

YEAR IN REVIEW

2024-2025

Wells Branch Community Church



"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

Colossians 4:2

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2024-2025 SERMON SERIES

AUG 2024

EXODUS: JOURNEY TO PROMISE

SEPT 2024

BLESS 2.0

OCT-NOV 2024

JAMES: JUST DO IT

ADVENT 2024

THE NAMES OF GOD

JAN 2025

JONAH

FEB-MAR 2025

SONG OF SOLOMON

APRIL 2024

THE ROMANS ROAD

MAY-JULY 2025

2 CORINTHIANS: BLESSED TO BLESS

Did you miss one?
Watch any past sermon here!



FROM PASTOR PLEK

Church Family,

As I look back on this past year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all that God has done in and through our church. When I think about baptisms, child dedications, retreats, mission trips, and the countless moments of worship and service, **I see the fingerprints of God everywhere.** He has been faithful to us in ways both big and small, and He deserves every ounce of our praise.

Personally, I've been reminded again and again that ministry is never about buildings, programs, or numbers—it's about people. It's about watching students take steps of faith, children come alive in the gospel, men and women grow deeper in Christ, and neighbors encounter the love of Jesus for the very first time. These moments remind me why we exist as a church: to love God, love people, and make disciples.

This past year has also been one of faith and perseverance. From the long process of moving toward a permanent home to the exciting—and sometimes exhausting—pace of ministry, **we have been stretched.**



And yet, time after time, God has shown up. He has provided the finances, the leaders, the volunteers, and the opportunities we needed at just the right time. That's not something we could orchestrate—**that's His grace on display.**

I want to thank you—our church family—for your faithfulness. For showing up to serve when no one else sees. For giving generously, not just to a building, but to the poor, to missions, and to one another. For praying faithfully over things that only God can do. For investing in children, students, neighbors, and strangers with the love of Christ. You are the living testimony of God's work in this place.

My prayer is that we continue to be a people who B.L.E.S.S. our neighbors—Beginning with prayer, Listening well, Eating meals together, Serving others, and boldly Sharing the story of grace. That's not just a ministry strategy—it's a way of life. And if we keep living that way, I believe the best days of our church are still ahead.

As we step into this new year, I can't wait to see how God shapes us as Unshaken people. Hebrews 12:28 reminds us: "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken..." This is our vision for the year ahead: to live not in fear or striving, but in gratitude, worship, and bold commitment to God's unshakable work in and through us.

I'm so grateful to be your pastor. **Thank you for allowing me to walk this journey with you.**

Live For More,
Chris

Our Vision

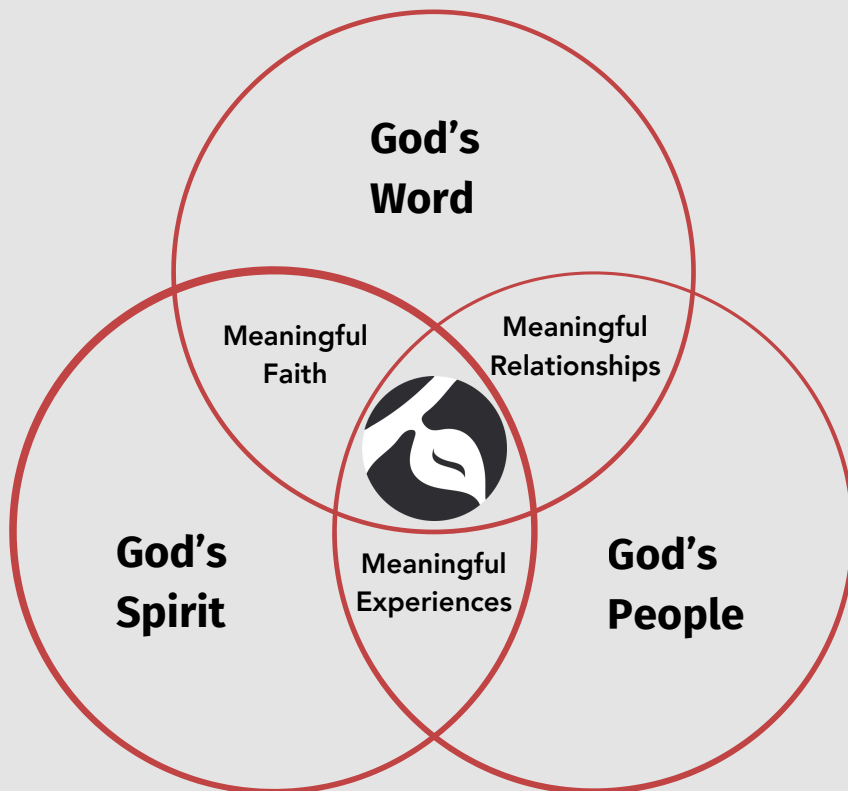
Our vision is to see **every man, woman, and child** in Greater Austin have repeated opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Purpose

Jesus summed up our calling in the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Our purpose is to obey just that: **Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.**

Our 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.



