



2026 RELIANCE MINISTRY REPORT & PRAYER GUIDE

LEADING PEOPLE TO KNOW,
LOVE, AND SERVE JESUS

A NOTE FROM

PASTOR TED

“UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS
THE HOUSE, THEY LABOR
IN VAIN WHO BUILD IT;
UNLESS THE LORD
GUARDS THE CITY, THE
WATCHMEN STAYS
AWAKE IN VAIN.”

— PSALM 127:1

What a joy it is to look back on 2025 and see the unmistakable faithfulness of God at work among us! Our Sunday services are thriving as we continue to gather in worship and the Word, with growing attendance, expanded seating, and countless stories of salvation, baptism, and spiritual growth. At the heart of it all remains our commitment to expository, verse-by-verse teaching—opening Scripture together and learning how to live it out. I am deeply grateful for the more than 300 servants who faithfully serve each week across our operations teams, helping us care well for a growing church family and creating a welcoming environment for all who walk through our doors.

I am continually encouraged by what God is doing in the next generation. From Reliance Kids to Youth and Young Adults, we are seeing discipleship take root in powerful ways—children learning God’s Word alongside their families, students stepping into leadership and evangelism, and young adults growing in biblical confidence and maturity. These ministries are not only growing in number, but in depth, as lives are being shaped by the gospel and equipped for lifelong faithfulness.

God’s work through our adult ministries, home groups, and missions has also been a tremendous testimony of His grace. Men and women are being discipled, marriages strengthened, leaders equipped, and communities reached—both locally and globally. From expanded missions partnerships and outreach efforts to worship, creative arts, administration, and our School of Ministry, we are seeing the body of Christ built up and sent out to serve faithfully in every sphere God has entrusted to us.

As we look ahead to 2026 and beyond, we do so with hopeful expectation. The completion of our new courtyard and the vision for future expansion remind us that God is still writing His story here. We sense His invitation into bold,

faith-filled steps - steps that will impact generations to come. Thank you for walking this journey together, united in faith and trust, as we look forward to all that God will continue to do in and through our church family.



With gratitude and great hope,
Pastor Ted

MINISTRY UPDATES

SUNDAY SERVICE OPERATIONS

Our Sunday services are thriving! Over the past twelve months, we have seen hundreds of people make professions of faith in Christ and make public professions of their faith through baptism. Churchwide we are seeing men and women, both young and old, growing deeply in their relationship with Christ and with one another.

This year, we expanded the seating in the sanctuary to accommodate over 700 people per service as God continues to add daily to the church. By God's grace, our church grew in 2025 to over 3,000 people as our in-person attendance increased nearly 10%.

We've added both missions and ministry spotlights to our weekly services and, as always, at the core is our expository, verse-by-verse teaching, helping us to understand and apply Scripture together each week.

Our Sunday Operations teams faithfully serve week in and week out, using the spiritual gifts of over 300 servants across twelve different teams! Always improving, our parking team implemented a new traffic-flow system that has greatly improved how we serve a growing congregation and increasing parking needs. Additionally, we upgraded our communications infrastructure and made some tasty updates to our coffee cart - keeping the church caffeinated one cup at a time!

Looking ahead to 2026, we're thrilled to open our newly completed courtyard shade structure which provides much needed gathering space for our growing church. This space will play a crucial part not only in our Sunday operations, but throughout the week in our many fellowship gatherings, helping to foster greater unity and spiritual refreshment for all.



MINISTRY UPDATES

RELIANCE KIDS

Reliance Kids reached a record-high Sunday attendance of nearly 400 children in 2025 - (397 children to be exact). Supported by over 140 servants, offering live worship (led primarily by JH and HS students) and teaching from God's Word, these servants are dedicated to making disciples and training our kids to know, love and serve Jesus. Additionally, these leaders are modeling generational discipleship in mentorship, as they train a select group of high school students (graduates of our Reliance Kids Program) to actively discover and use their spiritual gifts in a variety of ways, learning how to lead the younger kids in discipleship. All our Reliance Kids classes study the same Bible lesson (fostering whole-family discipleship) and we've distributed over 300 children's Bibles this year! We also have a leadership development



track for our elementary-aged students called "CREW 4:12" which boasts 65 students serving in classrooms and leading community outreaches.

