



## annual report





# welcome

Welcome to Shelter Rock Church's first digital year-end report! Please take a few minutes to browse around. We have had a very good year in retrospect, but I say this keeping in mind our challenges. If you go purely by the numbers, our giving and attendance have never been higher. To cite two examples: Our Easter attendance was 2,203, the highest ever, and on September 7th we had the highest regular Sunday attendance of 1,417 (this was the Grand Opening weekend of the new building at the Syosset campus). But the numbers also remind us of areas of future growth. Our baptism numbers were down from last year, and this gives us something for which to aim higher in the future, by God's grace.

This was also a big year for learning. The Elders invited Metanoia Ministries to come do an assessment of "How Are We Doing?" and the report revealed that, while Shelter Rock is a healthy vibrant church, there are areas in which we can improve. The Elders took this report very seriously and, together with the staff, we are seeking to continue to grow, not just in numbers but in spiritual depth and deeper community.

As you look through this year-end report, please do two things: First, thank the Lord for all the blessings he has given our church and secondly, pray for the greater things he has in store for us.

Pastor Steve





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# *section 1:* celebrate



# GRAND OPENING

## WE'RE EXCITED TO SHOW YOU!

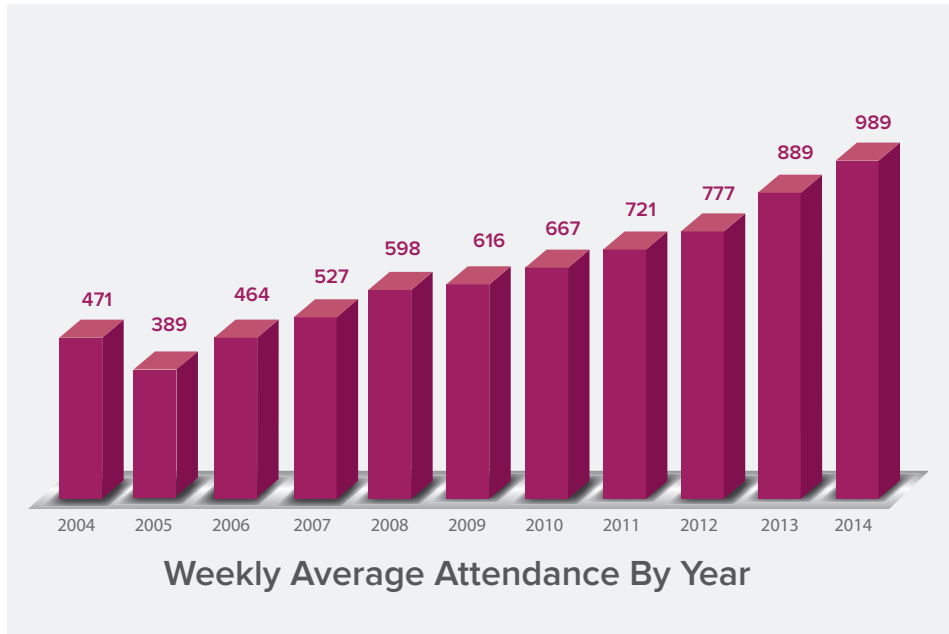
### Syosset Grand Opening

On Saturday, September 6, 2014 we officially opened the doors of our renovated building to the community. It was exciting to welcome hundreds of guests and neighbors to see our new space. Thank YOU for your part in helping us create a space to lead as many people as possible into a joyful and growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