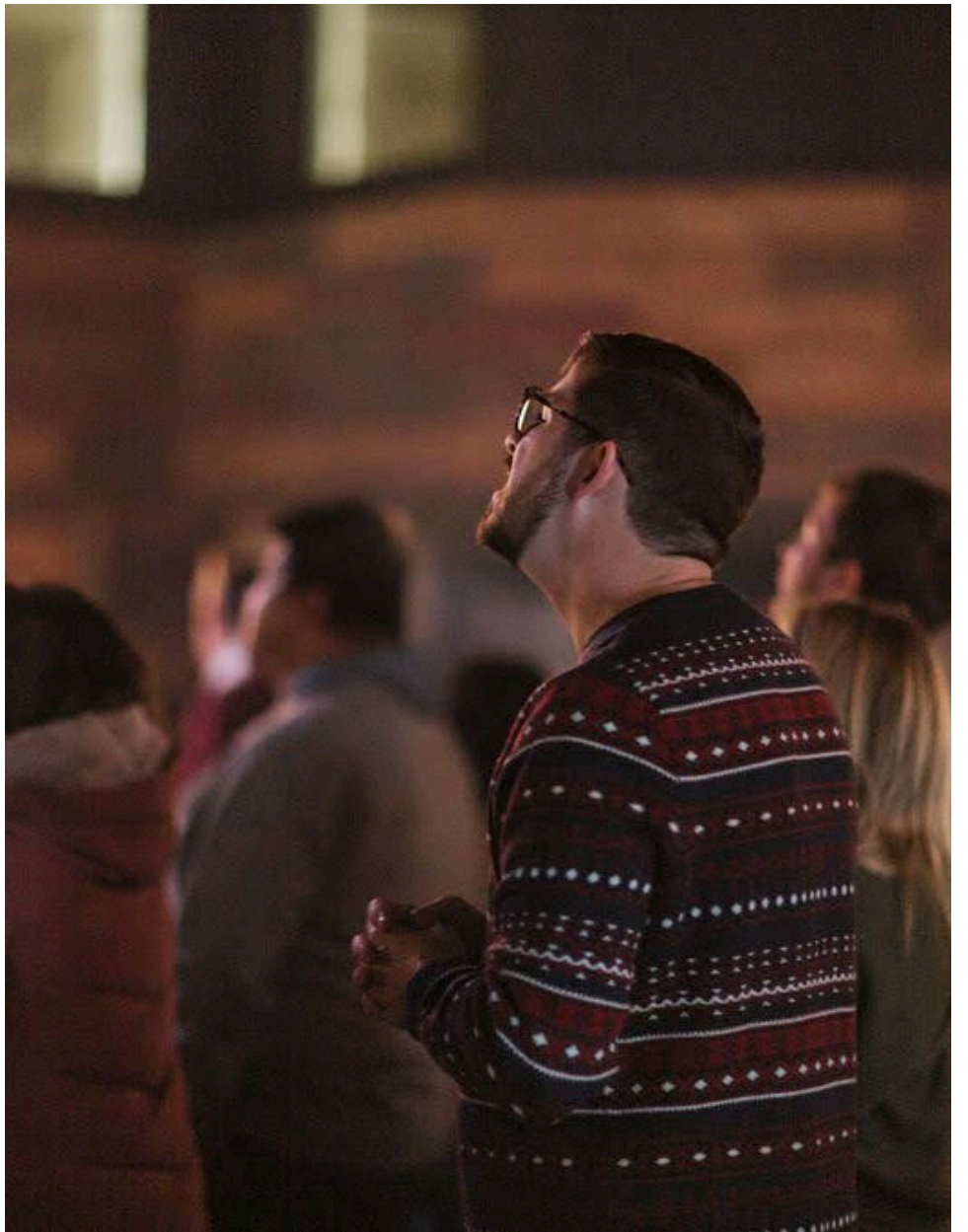
Our Ministry Philosophy

Our ministry is fueled by God's Word, God's Spirit, and God's People. God's Word guides us, God's Spirit empowers us, and God's People encourage us & hold us accountable. Together, this creates meaningful faith, relationships, and experiences that reflect Christ in our lives and community.



