



ACTS

JUST THE BEGINNING



GOD'S
**GREATEST
HITS**
THE PSALMS

THE GOSPEL OF GOD LETTER TO THE ROMANS

We exist to exalt Christ
in the City through joyful
satisfaction in Him.

We value Gospel Centrality
and Word & Spirit.

We are a diverse spiritual
family of commissioned
disciples, passionate
worshipers, and heartfelt lovers
of God and one another.



Dear Bridgeway Family,
In September of 2021, Alicia and I said yes to the adventure of my becoming Bridgeway's next Lead Pastor. In the subsequent weeks, we would inform our children, anoint a successor at my former church, pack our bags, sell our house, and drive three hours north on I-35. What used to be an occasional road trip was this time a departure; more than that, it was an arrival.

A year ago, you heard me preach for the first time. Making connections with my own story, I preached on Abraham's departure from Ur of the Chaldeans and his arrival in the Promised Land (Sam was not slow to remind me afterward that I implicitly called Texas "Babylon" and Oklahoma "the Promised Land"!)). Here were my closing remarks:
In about seven months, it won't just be me, but Bridgeway, embarking on a new adventure with God. You've been blessed for many years by the ministry of Sam and Ann Storms, and there is no one like them. We thank God for the foundation that was laid. When Sam steps away in seven months, it's going to be hard—because adventures always are. But if I didn't believe this adventure was from God, I wouldn't have uprooted my family from the country and kinfolk, and crossed the Red River. I've put skin in the game because I believe with all my heart that God is in this. If I'm right—and if the elders who voted unanimously in this direction are right—then there is a blessing attached to this call. Insofar as we journey with God together into lands unknown, I believe there is reserved for Bridgeway a seven-fold blessing.

Looking back a year later, this is already coming true. It was the blessing of a lifetime to shadow Sam for those initial months—one that will pay dividends for me and Bridgeway for years to come. At the same time, there has been hardship. None of us imagined the sharpness of the transition, with Sam's health issues arising when they did: in Sam's final sermon! Adventures are always unpredictable.

But what a blessing this last year has been. I thank God for His providential care for Sam's health. I also thank God for what He's doing in our church. The staff, elders, and congregation have not missed a beat in embracing the "unknown lands" of our next adventure. And thanks to your prayers, my family has made Oklahoma home. I look forward to growing together—as we adventure together—in the years to come.

With love,
Michael

The data contained in this booklet is a presentation of the life of Bridgeway Church over the past year. These numbers tell a story of the faithfulness of God to his people and provide insight, transparency and accountability to our mission. Rejoice with us in all the Lord has done, and pray with us for what He will do.

2023 Governing Elders

Chris Jurrens
Cordell Ehrich
Dave Morris
Dylan Springer
Eric Mixon
Grant Hill
Ian Steedman
Jesse Owen
Michael Rowntree
Paul Wright
Ryan Smith
Ryan Sorrels
Tyler Hayes

2023 Deacons

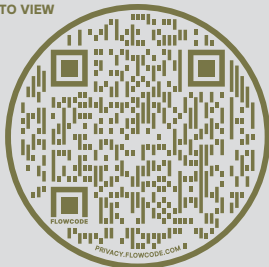
Bill & Dian Binion
Keith & Jennifer Blount
Kendra Argo
Kerri White
Stacey Webb
Steve & Trudi Logan
Tammy Hillhouse
Michael and Kimberly Johnson
Rod and Susan Gertson
Enrique and Tori Huapaya
Caleb and Indira Wardell
Kyle and Moriah Stewart
David and Mayra Lane

2023 NonGoverning Elders

Andy Dowdell
Eddy Helker
Bob Armstrong
David Lightfoot
Dean Ross
Matt Palmer
Rick Kleehammer
Tom Ball

Members & Elders Covenants

SCAN CODE TO VIEW



Sunday Gatherings

913 Average Weekly In-person Attendance
758 ADULTS **155** BW KIDS & WONDERFULLY MADE

248 Households Visited Connect Counter as First Time Guests

21 Baptisms
17 KIDS **4** ADULTS

114 People on Prayer Ministry Team
20 AVERAGE # SERVING EACH WEEK
8 Average # of Intercessors Every Sunday
35 Average # of People at Weekly Prayer

57 People Serve in Bridgeway Music Band or Production Team
218 Services Bridgeway Music has Served in
51 SUNDAYS **42** STUDENT GATHERINGS **25** SPECIAL SERVICES
4 ANCHOR WORSHIP NIGHTS **45** WEDNESDAY PRAYER GATHERINGS

Digital

70 Average Households on Livestream Each Week

1,579 Total YouTube Subscribers
596 NEW SUBSCRIBERS IN 2021
12,900 HOURS OF SERMONS & STORIES WATCHED
3,616 AVERAGE UNIQUE VIEWERS MONTHLY

