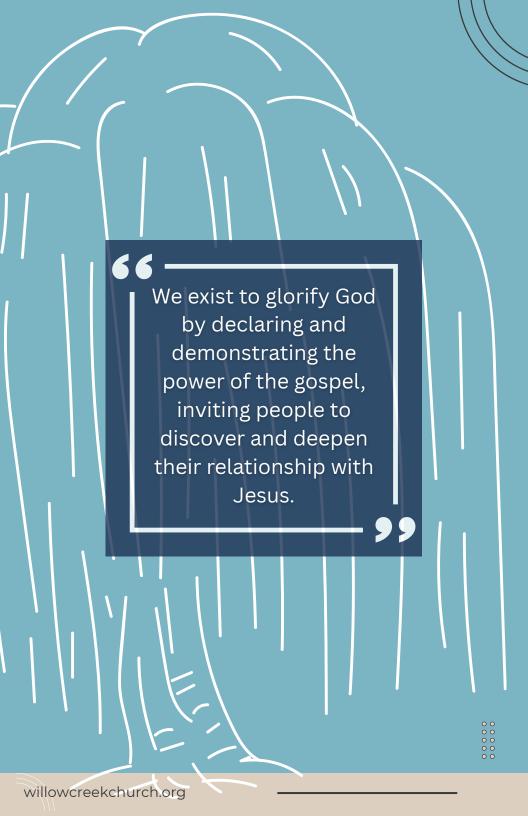
WILLOW CREEK CHURCH

2025



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Pastoral Note

Taste and See 2026

2025 Highlights

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PASTORAL NOTE

Greg Doty

"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgement he uttered."

1 Chronicles 16:11-12

To the saints of Willow Creek -

In the pages that follow we want to offer a small glimpse into what the Lord has done in our midst in 2025. As we see the pictures and remember the events and the people, we are seeing only a small fraction of what God has done. Beyond these pages, and what is often difficult to capture, are the prayers that have been answered, the growth in Christlikeness, the healing of relationships by the power of the gospel, and lives that have been eternally changed by surrendering to the free offer of His grace. We give praise to God and take a moment to remember all that He has done in the past year.

Just as we remember this past year, we also take time to look ahead to a new year and the opportunities that lie before us as a church. In 2026, we are invited to seek the Lord and His strength and His presence, or as our theme verse for the year says, "Taste and See that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:8

So, as we embark on the journey to experience more of the goodness of God that He has for us in Jesus, my prayer is that 2026 will be a year where all of us **Discover** more of Jesus. And we will **Declare** His praise and His gospel to one another, **Deepening** our relationship with Him and **Demonstrating** His grace in our community and to the ends of the earth.

Greg 1 Doy

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing." Zephaniah 3:17



"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him"

Psalm 34:8

2026

As we look towards a new year, let us take refuge in the Lord. Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us welcome one another into community and delight in the Lord together in our sorrows and our joys.



Jan. 4 - Psalm 34

Jan. 11 - April 5 Taste and See Who I Am - Gospel of John

April 12 - May 31 Taste and See My Grace - Hosea

June 7 - July 26 Taste and See My Glory - Psalms

Aug. 2 - Aug. 30 Taste and See the Church - Various passages

on the mission and vision of Willow Creek

Sept. 6 - Nov. 22 Taste and See the End - 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Nov. 22 - Dec 20 **Taste and See Immanuel -** Advent study passages



2025

Men's Bonfire



Switch





Meal Team - Fed over 1000 people this year



Youth Summer Camp Trip



HIGHLIGHTS

Mommy and Me -This year, 25 kids and their moms participated





Serve Week - 306 Families Fed



Women's Retreat



Spring Picnic



Nursery



Moving Team



ALF Weekly Sunday Services



VBS - 200 kids and over 100 volunteers



Small Groups - 200 invested members



Garden Club



SALT - Average of 80 members weekly

"The glory of God is available to you in the church in a way it's not available to you anywhere else. . . . There is no more important means of discipleship than deep involvement in the life of the church." -Tim Keller

Want to get connected?





Join a small group?

Looking to learn more about the church?



Scan the QR code here -> Or chat with the ambassadors in the foyer.



\$86,600 given to missions this year!

Austin Slater RUF-I at UCF



Hardy Reynolds
RUF at UCF



Victor Cruz Mexico



Rob & Michelle Myers
DOOR
(Global Deaf Community)

Rachael and Ville Jukarianen Japan

Colin & Zury West Africa

Geoff Murray Scotland









MERCY PARTNERS

We are thankful to have been able to support our mercy partners with over \$25,800 this year.













We've been in partnership with each of these organizations for over 16 years

VISION 2050

Vision 2050 is to see the saints of Willow Creek be deepened in the gospel by declaring and demonstrating the gospel story across Central Florida and to the world.

Our desire is to see:

Willow Creek
members, with
great commission
intentionality,
sharing the gospel
message with
10,000 people, and
giving 10,000 hours
a year to mercy
partners.

10 new local churches planted where there is little to no church presence and partnerships with 25 global church plants.

To achieve these goals, we've committed to paying off the debt used to finance the current worship center. At the commencement of the Vision 2050 campaign, our debt stood at \$3 million. As of Nov 15, 2025, we are now at \$1.45 million. A huge thank you to the faithfulness of the saints of Willow Creek for their generosity towards seeing the work of the Lord go forth.

12 Covenant Baptisms







50 New Members



9 New Communicant Members



Above and beyond the General Fund Giving, \$62,000 has been given to the Deacon Fund.

With these funds, the Mercy Response
Team has been able to help Willow
members and those in the community
with utilities, counseling, vehicles, health
care, and a variety of other needs.



Thank you for your generosity!

PASTORAL



Senior Pastor



Drew Taylor Associate Pastor of Connections & Discipleship

MINISTRY



Kathleen Anders Children's Ministry Director



Martha Buot Nursery Director



Preston Bolt Care Ministry Assistant



Ryan Carter Technical Director



Sarah Elliott Assistant Preschool Director



Ellen Geer Preschool Director



Abdou Hanna Pastoral Intern



Jeffrey Hoy Director of Worship Arts



Madison Joubert Student Ministry Assistant



A.J Rivera **Director of Student Ministries**

OPERATIONS



Michael Bushey Facility Assistant



Cheryl Boyd Operations Assistant



Keeleigh Coleman
Director of Operations



Gabe DeVivo Facility Assistant



Jack Doing Grounds Manager



Julissa Juarbe Ministry Assistant



Katie Mason Bookkeeper



Brian Scholl Facilities Manager

ELDERS

"And he gave... the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

(Ephesians 4:11-12)



Mark Christ



Larry Gwaltney



Carter Howard



Scott Howard



Trevor Huth



Michael Juarbe



Kevin Kelsey



Ray Kirby



Brian Sinn

DEACONS

Committed to declaring and demonstrating the power of the gospel, inviting people to discover and deepen their relationship with Jesus.



Jacob Romig



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Brian Cannon



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Rob Elliott



Gregg Johnson



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