MINISTRY UPDATES

BAPTISMS, CHILD DEDICATIONS, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, CONNECTIONS, DEAF MINISTRY, STUDENT MINISTRY, BENEVOLENCE, THE GREAT ADVENTURE



BAPTISMS

25 lives transformed.

This year, 25 people publicly declared their faith in Jesus through baptism—each one a powerful testimony of God’s work in our church family.



James McWithey
Grant Miller
Nick Hillier
Mark Harvey Jr.
Adreauna Campbell
Hazely Castro
Averi Castro
Landon Meyers
Lorena Ness
Grisel Arellano
Denise Pulfer
Jack Dzialo
Adeola Owoso

Leslie Ray
Ricky Berkemeier
Nathan Coleman
Kaylee Coleman
Carter Blick
Abel Ramsey
Chase Joyner
Kayla Messamore
Avey Parks
Koa Parks
Isabella Gomez
Sabrina Gomez



CHILD DEDICATIONS

11 children were dedicated to the Lord this past year-
a new generation set apart for Christ!

EDEN SPIARS | SLOAN WINTERS | EZEKIEL MOTA
JOSIE BLICK | RYAN ARJONA | RILEY ANDERSON
OLIVIA DUKE | MOLLY DUKE | EMILY STALLINGS
MATTHIAS UGARTE | SOPHIA UGARTE





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ADRIENNE PLEKENPOL

15 children publicly declared their faith in baptism this year—an incredible reminder that God is at work in the hearts of our youngest members.



This year has been a testimony of God's faithfulness to our ministry. Branch Kids and Treehouse Kids have flourished!

We reached maximum capacity at both our family camping trip and the Daddy-Daughter Dance—two events that not only strengthened relationships within our church body but also welcomed new families and friends from outside our church.

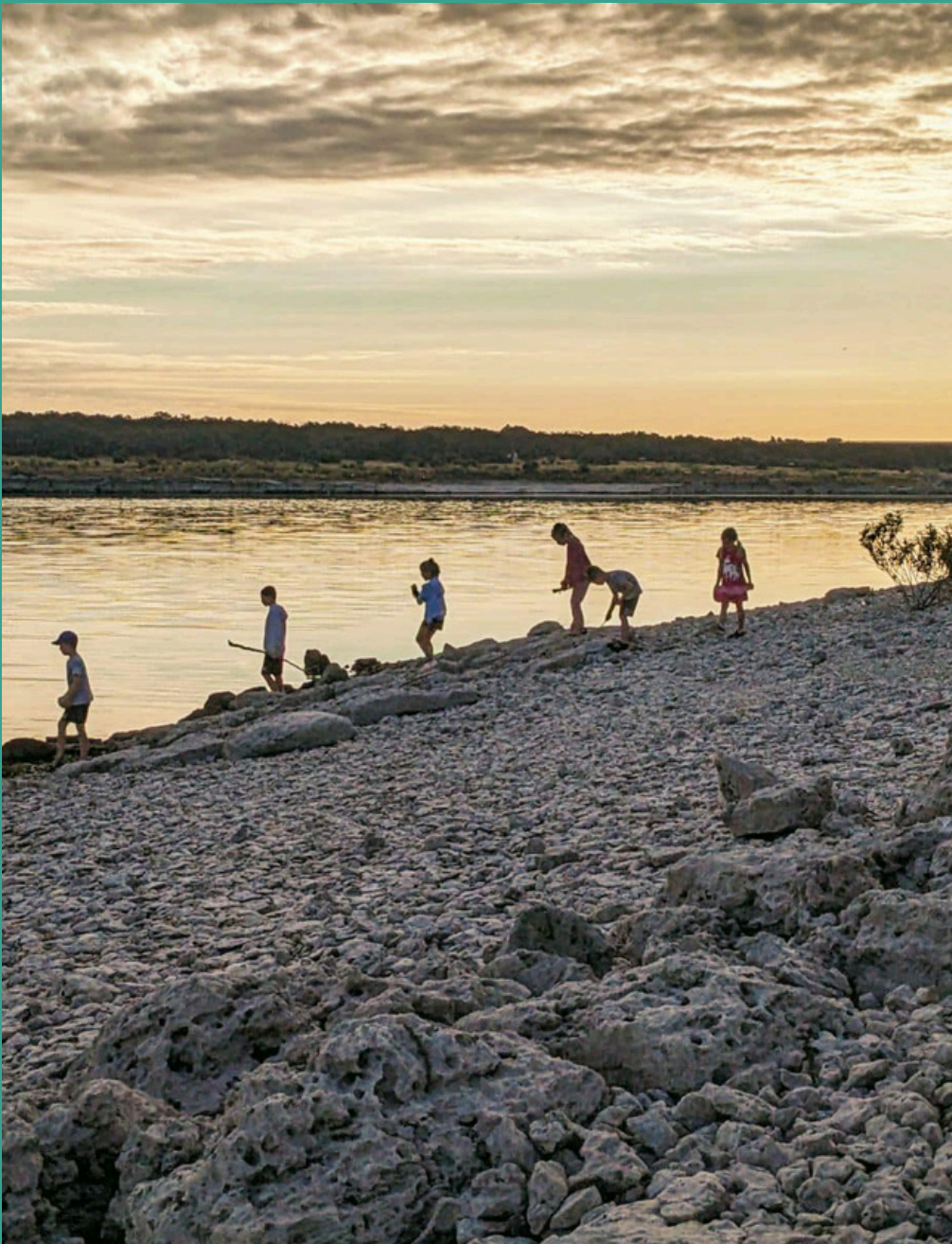
Our annual Easter Egg Hunt once again brought delight to kids and families, creating space for connection and community.

