



WELLS BRANCH COMMUNITY CHURCH

# YEAR IN REVIEW

2023-2024

**Love God.**  
**Love People.**  
**Make Disciples.**

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# A Note from Pastor Plek

Dear Church Family,

If I could put a word on our past year it would be “growth.” We grew in our attendance, we grew in our regular giving as well as our Revive the Stones Capital Campaign giving and our benevolence giving. We grew in our evangelism, and I personally grew closer to Jesus. I’m so grateful for how I watched many of you take steps of faith over the course of this year to fulfill our purpose as a church to: Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.

Our Focus for the 2023-24 ministry year was B.L.E.S.S. We challenged the church as a whole and our elders and staff specifically to incorporate B.L.E.S.S. into our everyday lives and fulfilled our purpose: Love God. Love People. Make Disciples. Twenty baptisms later we can see just some of the fruit that God cultivated through our efforts.

This next year we are going to continue to incorporate B.L.E.S.S. into our community groups and every ministry so that evangelism becomes an integral part of our church culture. This will be especially necessary as God calls our church to make more disciples in Wells Branch, Brushy Creek, and beyond. I can’t wait to see what God has next for our church!

Live For More!  
Pastor Plek

# Our Vision



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.



# Purpose & Process



## Our Purpose

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

## Our Process

We encourage each person at WBC 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.

# Ministry Updates





# **TWENTY** **baptisms**

Jett Plekenpol  
James Ekeke  
Maru Barnidge  
Steven Lightfoot  
Latoya Johnson  
Durasis Nutall  
Leiana Herera  
Maci Nelson  
Hector Morales  
Vanessa Jiminez

Kingslee Ramey  
Annette Castro  
Nancy Shvemar  
Drew Parks  
Andres Hyer  
Joanna Hyer  
Judah Joyner  
Joe Mulcahy  
Cody Hozjan  
Drew Rivera



# TWENTY TWO Child Dedications

Amoura Fuqua, Bella-Rose Williams, Ryker Nelson, Kingslee Ramey, Owen Spiars, Emerson Chilton, Alaya Castro, Rylee Castro, Averi Castro, Hazely Castro, JB Barnes, Cam Teifke, Malcolm Ramsey, Ian Chavez, Lucca Despaigne, Oliver Webster, Amelia Nelson, Emmanuel Owoso, Avery Hammock, Eve Laver, Elijah Ali, David Fraser



# Children's Ministry

ADRIENNE PLEKENPOL & DEVAN BICE

This year was an exciting one for Branch Kids! Our ministry growth provided the need for a second staff position. Devan Bice jumped in with a big splash. As the Branch Kids Director, Devan has made several enhancements to our Sunday morning program for ages 0-3rd grade. Our students have learned B.L.E.S.S and practiced personal evangelism while engaging in more spiritual discussions during craft and snack time. Devan has also recruited many new volunteers and notably added a team of servant-hearted men who keep close watch of the front door to best protect our children. Meanwhile, Adrienne has been hard at work improving the Treehouse Kids experience, overseeing the Sunday morning ministry, and implementing a new baptism process for children. The testimonies of our children and how God has revealed himself to them have been an inspiration.

Adrienne and her team of volunteers have pulled off another year of growing family events. These events have fostered deeper relationships within our families and provided opportunity for several new families to experience the incredible community at WBCC. Branch Kids continues to grow. This year we had our highest summer attendance on record. This ministry would not be possible without the many volunteers who generously give their time, love, and energy to our children and families.





# Connections Ministry

MOHAMMAD ALI & MELANIE MCLEMORE

This past ministry year, we saw significant growth in our connections ministry, particularly with the first impressions team. Under the leadership of our elders, volunteers served at the red tent, greeting everyone throughout the service. Herbert has done a great job leading the welcome team while Robin's first-time visitor gifts have been a memorable touch. A big thank you to Joel, Cora, Anna, Justin, and Craig for their dedication to setting up and cleaning up coffee. Shout out to Matt, Aaron, and Jeff for consistently setting up outside and tidying up inside before service, and John and Jordan for tearing down after service. Our prayer teams have also been outstanding! Volunteers are showing up, communicating, and stepping up when needed. A huge thank you to all our volunteers—your commitment has made a lasting impact this year!