In addition to our many "in-reach" ministries, Reliance Kids also trained and mobilized 65 leaders to facilitate our AWANA program, helping 175 Children to memorize God's Word and to partner with global mission opportunities through Hope Ndoto Africa. As well, Reliance Kids also conducted our biggest out-reach to date - Reaching over 1,100 children through "Kids-Games", our sports-themed vacation Bible school. This year we saw hundreds of children make professions of faith in Christ, and mentored hundreds of "Jr. Helpers" (former participants of previous Kids-Games events who have since graduated) to actively serve the younger students and to participate in this harvest.

In 2026, Reliance Kids will intentionally equip children, parents, and servants to actively know, love, and serve Jesus. We're putting emphasis on salvation and "next steps" for kids, empowering parents to disciple their children at home, and strengthening servants through training and revamped mentorship programs.

RELIANCE YOUTH

In 2025, the Reliance Youth Department saw powerful spiritual fruit, including over thirty salvations and rededications at Summer Camp. As well, over fifty students are actively engaged in discipleship and more than 60 students regularly serve across the church in various ministries.

High School and Junior High students are also taking ownership of their faith beyond midweek gatherings, launching student-led Bible studies throughout the community. One such high school study, meeting in a local backyard, has reached up to 90 students, with many

coming to faith in Christ, pursuing baptism, and getting connected with our community of Jesus-followers here at Reliance!

In 2026, Reliance Youth will prioritize living as the hands and feet of Jesus in our city through local outreaches, and forming a generation that is gospel-fluent, emphasizing evangelism and sharing their faith. The year ahead will focus clear "next steps," helping students move forward in salvation, baptism, discipleship, service, and leadership with intentional follow-up and care.



RELIANCE YOUNG ADULTS

This past year, Reliance YA walked through an overview of the Old Testament and a study of Ephesians, deepening biblical literacy and fostering greater confidence in God's Word. Through shared gatherings and special events, the community was strengthened through intentional time together and growing relationships. We also saw meaningful spiritual growth as many discovered and began using their spiritual gifts and stepped into other ministries and vocational callings - a clear sign of maturity and discipleship taking root.

In 2026, Young Adults will continue expanding intentional discipleship pathways and host its first retreats, creating space for deeper Biblical formation, community, and growth as the ministry continues to expand.

RELIANCE MEN

In 2025, our Men's Department saw strong growth, providing opportunities for spiritual growth, discipleship, and fellowship. Men participated in seasonal Bible studies, discipleship groups, mentoring relationships, and special events, including a special Father-Daughter event. As well, the Marriage Team (hosted by the Reliance Men's Department) supported couples through classes, mentorship, and events, and collaborated with Missions to host a marriage conference in Brazil.

In 2026, the Reliance Men's Department will continue helping men grow in Christlike character, biblical literacy, and leadership, while providing onramps for connection and discipleship through Bible studies, small groups, and mentoring.

RELIANCE WOMEN

In 2025, our Reliance Women's Department ministered to women of all ages through eleven different ministries, thirty-three midweek groups, and Bible studies attended by over 350 women. The ministry developed new studies, including a full review of all 21 epistles, and engaged in various outreach opportunities.

When She Leads (an outreach ministry of our Women's Department) continues to equip women for ministry globally, with conferences in the US and Europe, mentoring over 150 women online, and reaching over 125,000 podcast plays. This growing community is equipping tens of thousands of women (both nationally and internationally) to actively serve in the body of Christ, to grow in their gifts and calling, to be supported and encouraged by a strong network of peers, and to be equipped by subject-matter-experts across a broad spectrum of specialties (Admin, Teaching, Leadership, etc.)

In 2026, Women's Ministry will continue expanding discipleship and outreach, including two conferences in two different states in just the 1st quarter, and collaborative development of new studies equipping women to grow in faith, leadership, and community impact.