Most importantly, we rejoice that 15 children publicly declared their faith in baptism this year—an incredible reminder that God is at work in the hearts of our youngest members.

Treehouse Kids has been a particular delight; our teachers continue to tailor their teaching in ways that maximize student engagement. These students are taking real steps in their faith journey. Several of our baptisms came from this class, and the classroom is experiencing significant growth as new fourth graders join in.

As a ministry, we have been blessed to welcome **more than 25 new volunteers this spring**, each bringing their unique gifts to story time, crafts, and games.

We are filled with gratitude for all that God has done and look forward with anticipation to another year of growth, joy, and gospel impact among the children and families of our church.

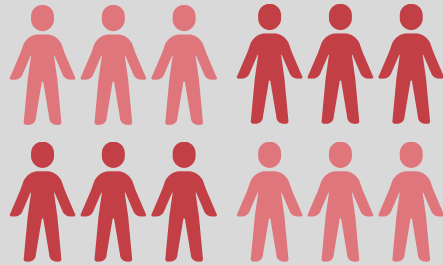


CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

MELANIE MCLEMORE



99 VOLUNTEERS



First time visitors
baptized



27% VISITOR RETENTION



307 First Time Visitors



AVERAGE ADULT
ATTENDANCE:

'23-'24: 247

'24-'25: 260 5%↑



DEAF MINISTRY

ASHLEY ELLIOTT, DENISE PULFER, JENA RIGS,
STEPHANIE HUGGINS, NATALIE LIPSCOMB



This year, our Deaf Ministry achieved 100% ASL accessibility with 90 consecutive interpreted Sunday services. We launched ASL classes, interpreted major church events, welcomed 18 new Deaf visitors, and hosted three outreach events reaching up to 35 people.

Highlights:

- Increased captioning on videos, and added the option on registration forms to request an interpreter. Purchased and began using a standing light for worship.
- ASL classes were introduced at WBCC to foster deeper connection between Deaf and hearing members.
- Church-wide events interpreted including - Women's Bible Study, Focus & Refocus, Deaf Trivia Team, Women's Retreat, Ladies Christmas Party, and the Church Groundbreaking, and Good-Friday.
- 3 outreach events hosted (Pumpkin Night, Game Night, Jesus Deaf Film), reaching as many as 35 in attendance.
- Hosted the first-ever Deaf Ministry Bible Study on Haggai completely in ASL.

THE BRANCH STUDENT MINISTRY

MOHAMMAD ALI



This year, The Branch has been a place where students build friendships, eat pizza, play games, worship together, and dive into God’s Word each week!

One of the highlights was our summer trip to Falls Creek Camp, where a student came to know Christ! We also celebrated a student baptism—an unforgettable testament to God’s work in our students.

Beyond these moments, it was exciting to see several students trained and equipped to help lead at Vacation Bible School, sharing God’s love and truth with the next generation.

Looking ahead, we can’t wait to see how Pastor Holland Greig’s leadership and the move to Sunday evenings will shape the year to come, trusting God to continue growing our students in faith and community.

BENEVOLENCE & CARE

AARON SWANLUND



Benevolence Gala

Our 2nd Annual Benevolence Gala, held in November 2024 at the Oasis, raised an incredible **\$134,234!** Since then, an additional \$15,000 has been donated, allowing us to give away \$119,055 to date.