# Student Ministry

MOHAMMAD ALI

Our middle school and high school students did A LOT this year. They joined Branch Kids at their annual camp out. In January they grew in fellowship and spiritual maturity during Winter Retreat at Camp Tejas. As the school year ended our students went through Bootcamp to prepare for Vacation Bible School. They learned song choreography, prepared skits, and practiced crafts and science experiments that they led kids through two weeks later. During VBS week, they assisted class leaders, taught arts & crafts, led games & worship, and shared the good news of Jesus Christ with 70 children.

After all their hardwork in June, students spent Sunday afternoons at the pool. We even got to celebrate Joe Mulcahy's baptism! Students ended their eventful summer at Typhoon Texas. We can't wait to see what God does in and through them next year!





Our Benevolence Ministry distributed over \$41,000 to 69 people to help with groceries, rent, and utilities in our local community. At our first ever Benevolence Gala we raised \$32,000. In December 2023 our church donated clothes, toys, and household items and through those donations we were able to help 100 families.

# Benevolence

ZACH BICE & AARON SWANLUND

# Membership

**Now you are  
the body of Christ and  
individually members of it.**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

# Membership at WBCC



## TEN+ YEAR MEMBERS

Tony & Jessica Nelson	Craig & Terrah Kelso
Nathan & Shelby Blick	Preston & Skipper McWithey
Kyle & Leah Brown	Jeremy Ortiz
Chris & Ashley Bowers	Chris & Adrienne Plekenpol
Robert & Katy Cotten	Robert & Debi Sas
Grayson & Megan Dzialo	Ryan & Catie Sas
Randy & Jackie Gabbart	Aaron & Nelly Shaw
Gilbert Guerrero II	David & Kelly Sheffield
Steven Hilchey	Philip & Robin Wanke
Erinn Hughes	Jorge & Claudia Zepeda
Tate & Debbie Joyner	

## FIVE+ YEAR MEMBERS

Jonathan & Kourtney Blick	Brad & Julie Medford
Drew & Hannah Bohan	Jeff & Elizabeth Mitchell
Clarissa Cabanas	Taylor & Lacy Pugh
Chris Chilton	Anna Rodriguez
Marc & Ashley Elliott	Niki Rueger
Trey & Megan Ford	Jordan Smith
Daniel Fore	Kyle & Lauren Snow
Joel & Jeannette Franklin	Lisa Stuebe
Carl & Gail Hogberg	Natalie Tillery
Tyler & Stephanie Huggins	Berenice Tran
Kate Kappmeyer	Sanjay Upadhyay
Mark & Cristine Laver	Stephen & Clare Webster
Chelsea McCown	John Zhu
Melanie McLemore	





# **EIGHTEEN** **New Members**

Nick Stallings, Amanda Stallings, Denisse Guerrero, Allayson Ramirez,  
Marc Mulcahy, Kirsten Mulcahy, Nick Gehring, Michael McGinnis, Pablo Mota,  
Briana Mota, Jessica Meyer, Mike Williams, Bethany Carpenter, Nik Barrows,  
Kim Belcik, Jason Belcik, Ethan Blagg

