

2026

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with Jesus.**



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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCE TELLERS

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFIED VOTERS

PRESENTATION OF BALLOT

DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOT

- **TELLERS HAND OUT BALLOT (KEEP COUNT OF HOW MANY)**
- **FINAL COUNT**
- **ANNOUNCE TOTAL BALLOTS DISTRIBUTED**
- **READ THE NAMES OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

RATIFICATION

COLLECT BALLOTS

RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO SERVED

RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO DIED

WORD OF APPRECIATION

VISION CASTING

PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT

**LIFEPOINT CHURCH INC
ANNUAL BUISNESS MEETING BALLOT
NOVEMBER 9, 2025**

CHURCH COUNCIL

- TERESA VINING (DECEMBER 2028).
- CHANDLER BUCHFELLER (DECEMBER 2028).

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

- ELIZABETH MANLY (DECEMBER 2028).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- EMILY BALTZ-GEPHART (DECEMBER 2028).

2026 BUDGET APPROVAL

LEAD PASTOR REPORT

Dear LifePoint Family,

Life moves quickly, and it's easy—at least for me—to forget to pause and reflect. Each year, this Annual Report gives me the chance to do just that.

As I reflected on this last year, the theme of “new things” came to mind. The last year was a year where we did a lot of new things and some old things in a new way.

The New

We have welcomed several new families to our LifePoint community over the last year. One of the things that has been so amazing to be a part of is hearing how welcomed many people feel. I would venture to say that every church in America believes they are “friendly,” but being welcoming goes beyond “friendliness.” To welcome people means we intentionally include and involve them. It means we find ways to integrate them into the life of our community. My hope is that we continue to welcome people and point them to life with Jesus.

We also tried some new ways of cultivating belonging. Our first “Sunday Table” in June gathered over 100 people around 10 host tables, sparking new connections and friendships. Our annual picnic, though not a new event, was held at a new location at Pringle Park. The splash pad, open field, and pavilion were a perfect setting for our gathering. We also celebrated in the service that morning the joy of two baby dedications and three baptisms. Every time we celebrate those two rituals as a community, we are celebrating New Life!

Another “new” thing that happened this last year was an update to our Live Stream equipment. Since 2020, we have been streaming our services. For the last four years, we used a stationary camera with limited capabilities. We now have two new cameras that have much more advanced zoom and angle capabilities. Our Live Stream has averaged about 29 views each week. For those unable to attend due to health or age, it has been a lifeline of connection. We're also reaching people beyond Goshen—some I've never even met.

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As I reflect on all the new, I am just grateful for God's faithfulness. I am grateful for you. I am grateful that I get to follow Jesus in relationship with each of you. I am grateful for the community we are cultivating together and I have hope that the health of our church community will bless our Goshen community.

Looking Ahead

One of the clearest metaphors for the church, in my mind, is a garden. Jesus invites us to join him in cultivating little "Kingdom Gardens"—communities that bear fruit to bless the world.

As we cultivate a healthy, Jesus-centered community, we invite others to participate in the work. Participation involves surrendering to the Lordship of the Master Gardener, but it is voluntary. He will not force or coerce it.

Here is how I understand our work though: Participation in cultivating the Kingdom involves surrendering to Jesus, but its fruit still overflows to bless even those who have not yet joined in the work. In other words, the Kingdom work we do both calls people to surrender to Jesus and yet blesses people whether or not they surrender to Jesus.

My prayer has been for LifePoint to be a healthy church. Not a growing church. Cancer grows. Mold grows. Growth alone does not indicate health. As we continue to follow Jesus together and as we continue to be shaped by our worship and the word, my prayer is still that we would be a healthy church.

I pray for relational, financial, organizational, and ministerial health. If we focus on cultivating a Kingdom Garden, I believe the growth follows as God blesses the harvest. As Paul wrote to the believers at Corinth,

*I [Paul] planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. **1 Corinthians 3:6-9***

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Notice the gardening language Paul is using? Plant, water, grow. Also notice the partnership language? “We are co-workers” and working in the “field.”

So, we are co-workers (gardeners) in the field (garden) that God is growing. As “co-workers,” what part do we play in the health of this Kingdom garden? I believe our part is to be shaped by Jesus and shaped by love.