MINISTRY UPDATES

RELIANCE HOME GROUPS & CLASSES

In 2025, Reliance's Home Group ministry continued to grow in depth and reach, now encompassing over twenty active groups and serving 400 engaged members. These gatherings have provided meaningful space for discipleship, prayer, and community, helping members grow in their faith and connect with one another.



Looking ahead to 2026, our hope is to raise up additional Home Groups, multiply leaders and create more opportunities for authentic connection as our church continues to grow.

As well, Foundations of the Faith will launch a new format in 2026, with classes meeting monthly centered around a meal and discussion-based learning, creating a welcoming and accessible environment for discipleship and spiritual growth.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

MISSIONS: This year, the Reliance Missions Department expanded our global-missions footprint by adding three new international missionaries, extending our support into Belgium, Thailand, and into the Middle-East. Additionally, we also support five additional missionaries – Three in southern Ireland, one in northern Italy, and another in northern Brazil, with each missionary serving their respective communities as pastors of local churches.

Reliance Missions also supported two international missions trips in 2025, both to Northern Brazil - Our spring trip raised over \$10,000, helping our supported church move into their new building; and our team hosted a marriage conference during our fall trip, ministering to more than thirty couples, alongside numerous outreach efforts throughout the region. Looking ahead in 2026, we have two short-term missions teams scheduled to help conduct a pastors and ministry-leaders conference in Palawan, Philippines – and to facilitate teaching and serve-projects in Belém, Brazil - & we will continue to respond to additional missions opportunities as the Lord leads.

OUTREACH: Our local evangelism team more than doubled in size this year, expanding our gospel-centered outreach. Our newly-launched English as a Second Language (ESL) ministry, which uses the Bible as its primary teaching tool, has already ministered to over forty students! On a related note, we are thrilled to report that our new language translation technology is now being utilized to provide “real-time” audio translation every Sunday. To date, our Sunday services are being translated into six languages each week and we have the capacity to add many more languages as the need arises! Likewise, our deaf ministry continues to grow as we invest in live translators each week.

In 2025 we continued to support programs like U-Turn for Christ and Celebrate Recovery providing gospel-centered support for those seeking healing and freedom; and our Jail Ministry is literally bringing the gospel of Christ to those behind bars. Additionally, Reliance was able to provide \$10,000 to help with fire-restoration efforts at U-Turn’s main facility – helping to keep their daily program operating without interruption. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue our participation in these amazing fruit-bearing ministries - not only to partner with them in the harvest, but also to see our people grow in discipleship as they serve.

Our Pastors and Leadership Cohorts continued this year in Kansas, Tennessee, Spain and Ireland, as well as several zoom gatherings with leaders across the globe. These cohorts help to strengthen and equip pastors and leaders in their calling and to provide much needed encouragement and counsel. Last year, we partnered with Renewed Life Church to expand our Pastors and Leadership Cohorts and to share financial stewardship for this very fruitful ministry. This partnership will continue in 2026 and we look forward to equipping and encouraging Pastors, their leaders, and their families across the globe.

In 2025 we also continued to serve our community with compassion by delivering over 75 Care Baskets to those suffering illness. We also provided 100 Thanksgiving meals to local families in need and distributed over 200 Christmas gifts to children, partnering with the Salvation Army to share the hope and love of Jesus in tangible ways.

MINISTRY UPDATES

RELIANCE WORSHIP & TECH ARTS

In 2025, Reliance's Worship and Tech-Arts Department flourished, equipping the next generation of leaders and expanding the Church's gospel reach. With over 60 dedicated musicians serving on our worship teams (not counting our largest choir ever) - Our Worship and Tech-Arts Department led services, conferences, and community events, while releasing original music like Magnificat, adding to our Worship EP's and singles which surpassed 80-k streams this year.

Across all serve teams, we saw significantly more engagement, training, and development happening. Our Creative team hosted regional gatherings for artists, launched a creative serve team, and strengthened social media engagement, connecting people to the gospel both online and in our community.

