



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

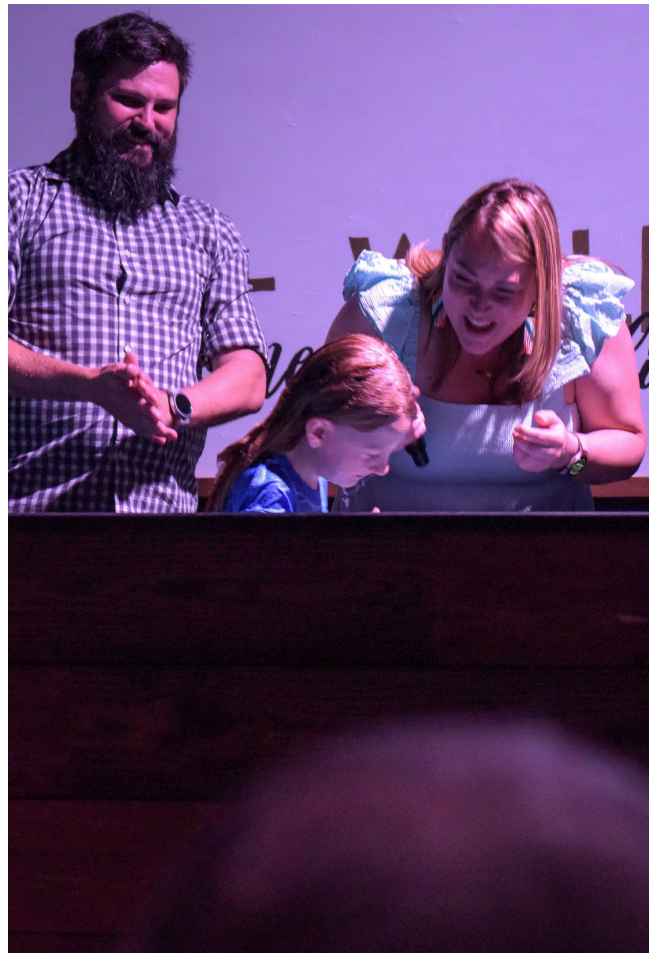
As a church we exist to:
Love God. Love People. Make
Disciples.

Our Process

We encourage each person at 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.