Shaped by Jesus

I believe our community will be healthy as long as we continue to be shaped by the life and teachings of Jesus. Ideally, each of us are doing that as individuals. Hopefully each of us are seeking to grow in our relationship with Jesus through Scripture, prayer, and obedience to his discipleship demands on our lives. And, hopefully that is happening as we gather corporately around worship and the Word.

Shaped by Love

As we are shaped by Jesus, I also believe we will be shaped by love. Love shows itself in many ways, but three indicators rise to the top for me: forgiveness, generosity, and hospitality.

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is hard, but it is quite central to the Jesus way. Paul emphasizes it in his letters to churches:

- Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **Ephesians 4:32**
- Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness is something we practice in our friendships, marriages, and within the church. Forgiveness is just something we do because we are Jesus people.

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Generosity

Paul also wrote to Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:18, “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.” Generosity is the opposite of a selfish, stingy, scarcity mindset. Generosity flows from self-giving love. I believe generosity is a fundamental heart posture of Kingdom people and therefore an indicator of health.

Hospitality

Hospitality, which means to show love to strangers, is repeatedly emphasized across the New Testament. Here are just a few examples from Paul, the author of Hebrews (scholars debate authorship), and Peter:

- Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. **Romans 12:13**
- Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. **Hebrews 13:2**
- Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. **1 Peter 4:9**

Hospitality is a practice of helping people feel “at home.” It involves walking with someone who was previously “outside” and welcoming them “inside.” Hospitality metaphorically and often literally involves pulling up a chair at the table.

My hope and intention is that we continue to grow in love, generosity, and hospitality.

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Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. For giving me the sacred permission to serve this community of believers. I want to invite you to continue following Jesus with me; to continue cultivating love, generosity, and hospitality; and to continue being the very reason LifePoint is such an amazing church!

Grace + Peace,
Anthony

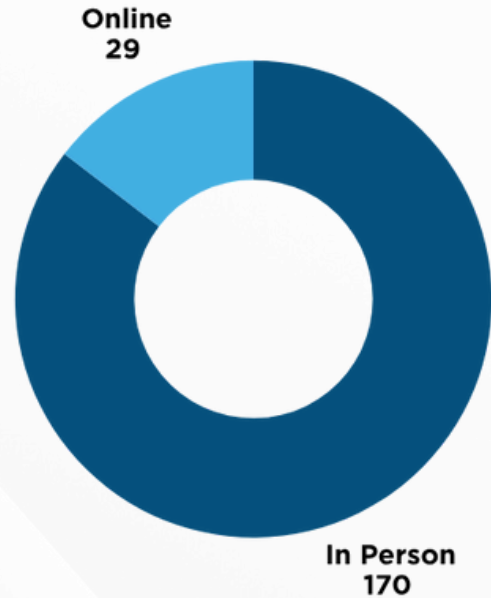
P. S. Part of an annual report involves the sharing of various organizational metrics. Please review some of the numbers on the following page.



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Average Worship Attendance



Baptisms



3 New Baptisms in 2025!

Food Pantry

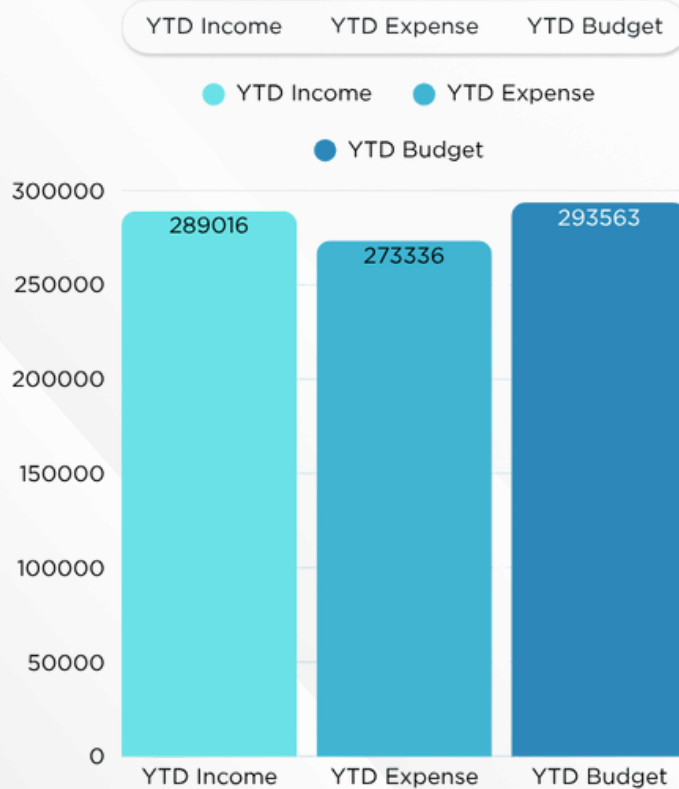


 = 5 individuals
(116 average people/per month)



