

YEAR IN REVIEW

2022-2023

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See baptisms, child dedications, and new members we've had this year.

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Learn about updates on giving, spending, and progress on the RTS Pledge Campaign.

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Wells Branch
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Group pictures of our staff members and leadership team. There are a few new faces, so make sure to check these out!



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A NOTE FROM **PASTOR PLEK**

Dear Church Family,

As we wrap up one ministry year and start another, I wanted to take a moment and tell you how grateful I am for your continued efforts in collaborating with the elders, deacons, and staff. We have been living on purpose to: Love God. Love People. Make Disciples. I've been encouraged by the 38 baptisms and generous giving through the Revive the Stones Capital Campaign alongside our regular general budget giving. I know that effort doesn't come without sacrifice. It is clear that our church family prioritizes time and resources into kingdom oriented work. I thank God for that and I thank you for that.

Our focus this past year was "Glad and Generous Hearts." We wanted our church to build community and enjoy each other's company. Through our community groups and our church events we accomplished just that. We overcame a lot of the social atrophy that accompanied COVID and moved toward a deeper love for God and for one another.


This next year we will focus on B.L.E.S.S.-ing our neighbors. My heart is that what we have cultivated this past year will help our church welcome those far from God and help them take the next steps on their spiritual journey. I know God is using our church to bring his rule and reign into the hearts of our community. I look forward to what God has in store for us!

Live For More!
Pastor Plek



An aerial, black and white photograph of a city skyline. In the foreground, a wide river flows from the bottom left towards the center. A bridge with multiple piers crosses the river. The city is densely packed with buildings of various heights and architectural styles. A prominent, very tall skyscraper stands on the right side of the frame. The sky is clear and light-colored. The word "vision" is overlaid in large, white, lowercase letters with a dot above the 'i' and 'o'.

We desire to see every man, woman, and child in Greater Austin have repeated opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A black and white photograph of a church service. In the background, a large screen displays the text "LOVE GOD" in a bold, sans-serif font, with "love people. make disciples" written below it in a cursive script. The foreground shows the backs of several people sitting in pews, looking towards the front of the church.

LOVE GOD
love people. make disciples

purpose

As a church we exist to:
Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.



process

We encourage each person at WBCC to **Gather** for corporate worship, **Group** into smaller community groups, **Grow** through our discipleship pathway, and **Go** reach our spheres of influence through local and global mission.

A black and white photograph of a crowd of people, heavily blurred to create a bokeh effect. The focus is on the text overlaid on the image.

***ministry
updates***

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Annabel Richardson Nik Barrows Robert Arqueros Joanna Salazar Avery Davis Lora Arroyo
Henry Belcik Sarah Gonzalez Nazayah Turner Drew Oberle Christian Sprague Jena Riggs
Jordan Brickman Jean McCown Joelle McCown Jocelyn McCown Blake Meyers Charley
MacCabe Angelina Nelson Tasha Anderson Emma Nelson Kevin Polivka Herbert Brown III
Aurora Brown John Milton John Hanson Ken Cumberledge Lina Lightfoot Jon Xavier Pepaw
Adriana Hernandez Zoe He Esequiel Ramirez Rob Huddleston Zuxiden Ramsey Mahesh Katla

BAPTISMS



25 NEW MEMBERS



Curtis Carpenter Jennifer Carpenter Brooke Spiars John Hanson Jeff Shimek
Cody Sparks Natalie Lipscomb Suzanne Baldwin John Tibbits Kristin Meyers Brian Meyers
Jacob Laldin Jonathan Caldwell Bethany Caldwell Herbert Brown III Aurora Brown
Joe Ames Erinn Hughes Morgan Zorzano Aren MacCabe Rob MacCabe Mo Ali Lauren Ali
Joanna Salazar Jordan Brickman

21 CHILD DEDICATIONS



Isabella Xavier Theodore Zimmerman Emmett Webster Dean Elliott Archer Stallings
Brigham Byars Ellie Ali Zola Cartwright Zakii Turner Danny Roten Kaleb Roten
Sevyn Nutall Liam Dzialo Emery Bice Amara Bice Isaac Zhu Eliana Zhu
Penelope Medellin Colt Teifke Cash Teifke Crew Teifke



- FOCUS**
- Branch Kids Camping Trip
 - Men's Wild Game Night
 - Women's Retreat
 - Christmas Eve
 - ReFOCUS
 - Winter Retreat
 - Daddy Daughter Dance
 - Marriage Seminar
 - Captain's Camp
 - Good Friday
 - Branch Kids Egg Hunt
 - Easter
 - Men's Retreat
 - Concert of Prayer
 - Summer Kickoff
 - Bootcamp
 - Backyard Bible Clubs
 - Summerfest
 - Concert of Praise