Through these gifts, the Benevolence Ministry has been able to come alongside and **assist 90 individuals and families** in need while also sharing the gospel with them.



Meeting Needs, Changing Lives

This year, the Benevolence Ministry provided assistance with rent, utilities, groceries, and car repairs—meeting practical needs for individuals and families in our community.

In March 2025, we partnered with the Evangelism Ministry to host a Clothing & Item Drive, offering clothes, furniture, household goods, and toys to those we've previously served.

Even more, we've seen God at work as **a dozen new regular attenders have joined our church** after first connecting with us through Benevolence.

MEMBERSHIP

TYLER HUGGINS





27 **NEW MEMBERS**

Gregg Bennett | Eddie Brzychcy | Jax Budd | Aaron Chambers | Jack Coleman | Aaron Duke
Jessica Duke | Amanda George | Kyle George | Nick Hillier | Cody Hozjan | Anna Laldin
Christine Lee | Kayla Messamore | John Milton | Adeola Owoso | Pelumi Owoso | Drew Parks
Mo Parks | Laura Pence | Denise Pulfer | Leslie Ray | Matt Ray | Kale Snider | Jacob Watson
Jonathan Xavier | Kimberly Xavier



5 Year Members

Fernando Cardona | Briana Chilton
Rhodesia DeShazer | Westley DeShazer
Sarah Draves | Andrew Garia | Joel Jeske
Stephanie Jeske | Caleb McLemore
Matt Meyer | Katrina Mynatt
Tanya Richardson | Jena Riggs



10 Year Members

Chris Chilton | Ashley Elliott | Megan Ford
Trey Ford | Carl Hogberg | Gail Hogberg
Tyler Huggins | Lisa Stuebe