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YTD Financials



Faith Promise + Disaster Relief



 = \$1,000

Faith Promise \$21,353 | Disaster Relief \$3,000



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Completed Projects

- ☒ New Live Stream Equipment
- ☒ Office Renovation
- ☒ Repair and Refaced Exterior Sign
- ☒ Partnered with the Jail Ministry Tattoo Removal Ministry

FREE to GIVE



Two Year Goal: \$250,000

Last 2 Years Giving: \$ 178,537.11
(as of 9/31/25)



TREASURER'S REPORT

As I write this, I am about 10 months into this new role as Treasurer. I have been learning a lot and have appreciated the opportunity to serve the church in this way. I've been overseeing and tracking our spending and giving, comparing it to previous years, and trying to gain an understanding of what is wise for future planning. I'll share some of my thoughts with you here. I'll talk about where we have been, where we are going, and what you can do to help.

First, let's look at the SPENDING side of our financial state.

In 2024, we ended the year with a deficit. For those of you who were not aware or don't remember, this was the result of two large projects: the parking lot repaving and the new HVAC system in the sanctuary. A portion of these costs was budgeted, and the rest was paid for from our cash reserves. Through the thoughtful planning of the Council and Staff, we were able to afford these projects and remain in a healthy financial position.

When I began this role, I wanted to understand how and why we ended with a deficit. The truth was that we just had some abnormally large expenses in places that were necessary. And even though there was a deficit, we had savings to draw from to take care of it. There were changes made to the 2025 budget to rebuild and compensate. Our budget has been combed through and planned out to be slim, trim, and efficient, and our staff has done a great job of staying disciplined and finding creative ways to keep their spending in line with the budget. This is especially helpful and impressive as the rising costs of just about everything have been our reality over the past few years.

We are currently income over expenses (which is great!) and just ever so slightly over the budget number. The reason for this involves a few factors that are out of our control. Our spending was boosted by some building repairs, but this is quite normal for a building of our age and size. We have funds designated in savings for this sort of thing, but it still affects the bottom line. Everything is costing more these days.

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But the big one—the big spending change—came as an unexpected increase in energy costs, which was the result of a state-approved rate hike of about 16.75% by NIPSCO. Yeah, we didn't see that large of a jump coming.

All in all, our spending is good. It is tracking with our current giving and is well within what I consider to be responsible and frugal. Your giving dollars are being well managed and spent.

Now let's talk about our GIVING.

First of all, we have a generous church! Thank you for all of the ways you give, especially the financial ways!

Our giving has remained stable in recent years. (\$377K, \$373K, and \$376K in the last 3 years.)

Our "Free To Give" campaign to repay our remodel loan has been great! We have paid off over \$55,000 of principal this year and have cut the loan balance down to just under \$236,000. Now that's exciting! We continue to be able to support and partner with community organizations and are working in the direction of being the "Radically Generous" church that Pastor Anthony talks about. Thank you for your generosity that makes this all possible.

I'm going to be honest here: our giving has also remained flat over the last 3 years. We are on pace to finish 2025 with giving coming in at just over \$365K, which is a drop compared to last year. As costs increase, the Council and Staff have an increasing challenge to create a well-built budget. I would love to see that giving number move in the upward direction in the coming years. I will be praying for that. God will provide for us, and my hope is that we all can live in a plentiful and generous place.

