers serving on a Sunday (average)
- ▶ **338** new Serve Team members
- ▶ **1015** hours of counseling by 50 Care Ministers
- ▶ **\$1300** invested in upgrades for our Family Inclusion Suite
- ▶ **Invested** in the next generation by:
 - ▶ providing 90 meals to educators at Comeaux High on Parent Teacher Conference Night
 - ▶ donating \$500 to L.J. Alleman Middle School to sponsor to pray and study the Bible
 - ▶ gifting 36 Bibles to Comeaux High Football Team through FCA
- ▶ **15** students went on mission to Guatemala
- ▶ **10** adults went on mission to the Dominican Republic
- ▶ **602** Haitian kids received a hot meal at school each day
- ▶ **\$21,750** given to disaster relief for California wildfires, Texas floods, Alaska typhoon, and Hurricane Melissa (Jamaica)
- ▶ **\$342,516** donated to ministry partners in Acadiana and beyond (Nov 1, 2024-Oct 31, 2025)

“ My family and I moved from Austin to Youngsville not really knowing what to expect, but we quickly saw God’s hand guiding us here. Getting involved in outreach through The Bayou Church has helped us feel instantly connected to our new community. It’s been amazing to meet so many great people and see firsthand how the church is changing lives here in Acadiana. Being part of a church that truly lives out its mission to make a difference has reminded us how powerful small acts of service can be when done in love. ”

- Jeremiah Marceaux

Data reported in the annual report is from January 1-November 16, 2025, unless noted otherwise.