# Members



**Lauren Ali**  
Member since 2023



**Mohammad Ali**  
Member since 2023



**Joseph Ames**  
Member since 2023



**Suzanne Baldwin**  
Member since 2022



**Nik Barrows**  
Member since 2024



**Jason Belcik**  
Member since 2024



**Kim Belcik**  
Member since 2024



**Devan Bice**  
Member since 2023



**Zach Bice**  
Member since 2023



**Dory Bennett**  
Member since 2012



**Christen Bettis**  
Member since 2022



**Ethan Blagg**  
Member since 2024



**Jonathan Blick**  
Member since 2018



**Kourtney Blick**  
Member since 2018



**Nathan Blick**  
Member since 2013



**Shelby Blick**  
Member since 2013



**Drew Bohan**  
Member since 2019



**Hannah Bohan**  
Member since 2019



**Ashley Bowers**  
Member since 2014



**Chris Bowers**  
Member since 2013



**Joanna Brickman**  
Member since 2023



**Jordan Brickman**  
Member since 2023



**Aurora Brown**  
Member since 2023



**Herbert Brown III**  
Member since 2023



**Kyle Brown**  
Member since 2012

# Members



**Leah Brown**  
Member since 2012



**Clarissa Cabanas**  
Member since 2016



**Saul Cabanas**  
Member since 2021



**Bethany Caldwell**  
Member since 2022



**Jonathan Caldwell**  
Member since 2022



**Fernando Cardona**  
Member since 2020



**Bethany Carpenter**  
Member since 2024



**Jennifer Carpenter**  
Member since 2023



**Curtis Carpenter**  
Member since 2023



**Brianna Chilton**  
Member since 2020



**Chris Chilton**  
Member since 2015



**Katy Cotten**  
Member since 2013



**Robert Cotten**  
Member since 2013



**Chris Dayton**  
Member since 2021



**Rhodesia DeShazer**  
Member since 2020



**Westley DeShazer**  
Member since 2020



**Sarah Draves**  
Member since 2020



**Grayson Dzialo**  
Member since 2010



**Megan Dzialo**  
Member since 2010



**Dina Dzialo**  
Member since 2010



**Ashley Elliott**  
Member since 2015



**Marc Elliott**  
Member since 2016



**Megan Ford**  
Member since 2015



**Trey Ford**  
Member since 2015



**Daniel Fore**  
Member since 2019

# Members



**Jeannette Franklin**  
Member since 2016



**Joel Franklin**  
Member since 2016



**Cody Fraser**  
Member since 2021



**Alexis Fuqua**  
Member since 2021



**Geoffrey Fuqua**  
Member since 2021



**Jackie Gabbart**  
Member since 2009



**Randy Gabbart**  
Member since 2009