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So, HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We have been in a healthy spot financially. I want to see that continue. Our 2026 budget plan makes the necessary adjustments for what we can predict. We will have to trust Jesus to help us navigate whatever may come, as we take the responsible approach to the current reality. I believe that He will take care of us. If you have been giving, thank you, and please continue! If you haven't, please consider doing so. Pray for God's blessing and provision for each of us and for our church collectively. LifePoint Church has been a blessing to our community. Through your giving, you all have been a blessing to LifePoint. And God has blessed us all with a beautiful building and grounds, a great staff, and a wonderful congregation—and let's all be grateful for this. I look forward to seeing the great things God has planned for us in the next year. Again, thank you SO MUCH for your partnership in this aspect of our church.

Respectfully,
Craig Kinsey
LifePoint Treasurer



WORSHIP ARTS REPORT

When I think about the last eight years leading worship here at Lifepoint, one word comes to mind: thankful! I'm thankful for the trust you've placed in me. I'm thankful for the guidance I've received from both former and current leadership. I'm thankful for the other people on staff with whom I get to do ministry. I'm thankful for the members of Lifepoint who come to give their worship—to sing and participate. I'm thankful for the volunteers who give their time and talent. They, too, are faithful to come and offer their worship.

As a team, we talk about being transparent—that people would be pointed to Jesus—and I'm so thankful for a humble team that prioritizes this. Most of all, I'm thankful for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is worthy of all our worship and that we have the freedom to gather and lift Him up.

I want to share a story about one of our worship team members who also happens to be young. Their first involvement with the worship band was in the youth band during Sunday evening gatherings. At first, this person was timid and didn't seem to have much confidence in their ability. I know they've spent countless hours practicing—not only when scheduled to play on Sunday but also in their free time. Over the course of a year, I've watched this young person grow immensely in both confidence and skill. I've been so encouraged by their positive attitude and dedication to excellence in their role here. I am honored to be part of raising up the next generation of worship leaders!

Over the last year, we have sung 127 different songs. We have introduced five new songs and added four new team members. Some of my favorite tunes have been Simple Kingdom and Gratitude. Our top songs were Move of God, Graves into Gardens, Goodness of God, and This Is Our God.

Thank you, Lifepoint, for being a church that loves to worship and makes space for God to move among us. Here's to another year of lifting high the name of Jesus together!

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Doberenz
Worship Director



KIDSPPOINT REPORT

KidsPoint

A Year of Growth, Joy, and Gospel Impact

This past year has been one of growth and transformation for our Kids Ministry. From welcoming new families to launching a brand-new curriculum, we've seen God work in the lives of our children, volunteers, and families.

Ministry Highlights

New Curriculum: The Gospel Project

One of the most exciting developments this year has been the launch of our new curriculum, The Gospel Project. This Christ-centered, chronological study has given our kids a deeper understanding of the Bible as one unified story that points to Jesus.

- Why we love it:
 - Every lesson shows how all Scripture points to Christ.
 - It builds a strong biblical foundation starting from Genesis through Revelation.
 - Engaging videos, interactive storytelling, and hands-on activities keep kids excited to learn every week.
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By the Numbers:

- Bible lessons Covered: Over 50 (and counting!)
- Memory Verses Learned: 52+
- Activities completed: 100+

KIDSPPOINT REPORT

Looking Ahead

We're not just excited about what God has done—we're filled with anticipation for what's coming. As we continue to walk through The Gospel Project, we're praying for:

- Deeper spiritual formation in our kids
 - Stronger partnerships with parents
 - New volunteers stepping into ministry
 - Continued growth in numbers and faith
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Thank You

To our faithful volunteers, supportive families, and prayer partners—thank you! Your investment in the lives of children is making an eternal difference. Kids Ministry is not just child care; it's kingdom work. We're grateful to be on this journey together.

With joy,
Danyell Myers
NextGen Director



STUDENTPOINT REPORT

This past year has been one of gratitude, and great anticipation for what's ahead. At StudentPoint, we exist to help students know Jesus, grow in their faith, and live it out with boldness. And everything we do — from weekly gatherings to small groups to special events — is rooted in that mission.

We're deeply thankful for what God has done through this ministry, and we're especially excited for what's coming in the new year as we launch our new Deep Discipleship curriculum.

Volunteer Spotlight: The Heartbeat of StudentPoint

This ministry would not be possible without the faithful service of our volunteer team. These leaders show up week after week to pour into students, lead small groups, plan games and worship, and — most importantly — build real relationships with teens.

