

# UNCOMMON / UNCOMMON

# 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

# A LETTER / FROM OUR PASTORS

With each passing year, we grow more assured of God's faithfulness and more expectant for His promises to be fulfilled. He continues to do a great work in us so He can do one through us. As we reflect on the past 6 years, there is one major theme that makes its way through the story of Soma Church...Only God.

Only God could save us, redeem us, put purpose in our hearts and equip us as a body of believers to make a lasting impact.

'Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.' Psalms 127:1

So we lead with profound gratitude, another year, another opportunity to sacrifice, to serve, to give, and to build together. This year is another monument to commemorate that Jesus keeps His word when He says - I will build my church. Each year is another stone laid as a reminder that God is in the business of taking our little and making it much.

As we move forward together, we ask that you playfully consider what God would have you give and then just be obedient to Him. Thank you for your commitment in joining the mission of Jesus to build the one thing He promised to build....the Church. We love you, we're so full of faith for 2025! The best is yet to come!

**All for Jesus,**

*John & Brooke  
Strickland*



# / KNOW GOD

salvations +  
baptisms



**2,799**

salvations  
since launch

**511**

baptisms  
since launch

**726**

salvations  
this year

**107**

baptisms  
this year

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# / FIND FREEDOM



**166**  
unique groups  
this year

**1,315**  
group attendees  
this year

We don't have groups at Soma, we are a church of groups. God created us for community and we believe groups are where freedom is found. As Soma grows larger, we're committed to growing smaller in group community where freedom will be experienced in life-changing ways.

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# / DISCOVER PURPOSE

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**165**

**people completed  
Growth Track  
this year**

**74**

**Dream Team  
Members added  
this year**



God is the giver of every good gift. He's gifted every Jesus follower out of his abundant generosity to tell a unique story. Every experience, on mountaintop and valley deep is a testimony of God at work. You were made on purpose for a purpose. A God-given purpose!

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# / MAKE A DIFFERENCE

(8.2% of all giving)

# \$289,864

**outreach for  
last fiscal year**

Sept 1, 2024 - Aug 31, 2025

# 57,744

**Dream Team hours  
served this year**



# 491

**Dream Team  
members this year**

With Jesus as our message and love as our command, we stand firm in our call to make a difference. Eternity is at stake. We take up the call to use our time, talent, and treasure to make heaven crowded. God is the giver of every good gift and it's a privilege to serve.

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# Only God

**\$1.3m**

**funds raised since  
April 1, 2025 to date**

**\$2,648,620  
given + unpaid  
pledges**

**\$5.4m**

**projected phase  
one cost**

Only God. Campaign - Unless the Lord builds our house, we will labor in vain. We've made it a priority to steward the vision God has given our house as we prepare for the remodel and building of our first permanent home at our 1100 location.

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# SOMA / THROUGH THE YEARS





# LEGACY /

Our Legacy is more than a building, a campaign, or a fund. It's lives changed by the message of the Gospel. It's freedom found in authentic community. It's gifts and talents used to make a difference in Jesus' name.

**\$326,851**  
**funds raised**  
**in 2025**

**\$289,864**  
**given to Legacy**  
**initiatives in 2025**

## Legacy Lanes

**Local** - We partner with local agencies committed to helping our communities in tangible and life-giving ways.

**National** - National partners have a footprint across the United States and in North Carolina.

**International** - The Church is more than Soma but it includes us as we live out that together is better. We're committed to helping bring the Gospel to every corner of the world.

**Soma Church** - We accelerate the vision of our church through Legacy giving. This giving goes towards capital projects for areas of ministry as well as the new Hickory location of Soma.

**Soma College & Soma Network** - The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few. We want to pour into future leaders and help resource friends and family as we build the kingdom together.

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# GROW IN GIVING /

As we reflect on all God did in and through us as a church family in 2025, and we step into a brand new year, here's a question worth asking:

**Does my current giving reflect my priority and passion for the message of Jesus and His church?**

The apostle Paul puts it this way...

'But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you —**see that you also excel in this grace of giving.** ' 2 Corinthians 8:7

Prayerfully consider taking a next step in your giving growth towards **tithing** and even above and beyond giving through funds like '**Legacy**' or '**Only God**'.

Your tithe and giving is more than a spiritual discipline or a tax write-off, it's an investment in the mission of helping everyone Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose and Make a Difference. Every salvation and every baptism is a story of someone beginning a relationship with Jesus and taking next steps in following Him.

Thank you for giving, thank you for praying and thank you for making a difference in the lives of many!

## How To Participate

**1 Pray First.** Ask God what you should give. We believe that when we ask God, he will reveal his heart for generosity for us.

**2 Plan Your Giving.** No matter the size of your contribution, there's power in committing.

**3 Give.** Your investment matters. We get to have equity in other people's eternity and it takes many members to make up this body. **To make your contribution visit [soma.church/give](http://soma.church/give)**

## Types of Givers

**New Givers** - Commit to a consistent monthly number. Example - \$50.00 a month. This is a great first step in beginning to give financially and begins the process towards the goal of tithing.

*Matthew 6:21; Romans 12:1*

**Tither** - Commit to tithing - giving the first ten percent of your income. We believe in the principle of tithing as outlined in scripture and Jesus' own words. All of our leaders at Soma are committed to this standard of putting God first in all areas.

*Leviticus 27:30; Nehemiah 10:35; Malachi 3:10*

**Legacy** - Giving to Legacy is above and beyond the tithe. We celebrate legacy giving annually on Legacy Sunday but Legacy giving occurs throughout the year. Legacy giving helps accelerate the vision God has for Soma. Make generosity your joy!

*2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Deuteronomy 15:10; Hebrews 13:16*