37,320 People Reached via Facebook

9,710 People Reached via Instagram

Missions & Discipleship

DISCIPLESHIP & CARE

365 People in Community Groups
22 COMMUNITY GROUPS

638 Total Covenant Members
118 NEW COVENANT MEMBERS IN 2021

42 People Received Biblical Monthly Guidance
15 BIBLICAL GUIDES
2 LICENSED COUNSELORS

49 Completed Inner Healing & Deliverance in 2021
47 TRAINED FACILITATORS SERVED
1,568 HOURS SERVED

10 Couples Completed Pre-marital Mentoring

28 People completed Re:Generation Classes

MISSIONS

15 Local Partners:
Anchor Backyard Missions (Afghan)
Bangin4Jesus (Inner City)
Bethel Foundation
First Stone
Grace Home Maternity
Hope Impacting Souls (Afghan)
Hope is Alive Drug Counseling
Hope Pregnancy Center
Lampstand Prison Ministry
Malchus Skateboard Ministry
RestoreOKC
Shiloh Camp
Skyline Mobile Pantry
Spoken Gospel
Trinity Legal
Young Life – Greater OKC

4 Church Plants Supported

21 Global Workers Supported
9 ADVOCACY TEAMS SUPPORTING GLOBAL WORKERS

8 People Went on a Mission Trip to NYC

90 People Trained at Gospel Conversation Trainings

3 Goers Completed Goer Group in 2021
5 IN PROGRESS
24 TOTAL GOERS TRAINED SINCE 2019
9 WILL DEPLOY IN THE NEXT 6-12 MONTHS
6 DEPLOYED

14 Discovery Bible Studies Started with Seekers and/or New Believers

2000+

Spiritual Conversations in OKC Through Trainings Led by Mobilization Team

FAMILY

22 Child Dedications

12 Couples Participated in 12-month Marriage Initiative

8 Salvations in Bridgeway Kids

125 Volunteers Served Regularly in Bridgeway Kids
28 AVERAGE # OF VOLUNTEERS SERVING EACH WEEK

192 Kids Attended Worship & Arts Festival
84 VOLUNTEERS SERVED

65 Average Weekly Attendance for Student Ministries
160 TOTAL STUDENTS ATTENDED
84 VOLUNTEERS SERVED

40 Students & Leaders Attended Summer Camp

37 Students Attended ReThink
5 VOLUNTEERS SERVED

2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OPERATING BUDGET - \$2.4M

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General Fund Operating Budget

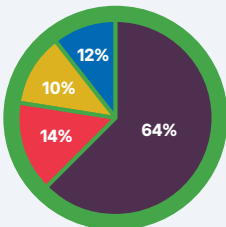
FUNDS RECEIVED - \$2.67M

\$2,550,00
General Fund Giving
\$100K Missions Fund
\$15K Assistance/Benevolence
\$11K Other Funds

ACTUAL EXPENSES - \$2.94M

\$2,370,000
Operating Expenses
\$123K Allocated to Missions
\$357K Special Project
\$72K Assistance/Benevolence
\$19K Other Funds
\$398K Total Missions Support Given

2023 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET



PAYROLL (WAGES, BENEFITS & TAXES) — **\$1,600,000**
FACILITIES & GENERAL — **\$295,000**
MISSIONS — **\$250,000**
MINISTRY — **\$355,000**

TOTAL \$2,500,000

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Operating Budget - This is what we plan to spend in the upcoming year. Governing Elders approve and set the annual budget based on giving history and spending trends.

General Fund - This is the main fund that receives all tithes & offerings and is used for general operating expenses including payroll, facilities, ministry expenses, and missions.

Missions Fund - This fund is designated for receiving additional offerings given specifically for missions purposes. This fund, combined with 10% of the general fund makes up the total amount given to missions.

Other Funds - Includes money received and used specifically for Benevolence, Bookstore, Bridgeway Music, and Convergence Conference.

Assistance/Benevolence - This fund is designated for receiving additional offerings given specifically for assisting and helping Bridgeway Members in need.

Financial Oversight - The Executive Pastor assists Ministry Leaders in developing the ministry budgets. Governing elders review monthly giving/expense reports and approve any significant non-budgeted expense.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2022 was the highest annual giving in the history of BW, December was the second highest month (Dec. 2021 was highest).
- 2022 total giving received was \$150,000 more than budgeted and total expenses were \$30,000 below budget.
- 2022 Special Projects (transition year, Sam's retirement, additional building updates) were paid entirely from the General Fund without incurring any debt. The church is debt free!
- In 2022, 14% of funds received went toward missions.
- In 2023, the funds budgeted for missions are allocated as 59% global, 23% local, 18% outreach/equipping.
- Ministry among Unreached People Groups receives 44% of all funds budgeted to missions.
- Payroll is the largest portion of the budget. Bridgeway pays 45 employees: 10 full-time pastors, 3 part-time pastors, 4 full-time administrative, and 28 part-time staff.