

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

EBENEZER CHURCH

Transforming lives through Jesus Christ as we connect, heal, and bring hope to the world

Focus 2030



Connection Through Worship

- We began our two-service model and continued online worship for the 10:30 service
- We held Worship at the Park in August
- We prayed weekly for all local schools in our We are Praying for You commitment

2025 IN REVIEW

Ebenezer Family and Friends,

What an incredible year of shared faith and ministry. Jesus is changing lives through Ebenezer. Our congregation is growing and making a tremendous impact in the community. We're busy living out our Focus 2030 ministry priorities of Connection through Worship, Multigenerational Discipleship, Missional Service, Community Presence, and Giving and Serving together. Thanks be to God.

Check out many highlights from 2025 below. It takes hundreds of volunteers to make ministry happen as we use the gifts God has given us. Thank you to every amazing volunteer, every incredible staff member, and every gifted church leader. God is on the move, and we see it in you. Every. Single. Day.

What's on the horizon for 2026? We will open Ebenezer Daycare this fall and cannot wait to welcome our youngest neighbors and their families. Thanks be to Christ for the ministry we are blessed and empowered to do in His name. Let's continue following as God leads ... Amen. And Amen!

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Emily

Missional Service

- Ebenezer Acre produced more than three tons of fresh produce for S.E.R.V.E.
- We're now a pick-up location for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank
- We sent 29 students and 12 leaders on a mission trip to Logan, WV, and 18 adults on another mission trip to Granite Falls, NC
- We held the 15th annual Go for Bo, raising money for Helping Children Worldwide with about 500 runners!

Multigenerational Discipleship

- We held Disciple classes, 23 ongoing small groups, weekly Wonderful Wednesdays, and special short-term classes, such as a Prayer Workshop and the Serving Challenge
- Our KidzRock and STEP ministries continued to thrive
- IGNITE YTH continued helping students grow in faith through middle school and high school

Community Presence

- We took backpacks for over 100 students at area schools
- We held an incredible Fall Festival, Tuesdays at the Park, breakfast for new county teachers, Cocoa and Connection for local high school students, National Night Out and more with our local community
- We provided space for MomCo, exercise classes, pickleball, basketball, futsal, volleyball, and more
- We offered our own Stafford Hope support groups, such as Divorce Care, GriefShare, Nar-Anon, Caregiver, and Cancer Support ministries
- Each month, we traveled to The Gardens to offer a worship service for residents there

Giving and Serving

- We exceeded our goals of increasing pledges for giving this year
- We are moving in a positive direction toward meeting our financial challenges of the last several years
- We have more than 250 people who volunteer on a regular basis

