

**LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**2024**

**IMPACT  
REPORT**

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A HUGE CROWD OF WITNESSES TO THE LIFE OF FAITH, LET US STRIP OFF EVERY WEIGHT THAT SLOWS US DOWN, ESPECIALLY THE SIN THAT SO EASILY TRIPS US UP. AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE GOD HAS SET BEFORE US. WE DO THIS BY KEEPING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE CHAMPION WHO INITIATES AND PERFECTS OUR FAITH.**

**HEBREWS 12:1-2**

## **RUN YOUR RACE**

These are the words the Holy Spirit dropped in my heart while on a short vacation over New Years. I had been reflecting on 2024 and wondering what 2025 would have in store for me personally, for our family, and for our church. One morning I read these verses from Hebrews 12 and I heard the Holy Spirit so clearly say to me, "just run your race. Don't worry about things you cannot control, just focus and run your race."

As we approach our 10th anniversary as the Pastor's of Life Community Church, these verses have hit me a little bit differently than they did in years past. I realize that this part of my race is different than when we started nearly 10 years ago, and if I'm not careful I could "hit the wall" like many runners do in a race. They get to the point of feeling drained, exhausted mentally and physically, and just want to quit. But here's the thing, the wall is almost always all mental, quitting when you "hit the wall" is a choice. And we all know what is on the other side of "the wall" right? A second wind. A second burst of energy and excitement to propel you towards the finish line.



*"Don't worry about things you cannot control, just focus and run your race."*

I don't want to hit the wall, I don't want to burn out, I don't even want to just trudge through the next part of the race just barely hanging on hoping to get to that second wind, I want to get my second wind and run this next season with the same excitement and passion as the first. And that's where the words of Hebrews 12 just won't leave me alone. There are some things I need to do, and I dare say there are some things all of us need to do as we run our race.

- 1) We need to quit comparing our race to everyone else's, and we need to stop criticizing the way they run their race.
- 2) We need to get rid of the extra weight that makes it hard to run our race successfully. It's not just willful sin that slows us down, we need to take care of ourselves mentally, physically and spiritually.
- 3) We need to keep our eyes on Jesus, who isn't just cheering us on, He is continually perfecting our faith.

I don't know what all of us need to do to run our race with endurance, but I do know a few things I need to do, and with God's help 2025 is going to be a year of stripping off mental, physical, and spiritual weight. Can I encourage you to come with me? Make 2025 a year of doing the hard work so we can run with endurance wherever God takes our race.

Thanks for loving our family so well for nearly a decade. I am so grateful my kids have been able to grow up in a church that is so loving.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Ian".

# OUR TOP 6 BLESSINGS OF 2024

## 1 Him

...of course our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. He showed up . . . from the very beginning of the year as we looked forward with anticipation and excitement of what a new year would hold, all the way through some hard times filled with sadness and disappointment. God showed up and proved once again that He is enough.

## 3 Scholarships

...this year we had someone give a very generous gift to help scholarship kids to attend summer camp whose families were struggling. Not only was it enough to help everyone who needed help this year, but it was enough to set some aside to help more kids attend summer camp in 2025. In addition we also had a donation that was significant enough to cover costs of VBS so we could keep it a free event for all of the kids who attended.

## 5 Christmas Blessing

... this year through your generosity we were able to partner with The Guardian House and provide all 50 children enrolled in their program Christmas Gifts. We also had the opportunity to partner with Toys for Tots again this year. Through their donations we were able to distribute gifts to over 300 kids which represents 92 families.

## 2 Our Volunteers

...everyone who shows up week in and week out to serve the church and make what we do possible. From teaching kids to making coffee to mowing lawns and everything in between, we could not do what God has called us to do without our amazing team of volunteers.

## 4 Living Life Together

...this year we were more intentional about doing life together. We shared many meals together, celebrated holidays, enjoyed a baseball game, the bowling alley, park days with friends, Men's dinners out, Women's breakfasts, the youth had some lake days and much more. Friends we NEED each other to fulfill the mission Christ has given each one of us. In 2025 let's continue to spur one another on, continue gathering in and outside of church and live life together.

## 6 New Carpet

...when we started removing the old broken tiles in the hallways we had no idea how soon we could install new flooring. Our only goal at that time was to remove the broken tiles and trip hazards. Thanks to some very generous donations we were able to carpet the worship center and hallways much quicker than imagined creating a warm and inviting space for the ministry God has called us to do.