Membership Growth

2023-2024: **154**

2024-2025: **175** 14%↑

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

WELLS BRANCH COMMUNITY CHURCH MEMBERS



WBCC MEMBERS



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



Dory Bennett
Member since 2012



Gregg Bennett
Member since 2025



Christen Bettis
Member since 2022



Devan Bice
Member since 2023



Zach Bice
Member since 2023



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



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



Leah Brown
Member since 2012



Eddie Brzychcy
Member since 2025



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



Aaron Chambers
Member since 2025



Brianna Chilton
Member since 2020



Chris Chilton
Member since 2015



Jack Coleman
Member since 2025



Katy Cotten
Member since 2013



Robert Cotten
Member since 2013



Bethany Dayton
Member since 2025



Chris Dayton
Member since 2021



Rhodesia DeShazer
Member since 2020



Westley DeShazer
Member since 2020



Sarah Draves
Member since 2020



Nicholas Drummond
Member since 2025



Aaron Duke
Member since 2025



Jessica Duke
Member since 2025



Dina Dzialo
Member since 2010



Grayson Dzialo
Member since 2010



Megan Dzialo
Member since 2010



Ashley Elliott
Member since 2015



Marc Elliott
Member since 2016



Megan Ford
Member since 2015



Trey Ford
Member since 2015



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



Andrew Garia
Member since 2020



Nicholas Gehring
Member since 2024



Amanda George
Member since 2025



Kyle George
Member since 2025



Gilbert Guerrero II
Member since 2014



Denisse Guerrero
Member since 2023



Nick Hillier
Member since 2025



Carl Hogberg
Member since 2015



Gail Hogberg
Member since 2015



Cody Hozjan
Member since 2025



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



Anna Laldin
Member since 2025



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



Allayson Machin
Member since 2025



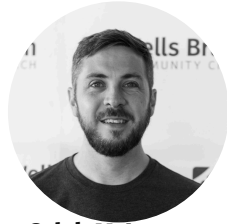
Chelsea McCown
Member since 2019



Jace 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



Kayla Messamore
Member since 2025



Jessica Meyer
Member since 2024



Matt Meyer
Member since 2020



Brian Meyers
Member since 2022



Kristin Meyers
Member since 2022



John Milton
Member since 2025



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



Katrina Mynatt
Member since 2020



Emma Nelson
Member since 2023



Jessica Nelson
Member since 2014



Tony Nelson
Member since 2014



Drew Parks
Member since 2024



Morgan Parks
Member since 2024



Laurie Ann Peacock
Member since 2025



Laura Pence
Member since 2025



Adrienne Plekenpol
Member since 2012



Chris Plekenpol
Member since 2012



Lacy Pugh
Member since 2016



Taylor Pugh
Member since 2016



Denise Pulfer
Member since 2025



Leslie Ray
Member since 2025



Matt Ray
Member since 2025



Tanya Richardson
Member since 2020



Jena Riggs
Member since 2020



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



Aaron Shaw
Member since 2012



Nelly Shaw
Member since 2012



David Sheffield
Member since 2009



Kelly Sheffield
Member since 2009



Jeff Shimek
Member since 2022



Jordan Smith
Member since 2018



Jaclyn Snider
Member since 2025



Kale Snider
Member since 2025



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



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



Jacob Watson
Member since 2025



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

**“So then you are no longer
strangers and aliens, but you are
fellow citizens with the saints and
members of the household of God.”
-Ephesians 2:19**



21 EVENTS THIS YEAR

FOCUS 2024 | WBCC'S 15TH BIRTHDAY | BRANCH KIDS CAMPING TRIP | BENEVOLENCE GALA | CHRISTMAS EVE STUDENT
MINISTRY WINTER RETREAT | MEN'S RETREAT | SUPER BOWL PARTY | DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE | WOMEN'S RETREAT
GOOD FRIDAY | BRANCH KIDS EGG HUNT | EASTER SUNDAY | BREAKAWAY GROUNDBREAKING | WORSHIP NIGHT
STUDENTS BOOTCAMP | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | SUMMERFEST | FALLS CREEK YOUTH CAMP
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT | CONCERT OF PRAISE

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

WORSHIP NIGHT | STUDENT MINISTRY BOOT CAMP | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS | SUMMERFEST | FALLS CREEK YOUTH CAMP | CG VICTORY DAY CAMP | MEXICO MISSION TRIP
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT | CONCERT OF PRAISE



BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS



VBS 2025: THE AMAZING RACE

Vacation Bible School was an incredible week of fun, faith, and firsts! **We welcomed 119 kids**, with about **a third coming from the community outside our church**.

God moved in amazing ways: **2 children made decisions for salvation**, **6 began conversations with their parents about baptism** (with 3 already in our kids baptism process), and **one child had their very first positive experience at church**.

Parents celebrated at home, sending videos of their kids learning memory verses and songs. **One family has even begun claiming WBCC as their church home**, checking into Kids Ministry for the first time!





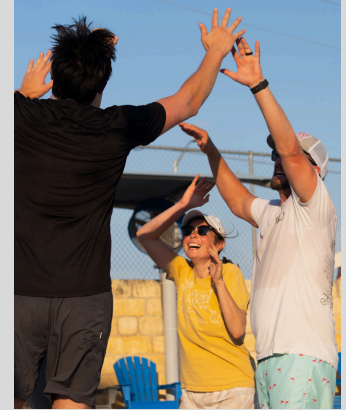
SUMMERFEST



SAYULITA, MEXICO



VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



FALLS CREEK YOUTH CAMP

FINANCE & BUILDING UPDATE

2024-2025 BUDGET RECAP | 2025-2026 BUDGET REVEAL | REVIVE THE STONES | BREAKAWAY



“GOD HAS SHOWN UP. HE HAS PROVIDED THE FINANCES, THE LEADERS, THE VOLUNTEERS, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES WE NEEDED AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME. THAT’S NOT SOMETHING WE COULD ORCHESTRATE— THAT’S HIS GRACE ON DISPLAY.” -CHRIS