Ministry Updates





TWENTY **baptisms**

Jett Plekenpol
James Eeke
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

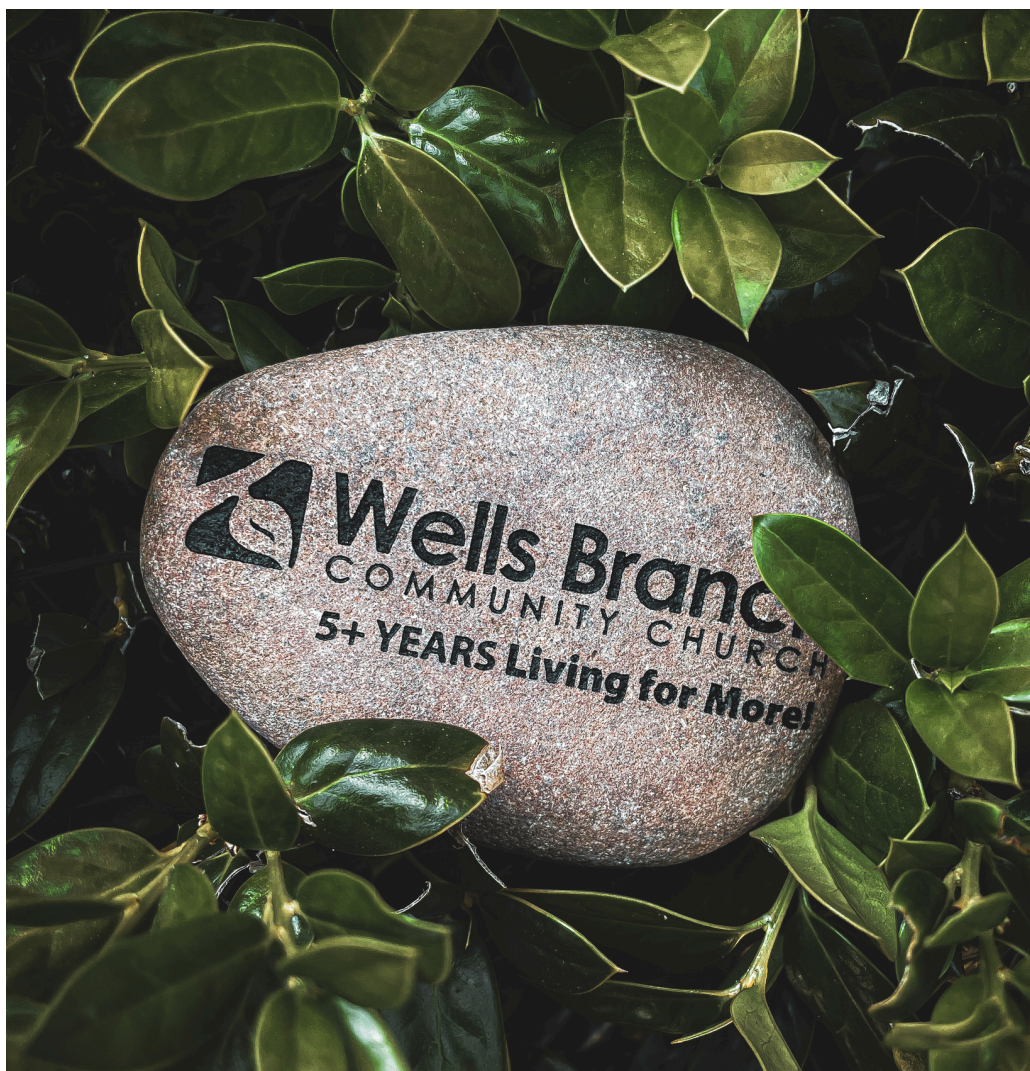
ZACH BICE & AARON SWANLUND

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

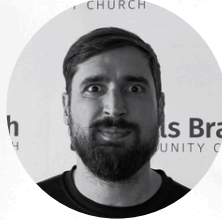
Members



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

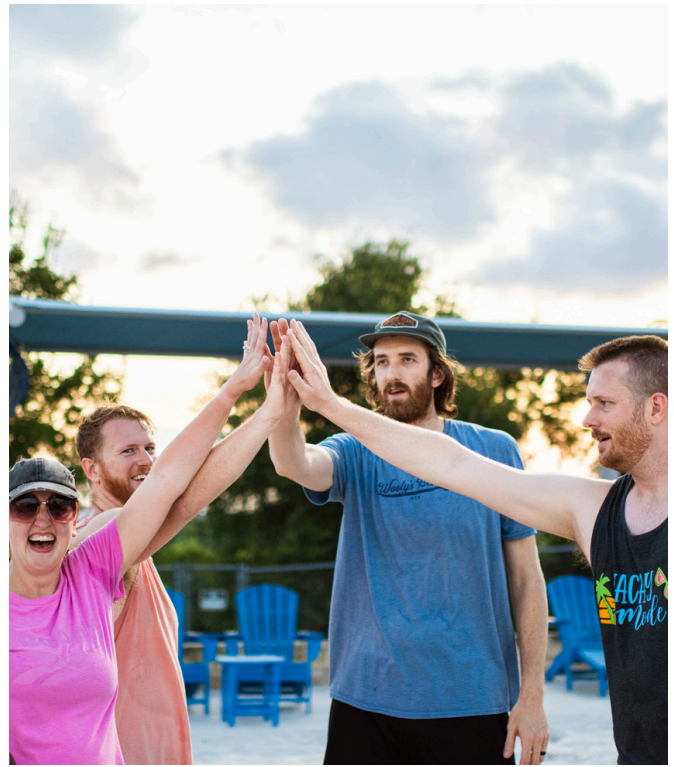