*And thanks for  
navigating the  
construction  
chaos!*

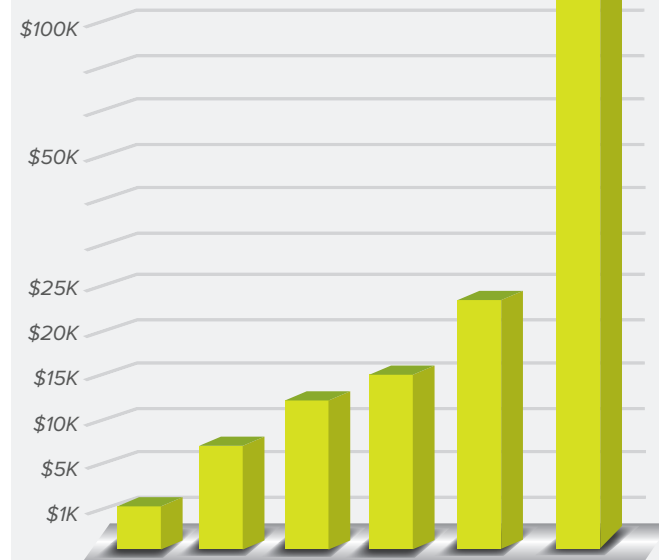


## SRC by the Numbers



## We gave it away...

*In addition to the \$151,000 we budget for missions, we also gave . . .*



**1.5K to ABBA Ministry**  
(Back to school backpacks & Mother's Day Celebration)

**7.1K the Jordan Project**  
(\$7,100 to the Chapman's for the Jordan school project)

**11K to Missions Door**  
(\$11,000 to Missions Door for a Vehicle Purchase)

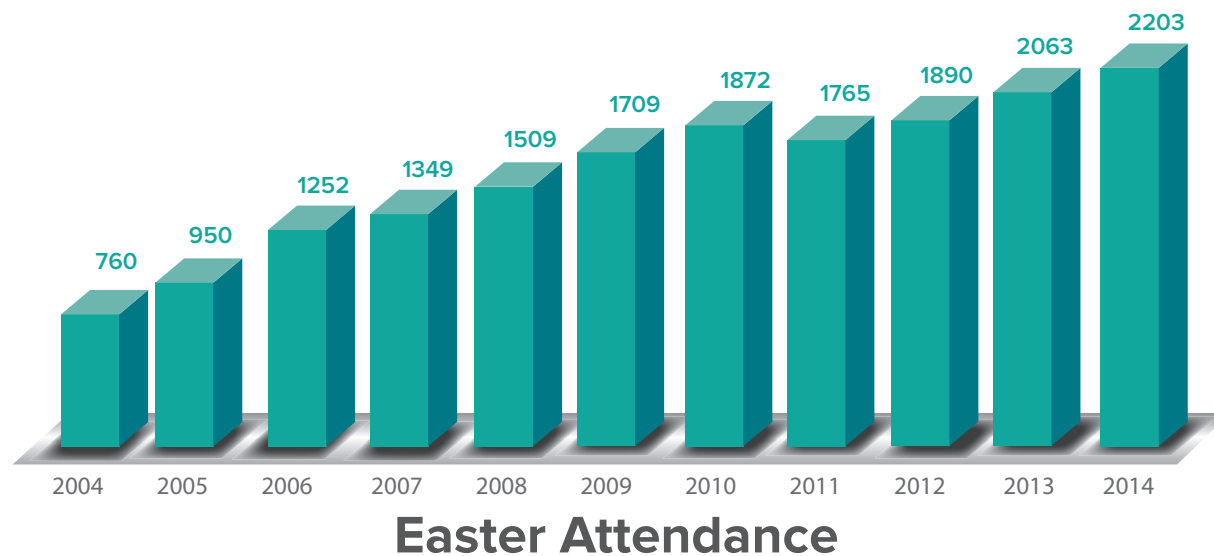
**13.5K to Life Church**  
(To support Bryan Grey & team as they plant a new church)

**22K to World Vision**  
(Typhoon Relief - Thanksgiving Offering)

**100K to Summer Missions**  
(Over 100,000 to send adult and youth missions team out Summer of 2014)



## Easter Highlights



*Number of people who made  
Easter 2014 happen: 107*

*Save the date  
for Easter 2015:  
April 5*





# Cover To Cover

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

celebrate **c<sup>3</sup>**

## Sundays at SRC

### Cover to Cover

**Cover to Cover is SRC's most ambitious Bible reading program ever. We invited the church to read the entire Bible over the course of the year. We provided a daily reading plan and posted a video summarizing each day's reading. There's still time to join us or re-start if you stopped. Here's what Shelter Rock participants have to say:**

