

# THE TRAILS CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT



2025 Edition

# LETTER FROM MATT

Dear Church Family,

As another calendar year comes to a close, we pause and give thanks to the Lord for his steady faithfulness to us as a congregation. Looking through this report and remembering the moments we have shared in recent months gives us great joy and deep gratitude.

One of our constant joys has been witnessing the ordinary means of grace at work among us. Through the ministry of the word, through prayer and song, and through the Lord's Supper, the Lord continues to build and strengthen his people. We have seen firsthand how the gospel of Jesus Christ still reshapes lives, transforming us from one degree of glory to another.

In our sermon series especially, I pray these books we have spent time in leave an indelible mark on our life together. I am grateful for the way the book of Acts called us to continued mission; how Micah reminded us that love for neighbor flows from love for God; and how the Nicene Creed roots us firmly in the faith once delivered to the saints.

One evidence of grace I have witnessed is the very area in which I pray we will grow with greater intentionality: an unwavering commitment to gospel growth, spiritual depth, love for one another, and a humble dependence on prayer.

May the Lord continue to move in profound ways in our hearts, our homes, our families, our church, and our wider community.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Matt



40 PEOPLE BAPTIZED

316 PEOPLE IN ACTIVE SERVICE ROLES

70 NEW MEMBERS

258 PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY GROUPS

17 COMMUNITY GROUPS

\$190k GIVEN TO MISSIONS

160 PEOPLE ATTENDED MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

# MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

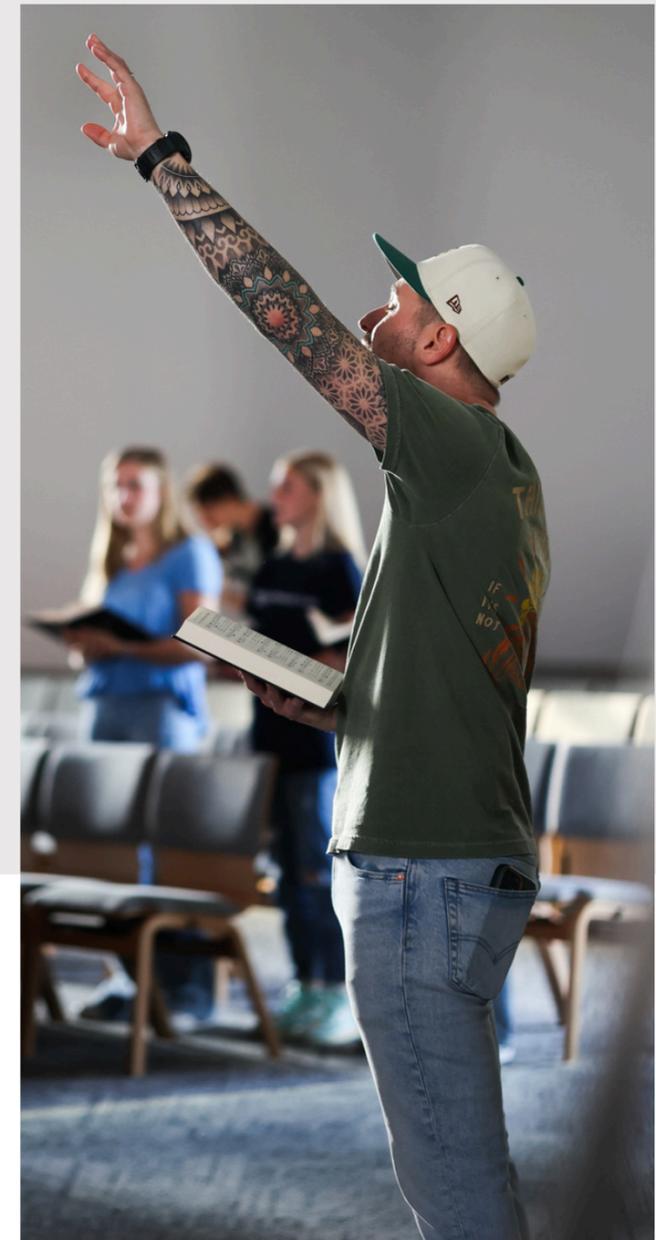
On January 31, we hosted our first 2-Day Marriage Conference at The Trails. Guest speaker Bob Lepine—pastor, author, and long-time co-host of FamilyLife Today—encouraged and equipped our husbands and wives to strengthen their marriages through helpful teaching sessions and a Q&A panel.