# GIVING TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM

A SNAPSHOT OF GIVING OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS



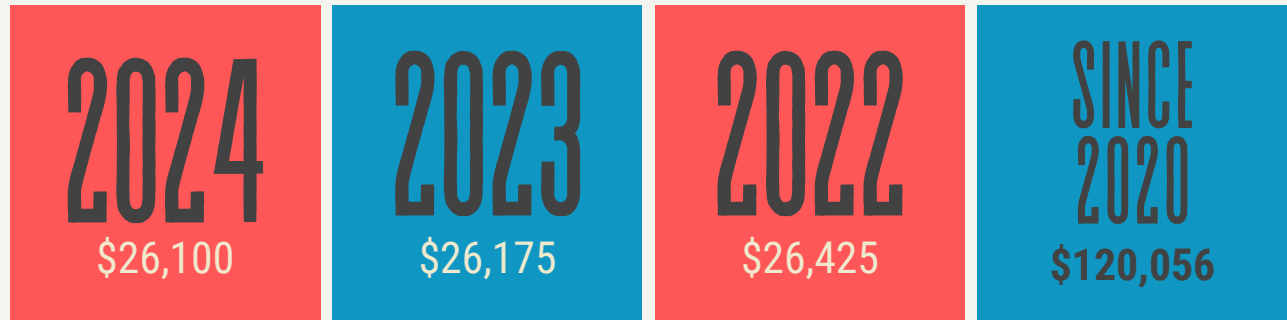
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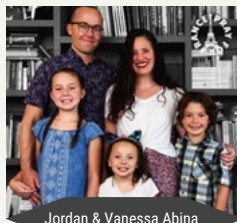
# LCC MISSIONS

## GIVING SO ALL CAN HEAR...

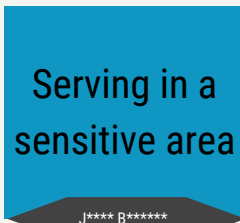
A SNAPSHOT OF MONTHLY SUPPORT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS



## OUR MISSIONS PARTNERS:



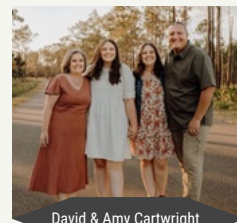
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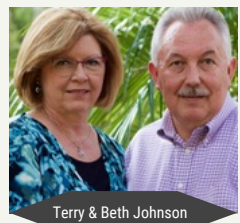
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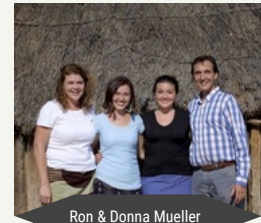
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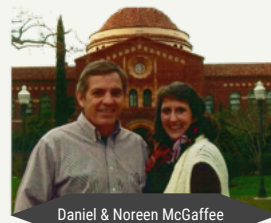
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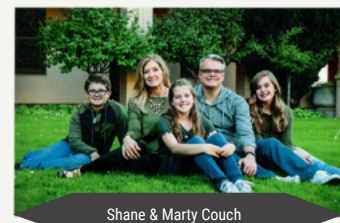
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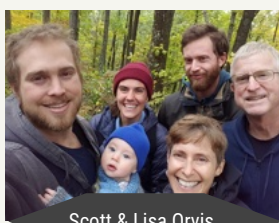
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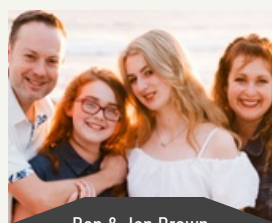
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Shane & Marty Couch



Scott & Lisa Orvis



Ben & Jen Brown

**Oakdale  
Rescue  
Mission**



*Reaching out to transform lives.*



**Adult & Teen Challenge**  
Faith Home Network  
Putting hope within reach of men, women, and families





# OUR STORY IN 2024

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION FIESTA



## SWEET LIFE CONFERENCE



## CHRISTMAS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT





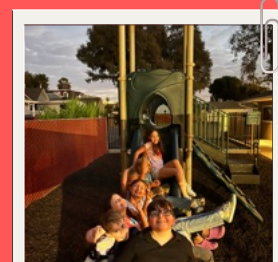


# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



God is doing amazing things in and through our Children's Ministry at LCC. From Sunday Mornings to Wednesday Nights, Parent's Nights Out, Parties, Family Events, Kids Camps, VBS it is a blessing to watch and be apart of the growth in the kiddos of LCC. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for the countless hours of pouring into these children. And thank you LCC for all of your support of our many fundraisers that help send our kids to camp and fund the ministry. Please continue to pray for the children of LCC, the amazing volunteers and for the children we will reach in 2025!

-Cole & Stacey Fainter







2024 was a hard year, saying good-bye to our friends and long time youth leaders Mark & Kirsten. As we look forward to what God has in store for us in 2025, we want to say a big thank you to everyone who stepped up to help us keep Overflow Youth happening. A very special thanks to Ethan and Amanda for leading well through a tough transition.



**The ladies here at LCC sure know how to have a good time!  
It's amazing to be a part of a group of women who love Jesus, love to Worship and love each other!**



# WORSHIP MINISTRIES



***Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.***  
***Psalms 147:7***

The purpose of the worship ministry is to support the Lead Pastor in the ministry of worship, to lead the congregation in Spirit led worship. We are honored to lead every week. My prayer over 2024 was to have a team of three every week, and God helped us to do that. I'm grateful to everyone who has stepped up and helped lead this past year. Would you please pray with us, as we ask God to send us more musicians, especially a drummer!