*"Cover to Cover has helped me hide God's word in my heart. It is equipping me to fight the good fight and it is life to my bones."*

*"I started strong in January and gave up in February. But months later when I saw my kids still reading I got inspired to start back up. I'm so glad I did!"*

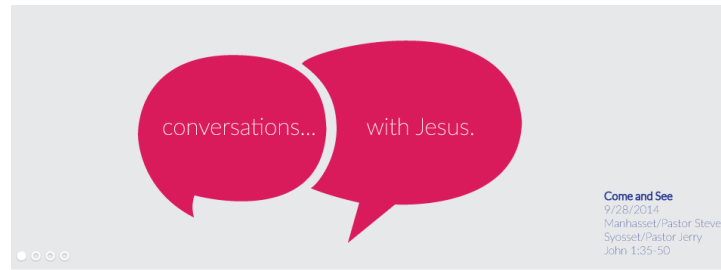


*"Cover to Cover reading has been awesome! Very beneficial!"*

### Songs played most often Sundays at SRC

1. Your Love Never Fails (19x)
2. Oceans (17x)
3. Sinking Deep (17x)
4. Cornerstone (17x)
5. Closer (16x)
6. Rooftops (16x)
7. Beneath the Waters (15x)
8. Sing My Love (15x)
9. Your Name (15x)
10. 10,000 Reasons (13x)

# Sunday Teaching Series





## *section 2:* connect



## Connecting in Community

*“Community group is a great place to feel safe and be encouraged!”*

### Fall community group offerings

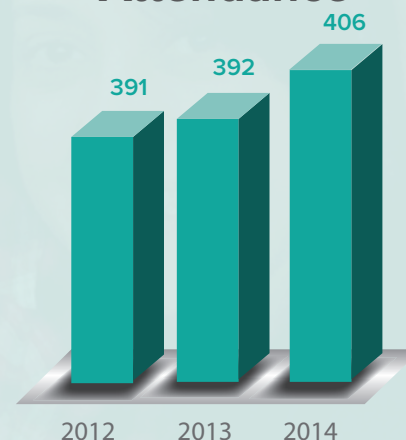
Men's groups = 3  
Women's groups = 6  
Student groups = 5  
Young adult groups = 2  
Married groups = 4  
“All inclusive” groups = 12

*“My community group has become my family. It's how I got connected at SRC and it's the place I go with everyday life.”*

*“I love having a place I can bring real questions to discuss. Plus our group is a ton of fun.”*

*“I love the community in a small group! It gives me a sense of family within the body of the church.”*

### Community Group Attendance





## Baptism: Going public!

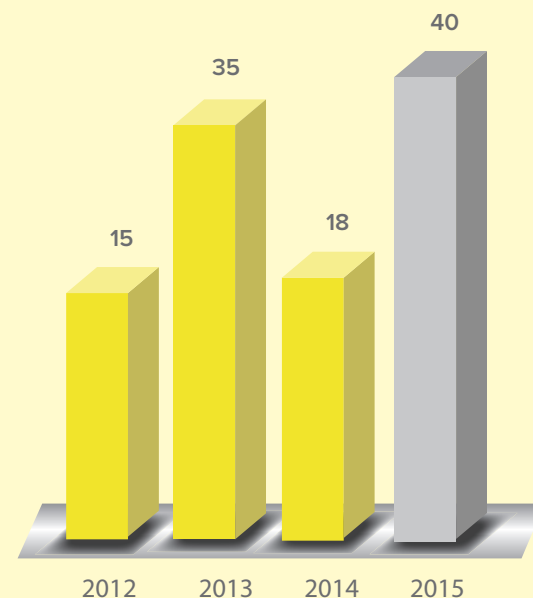
*"Now I am able to see myself the way God sees me. I am his child and he still loves me even if I fail."*

*"I got baptized to publicize to friends and family that I have given my life to God."*