TWENTY ONE **Events this Year**



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



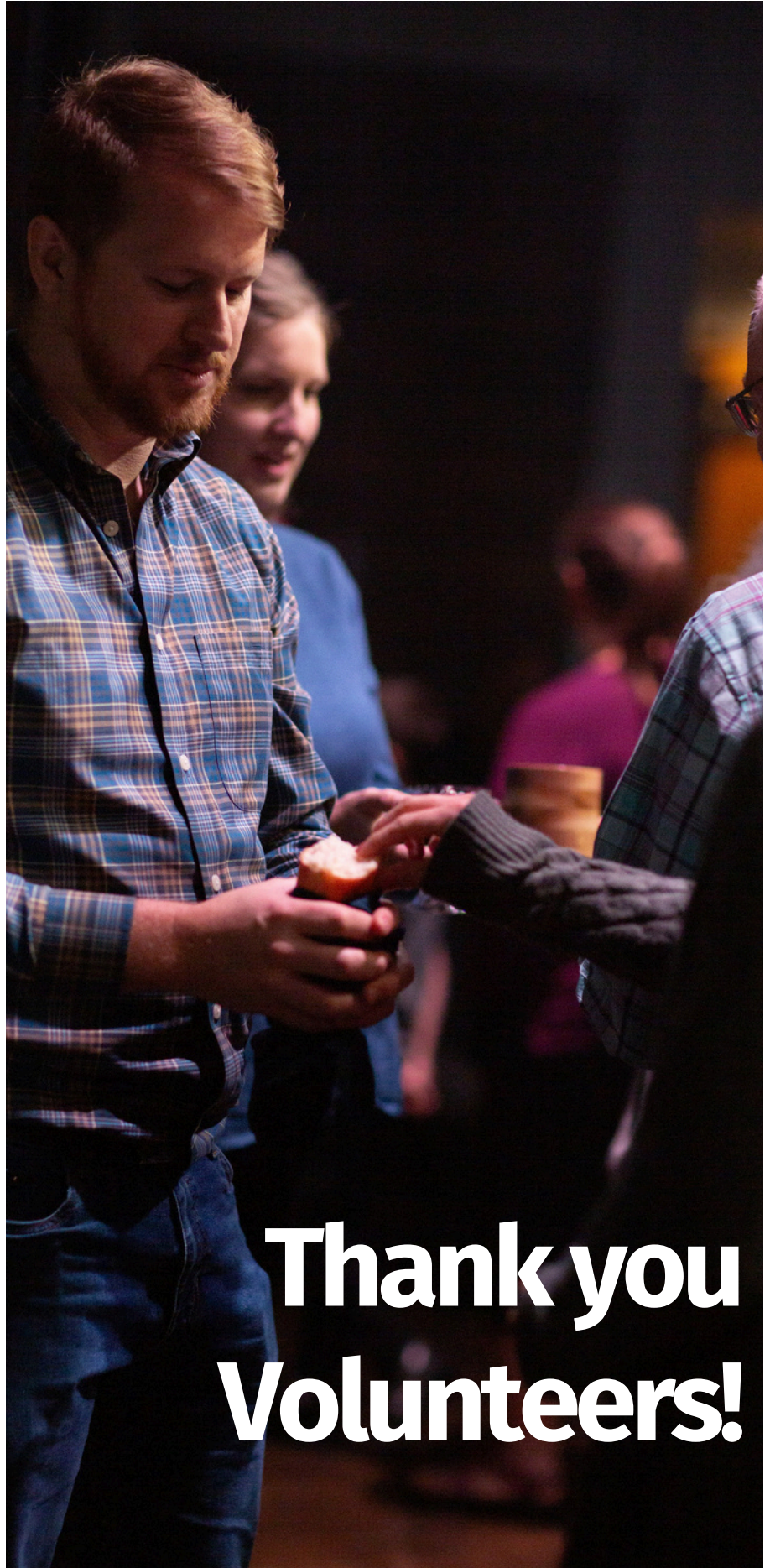


Through our summer outreach efforts we were able to impact the lives of 92 people. We served our community with a car wash, shared the gospel with over 70 children at Vacation Bible School, and 3 adults and children gave their lives to Christ this summer.