**Andrew Garia**  
Member since 2020



**Nicholas Gehring**  
Member since 2024



**Gilbert Guerrero II**  
Member since 2014



**Denisse Guerrero**  
Member since 2023



**John Hanson**  
Member since 2023



**Steven Hilchey**  
Member since 2015



**Carl Hogberg**  
Member since 2015



**Gail Hogberg**  
Member since 2015



**Stephanie Huggins**  
Member since 2016



**Tyler Huggins**  
Member since 2015



**Erinn Hughes**  
Member since 2012



**Joel Jeske**  
Member since 2020



**Stephanie Jeske**  
Member since 2020



**Debbie Joyner**  
Member since 2012



**Tate Joyner**  
Member since 2012



**Kate Kappmeyer**  
Member since 2018



**Craig Kelso**  
Member since 2013



**Terrah Kelso**  
Member since 2013

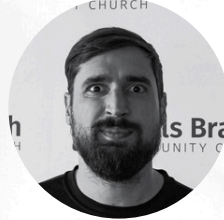
# Members



**Jacob Laldin**  
Member since 2022



**Cristine Laver**  
Member since 2019



**Mark Laver**  
Member since 2019



**Christine Lee**  
Member since 2024



**Natalie Lipscomb**  
Member since 2022



**Aren Maccabe**  
Member since 2023



**Robert Maccabe**  
Member since 2023



**Chelsea McCown**  
Member since 2019



**Michael McGinnis**  
Member since 2024



**Caleb McLemore**  
Member since 2020



**Melanie McLemore**  
Member since 2019



**Preston McWithey**  
Member since 2013



**Skipper McWithey**  
Member since 2013



**Julie Medford**  
Member since 2016



**Brad Medford**  
Member since 2016



**Jessica Meyer**  
Member since 2024



**Matt Meyer**  
Member since 2020



**Brian Meyers**  
Member since 2022



**Kristin Meyers**  
Member since 2022



**Elizabeth Mitchell**  
Member since 2018



**Jeff Mitchell**  
Member since 2018



**Pablo Mota**  
Member since 2024



**Briana Mota**  
Member since 2024



**Kristin Mulcahy**  
Member since 2023



**Marc Mulcahy**  
Member since 2023

# Members



**Katrina Mynatt**  
Member since 2020



**Emma Nelson**  
Member since 2023



**Jessica Nelson**  
Member since 2014



**Tony Nelson**  
Member since 2014



**Jeremy Ortiz**  
Member since 2013



**Drew Parks**  
Member since 2024



**Morgan Parks**  
Member since 2024



**Adrienne Plekenpol**  
Member since 2012



**Chris Plekenpol**  
Member since 2012



**Lacy Pugh**  
Member since 2016



**Taylor Pugh**  
Member since 2016



**Allayson Ramirez**  
Member since 2023



**Tanya Richardson**  
Member since 2020



**Jena Riggs**  
Member since 2020