In 2026, these ministries will continue to increase Reliance's gospel reach beyond our walls by releasing music, training servant leaders, and leveraging digital platforms to help people encounter Jesus through technology.

RELIANCE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (CITI)

In 2025, the CITI Program celebrated five graduates completing a curriculum that blended systematic, historical, and biblical theology to equip the next generation of church leaders. This program has fostered spiritual growth and prepared students to live out their faith with wisdom and conviction.

Looking ahead to 2026, the CITI Program will integrate more fully with other ministries and relaunch in a semester-based format. The curriculum will be strengthened with a practical focus, helping students not only learn orthodoxy but live out orthopraxy as well.

ADMINISTRATION & BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

The Reliance Administration & Business Department provides centralized, day-to-day administrative support for each of our Departments, maintaining detailed reports and accounting for all of our church finances. They also report to and advise the Board of Directors on financial status, trends, banking & lending related issues, etc. In 2025, they strengthened stewardship and excellence through advanced accounting technology and HR training, supporting faithful and transparent management of the resources God has entrusted to our church.

Additionally, God has used Reliance's Admin Team to bless other churches - equipping them by mentoring and training their administrative teams through consultations, roundtables and online cohorts. Looking ahead, the Admin Team will continue improving our internal systems and structures - providing accountability and helping to streamline our internal financial and administrative endeavors and will also continue our outreach efforts to equip and bless other churches.



LOOKING AHEAD

The completion of our new courtyard Patio in January 2026 marks a major milestone for our church. By more than doubling our outdoor gathering area, this space equips us to better serve our congregation and community – supporting countless ministries, celebrations, and opportunities to gather together beyond our walls.

As we look to the future, we sense God inviting us into bold and faith-filled possibilities. He is expanding our vision and calling us to grow in ways that will impact generations to come.

**“COMMIT YOUR WORKS
TO THE LORD AND
YOUR THOUGHTS WILL
BE ESTABLISHED...”**

— PROVERBS 16:3

In the years ahead, we anticipate expanding our sanctuary to accommodate 400 additional people, building new spaces dedicated to children and youth, deepening our Pastors & Leaders cohorts, planting new churches and campuses, sending out more missionaries and short-term teams, and multiplying our young leaders discipleship ministries – along with so much more.

United in faith, we eagerly step forward together, trusting God to write the next powerful chapter of His story through us!

LEGACY

“A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children...” — Proverbs 13:22a



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2026 PRAYER FOCUS

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Thank God for His faithfulness in 2025—salvations, baptisms, spiritual growth, and unity across our church family.
- Pray for continued hunger for God's Word and faithfulness to expository, verse-by-verse teaching.
- Ask the Lord to deepen our love for one another and strengthen our witness in the community.
- Pray for wisdom, humility, and spiritual protection for our pastors, elders, staff, and ministry leaders.

SUNDAY SERVICES & OPERATIONS

- Pray that every Sunday service would be marked by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
- Ask God to continue drawing people to Himself through worship, preaching, and fellowship.
- Pray for the more than 300 servants who serve weekly—that they would be encouraged, refreshed, and sustained.
- Ask for excellence, safety, and unity across all operations teams as attendance continues to grow.
- Pray that the new courtyard space would foster meaningful relationships, discipleship, and spiritual refreshment.

RELIANCE KIDS

- Pray for the salvation of children and clear understanding of the gospel at every age.
- Ask God to equip parents to be the primary disciplers of their children at home.
- Pray for strength, joy, and wisdom for the 140+ servants investing in the next generation.
- Ask God to raise up future leaders through CREW 4:12, AWANA, and Kids-Games.
- Pray that every child who attends would know, love, and serve Jesus for a lifetime.

RELIANCE YOUTH

- Pray for boldness and gospel fluency among our students as they live out their faith.
- Ask God to protect students spiritually and emotionally as they navigate a challenging culture.
- Pray for continued fruit from student-led Bible studies and community outreach.
- Ask the Lord to guide students in clear next steps—salvation, baptism, discipleship, service, and leadership.
- Pray for leaders and volunteers as they disciple and shepherd students faithfully.