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revive the
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budget

2022 - 2023 GENERAL FUND

BUDGETED
\$850,000

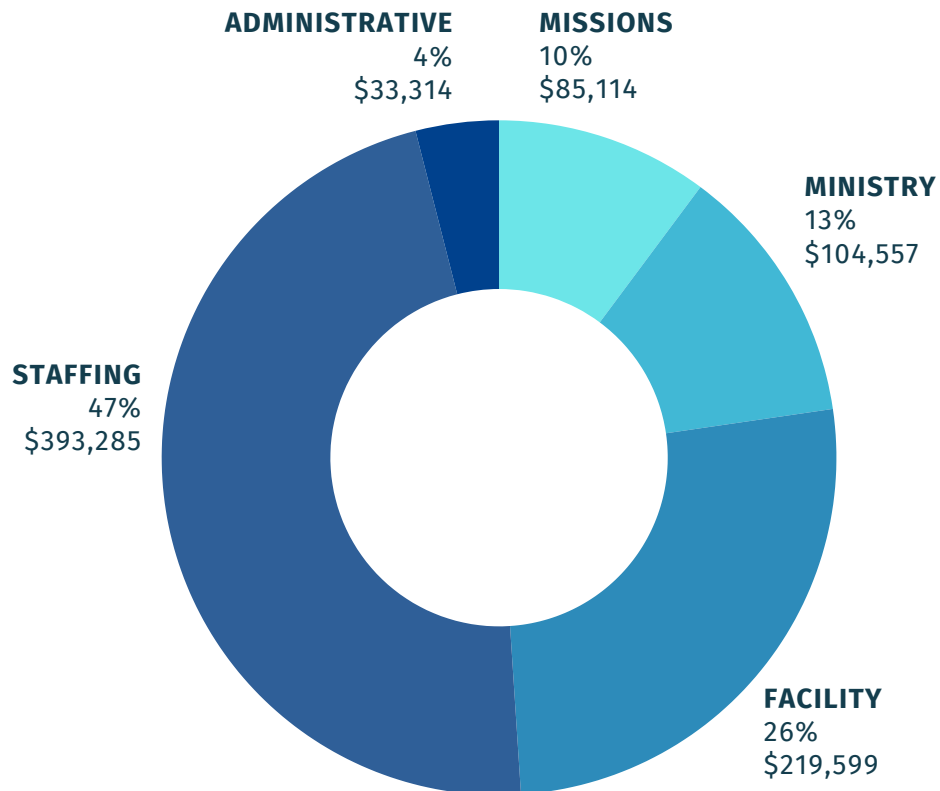
GIVING INCOME
\$801,714

INTEREST INCOME
\$45,871

ACTUALS

TOTAL INCOME
\$847,585

EXPENSES
\$835,869



budget

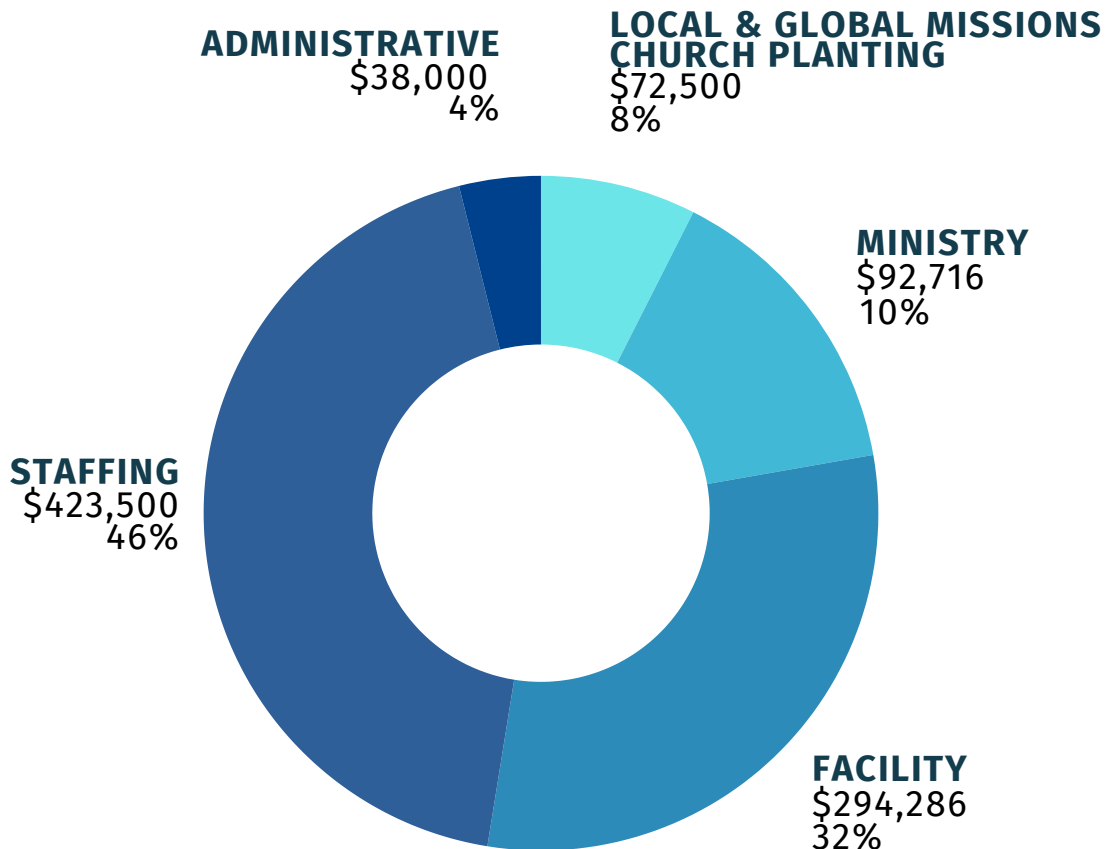
2023 - 2024

EXPECTED INCOME

GIVING
\$850,000

CASH RESERVE
\$70,000

BUDGET



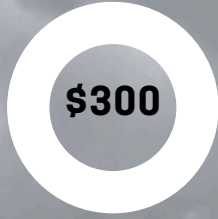
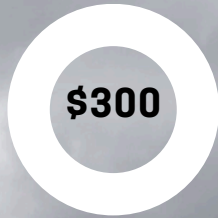
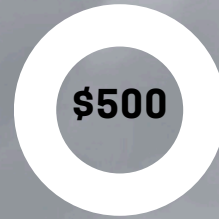
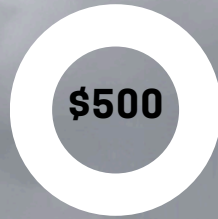
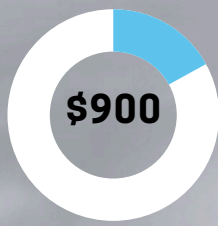


REVIVE THE



STONES





PLEDGE UPDATE

TOTAL PLEDGED

\$3,288,587.50

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$1,958,225.91

*AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023

**WILL THEY
REVIVE THE STONES
OUT OF THE HEAPS OF
RUBBISH, AND BURNED
ONES AT THAT?**

NEHEMIAH 4:2



*staff,
elders, &
deacons*

staff



LEFT TO RIGHT: GRAYSON DZIALO, SAUL CABANAS, ASHLEY ELLIOTT, JORDAN SMITH, CHRIS PLEKENPOL, CODY SPARKS, ADRIENNE PLEKENPOL, MO ALI, MELANIE MCLEMORE, ZACH BICE, NICOLE TROUP, DEVAN BICE, JACOB LALDIN

2022 to 2023

elders



**LEFT TO RIGHT: CRAIG KELSO, BRAD MEDFORD, WESTLEY DESHAZER,
CHRIS PLEKENPOL, ROBERT SAS (ELDER CHAIRMAN)**

2023 to 2024

elders