160 MEN AND WOMEN  
IN ATTENDANCE



# HYMN SING AT THE TRAILS

On July 9, we gathered for a special Hymn Sing to celebrate the arrival of The Sing! Hymnal, which hosts a collection of timeless hymns, both classic and contemporary, created to deepen worship and foster unity among God's people through the power of song. Crossway Publishers joined us to film this special service, capturing the spirit of congregational worship as we lifted our voices together in praise.



# SERVE TEAMS

316 PEOPLE IN ACTIVE SERVICE ROLES

Sunday mornings at The Trails could not be possible without the servant-hearted commitment of volunteers who prepare to love on our little ones, arrive early to make coffee, care for and welcome new guests, and work behind the scenes to support the service. We'd love to have you join one of our serve teams!



# 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. Through Community Groups, Men's and Women's Bible Studies in 1 Timothy, Jonah, and Ruth, and several Book Studies, we saw our people grow this year in relationship with the Lord and one another. We also hosted Men's Breakfasts and a Men's Tailgate as well as several Women's events including The Table.



17 NUMBER OF ACTIVE  
COMMUNITY GROUPS

258 PEOPLE IN  
COMMUNITY GROUPS

167 PARTICIPANTS IN  
BIBLE STUDIES

# TRAILS KIDS

As part of Family Ministry at The Trails Church, Trails Kids partners with families by pointing them to the gospel, equipping parents to make disciples in their homes, and supporting families as they carry out the mission of God. Each Sunday, dozens of volunteers faithfully disciple children's hearts, partnering with our Trails families week after week. By God's grace, we launched our first ever Family Worship Night in 2025. 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.

110 VOLUNTEERS  
SERVING IN TK  
167 AVERAGE SUNDAY  
ATTENDANCE  
208 KIDS WHO  
ATTENDED VBS  
425 TRUNK OR TREAT  
ATTENDANCE



# 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.

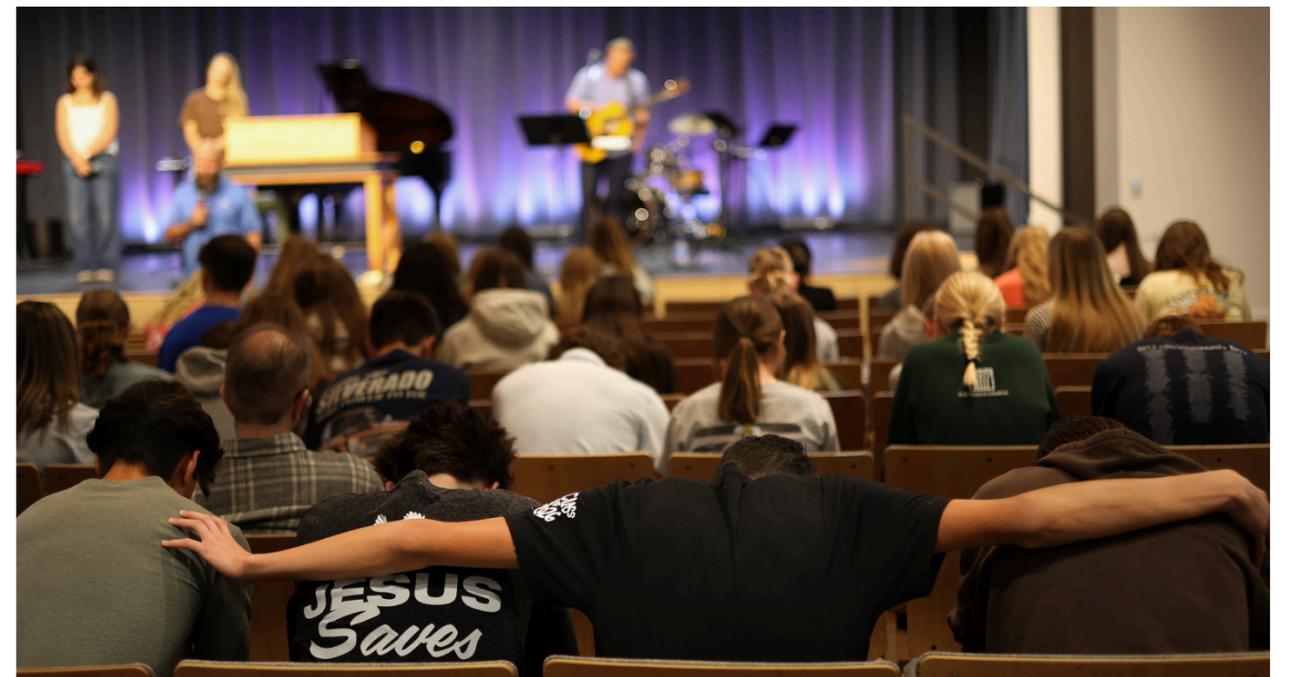
**35** AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT TRAILS 56