**Anna Rodriguez**  
Member since 2017



**Niki Rueger**  
Member since 2018



**Catie Sas**  
Member since 2013



**Ryan Sas**  
Member since 2013



**Debi Sas**  
Member since 2012



**Robert Sas**  
Member since 2012



**Liz Saucedo**  
Member since 2013



**Paul Saucedo**  
Member since 2013



**Aaron Shaw**  
Member since 2012



**Nelly Shaw**  
Member since 2012



**David Sheffield**  
Member since 2009

# Members



**Kelly Sheffield**  
Member since 2009



**Jeff Shimek**  
Member since 2022



**Jordan Smith**  
Member since 2018



**Kyle Snow**  
Member since 2019



**Lauren Snow**  
Member since 2019



**Cody Sparks**  
Member since 2022



**Brooke Spiars**  
Member since 2023



**Justin Spiars**  
Member since 2021



**Amanda Stallings**  
Member since 2023



**Nick Stallings**  
Member since 2023



**Lisa Stuebe**  
Member since 2015



**Aaron Swanlund**  
Member since 2022



**Annika Teifke**  
Member since 2022



**Sam Teifke**  
Member since 2022



**Natalie Tillery**  
Member since 2019



**Berenice Tran**  
Member since 2019



**Nicole Troup**  
Member since 2022



**Sanjay Upadhyay**  
Member since 2017



**Philip Wanke**  
Member since 2013



**Robin Wanke**  
Member since 2013



**Clare Webster**  
Member since 2016



**Stephen Webster**  
Member since 2016



**Mike Williams**  
Member since 2024



**Jonathan Xavier**  
Member since 2024



**Kimberly Xavier**  
Member since 2024



**Claudia Zepeda**  
Member since 2013



**Jorge Zepeda**  
Member since 2013



**John Zhu**  
Member since 2018



**Morgan Zorzano**  
Member since 2022

# **TWENTY ONE** **Events this Year**

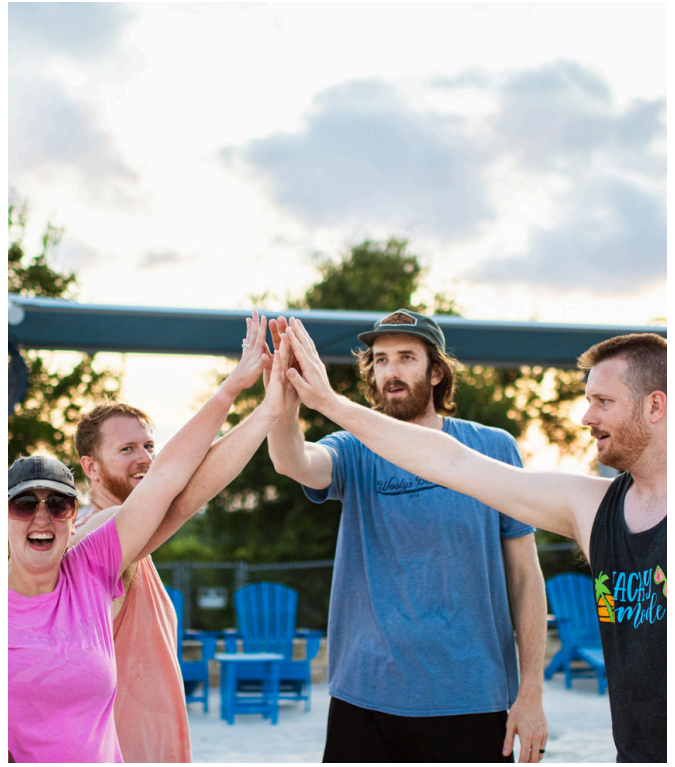


**Women's Retreat**  
**Capital Campaign Land Lunch**  
**Branch Kids Campout**  
**Benevolence Gala**  
**Benevolence Donation Drive**  
**Operation Christmas**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**ReFOCUS 2024**  
**Student Ministry Winter Retreat**  
**Super Bowl Party**  
**Daddy Daughter Dance**

**Men's Retreat**  
**Good Friday Service**  
**Branch Kids Egg Hunt**  
**Concert of Prayer**  
**Student Ministry Bootcamp**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**Backyard Bible Clubs**  
**Power Wash and Prayer**  
**Deaf Ministry Game Night**  
**Volleyball Tournament**  
**Concert of Praise**  
**WBCC Year in Review**





