



ANNUAL REPORT

WATERSTONE CHURCH 2025

BECOME LIKE JESUS AND LIVE FOR OTHERS

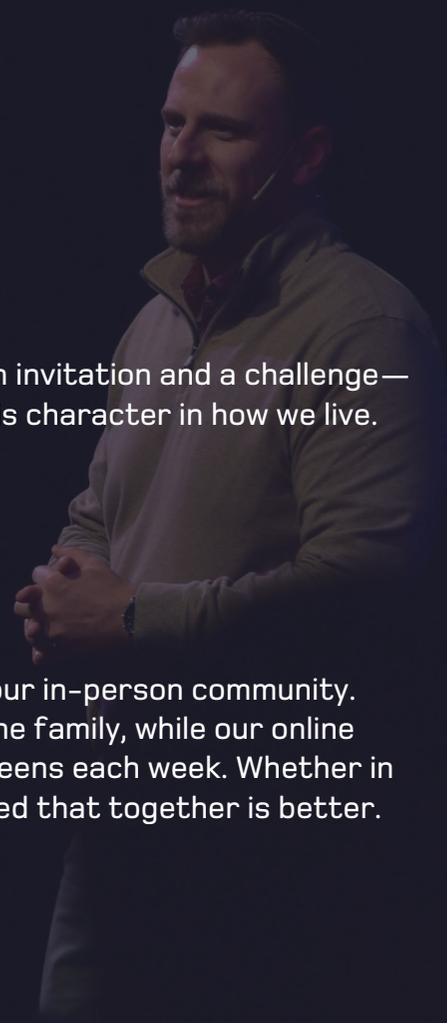
WHO WE ARE

Become like Jesus and live for others. It is both an invitation and a challenge—to be transformed by Jesus' love and to reflect his character in how we live.

Weekend Services

- Saturday: 5pm
- Sunday: 10am
- Church Online: Sunday, 10am

Throughout 2025, we saw a beautiful increase in our in-person community. We welcomed 195 new visitors into the Waterstone family, while our online audience grew to an average of 132 real-time screens each week. Whether in the building or across the country, we are reminded that together is better.





WORSHIP NIGHTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

We gathered for Gather25, Good Friday, a summer Worship Night, and Blue Christmas to experience the presence of Jesus in new and fresh ways.

EASTER

We celebrated the resurrection with over 1,540 people in-person. The choir led us in worship and we witnessed 7 people (two who decided that morning) get baptized and declare that Jesus changes everything.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Throughout Advent we read the stories of Luke and were guided by four ancient words: hope, peace, joy, and love. We opened our hearts to the God who draws near in the dark and meets us in the waiting. On Christmas Eve we hosted 3 services and worshiped with 1,718 kids & adults in-person, and another 190 online.

BAPTISM

We also celebrated stories of faith and transformation that brought 27 people to be baptized throughout the year.

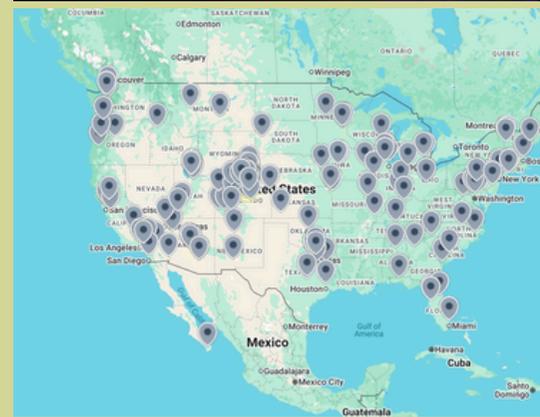
ONLINE REACH

- Livestream numbers increased throughout 2025. We averaged 132 unique viewers per weekend.
- Including weekend services and special events, we had 3,999 unique viewers watch Waterstone Church online throughout the year.
- Viewers were located throughout the U.S. —————→

COMMUNITY

RAD CAMP: 212 kids participated, including 50 5th & 6th graders who went out to pray with people in our neighborhood. The week was made possible by 82 incredible volunteers, and we wrapped it up with 400+ people celebrating at Pirate's Cove—highlighted by 26 brave souls competing in the Belly Flop Contest.

FALL FESTIVAL: We gathered with our local community (and served over 1,400 hot dogs!) to celebrate the fall season. The festival included a car show, live music, pie-a-pastor, pumpkin patch, artisan market, and so much more!



PRESCHOOL

Waterstone provides a licensed, high-quality, faith-based program in a safe, fun, and loving environment for children one-year to pre-Kindergarten. The Preschool participates in Colorado's Universal Preschool and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30am-1:30pm, with extended care available for enrolled families.

PRESCHOOL COMMUNITY

For the 2025-2026 school year, Waterstone Preschool has enrolled 161 children from 128 families. Approximately 35% of our preschool families do not have a church home, making the preschool a vital outreach ministry for our church. As a Universal Preschool provider, Waterstone Preschool has the unique opportunity to connect with families who may not otherwise be aware of our program. We introduce children to the person of Jesus, while striving to tailor their learning experiences to meet each child's individual social, emotional, spiritual, and cognitive needs.