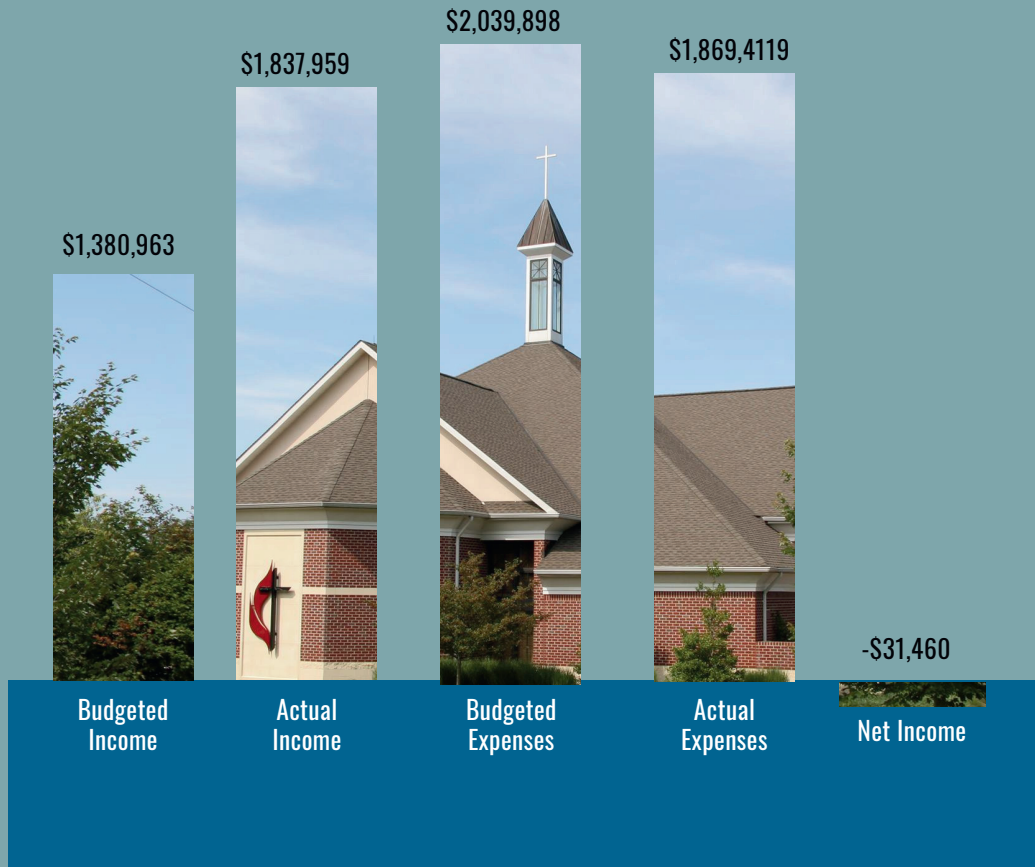


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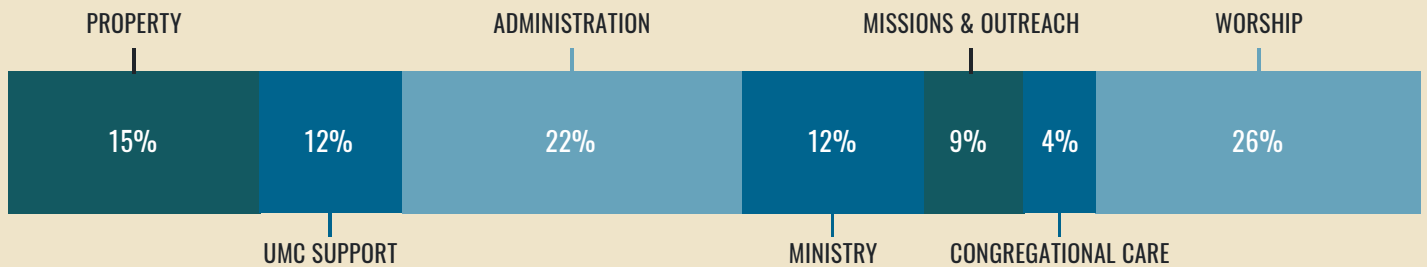
GENERAL FUND AT EBENEZER

Total General Fund income for 2025 was \$1,837,959. This is \$390,006 more than 2024, primarily because we included earned income from our investment portfolio in the General Fund planning this year. Due to a positive market year, the earnings were more than \$419,000 higher than we budgeted. General Offerings were down 11% compared to the previous year.

After reducing planned expenses by \$170,479 and adding the investment earned income to the General Fund, the total deficit for the year was \$31,460, which is a reduction of 96% compared to the budget. Note, the investment income used to fund General Fund expenses is actual earned income, and not the increase in the portfolio's market value.



WHERE WAS OUR MONEY SPENT IN 2025?



Property – Costs of maintaining the physical church

UMC Support – includes apportionments paid to both the district and the conference

Administration – General expenses associated with supporting all aspects of the church's mission, including general office, communications, finance, etc.

Ministry – includes children, student, young adult, and adult ministry expenses

Missions & Outreach – Includes support of local, national, and international mission partners and individual assistance

Congregational Care – Includes connection services, lay leadership, funeral meals, and fellowship expenses

Worship – Includes expenses associated with the pastors, worship leader, music ministries, and supplies associated with worship services