2026 PRAYER FOCUS

RELIANCE YOUNG ADULTS

- Pray for deep biblical formation, authentic community, and spiritual maturity.
- Ask God to use retreats and gatherings to strengthen faith and calling.
- Pray for clarity in vocation, ministry direction, and godly relationships.
- Ask the Lord to raise up servant-leaders who will bless the church and the world.

RELIANCE MEN

- Pray for men to grow in Christlike character, humility, and biblical leadership.
- Ask God to strengthen marriages and families through discipleship and mentorship.
- Pray for men to lead faithfully at home, in the church, and in the community.
- Ask the Lord to raise up spiritual fathers and mentors for the next generation.

RELIANCE WOMEN

- Pray for continued growth in discipleship, leadership, and gospel impact.
- Ask God to bless the conferences, Bible studies, and global outreach efforts.
- Pray for women being mentored and equipped locally and internationally.
- Ask the Lord to strengthen unity, courage, and faith among women in every season of life.

HOME GROUPS & CLASSES

- Pray for multiplication of Home Groups and new leaders as the church grows.
- Ask God to deepen authentic community, prayer, and discipleship in every group.
- Pray that Foundations of the Faith classes would be welcoming, accessible, and transformative.
- Ask the Lord to connect people who are new or disconnected into meaningful relationships.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

- Pray for missionaries serving in Europe, South America, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia.
- Ask God to bless upcoming short-term missions trips and prepare hearts to receive the gospel.
- Pray for boldness and compassion in local outreach, ESL (English Second Language), jail ministry, and recovery ministries.
- Ask the Lord to continue using translation and deaf ministries to remove barriers to the gospel.
- Pray for pastors and leaders being strengthened through cohorts around the world.

2026 PRAYER FOCUS

WORSHIP, TECH ARTS & CREATIVE MINISTRIES

- Pray that worship would glorify God and draw people into deeper intimacy with Him.
- Ask God to continue raising up skilled, humble servant-leaders in music, tech, and creative arts.
- Pray for expanded gospel reach through original music and digital platforms.
- Ask the Lord to use creativity to point people to Jesus both inside and outside the church.

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (CITI)

- Pray for students preparing for ministry—that theology would shape both belief and practice.
- Ask God to guide the relaunch and integration of CITI across ministries.
- Pray for future pastors, leaders, and missionaries being equipped through this program.

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

- Pray for wisdom, integrity, and transparency in all financial and administrative decisions.
- Ask God to continue strengthening systems that support healthy ministry.
- Pray for the Admin Team as they equip and serve other churches.





A PRAYERFUL ASK:

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION AND THE FUTURE

AS GOD CONTINUES TO GROW OUR CHURCH, HE IS INVITING US TO TAKE BOLD, FAITH-FILLED STEPS FORWARD TOGETHER.

IN THE COMING YEARS, WE ARE BELIEVING GOD TO PROVIDE **\$10 MILLION** TOWARD THE **NEXT THREE PHASES** OF OUR BUILDING PROJECTS, WHICH WILL:

- > CONSTRUCT **NEW CHILDREN'S CLASSROOMS**, CREATING SAFE, WELCOMING SPACES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY.
- > EXPAND OUR SANCTUARY TO ADD **400 ADDITIONAL SEATS**, MAKING ROOM FOR THE MANY PEOPLE GOD IS BRINGING TO WORSHIP WITH US.