DISCIPLESHIP

WEDNESDAYS AT WATERSTONE

We continued Wednesdays at Waterstone and hosted our fall semester with classes: A Kingdom Like No Other, Divorce Care, and Financial Peace University. 139 adults participated in classes, 45 kids engaged in Kids Discipleship (birth-4th grade), and over 484 pizzas were consumed.

SMALL GROUPS

24 Small Groups and over 275 people connected and participated in Jesus-focused conversation.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

24 Stephen Ministers served throughout 2025 and compiled 514 hours worth of visits with their care receivers.



STUDENTS

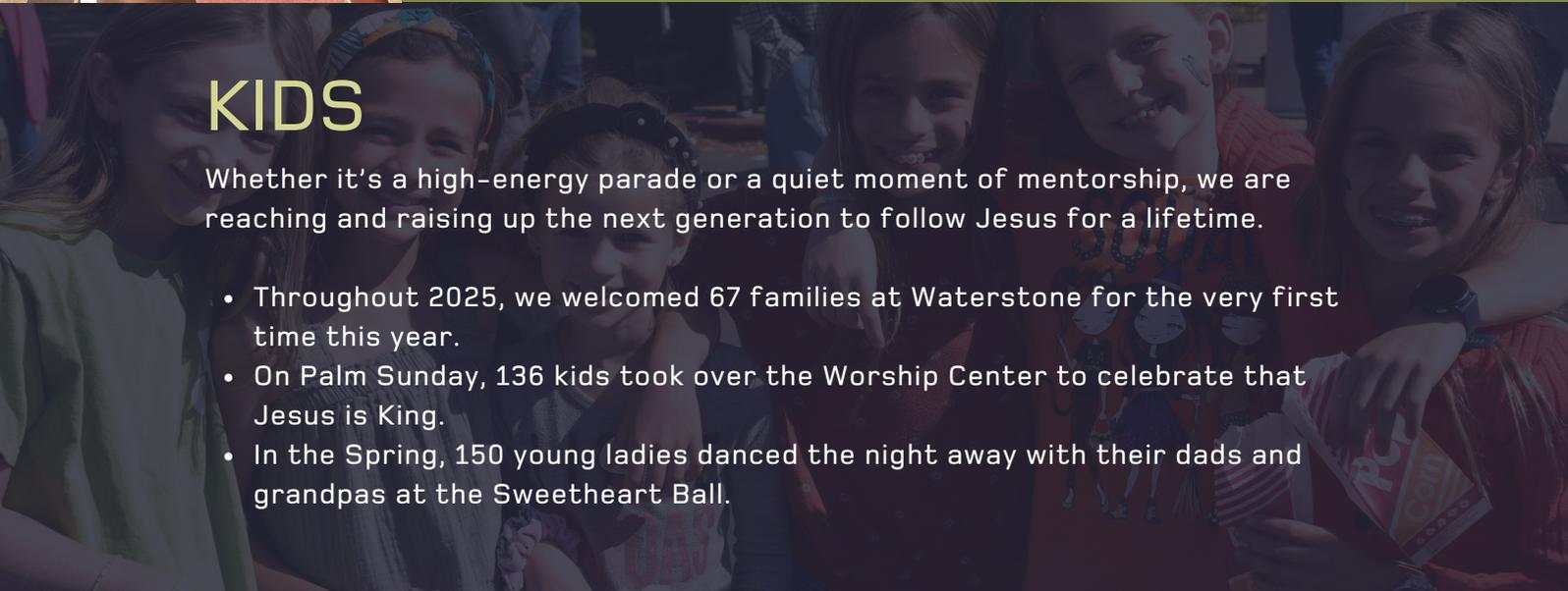
Our student community is gaining incredible momentum. It's been a year of transition, but also one of deep faith and high energy. We are so encouraged by how God is moving!

- Summer Camp: 25 students headed to Summer Camp, and we celebrated with 4 students who decided to follow Jesus for the first time!
- Events: From 55 students at our Halloween party to 42 at the Christmas bash, our students are inviting others to join the fun!
- Midweek Momentum: Since the fall, we've seen exponential growth in Midweek attendance. Students are hungry for real connection and Jesus-focused conversation.

KIDS

Whether it's a high-energy parade or a quiet moment of mentorship, we are reaching and raising up the next generation to follow Jesus for a lifetime.

- Throughout 2025, we welcomed 67 families at Waterstone for the very first time this year.
- On Palm Sunday, 136 kids took over the Worship Center to celebrate that Jesus is King.
- In the Spring, 150 young ladies danced the night away with their dads and grandpas at the Sweetheart Ball.





LOCAL

OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES (ODM)

Seven students attended a 5-day local mission trip at ODM in Downtown Denver and the experience transformed the way they view and love our neighbors.