We Celebrate:

Over 409 volunteer hours served in StudentPoint

To our volunteers: Thank you for your time, passion, and prayers. You are planting seeds that will grow for years to come.



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Looking Ahead: Deep Discipleship Curriculum Launch

We're thrilled to announce that in the coming year, we'll be launching a brand-new curriculum called Deep Discipleship.

This new curriculum is designed to go beyond surface-level faith and equip students to:

- Understand the Gospel deeply
- Own their personal relationship with Jesus
- Live out their faith with purpose and courage
- Develop spiritual disciplines
- Be rooted in Scripture and led by the Spirit

This curriculum will reshape our weekly teaching, small groups, and student leadership development — giving students a clearer, stronger foundation in Christ.

Our Prayer for the Next Year

As we step into this new season, our prayer is simple: That every student at StudentPoint would be deeply rooted in Jesus — and equipped to make a lasting impact in their schools, homes, and communities.

“Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.”

— **Colossians 2:7 (NLT)**

Thank you for being part of the story God is writing through StudentPoint. We can't wait to see what He'll do next.

With Joy,
Danyell Myers
NextGen Director



MISSIONS REPORT

2025 was a year of continued work towards promoting and encouraging the people of LifePoint to support and be involved in God's work both locally and internationally.

Brett Doberenz and Lynn Biscan joined the team in January of 2025.

Faith Promise Sunday was again a highlight of the year. With the help & design of Lynn Biscan, the lobby was transformed into a bookstore/library, where congregants could talk with our mission partners, learn about their work, and enjoy breakfast themed snacks. Children received "library cards" and could get them stamped as they visited each table. During the service, children heard about Kathy Fulton's call to serve God in Haiti.

As a church, we pledged just over \$21,000 to Faith Promise partners, several thousand higher than last year's pledge amount. We are grateful for the way God is moving His people to generosity.

After several months analyzing the budget, we officially welcomed Laura Carter as a partner and we are happy to support her work in SE Asia!

Our annual Go Sunday event at the end of August saw our church family go out into the community to serve. From providing a church service at Waterford to trimming bushes at The Post to tearing out old flooring and wallpaper in our own church office, families and individuals gave of their time and talents.

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Lastly, after several months of discussion and planning, we welcomed our very first youth interns to the missions committee! Larry Cobern and Kathryn Slesseman will join us for the rest of the 25-26 school year. We are excited for them to learn more about behind the scenes serving in the church & missions. We also look forward to learning from their perspective as young people and hearing their creative ideas.

We look forward to the work God will do through His people at LifePoint in 2026!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Tropf
Missions Committee Chair



NOMINEE BIO'S



CHANDLER BUCHFELLER- CHURCH COUNCIL

By day, I work as a member of the Student Life team at Goshen College. By night, I'm an avid reader, baker, and board game enthusiast. I currently live alone (with my dog Daisy) in a staff apartment on campus. I've been a part of LifePoint for about two and a half years. During that time, I've had the opportunity to help with a few youth group events and I've been serving with the Sunday morning A/V team since Spring 2024.

I have had opportunities in my professional life to develop administrative skills that I would be honored to put to use on behalf of the church. Matters related to by-laws, budgets, and governance are subjects that (believe it or not) I enjoy discussing and collaborating with others on. I'm also excited about the possibility of finding ways to support Anthony and the other ministry staff through this role as they each give so much to our congregation.



TERESA VINING - CHURCH COUNCIL

I've been attending Lifepoint for about 58 years. I've have served in almost all capacities over those years. Cooking, cleaning, childrens church, teaching Sunday school, Nursery etc. My husband Lynn, of 34 years, went to be with the Lord in 2021. I have two adult children Isaac and Hannah, both of Indianapolis. I accepted Christ at 14 and have imperfectly gotten to know him and allowed Him to be my friend and savior until today. I am currently working at Parkside Elementary School.

I deeply love God and this church. I have served on Council for the last three years and I am renewing a call to serve a second term. I'm excited to see where God will be leading us in the next few years. I believe strongly in our mission statement.

NOMINEE BIO'S



ELIZABETH MANLY - MISSIONS COMMITTEE

I'm married to my husband, Tyler, and we have two wonderful boys—Jacob (8) and Caleb (4). We've been part of LifePoint for the past 10 months and have truly loved being here. One of our favorite ways to get involved is by serving at the Friendship Dinner, which has been such a meaningful experience for our family.