*"Despite all the hard times I've had, I have realized my need for God. My life is in his hands, and he is always with me."*

*"Life with Christ is so much better. I'm able to deal with the curve balls life throws at me so much easier now. I know that I have God at my side."*

### Baptisms



*Our Goal for 2015: 40!*





## Caring, Praying & Next Steps

**12** new members to SRC  
**75** people attended Open House  
**75** hospital visits  
**81** people attended at least one 3C Class  
**90** attended Pastor Steve's midweek Bible study  
**125** meals delivered  
**134** total 3C classes taken  
**1,491** handwritten care cards and welcome cards mailed  
**2,432** people received prayer

From our First-Time Guest survey, answering the question,  
***"How would you describe our church to your friends?"***

{ "I love the friendliness and openness of everyone. The church people are very welcoming." }

{ "I found the place I was looking for. It's a place where God truly touches your heart." }

{ "I'd say you'd have to see it to believe it. So come see it!" }





## Big Events

Fun memories from men's and women's events through the year.





## *section 2:* contribute



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## Volunteers in Action



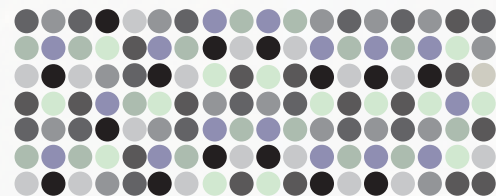
**400+** people currently serving at SRC



**15,600** volunteer hours served last year



**58** different places to serve



**126** volunteers needed each Sunday for 5 services





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## Children's Ministry

Over **250** kids came to SRC every Sunday.

**140** volunteers involved throughout the year, with **58** serving every Sunday.

Nearly doubled Vacation Bible School (VBS) attendance with **261** children.

VBS featured at both campuses for first time ever.

Special thanks to **104** strong volunteers.

Over **90** attended Kids Blast and Tweens each Friday night.

**112** kids were the first to use the new gym in Syosset at MEGA Sports Camp.



Served **210 lbs** of goldfish last year



Served **180 lbs** of animal crackers last year





## Student Ministry

Started two new Jr. High small groups. Added a third Sr. High group, too!

Connected many students through exciting Sunday morning youth program.

Established a presence on several high school campuses. Pastor Kevin attended three student Christian clubs each week (Roslyn, Herricks, Syosset) to support and encourage our student leaders.

Hosted Winter Fest with over **350** students in attendance from **13** churches across Long Island.