HOW TO PRAY AND RESPOND

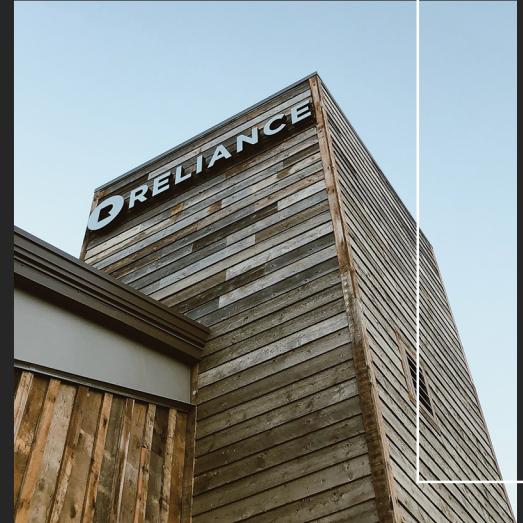
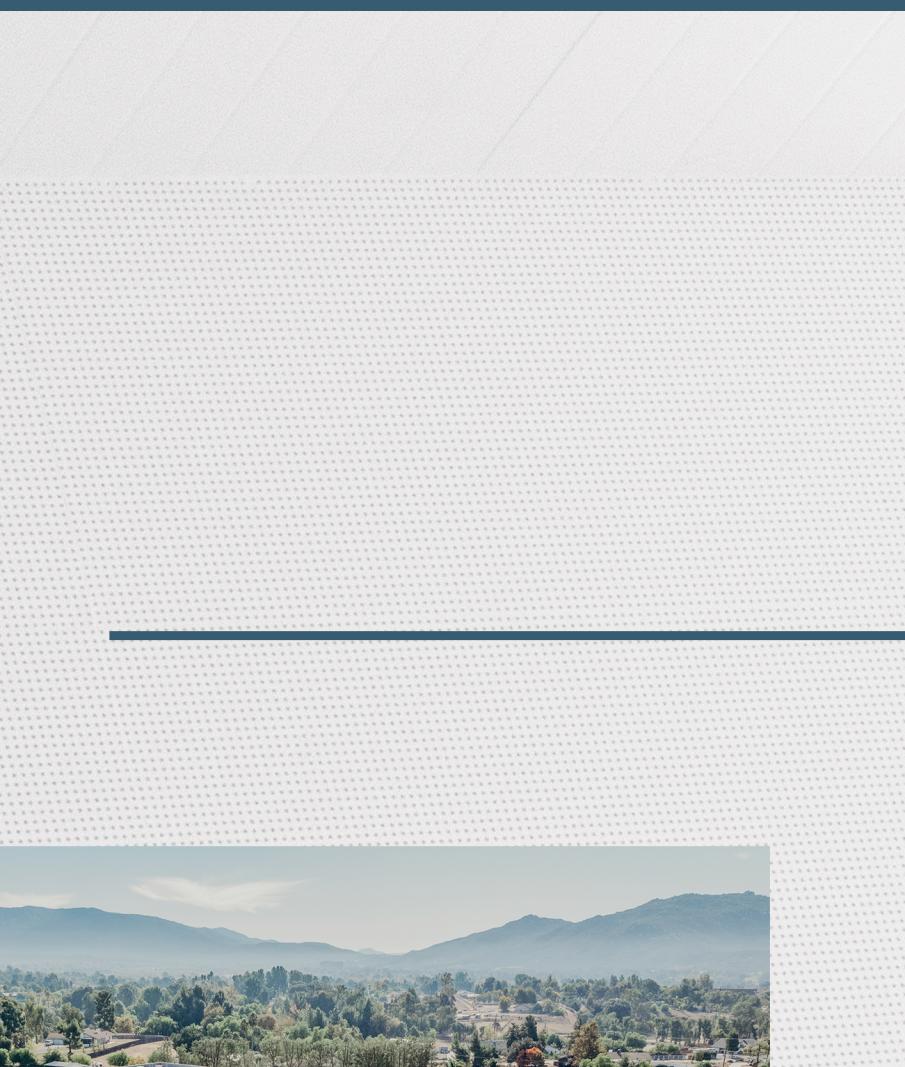
- > Pray that God would provide every dollar needed according to His will and timing.
- > Ask the Lord how He might lead you and your family to participate—through prayer, generosity, or both.
- > Pray for unity, faith, and obedience as we steward these resources for His glory.
- > Thank God in advance for the generations who will be impacted by these spaces.

We invite you to join us—prayerfully and generously—as we invest in what God is doing now and in the generations yet to come.

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MISSION

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