



 REAL LIFE

# ANNUAL REPORT

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January-December 2025  
Real Life on the Palouse

# A LETTER TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Dear Real Life Family,  
As we look back on 2025, our hearts are full of gratitude for what God has done on the Palouse through Real Life. This year was marked by faithfulness in the everyday— people choosing community, taking next steps with Jesus, and trusting God together through every season.

We've seen lives changed through baptism, healing take place through Restoration Night, kids and students grow in their understanding of who God is, and our church family continue to live out the mission of creating biblical disciples through relational environments. This story isn't about programs or numbers— it's about people encountering Jesus and learning how to follow Him in real life.

Thank you for being part of this church family. Whether you've served on a team, given generously, prayed faithfully, or simply chosen to belong and grow here, you are part of what God is doing. As we look ahead, we do so with confidence— not in ourselves, but in the God who has been faithful and will continue to lead us.

With gratitude and expectation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josh Gray".

Josh Gray, Senior Pastor

# 2025: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Throughout 2025, God continued to grow our church family and deepen discipleship on the Palouse.



## By the Numbers

54

BAPTISMS

759

AVERAGE IN-PERSON SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

103

AVERAGE PEAK LIVESTREAM VIEWERS

382

PEOPLE CONNECTED IN LIFE GROUPS



# Life Groups: Faith Lived Together

Life Groups remain at the heart of how discipleship happens at Real Life. In 2025, participation grew significantly, reflecting a hunger for deeper connection and shared spiritual growth.

By October, **382 PEOPLE** were actively participating in Life Groups—an increase of 38% over the previous year. **32 GROUPS** met regularly, with **9 NEW LEADERS** stepping into leadership.

Life Groups are where Scripture meets everyday life—where people pray together, ask honest questions, and learn how to follow Jesus in practical ways.

**382**

**PEOPLE CONNECTED**

**32**

**LIFE GROUPS**

**9**

**NEW LEADERS**

# Lifer Kids: Growing Faith from the Start



2025 was a year of meaningful growth and discipleship in Lifer Kids. Week after week, children were welcomed into environments where they learned foundational truths: God loves them, God made them, and Jesus wants to be their friend forever.

**660**

**CHILDREN SERVED**

**94**

**AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

**3**

**LIFER KIDS BAPTISMS**

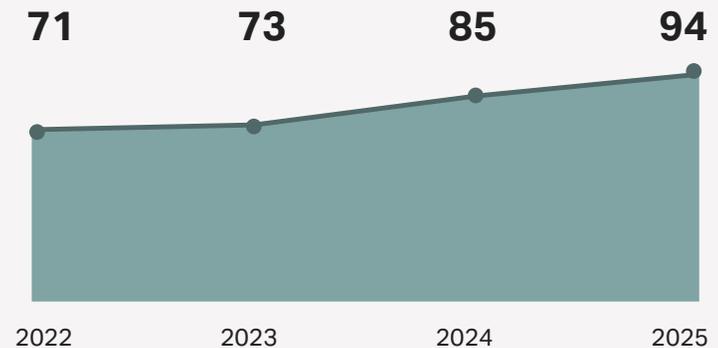
**38**

**KIDS AT KIDS CAMP**

**12**

**BABIES AND CHILDREN DEDICATED**

## Average Weekly Attendance





# Youth: Ownership, Leadership, and Bold Faith

Our youth ministry continued to grow as students stepped into ownership of their faith and leadership among their peers.

One of the most powerful moments of the year came when students planned and led a YTH Nite for their peers—with a senior student preaching that night. These moments reflect a growing confidence to live out faith now, not someday.



88

STUDENTS AT THE ANNUAL LOCK-IN (RECORD YEAR)

5

STUDENT BAPTISMS

7

STUDENTS SERVING ON THE YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM

16

ADULT LEADERS INVESTING CONSISTENTLY

# Restoration Night: Healing and Wholeness

Established in 2021, Restoration Night continues to be a place of hope and healing for those navigating life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups on the Palouse.

Led by Pastor Shari Hall, **42 LAY LEADERS** guided **80–100 PARTICIPANTS** each quarter through studies including Celebrate Recovery Step Studies, Living in Your Identity, Safe People, Crown Financial, and new offerings like **MARRIAGE 911** and **WISDOM PARENTING**.

Q1

**13 Groups**

Q2

**15 Groups**

Q3

**12 Groups**

Q4

**12 Groups**

*"We had been through counseling both individually and as a couple, but this class blew them all out of the water. We gained so many tools—one after another was an 'aha' moment." — Marriage 911 participant*



# Worship & Production: Excellence with Purpose

Worship at Real Life is an invitation to encounter God together. In 2025, worship and production teams served with creativity, humility, and excellence.

Our songwriting team continued to write original songs that have become part of the life of our church—sung on Sundays, at worship nights, in Lifer Kids, and at camp. Several were recorded and shared online, extending worship beyond our walls.

Behind the scenes, teams focused on equipping leaders, developing skills and confidence that serve our church today and prepare for future ministry, including the launch of the Lewiston campus.

