

With Christ as our foundation, PASSPORT empowers students to encounter Christ, embrace community and extend grace to the world.

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ANNUAL REPORT

2017



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Thanks for supporting PASSPORT this year - through attending a camp, conference, or mission trip, through reading and writing devotions for d365.org, or through donating to our ministry. This Annual Report will share stories and a few statistics to hopefully give a broader understanding of the work we do, as we celebrated our **25th year in student ministry.**

Our Annual Report theme for the last three years has been the same as our Capital Campaign - PASSPORT MATTERS. We believe that, indeed, PASSPORT matters to the current and future Church. PASSPORT is an ecumenical ministry, providing discipleship and mission opportunities for thoughtful churches from many denominations. Our goal is to help Christian young people begin to own their faith and give them opportunities to turn that faith into action.

Your support is vital to our future. Thank you for investing in our ministry this year. I hope you believe, as we do, that PASSPORT Matters!



Total Annual
Attendance

7,219

Church Groups

461

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
Martin Luther King, Jr.

A large audience is seated in a theater, facing a stage. The stage features multiple large projection screens displaying a 3D presentation. The audience is diverse, and some individuals are visible in the foreground, including a person with a white hat and another with a green hat. The theater has a high ceiling with recessed lighting and a decorative architectural design.

Faith in 3D



James Coleman, Camp Pastor at PASSPORTmissions

F A I T H M A T T E R S

Annual Discipleship Hours
46,997

Faith in 3D Attendance
1,858

Visits to d365.org
2,074,507

Total App Downloads
116,000

The Church will look different in the coming years, so it is important that we provide a solid platform from which this generation will launch into deep water. In partnership with local church leaders who choose Passport, we strive to better the spiritual formation of the next generation of Christ followers. Each day during the summer, we give our students opportunities to practice living their faith through small group discipleship, leadership in worship, and mission service.

Faith in 3D brings together youth from different Christian faith traditions to discover our oneness that exists in Christ. Over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, over 1,850 participants met at Walt Disney World for Faith in 3D 2017. This ecumenical community was encouraged to consider King's vibrant Christian witness as an example for young people today.

d365 is an online multi-media devotional experience produced with students in mind. d365 has provided new daily devotionals online every day for the past ten years. Since the beginning, we have strived to provide relevant scriptural reflections on laptops and devices, meeting students where they are.

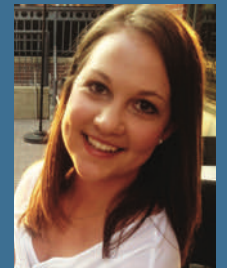
“Thank you. This app gets every single day started on the right foot and makes me feel closer to Jesus.

I am so grateful for it.” - Tracy, Virginia



Meet Kourtney Frye, Bible Study Leader on the 2017 PASSPORTkids team. She is a student at Troy University.

“PASSPORT challenged me in ways that forced me out of my comfort zone, dared me to become the better version of myself, all while deepening my love for children .”



Meet Mary Katherine Johnson, Camp Director of the 2017 PASSPORTmissions team. Mary Katherine is an elementary teacher, who was a camper for five years and a staffer for six.

“My summers with Passport have challenged, shaped, and strengthened me. I am a better person, teacher, leader, and friend because of Passport’s influence on my life.”

LEADERSHIP MATTERS



Meet Jon Chacko, a Bible Study leader and Grace Notes teacher on the 2017 PASSPORTchoices team. Jon is studying Art at Wake Tech Community College, with the hope of one day working in Music Ministry.

“This summer with Passport has shed some light on what I want to do for the rest of my life. I learned that I love working with youth: leading them and being a comforting presence to those who may be struggling in their faith.”

PASSPORT hires college and graduate students, offering practical leadership development in a nurturing environment. After 25 years of summer camps, one-in-three PASSPORT summer staffers now serve in full-time ministry all over the world. Our former staffers are now ministers, missionaries, professors, teachers, chaplains, nonprofit executives, and thoughtful members of local congregational life. PASSPORT equips solid Christian men and women ready to serve God and invest in students.

Read staffer blogs at passportcamps.org/staff-stories



Meet Katherine Mullen, Worship Coordinator from the PASSPORTchoices team this past summer. Katherine is a student at Samford University working on a Masters in Church Music and is also a Passport Intern.

“PASSPORT affirmed my decision to pursue a life in ministry, educated me on the practices of mission and prayer, and reminded me of the importance of empathy.”

56
Summer staffers
from
13 states
and
3 countries
and
7 denominations

COMMUNITY MATTERS



* PASSPORT*missions* campers at Annie's House.

At Passport we embrace community, both locally and globally, through education, advocacy, and action.

This summer, one of our new mission partners in Greenville, SC, Annie's House,* a ministry that encourages food sustainability, was able to enter the outreach phase of their work months in advance due to the PASSPORT*missions* campers completing the entire 2017 project list in only three weeks!

The MissionBASE students gave \$3,300.31 to support the community ministries with whom they served in DC, Atlanta, and Memphis. At camp, we tell the story of a global mission cause somewhere around the world. This summer, campers learned about water poverty in Malawi and responded in an extraordinary way giving \$52,141.18.