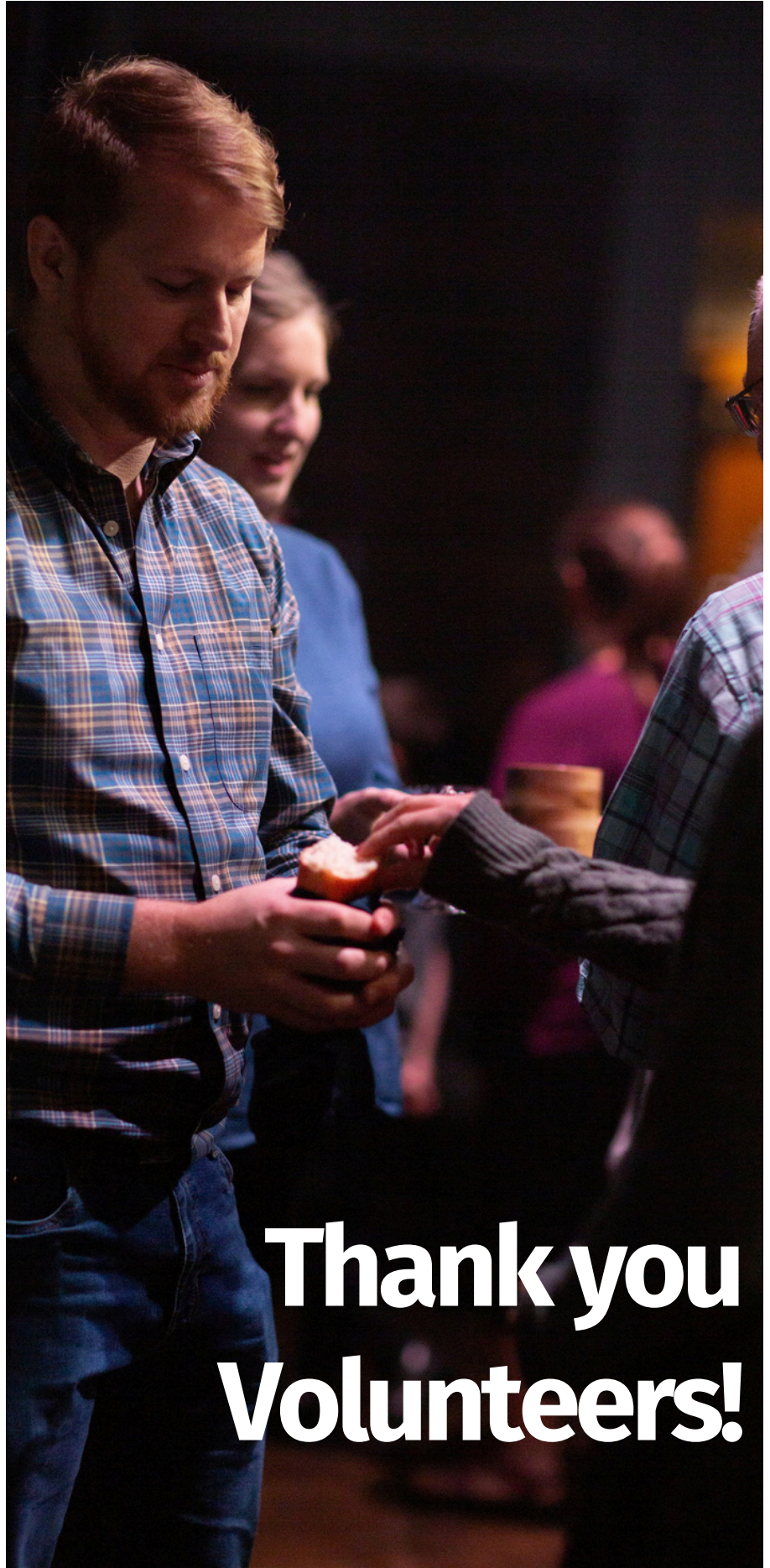


*Through our summer outreach efforts we were able to impact the lives of 92 people. We served our community with a car wash, shared the gospel with over 70 children at Vacation Bible School, and 3 adults and children gave their lives to Christ this summer.*