**Average livestream peak  
103 (+17%)**



# Community Impact & Missions

A significant part of life at Real Life is lived outward—meeting real needs, building trust, and showing up consistently on the Palouse.

## Benevolence in Action



FOOD AND GAS CARDS



RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE



CAR REPAIRS AND TIRES



MEDICAL BILLS



TEMPORARY LODGING FOR THE UNHOUSED



FUNERAL COSTS AND EMERGENCY NEEDS



## Local & Regional Partnerships

- PALOUSE CARE NETWORK
- LATAH RECOVERY CENTER
- NW CHILDREN'S HOME
- MOSCOW HIGH SCHOOL SAFE & SOBER NIGHT
- UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO CRU
- YOUNG LIFE (UI & WSU)
- WSU OAKS INTERNATIONAL
- HOMES OF HOPE
- SHOP WITH A COP
- BUILDSTRONG DISCIPLESHIP NETWORK





# **Giving Tuesday: Following the Story Forward**

Over the past few years, our church family has stepped in generously through Giving Tuesday to invest in future ministry. We want to share where those investments stand today:

## **Production & Livestream Upgrades (GIVING TUESDAY 2023)**

Through the 2023 Giving Tuesday campaign, \$48,000 was raised toward production and livestream upgrades. Combined with intentional use of existing savings, this allowed us to complete Phase One in 2025. An additional \$200,000 has been allocated from savings, and Phase Two is currently in progress, with completion planned heading into 2026.

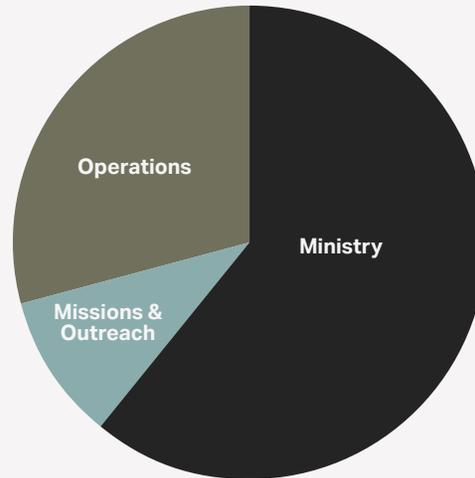
## **Young Adults (GIVING TUESDAY 2024)**

Giving Tuesday gifts in 2024 toward Young Adults totaled \$12,427.74. While this was not enough to hire a full-time Young Adults Pastor or purchase a ministry vehicle, these funds were used to support connection and discipleship through events, shared meals, campus ministry partnerships, and weekly Bible studies—helping young adults build community and grow in their faith.

# Financial Overview

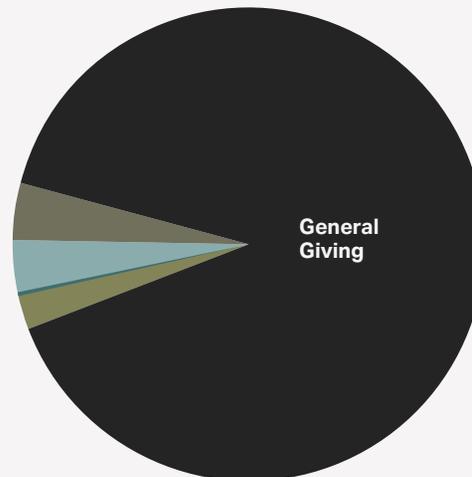
## Expense Breakdown

- **Ministry:** \$892,945.49 | 61.1%
- **Missions & Outreach:** \$148,577.78 | 10.2%
- **Operations:** \$420,092.77 | 28.7%



## Income Breakdown

- **General Giving:** \$1,567,039.21 | 90.0%
- **Eastside Marketplace Earnings:** \$72,000 | 4.1%
- **Church Planting:** \$60,184.13 | 3.5%
- **Young Adults:** \$2,226.59 | 0.1%
- **Miscellaneous:** \$39,821.55 | 2.3%



Funds utilized from savings in 2025: \$95,000.

We also paid down \$235,986.64 of principal on the Eastside Marketplace mortgage in 2025.

We are grateful for the generosity and faithfulness of our church family, which allows ministry to continue with clarity and integrity.

## 2025 Financial Snapshot

Total Income:

**\$1,741,271.48**

Total Expenses:

**\$1,461,616.04**

Savings Balance (12/31/25):

**\$432,923.07**



# Looking Ahead: LC Valley Church Plant

In 2025, God continued to open doors toward launching a new Real Life campus in the Lewiston–Clarkston Valley.

By December 31, **\$60,184** had been raised toward the **\$100,000** goal. Alongside financial generosity, momentum is building through prayer partners, newsletter subscribers, and a growing group of people interested in being part of the launch team.



# Closing Reflection

As we reflect on 2025, we are reminded that God is faithfully at work on the Palouse—forming disciples, restoring lives, and drawing people into deeper relationship with Him. Thank you for being part of this church family. We step into the next season rooted in gratitude and filled with hope for what God will do next.

On the Palouse as it is in Heaven.





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