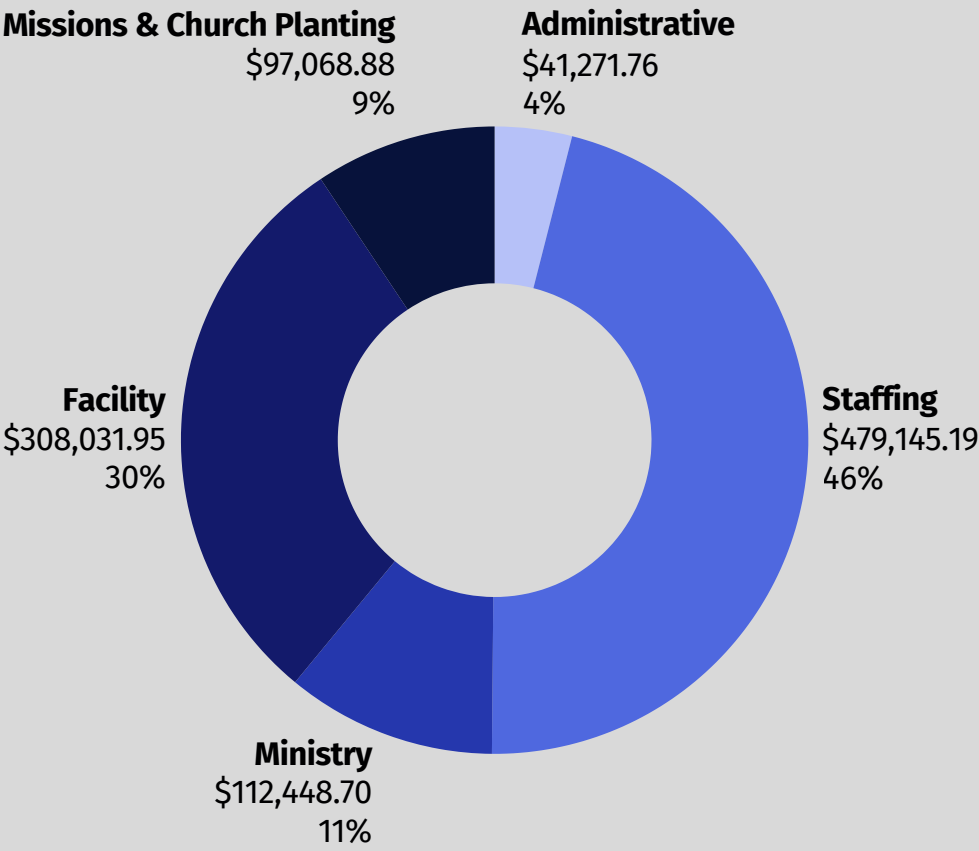
2024-2025 BUDGET RECAP

BUDGETED

GIVING INCOME
\$962,981.24
RENT INCOME
\$6,000
CASH RESERVE
\$101,000

ACTUALS

GIVING INCOME
\$1,257,616.81
EXPENSES
\$1,037,966.48



GIVING TRENDS

2023-2024

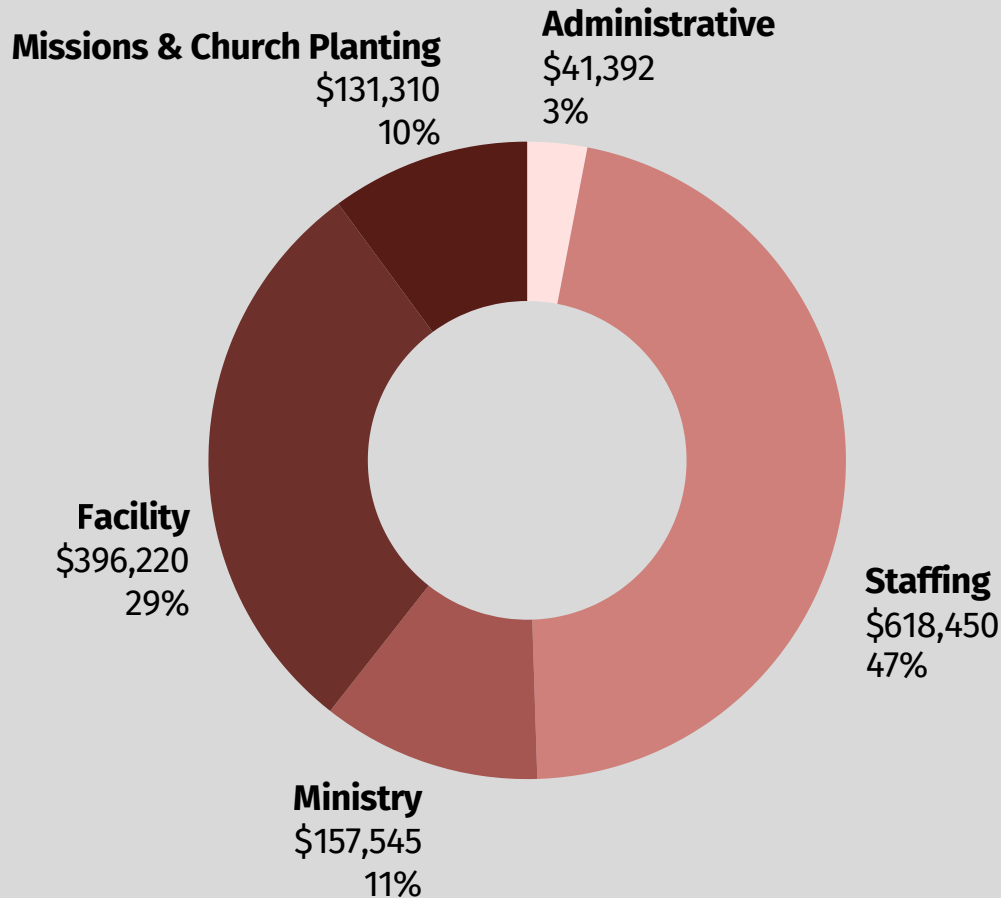
BUDGETED GIVING INCOME
\$850,000
ACTUAL GIVING INCOME
\$893,223