# Great Adventure







**Thank you  
Volunteers!**

**From every man  
whose heart moves him  
you shall receive  
the contribution for me.**

**Exodus 25:2**

# Finance & Building



# 2023-2024 Budget

GENERAL FUND RECAP

BUDGETED  
**\$850,000**

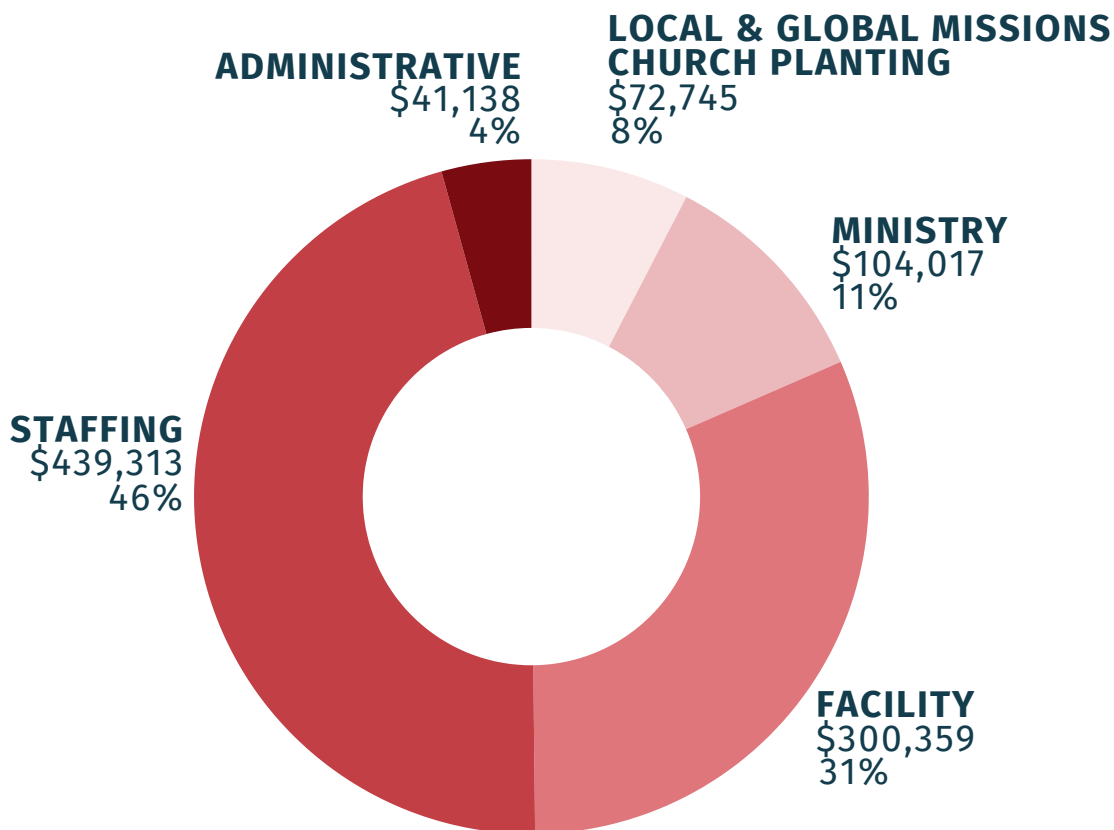
GIVING INCOME  
**\$893,223**

RENT INCOME  
**\$34,000**

## ACTUALS

TOTAL INCOME  
**\$927,363**

EXPENSES  
**\$957,572**





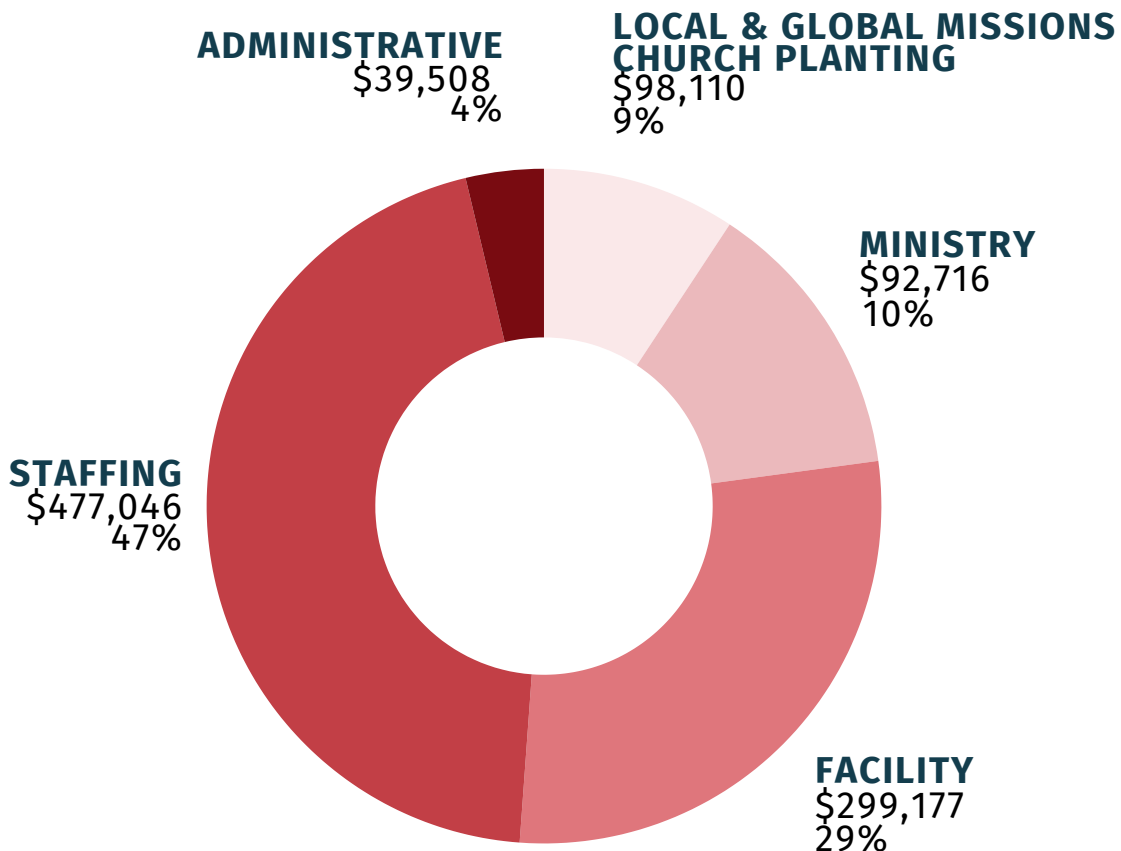
# 2024-2025 Budget

## EXPECTED INCOME

GIVING  
**\$962,981**

CASH RESERVE  
**\$101,000**

## BUDGET





# Revive the Stones

## *Pledge Update*

Total Committed: \$3,320,840.72

Total Received: \$2,442,471.15

*\*As of September 10, 2024*

A landscape photograph featuring a cloudy sky in shades of blue and grey, a line of green trees in the middle ground, and a foreground of dry, brownish grass. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

**The God of heaven will  
make us prosper, and  
we his servants will  
arise and build**

*Nehemiah 2:20*



# Completed Pledges



# Pledges in Progress

# Church Leadership





# Staff

**Chris Plekenpol**, Lead Pastor

**Grayson Dzialo**, Executive Pastor

**Mohammad Ali**, Associate Pastor

**Cody Sparks**, Worship Arts Director

**Melanie McLemore**, Administrative Assistant

**Nicole Troup**, Administrative Assistant

**Adrienne Plekenpol**, Children's Ministry Director

**Devan Bice**, Branch Kids Director

**Zach Bice**, Benevolence Ministry Lead

**Saul Cabanas**, Service Producer

**Dina Dzialo**, Facilities Maintenance



# Deacons

**Liz Mitchell**, Care Deacon

**Tyler Huggins**, Membership Deacon

**Sam Teifke**, Men's Ministry Deacon

**Aaron Swanlund**, Compassion Deacon





# Elders

2023-2024

