

The Trails Church

# ANNUAL REPORT



2023 Edition

# LETTER FROM MATT



Dear Church Family,

I praise God for all that we have seen the Lord do in the first five years of The Trails Church. It seems in so many ways we have only just begun, yet as I reflect on the faithfulness and kindness of God toward us, I overflow with thanksgiving. I see a church that has been sustained by the gospel, nourished by the Word, filled with the Spirit, and moving onward together on mission. I see a congregation of joy-filled ministers who care deeply about our church, elders who love to genuinely shepherd and lead, a staff that serves from a place of love, and children who are learning what participation in a healthy church looks like from the example of their parents. There are evidences of grace everywhere I look.

As we look to the future, I pray that we would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ, that we might deepen our commitment to grow as and make disciples, and that we would demonstrate great enthusiasm as we proclaim the hope of the gospel in our community and around the world.

As you take in all that the Lord has done in and through our church this past year, I pray that your hearts would be encouraged and that you would praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Yours in Christ,

*Matt*

37 PEOPLE BAPTIZED

8 NEW COMMUNITY  
GROUPS LAUNCHED

85 NEW MEMBERS

131 PEOPLE IN  
BIBLE STUDIES

233 PEOPLE IN  
COMMUNITY  
GROUPS

255 PEOPLE IN ACTIVE  
SERVICE ROLES

\$110k GIVEN TO  
MISSIONS

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



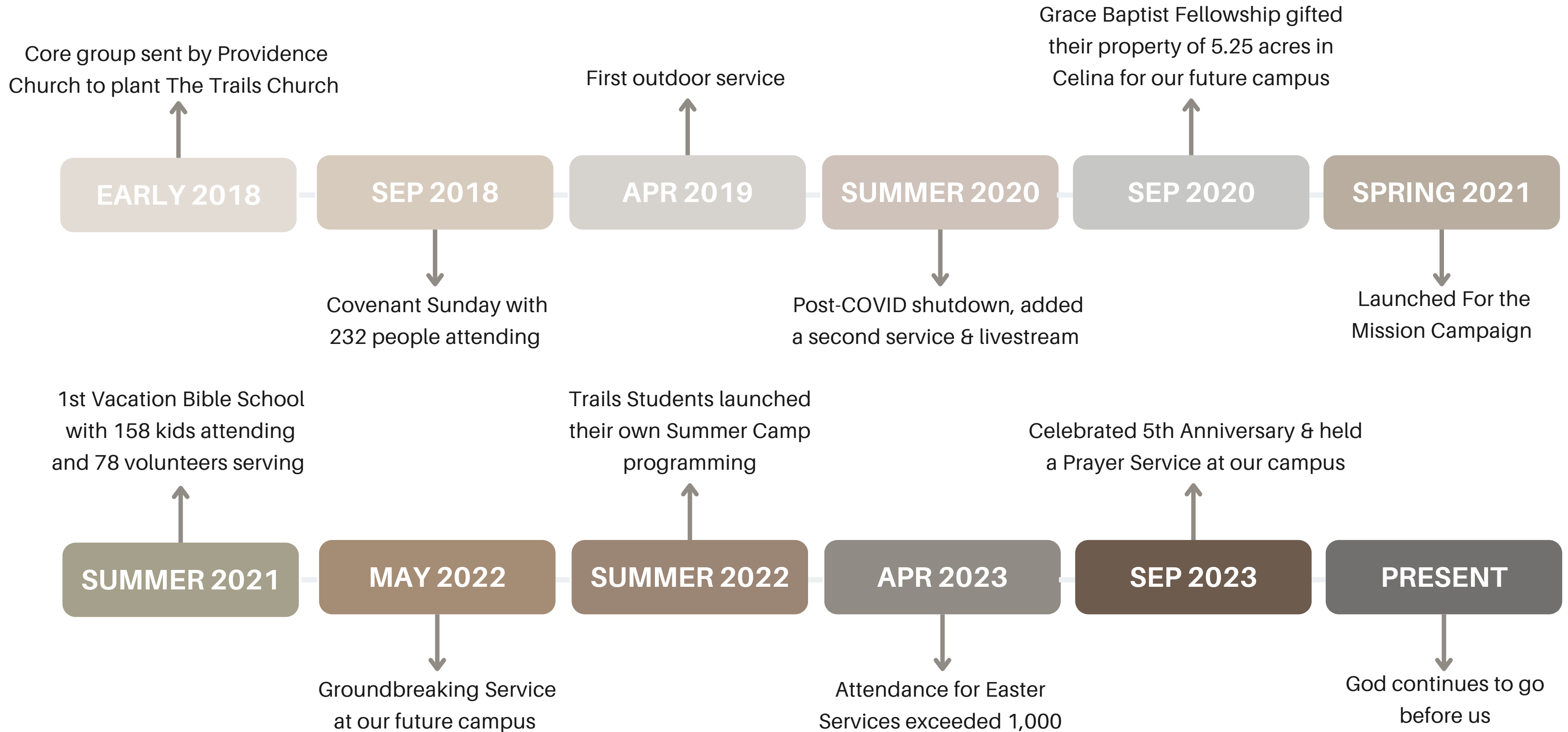
# 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Five years ago, on September 9, 2018, we gathered to worship for the very first time as The Trails Church. We said from the start that The Trails Church would exist “To glorify God by making disciples.” This remains the heartbeat of our church five years later. We have sought to fulfill this mission in everything we do: from the way we approach corporate worship to how we teach the next generation, from planting community groups to enjoying churchwide picnics, from serving on various ministry teams to sacrificial joy-filled giving. The chief end of the church is to glorify God by making disciples and the way we ensure this happens is by intentionally keeping the gospel at the very center of our life together, and to experience the joy of the gospel advancing in and through us.