2024-2025

BUDGETED GIVING INCOME
\$962,981.24
ACTUAL GIVING INCOME
\$1,257,616.81

40% Giving Increase

2025-2026 BUDGET SUMMARY



EXPECTED INCOME

GIVING	RENTAL INCOME	CASH RESERVE
\$1,078,400	\$21,600	\$195,635.57

REVIVE THE STONES | BREAKAWAY

A YEAR OF GOD'S PROVISION AND PROGRESS

This past year has been a milestone in WBCC's journey toward our permanent home. What began as a hope and a prayer years ago has now moved to dirt turning and walls soon rising. From pledges fulfilled to a miracle loan approval, every step has been marked by God's faithfulness and the dedication of His people.



Here's a snapshot of what we've celebrated together:

- **\$2.6M given** toward our \$2.7M campaign goal.
- Land Luncheon marking the close of our capital campaign.
- **Miracle loan story:** The banks we were working with weren't going to loan us enough money. Then, out of nowhere, Craig Kelso's wife met a man while volunteering at a nonprofit—he turned out to be a loan officer whose bank specializes in church loans. **Within two months (a process that usually takes two years), our loan was approved.**
- Groundbreaking Ceremony on April 27, 2025 with 150+ in attendance.
- Construction launched in June 2025
- Site cleared & utilities installed—the foundation is being laid
- Countless volunteer hours from our loan team, building team, and staff to navigate reports, finances, blueprints, and contractor meetings.
- **Completion expected by summer of 2026.**

God has brought us from vision to action—and now, to building. The next year will be even more exciting as we watch our new home rise from the ground! Continue to **follow the journey at www.breakaway.church and on social media!**



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CHURCH LEADERSHIP



LIZ MITCHELL
EVANGELISM



TYLER HUGGINS
MEMBERSHIP



SAM TEIFKE
MEN'S MINISTRY



DEACONS

CODY SPARKS
WORSHIP ARTS DIRECTOR



ADRIENNE PLEKENPOL
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR



MELANIE MCLEMORE
CONNECTIONS DIRECTOR



NICOLE TROUP
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



STAFF

SAUL CABANAS
SERVICE PRODUCER



KATY COTTEN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



MEGAN DZIALO
COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR



DINA DZIALO
FACILITIES UPKEEP



AARON SWANLUND
MINISTRY COORDINATOR



CHRIS PLEKENPOL
LEAD PASTOR



GRAYSON DZIALO
EXECUTIVE PASTOR



HOLLAND GREIG
ASSOCIATE PASTOR



PASTORS

CHRIS PLEKENPOL



JOEL FRANKLIN



CRAIG KELSO



WESTLEY DESHAZER



JEFF MITCHELL



2024-2025 GOVERNING ELDERS

2025-2026 GOVERNING ELDERS

CHRIS PLEKENPOL



WESTLEY DESHAZER



JEFF MITCHELL



2025-2026 ELDER NOMINEES

ROBERT SAS



RYAN SAS



2025-2026 SHEPHERDING ELDERS

CRAIG KELSO



JOEL FRANKLIN



MARC ELLIOTT



BRAD MEDFORD



TATE JOYNER



A LETTER FROM THE ELDERS



Church Family,

As your elders, it is our joy to serve, support, and shepherd this body of believers. Our calling is to seek the Lord's wisdom in prayer, to encourage our members, and to help guide our church with discernment and faith. We are grateful for how God has worked in and through this church family over the past year.

One of our greatest desires has been to see every member equipped and encouraged to live on mission—sharing Christ through prayer, hospitality, service, and everyday opportunities. The B.L.E.S.S. rhythms give us simple but powerful ways to weave evangelism into our daily lives and to love our neighbors well.

Looking ahead, we are filled with anticipation as we take this next step into our identity as Breakaway Church. Our theme for the coming year, Unshaken, reminds us of the promise in Hebrews 12:28: "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken." No matter the transitions or challenges we face, we trust God to keep us rooted in His Word, steadfast in worship, and bold in our witness.

Live For More,
Your Elders



LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. MAKE DISCIPLES.