**Joel Franklin, Elder Chairman**

**Craig Kelso, Elder**

**Brad Medford, Elder**

**Westley DeShazer, Elder**

**Chris Plekenpol, Perpetual Elder**

**Robert Sas, Elder**

**Jeff Mitchell, Elder**



# Elders

2024-2025

**Joel Franklin, Elder Chairman**

**Chris Plekenpol, Perpetual Elder**

**Jeff Mitchell, Elder**

**Westley DeShazer, Elder**

**Craig Kelso, Elder**

# From the Elders



Dear Church Family,

We, the elders, are so excited for this next year. The personal and corporate growth we experienced this past ministry year was so significant that we are keeping our FOCUS on B.L.E.S.S. to reach our community and beyond with the Gospel. Last year every elder on the board committed to this strategy and we saw huge growth in our personal lives as well as God moving through answered prayer and spiritual conversations like we never thought possible.

We ask for your prayers this year to empower us as we seek to model the church's purpose to: Love God. Love People. Make Disciples. through B.L.E.S.S. Also this year we have incorporated Shepherding Elders into the leadership framework of our church to focus on helping each member live out their God given calling to fulfill the Great Commandment and Great Commission.

Remember, we as an elder board feel the God-given weight and calling of shepherding this church. Please reach out to us with your triumphs and struggles. It is our pleasure to help you navigate your spiritual journey in Christ.

Live For More!  
Elder Board

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