STEPPING STONES TALENT SHOW

In August, Waterstone supported the annual Stepping Stones Talent Show. Kids, students and adults cheered on our amazing neighbors. Save the date for this year: Friday, August 7, 2026.

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS

A group of 55 volunteers attended Royal Family Kids Summer Camp. After camp, 25 volunteers extended their commitment to serve monthly at the mentoring club.

FOOD PANTRY

Throughout the year, Waterstone Food Pantry served on average 84 families every week with over 60 active volunteers. In 2025, Waterstone served 982 unique households and just over 3,000 individuals in and around our community. This was a 7% increase from 2024.

THANKSGIVING MEALS

Waterstone attendees helped to donate, pack and deliver several hundred meals with His Love Fellowship to families around Denver.

CARE FUND

\$78,000 was received and given to individuals and families in our church and community who have endured hardship and needed help paying for electricity, mortgage, car repair, counseling, etc.



GLOBAL

Waterstone supported 26 mission partners and gave \$155,000 towards advancing God's kingdom worldwide.

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

Over \$29,000 was given during the Christmas season to help send kids to Royal Family Kids Summer Camp in 2026.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our community put together 823 boxes to share the good news of Jesus.

COMPASSION

The Waterstone community continued to sponsor over 430 kids around the world.





PETER GOMEZ & KAITLYNN CARROLL

WATERSTONE RESIDENT PROGRAM

Waterstone continued its residency program for students to bridge their theological education with practical ministry experience at Waterstone.

NEW WATERSTONE ELDERS

Our board of elders provides spiritual and executive oversight over Waterstone's mission, ministries, activities, resources, and operations. Each lay elder serves a two-year term and may be reconfirmed for up to four consecutive terms. This year, the board has proposed the addition of two new members: Stephen Herrera and Carissa Berres.

STEPHEN HERRERA

Stephen Herrera and his wife, Savannah, have been married for 8 years and are joyfully outnumbered by their three children; Avery their art loving daughter, 6, and energetic twin boys, Maverick and Nico, 3. They have attended Waterstone for 14 years and continue to call it home because of the deep relationships they've built and the core Kingdom mission. Stephen works as a Software Architect and has been doing so, long enough to value thoughtful design, reliable systems, and a good cup of coffee. He volunteers on Waterstone's Tech Team and loves studying the Bible, digging into theology, and serving the church through creative ways.

CARISSA BERRES

Carissa Berres and her husband, Ben, have been married for 20 years and have three kids. She is currently the VP of Administration and HR at an oil and gas company in downtown Denver. The Berres' have been attending Waterstone since 2013 and have loved the home they have found here learning and growing with others who love the Lord. Carissa also enjoys singing on the Worship Team and being a part of the Waterstone Stephen Ministry program.

2025 REVIEW

Income	Budgeted	Actual
Contributions	2,300,000	2,307,500
Dividends & Interest	29,940	47,700
Facility Rental	182,860	170,596
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>2,512,800</u>	<u>2,525,796</u>
Expenses		
Compensation & Benefits	1,264,160	1,241,365
Program	1,248,640	1,269,765
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>2,512,800</u>	<u>2,511,130</u>
Net Cash Flow	-0-	14,666

2025 REVIEW

Expense Allocation	Amount
Compensation & Benefits	1,241,365
Department Operations	160,199
Building Operations	643,459
Local & Global Support (support of external ministries)	156,691
Mortgage Interest	92,074
Contingency & Capital (non-operational repairs & capital expense/improvements)	90,000
Administrative & Office	127,342
TOTAL	<hr/> 2,511,130

2026 BUDGET

Income	Budgeted	% of Total
Contributions	2,370,000	92%
Dividends & Interest	42,000	1%
Facility Rental	170,770	7%
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>2,582,770</u>	
 Expenses		
Compensation & Benefits	1,273,593	49%
Program	1,309,177	51%
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>2,582,770</u>	
 Net Cash Flow	 -0-	

2026 BUDGET

Allocation	Amount	% of Total
Compensation & Benefits	1,273,593	49%
Department Operations Expenses related, but not limited to, advertising, food, consulting, curriculum, decorations, gifts, honoraria, music & media, professional development, scholarships, royalties & licensing, conferences, and web hosting.	185,310	7%
Building Operations Expenses related, but not limited to, mortgage, facility repair & maintenance, grounds, liability insurance, janitorial, expendables, security, Worship Center sound, video & lighting, utilities, trash removal, etc.	648,016	25%
Local & Global Support (support of external ministries)	159,185	6%
Mortgage Interest	85,941	3%
Contingency & Capital (major repairs & capital expenses)	90,000	4%
Administrative & Office Expenses related, but not limited to, bank fees, phone, internet, IT support, software, audit, office equipment & supplies, legal services, postage, printing services, and volunteer support.	140,725	6%
TOTAL	2,582,770	

THANK YOU!

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