**48** 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.

**100** AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT TRAILS STUDENTS

**22** VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN TRAILS STUDENTS



# BAPTISMS



“I was and am a sinner in need of a Savior... I tried to fix things on my own but realized that I needed a perfect Savior to pay for my sins, a mighty God to forgive me, and the Holy Spirit to guide me... My sins have been pardoned by Jesus and I want to devote the rest of my life to serving Him.”

**EMERY NICKLES**



“This year... I opened the gospel for the first time with an open heart. I realized I spent years drinking from wells of pride and achievement, yet I was always empty. Christ alone satisfied when nothing else could... I realized that through every trial, the Lord was guiding me to freedom and to Him.”

**JASON XU**



“2 Corinthians 5:17 says ‘Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.’ Since accepting Christ in my life, I feel He has given me a new life and a new heart. I see the world so differently now. Because of Christ, my heart yearns to love others and to serve my Savior.”

**AUSTIN BERRY**

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

As a people who have been transformed by the message of the gospel, we believe every person is called to be a missionary or to help send others. The Trails Church is committed to partnering with like-minded churches and organizations (along with missionaries sent out by them) to plant and strengthen churches around the world.

In 2025, we continued our mission of making the gospel known among the nations by partnering with 25 Project to train youth and leaders in the Dominican Republic and Africa. We also partnered with Reaching & Teaching International Ministries and Biblica to support global workers and translation projects in Japan and South Asia.

In our commitment to serving local communities, we sponsored several ministries working with local youth and coaches, and participated in food distribution efforts in our city. We are excited to see our church continue to grow on mission.



\$190k GIVEN TO MISSIONS

# FOR THE MISSION

The chief end of the church is to glorify God by making disciples and we do this by intentionally keeping the gospel at the very center of our life together, experiencing the joy of the gospel advancing in and through us. We long to see more disciples made, more churches planted, and more missionaries sent.



Through the faithful generosity of our members, we were able to pay off a bridge note ahead of schedule in 2025. This will allow more funds to be allocated to the needs of our church body, our community, and to mission work around the world.



We would love for you to prayerfully consider a year-end gift or partnering with us through becoming a recurring donor. Regular giving helps us better plan and execute more effectively. For details on year-end giving and to donate directly, visit [thetrails.org/give](https://thetrails.org/give).

## ATTENDANCE & ENGAGEMENT

Average Sunday Morning Attendance **773**  
Average Adult Attendance **606**  
Average Kids Attendance **167**

Total Membership (Adults) **441**  
Members added this year **70**

Baptisms **40**

Membership Class Attendance **122**

Individuals in Active Service Roles **316**

Individuals in Community Groups **258**

Individuals in Bible Studies **167**

## 2025 GIVING & EXPENSES

General Giving\* \$2,000,000  
Building Fund Giving\* \$ 550,000  
Actual Expenses\* \$1,500,000  
Budgeted Expenses \$1,952,000

\*Projected through December 31





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