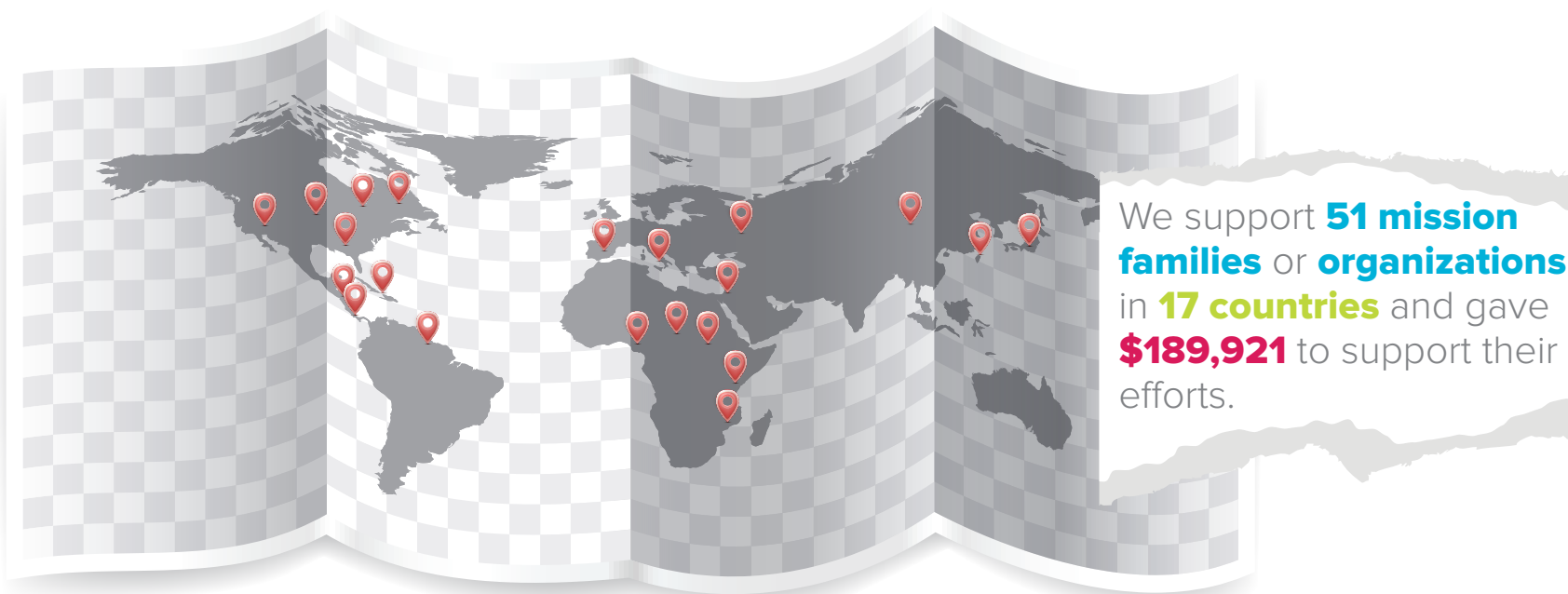






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## Missions: Around the World



Fellowship Baptist Church in Coney Island receives money each month to feed the homeless, provide a hot shower, and teaching from the Bible.



Duya and Jargal, missionaries in Mongolia, led a pastor's conference (128 attendees) and summer camps (22 baptized) and visited church plants throughout the country.



Several missionaries focus on the unreached people group in Arab-Muslim world.



The Richards distributed Bibles in Mbita, Kenya. This woman contemplated suicide until her life was impacted by God's Word.



# Summer Missions: Showing & Telling the Love of Jesus

This summer we served in **Pennsylvania**, the **Bahamas**, and **Nicaragua**. We served **local churches**, **ran medical clinics**, **led programs for kids**, **sang**, **shared**, **played**, **cleaned**, **played**, **danced**, **loved**, and **hugged**.



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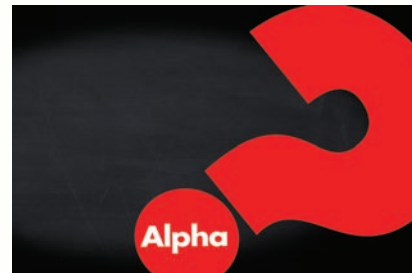


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# Ministry Team Highlights

## Alpha

Largest Alpha kickoff to date with 65 people at the fall kickoff in Syosset and Manhasset.



## Canvas (young adults)

Equipped young adults to pray confidently and step out in faith at annual retreat.



## Care team

*Responded to numerous prayer requests with a phone call offering help to those who were ill or faced challenges.*

## Community groups

Largest number of group participants ever (406).



## Essentials

Twenty-five people learned to write their faith story and got to share it. Eight Essentials grads teaching classes this year.



## First Impressions Team

Developed a new system to focus on first time guests being cared for and welcomed.





# Ministry Team Highlights *(continued)*

## Food pantry

Fed hundreds of families at Manhasset's Educational Opportunity Center. Thousands of food items donated through SRC and Island Harvest.



## Marriage

250% increase of marriage ministry offerings over previous year with a training emphasis.



## Membership/discipleship (3Cs)

156 people took at least one class or attended Open House.

## Prayer

Healing Service had largest attendance to date. Celebrated three testimonies of divine healing.

## Sabbath (young couples)

Connected many new couples and transformed several marriages at annual retreat.







●  
● **Manhasset**

● Sunday 9am, 10:30am & 12pm  
● 626 Plandome Rd  
● Manhasset, NY 11030

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