Great Adventure







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

Exodus 25:2

Finance & Building



2023-2024 Budget

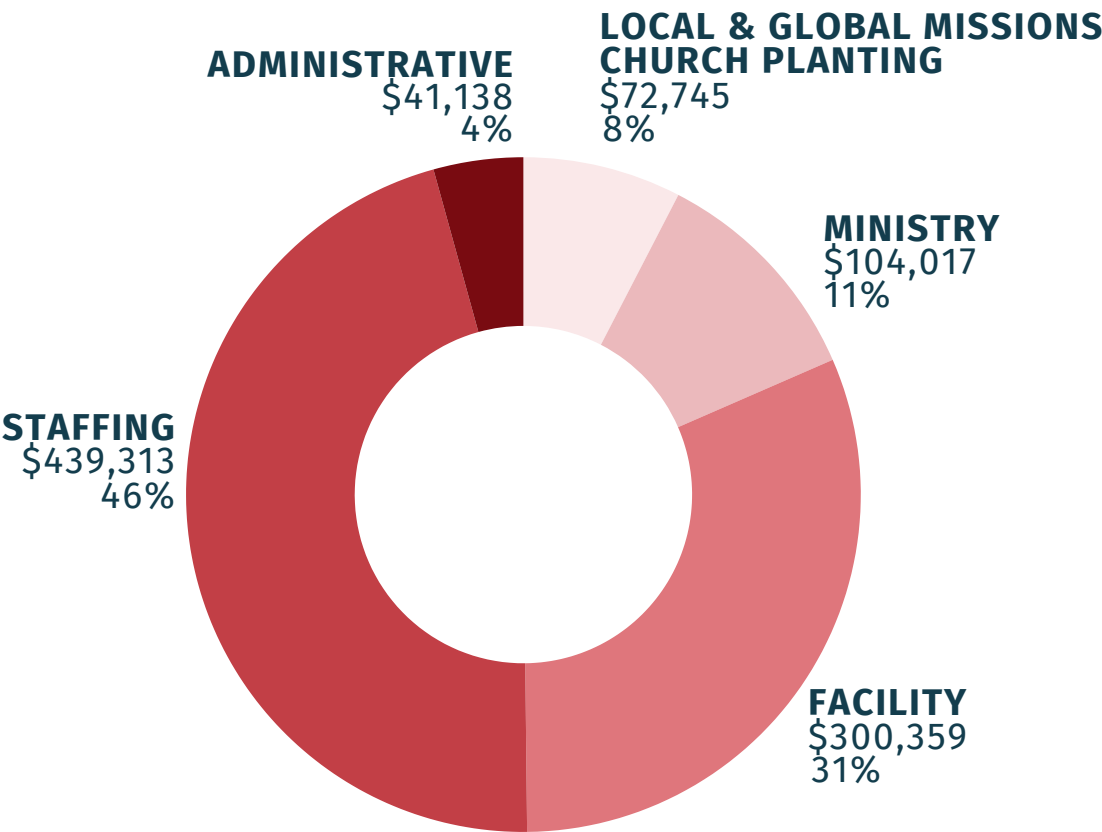
GENERAL FUND RECAP

BUDGETED
\$850,000

GIVING INCOME	RENT INCOME
\$893,223	\$34,000

ACTUALS

TOTAL INCOME	EXPENSES
\$927,363	\$957,572



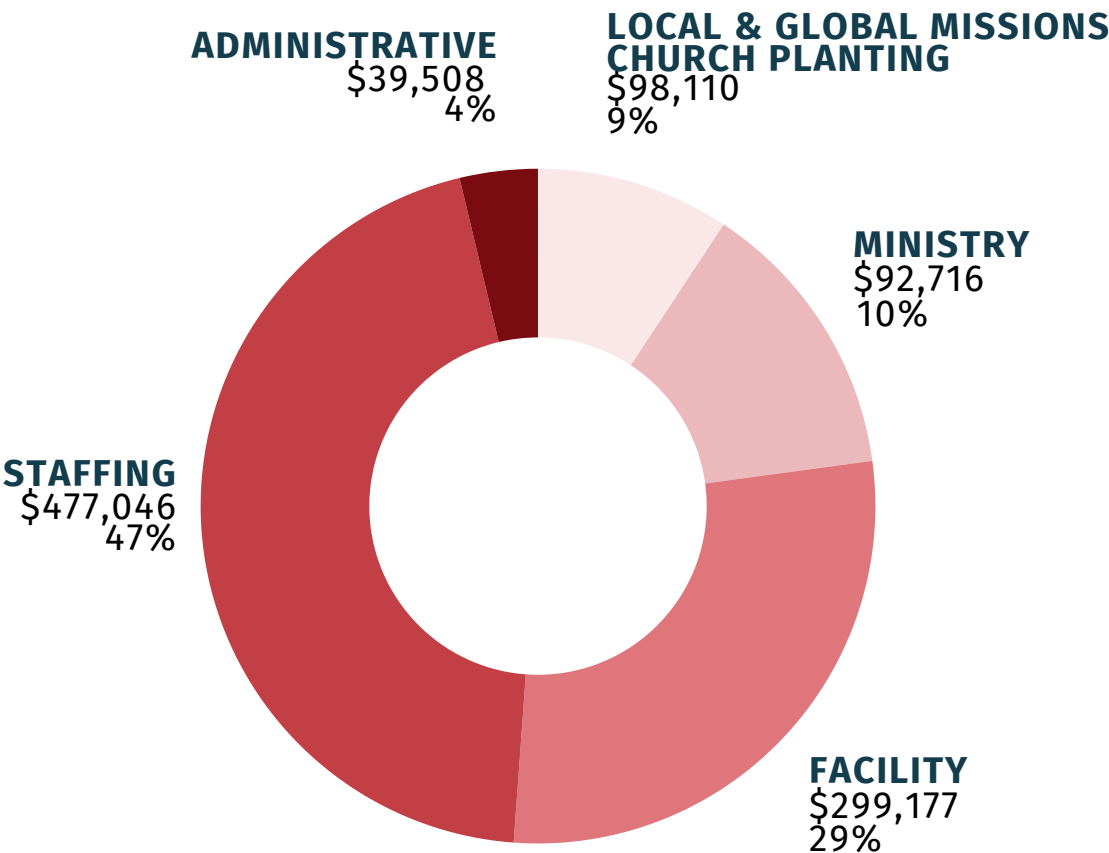