# THE FIRST FIVE YEARS



# SERVE TEAMS

Sunday mornings at The Trails could not be possible without the servant-hearted commitment of volunteers who prepare throughout the week to love on our little ones, welcome and care for new guests, work behind the scenes to support the service, get up early to set up, and stay late to tear down.

# 255

 PEOPLE IN ACTIVE SERVICE ROLES



# GROUPS & STUDIES

As we seek to make disciples through the gospel, in community, and on mission, we also want to provide an opportunity to live in gospel-oriented community. This year we launched 8 new Community Groups, offered Spring and Fall Bible Studies in Colossians and Galatians 5, and hosted Men's Breakfasts and several Women's events including The Table.



16 NUMBER OF ACTIVE  
COMMUNITY GROUPS

233 PEOPLE IN  
COMMUNITY GROUPS

131 PARTICIPANTS IN  
BIBLE STUDIES



# TRAILS KIDS

As part of Family Ministry at The Trails Church, Trails Kids partners with families by *pointing* families to the gospel, *equipping* parents to make disciples in their homes, and *supporting* families as they carry out the mission of God. Each Sunday, over 35 volunteers faithfully disciple children's hearts as we partner with our Trails families week after week. As the Spirit moves during our church gatherings and in our homes, it is our prayer that our children's hearts soften to the Word and to the work He is doing in their lives. By God's grace, we have seen three young hearts place their faith in Jesus this year, with one coming to faith through our VBS!

72 VOLUNTEERS  
SERVING IN TK  
132 AVERAGE SUNDAY  
ATTENDANCE  
185 KIDS WHO  
ATTENDED VBS





# TRAILS YOUTH



**Trails 56** is a ministry for students in 5th and 6th grade with a goal to teach biblical doctrines that help students respond to and live out a Christian worldview while fostering meaningful relationships with peers. We partner with parents as they teach and train their children in obedience to Jesus Christ.

26 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT TRAILS 56

32 56ERS WHO ATTENDED SPRING RETREAT

**Trails Students** is a ministry for 7th–12th grade students dedicated to making disciples of Jesus Christ. Through gospel-centered teaching, loving community, and caring small group leaders, we seek to help our students love God, love the church, and love the world.

65 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT TRAILS STUDENTS

21 VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN TRAILS STUDENTS

43 STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED SUMMER CAMP





# BAPTISMS



“I fully understand and believe within my heart that [by] God’s grace and through faith alone I am saved by Christ who died so that my sins are forgiven. I now live to glorify God and seek to make Him the cornerstone of my household.”

BRANDON DRUMMOND



“My faith was on rocky ground, and it quickly faded because I did not have the foundation or the community to help me grow in my faith... Today I want to give my public profession of faith... My old self is dead, and today I am born of the spirit.”

RYAN THOMAS



“Ever since I put my full trust in the Lord and followed down His path for my life and not my own, I started seeing amazing transformations happen. My relationship with God strengthened, and continues to grow stronger everyday.”

ALISON DOYLE



# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

As a people who have been transformed by the message of the gospel, we encourage church members to take the Great Commission personally and to be effective partners in discipling neighbors in our community and among the nations. In addition to supporting church planting and missions partners financially, we are also committed to serving our local communities.

This year, we partnered with Cornerstone to provide 40 backpacks filled with school supplies to local children in need. We also partnered with Embrace Texas to serve the foster and adoptive community of Collin County with financial gifts and support. Partnering with 25 Project in November, we sent three members to South Asia to continue our mission of making the gospel known among the nations.



\$110k GIVEN TO MISSIONS



# FOR THE MISSION

The vision of For the Mission is to reach people with the good news of the gospel, disciple people in the power of the gospel, and send people into the world to proclaim the gospel. Our church campus will establish a permanent base for gospel ministry that fosters community with a variety of gathering spaces, both indoors and outdoors, including:

**A new 600 seat worship center** that will give us plenty of seating for Sunday morning worship services and also serve our weekly youth gatherings and offer flexible space for fellowship events throughout the week

**A two-story children's area** that will provide a safe and secure environment for Trails Kids to grow and thrive

**A lobby and back patio** that will be an inviting space for our people to gather and connect with one another

**A renovated admin building** that will not only house our offices, but will provide flexible meeting spaces for fellowship and learning

THREE YEAR PLEDGES:	\$3,824,158
TOTAL RECEIVED SINCE 3/31/21:	\$3,212,630
# OF HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING:	135

With more and more people relocating to our area every month, we see incredible potential to reach more families and be a thriving, physical, gospel presence in our community. We long to see more disciples made, more churches planted, and more missionaries sent.

This effort will take each and every one of us to make a sacrificial investment for the future. If you have not yet partnered with us, or if you are able to increase your previous commitment, please let us know by making a commitment and donating today at [thetrails.org/give](https://thetrails.org/give).





## ATTENDANCE & ENGAGEMENT

Average Sunday Morning Attendance **688**  
Average Adult Attendance **547**  
Average Kids Attendance **141**

Total Membership (Adults) **354**  
Members added this year **85**

Baptisms **37**

Membership Class Attendance **105**

Individuals in Active Service Roles **255**

Individuals in Community Groups **233**

Individuals in Bible Studies **131**

## 2023 GIVING & EXPENSES

General Giving\* \$1,400,000  
Building Fund Giving\* \$ 700,000  
Actual Expenses\* \$1,050,000  
Budgeted Expenses \$1,326,300

\*Projected through December 31





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