If you would like to join the worship or media teams, come talk to me! We have a place for you.

Pastor Chris

The logo for Young Hearts Senior Ministry features a stylized heart shape formed by a continuous line, followed by the words "Young Hearts" in a large, elegant script font, and "SENIOR MINISTRY" in a smaller, all-caps sans-serif font below it.

Young Hearts continued to meet monthly for lunch and fellowship throughout the year. We did pause in December, the 3rd Saturday being too close to Christmas. There were meaningful prayer times and fellowship. We enjoyed really good food, including an entire Thanksgiving Feast. Church people really can cook! Some friends, Bill and Steve moved out of state and are missed. New people joined the group becoming friends and others we hadn't seen in awhile returned. All in all Young Hearts is a real blessing and opportunity to get to know each other better. I do want to acknowledge and thank Shirley Dickson for all her help and faithful service to Young Hearts. It wouldn't - couldn't happen without her. The plan is to continue the 3rd Saturday gatherings and hopefully grow in 2025.

Greg & Cathy Taylor



# BLESSING OUR CITY IN 2024



# LOVE OAKDALE

# DOING LIFE TOGETHER IN 2024



# 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

## INCOME:

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<b>\$243,289</b>	<b>\$27,774</b>	<b>\$78,131</b>
TITHES & OFFERINGS	KINGDOM BUILDERS	OTHER INCOME

## EXPENSES:

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<b>\$58,875</b>	<b>\$40,411</b>	<b>\$15,350</b>
MISSIONS	MINISTRIES	ADMINISTRATIVE
<b>\$149,868</b>	<b>\$57,963</b>	
WAGES & BENEFITS	FACILITIES	

## ACCOUNT BALANCES:

AS OF 12/31/2024

<b>\$1,711</b>	<b>\$1,470</b>	<b>\$25,662</b>	<b>\$15,527</b>
CHECKING	SAVINGS	RESTRICTED	6 MONTH CD'S
	<b>\$68,332</b>	<b>\$1,152</b>	
	CEP LOAN	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT IN 2024!**



# 2024 CHURCH MINISTRY INFORMATION!

**23**

**MISSIONARIES**

and organizations we supported on a monthly basis.



**9**

**PROJECTS**

fully funded Kingdom Builders projects.



**INCOME INCREASE**

**\$31,584**

God gave us increase of income in almost every category in 2024 compared to 2023. A large portion of that increase was designated to building a new safer way for kids to get from the main building out to the kids ministry area, a project we hope to start construction on in the coming weeks.

**DECREASE IN DEBT**

**\$11,495**

**INCREASE IN CASH RESERVES**

**\$19,112**

**NEW MINISTRY STARTED**

In 2024 we started a new ministry that partners with the Oakdale Rescue Mission to feed the homeless of Oakdale once a quarter. We are preparing and serving 25-40 meals on the first Sunday of January, April, July, and October.



**Average Weekend Attendance**

**2024**

116

**2023**

117

**2022**

118

**Average Online Attendance**

**2024**

17

**2023**

21

**2022**

24









# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## LCC MINISTRY LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

### LEADERS

#### CHURCH BOARD

Ken Hasley	Jan Higgins
Greg Salyer	Belinda Webb

#### LIFE GROUP LEADERS

Linda Burk	Diane Byrd
Ken Hasley	Chris Olson
Jedediah Sauressig	Greg Taylor

#### MINISTRY LEADERS

First Impressions	Jenny Bohos
Freedom Cafe	Cindy Ott
Kid's Ministry	Cole & Stacey Fainter
Seniors Ministry	Cathy & Greg Taylor
Youth Ministry	Ethan & Amanda Heard
Worship Ministry	Chris Olson

### VOLUNTEERS

#### FACILITIES & GROUNDS TEAM

Kelly Byrd	Ken Hasley
Earl Hodges	Art Webb

#### USHERS & GREETERS

Peggy Welch	Ken Hasley
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#### HOSPITALITY TEAM

Susan Gerjits	Susan Salyer
Faye Watson	

#### LIFE KIDS TEAM

Linda Burk	Diane Byrd
Zoie Datus	Shirley Dickson
Cassie Manthei	Charlene Manthei
Jacob Manthei	Andrea Ramos
Tandi Sauressig	Faye Watson

#### OVERFLOW YOUTH TEAM

Greg Salyer	Cathy Taylor
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#### OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEERS

Jenny Bohos	Linda Burk
Vicki Collins	Cathy Taylor
Carol White	

#### PRAYER TEAM

Ken Hasley	Jan Higgins
Cindy Ott	Cathy Taylor

#### WORSHIP & MEDIA TEAM

Glenn Daniel	Landon Fainter
Terry Gerjits	Ethan Heard
Karly Hetrick	Doug Higl
Molly Higl	Cassie Manthei
Braedan Olson	Miki Schamp
Greg Taylor	

WITH

# GRATITUDE

FOR ALL OUR TEAMS

We could not do this without you!



COMMUNITY  
CHURCH