Serving has always been close to my heart. I'm passionate about being the hands and feet of Jesus, and that passion has only deepened since becoming a parent. While it can be challenging to find meaningful ways for kids to serve, I believe it's vital to include them. Service not only blesses those we're reaching but also transforms us in the process. Over time, I've come to see that there are countless missional opportunities right here in our own community, and I especially feel called to serve those who are often overlooked or marginalized.



EMILY GEPHART - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

James and I have been married for 21 years. We are raising our four kids together in the church; the past 2.5 years have been at LifePoint. I have helped in the nursery and the church food pantry. Our family works together to get to know new friends through meal ministry on Sundays.

I enjoy getting to know people, listening to their stories, and introducing and connecting them to others. Hopefully I can use that to help further LifePoint by helping to encourage people to fulfill needed roles in our church.

2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

LifePoint Church											
2026 Proposed Budget Compared with 3 Previous Years Actual and This Year's Projected and Budget											
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	Actual 2022	% of Income	Actual 2023	% of Income	Actual 2024	% of Income	projected 2025	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	% of 2026 Budget Income	
INCOME											
Offerings	376,161.55	1.00	361,801.19	0.97	361,467.45	0.96	355,778.50	373,332.00	373,467.00	0.97	
Other Contributions/Memorials	440.00	0.00	5,245.00	0.01	555.00	0.00	285.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Revenues (Interest)	417.97	0.00	6,115.08	0.02	10,032.37	0.03	8,629.00	3,500.00	7,500.00	0.02	
Facility Use Income					4,400.00		4,800.00	4,800.00	5,240.00	0.01	
Total Support and Revenue	377,019.52	1.00	373,161.27	1.00	376,454.82	1.00	369,492.50	381,632.00	386,207.00	1.00	
EXPENSES											
Fixed Expenses											
GIVE - Church Giving	25,147.98	0.07	24,414.14	0.07	24,617.74	0.07	23,105.00	25,700.00	19,000.00	0.05	
Salaries / Benefits	206,766.86	0.55	200,281.20	0.54	214,387.96	0.57	216,322.00	227,568.00	230,531.00	0.60	
Buildings and Grounds	62,526.55	0.17	69,511.95	0.19	105,067.33	0.28	72,067.50	70,514.00	81,126.00	0.21	
Office Expense	20,591.40	0.05	20,400.81	0.05	18,578.01	0.05	19,651.00	19,900.00	21,000.00	0.05	
Total Fixed Expenses	315,032.79	0.84	314,608.10	0.84	362,651.04	0.96	331,145.50	343,682.00	351,657.00	0.91	
Ministry Expenses											
Senior Pastor Discretionary	4,067.30	0.01	4,848.96	0.01	3,676.28	0.01	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,300.00	0.02	
Youth Ministry	5,464.48	0.01	6,615.52	0.02	8,089.89	0.02	7,700.00	7,700.00	7,200.00	0.02	
KidsPoint	2,078.15	0.01	2,036.05	0.01	2,720.71	0.01	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.01	
Family Ministry	3,696.85	0.01	1,818.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
GO - Evangelism/Outreach	3,787.63	0.01	8,226.36	0.02	8,526.81	0.02	8,803.00	8,800.00	7,150.00	0.02	
Worship	4,404.55	0.01	3,974.66	0.01	4,267.70	0.01	6,994.00	5,600.00	5,700.00	0.01	
GROW - Discipleship	1,845.12	0.00	2,283.34	0.01	1,323.16	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.01	
GATHER - Fellowship	1,159.42	0.00	3,568.03	0.01	2,541.31	0.01	3,500.00	4,300.00	2,950.00	0.01	
GIVE - Ministry/Caring	1,572.02	0.00	485.81	0.00	231.02	0.00	400.00	600.00	500.00	0.00	
Total Ministry Expenses	28,075.52	0.07	33,857.65	0.09	31,376.88	0.08	38,347.00	37,950.00	34,550.00	0.09	
Total Expenses	343,108.31	0.91	348,465.75	0.93	394,027.92	1.05	369,492.50	381,632.00	386,207.00	1.00	
NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	33,911.21		24,695.52		(17,573.10)		0.00	0.00	0.00		