**LEFT TO RIGHT: JOEL FRANKLIN (ELDER CHAIRMAN), CRAIG KELSO,
BRAD MEDFORD, WESTLEY DESHAZER, CHRIS PLEKENPOL,
ROBERT SAS, JEFF MITCHELL**

deacons



TYLER HUGGINS

deacon of membership

LIZ MITCHELL

deacon of care

MARK LAVER

deacon of missions

SAM TEIFKE

deacon of men's ministry



from the elders

Dear Church Family,

We the elder board are excited for the FOCUS of this 2023-2024 ministry year. God has put on our hearts to reach our community utilizing the B.L.E.S.S. strategy. Every elder has committed to this strategy and we will continue to meet weekly to seek the Lord on behalf of our church, and also hold the elders accountable to living this out. Please pray for us as we seek to model this B.L.E.S.S. strategy. As you live out B.L.E.S.S. this year, please reach out to the elder board at elders@wellsbranchchurch.com and let us know your success and struggles in implementing B.L.E.S.S. into your lives. Nothing is more encouraging than to see fellow followers of Christ living out their God given roles and using their gifts to forward the Kingdom where God has uniquely placed each person. Also we as an elder board are committed to serving and loving those whom God has called us to shepherd and love. Please reach out to us for any concerns or needs you may have.

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Elder Board



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