Watering Malawi is a Passport Initiative, which advocates for clean water systems in the African country of Malawi.

Youth Volunteer Hours
35,300

PASSPORT*kids*
Mission Learning Hours
2,609

Summer Mission Offering
\$55,441.49



This year Watering Malawi granted \$52,378 to in-country NGOs supporting projects in central and southern Malawi, as well as funding the educational dreams of four girls through Watering Malawi's #girlpower initiative.

For more information visit www.wateringmalawi.org

Water is life.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS



Campers from The Baptist Church of Beaufort with PASSPORT President, David Burroughs

Passport was my first full-time job right out of seminary. This year we celebrated Passport's 25th summer of ministry! This selfie, taken at PASSPORTkids, sums up why, after 25 years, I still get up every morning to plan next summer's camp. My motivation comes from the hope I find in faces like these at kids camp, the optimism I feel watching a group of youth greet a tired-looking home with fresh paint, and the anticipation I sense for the Church's future through our campers.

To 'plan next summer's camp,' our national office works diligently throughout the year. Together, we know we are accountable to those students who attend and the churches and denominations with whom we partner. We work to be good stewards of the resources we receive.

What we do is expensive. This year our registration income only covered 81% of our annual budget. To make up the difference, we depend on gifts from donors like you. Thank you.

If you would like to contribute, again or for the first time, please use the envelope provided or visit passportcamps.org/donate to give online. Your support keeps camp affordable and helps us empower students to embrace community and extend God's grace.

Income



- 63% Youth Programs
- 18% Kids Programs
- 19% Grants, Gifts, & Other

Expenses



- 62% Youth Programs
- 16% Kids Programs
- 22% Administration

Scholarships



- 55% Choices
- 19% Missions
- 26% kids



Here are a few camp selfies from our summer!



A group of people, mostly young adults, are gathered on a grassy field. They are wearing blue t-shirts and are celebrating. A man in the center is wearing a red cap and sunglasses, with his arms raised. A woman on the right is also celebrating with her arms raised. The air is filled with falling confetti. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting.

Do all the good you can.

By all the means you can.

In all the ways you can.

John Wesley

We did it!

\$1,500,000

THE GOAL

For the past three years PASSPORT has been in a major \$1.5 million capital campaign called PASSPORT MATTERS. As of this printing, we are now over our pledge goal!

\$1,506,000

CURRENT TOTAL



Gifts and pledges from the following have made this campaign a success:

- 109 Passport friends
- 104 Passport Staff Alumni
- 40 Churches
- 6 Foundations
- 100% of our Campaign Committee
- 100% of our Board of Directors
- 100% of our National Office Staff

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A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

With our goal met, PASSPORT will be able to pay off our mortgage, provide scholarships for hundreds of students, and continue office and camp upgrades needed to enhance our ministries for years to come.

We want to thank everyone who participated, and especially our campaign committee, chaired by Passport's executive board member, Carolyn Anderson. The Campaign Committee included:

Carolyn Anderson, Chair, Beech Mountain, NC
Allison Case, Former Staffer, Birmingham, AL
Bill Crouch, Former Passport Board member, Raleigh, NC
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Julie Pennington-Russell, Pastor, Washington, DC
Kyle Reese, Pastor, Jacksonville, FL
Katherine Smith, Passport Camper, Auburn, AL
John Uldrick, Youth and Missions Minister, Rome, GA

You can still affirm that PASSPORT matters! Please consider donating online at passportcamps.org/matters

GRATITUDE MATTERS

Thank you to the churches who join us, to our ministry partners, and to all the individual and corporate contributors who invest in the ministries of PASSPORT, including d365 and Watering Malawi.

We also say thank you to the PASSPORT Board of Directors, who allow us to dream and help us bring those dreams to reality.

The following is a list of our supporters for this past fiscal year (October 2016 - September 2017). Donations were made to one or more of the following: a general gift to PASSPORT, Camp Scholarship Fund, PASSPORT Matters Capital Campaign, Watering Malawi, or d365. Thank you for your generous support!

We are so grateful! Thank you!

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SUMMER BY THE NUMBERS



35,300

hours spent serving as the hands & feet of Jesus in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Washington DC, and Georgia



5,000

hours learning about Water Poverty in Malawi & how access to clean water and sanitation affects women, children, communities, and the world

15 States



368

Church Groups Attended PASSPORT

29 Sessions of PASSPORT Programs

across 13 Locations

TOGETHER WE RAISED

\$52,141.18

FOR WATERING MALAWI

5,361

PASSPORTsm participants



2,258

hours served in Literacy Programs in the Grant Park neighborhood,

MissionBASE: Atlanta



3,325

hours addressing urban blight in The Heights neighborhood.

MissionBASE: Memphis



35,272 hours spent in worship



46,997 discipleship hours

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

MissionBASE: DC



30,000

meals prepared and packaged for delivery



481.5K

pounds of food sorted at Capital Area Food Bank

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