2024-2025 Budget

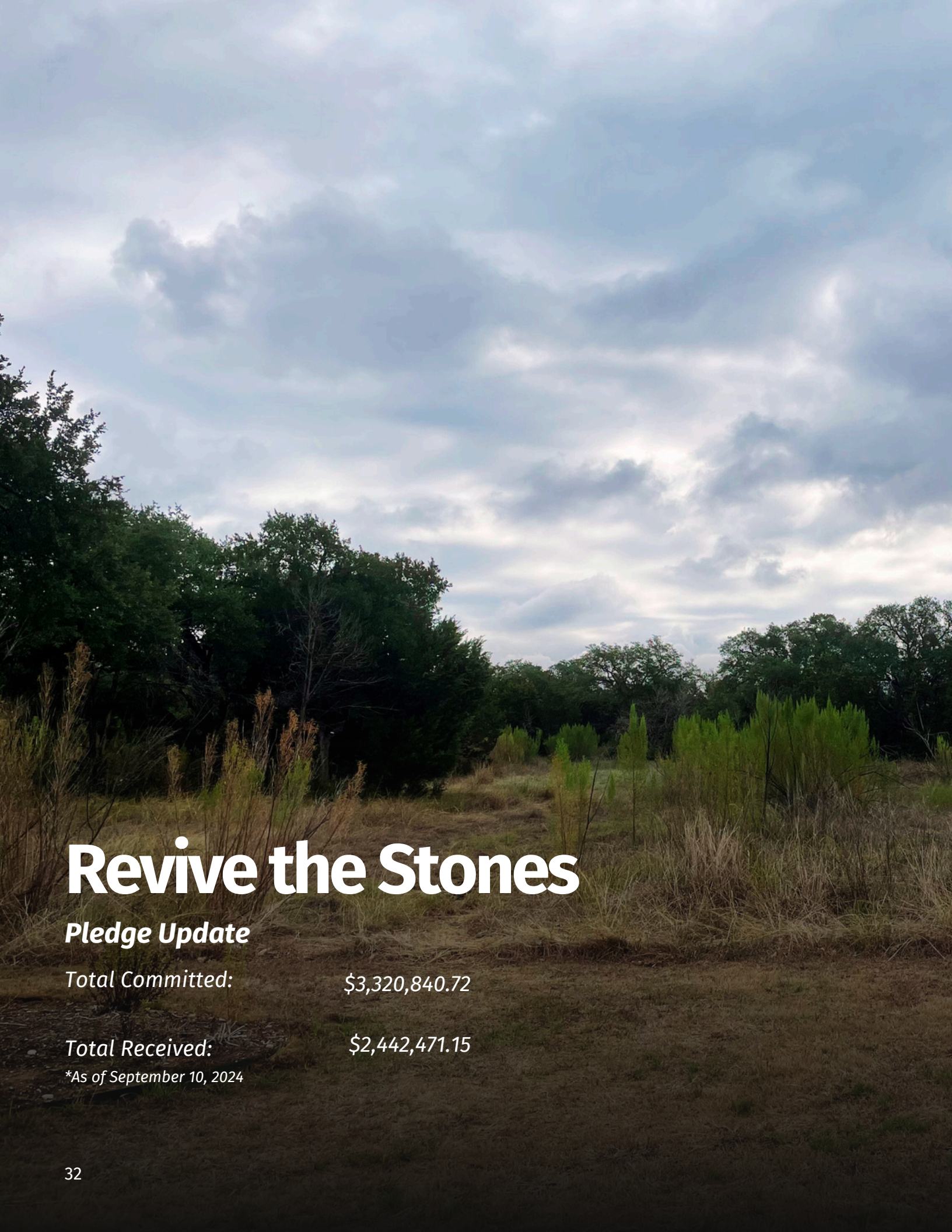
EXPECTED INCOME

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*

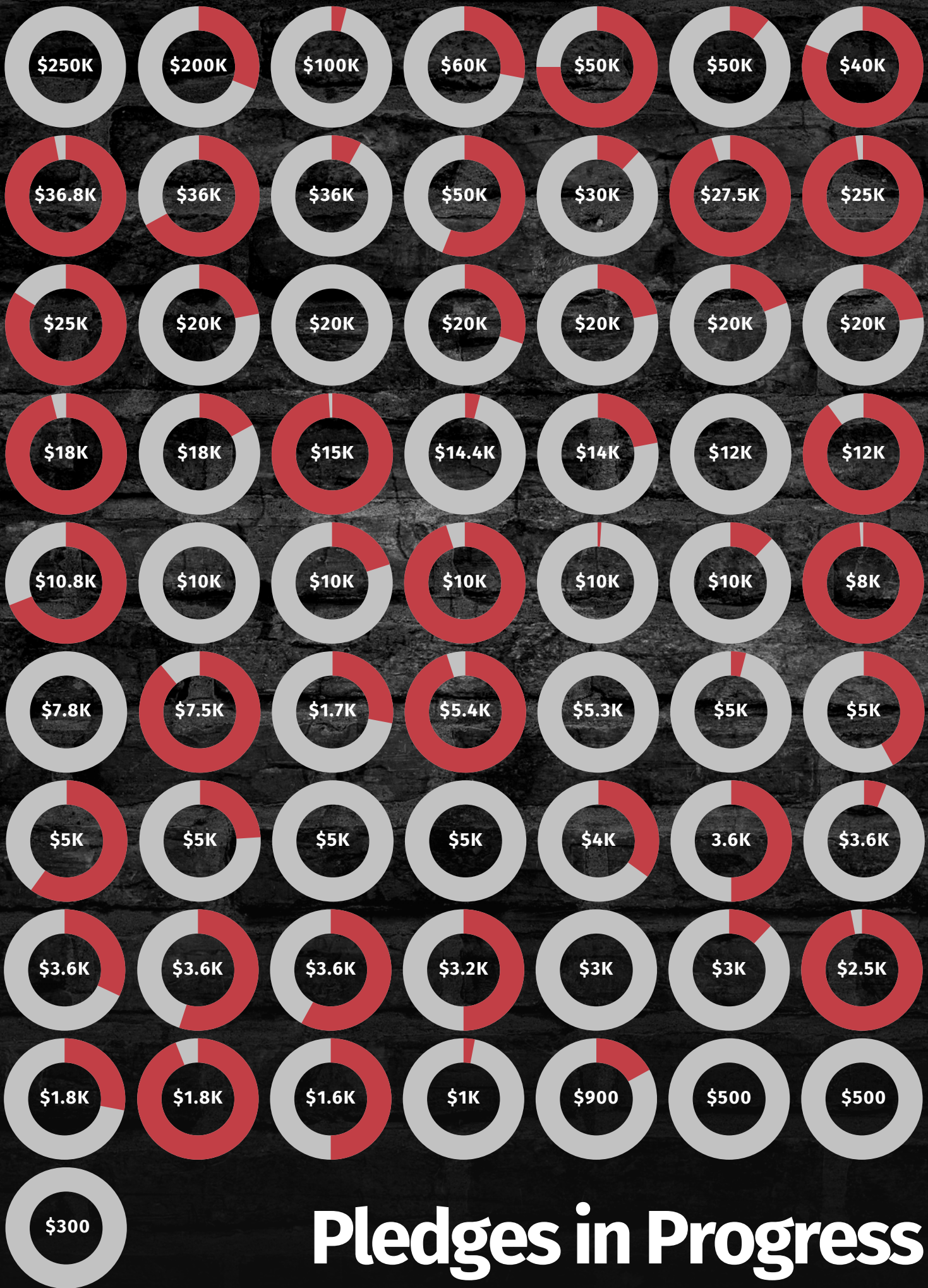
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**The God of heaven will
make us prosper, and
we his servants will
arise and build**

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



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2024-2025

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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.

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Elder Board

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