

# 2024

## Semi-Annual

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## Report



FELLOWSHIP  
BIBLE CHURCH



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# Together we are **FELLOWSHIP**

## Vision

**Fellowship Bible Church is a people that belong to God and to each other to advance Christ's glory in the world.**

## Mission

### **CENTERED on God**

Matthew 6:33 - "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

### **SHAPED in Community**

1 Peter 4:8-11 (shortened) - "Above all, love each other deeply... offer hospitality... use gifts to faithfully serve others... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

### **SENT on Mission**

Matthew 28:19-20 - "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

# Previous Meeting Minutes



## Feb 2024

### **Meeting Opening**

Chad opening meeting by reading through the Mission & Vision of the church along with prayer. Jill interrupted to announce it was Chad's birthday. A rousing rendition of Happy Birthday was performed by all in attendance.  
Motion to accept the minutes made by Jim Smith  
Motion seconded by Josh Foerster  
Minutes accepted as written

### **Pastor's Report–Pastor Johnny**

Written report provided. He said that this church merge has been a journey, and it usually takes about months for a church to successfully come together. He thinks we are a little ahead of that curve and are in the thick of it now.

### **Membership Update**

Chad read report to attendees.  
Jim Smith asked how many active members we have currently have and if we have a quorum for the meeting. Chad said 81 is our current roster and we do not have any matters to be voted on, so no quorum is needed.

### **Youth Ministry report–Pastor Johnny**

Written report provided. He thanked the Teefey's and said that without them there would not be a youth program at FBC. He spoke about some of the events happening even in the early part of 2024. We are still actively pursuing another staff member, and asked for prayer on that

Beth asked if we could replicate the Real Love event for the adults at the church.

Chad thanked Molly for her awesome report. And the Hospitality team for those who prepared the lunch.

### **Children's Ministry–Jessie**

Written report provided. VBS is going to start being planned this week, so please be in prayer about it. They will be working on dates during the planning meeting.

### **Hospitality Team–Jill**

Written report provided. They always need help with the meal, setting up, cleaning up, so anyone who is interested can reach out to her.



# Previous Meeting Minutes



## Feb 2024

### **Men's Ministry–John Cook**

Written report provided. About 10 men are meeting together regularly. The group is really feeling the loss of Gary Gulick, so please be in prayer for them as they move forward with the group and doing life together, especially when it gets hard.

### **Outreach Team–Mark Feeney**

Written report provided. Not a lot to share. Andy Mead held an evangelism training and Mark encouraged everyone to take part in that. Andy said that he does it 3-4 times a year. For 2024 a scavenger hunt is on the radar when the weather breaks.

Mission Team–Gail Bachtal is not present. Pastory Johnny spoke.

Gail has done a fantastic job in getting everything for the Mission Team in order. She has connected with the missionaries on a real personal level so that they are not just a check that gets written on a regular basis. She has brought it to the forefront so that it isn't something that is done in the dark, but something that is an active part of our church. So that they become an active part of the church family. He explained the mission finance process a little bit. Our Elder board has really made it a priority to make sure that the mission team is funded well, despite the fluctuations in budgeting and resources. As for mission trips, we are going to try to do a trip every other year. This year we will focus locally and will be all in with the VBS being held here.

### **Prayer Team–Carol**

A prayer team is a necessary part of the church. She has really been praying about people joining her team and praying for our church family and community. Last summer there were prayer walks, and sometimes it was just Carol, Jan, and Jojo. In November there was a praise and worship night, the first one that we have held. They are really looking for our family to step up, help with making visits as families experience loss and hard times, or even just to get a message to pray for someone. So please reach out to her. The team will be praying at 4:30 pm on Fridays, so set an alarm and begin praying for your church family simultaneously.

### **Property Team–Chad**

Written report provided. Thanks to Gary and Tina Gulick for all of the time that they invested in the property last year. We are always in need of more help.

### **Worship Team–Gavin**

Written report provided. Not much to update, but Jalyse joined the team this year. Just because you are young, doesn't mean that you can join the team. We added a subwoofer to the sound mix, so a big thanks to Tom & JR for getting that added that successfully. We look forward to having more worship nights moving forward and meeting together beyond Sunday mornings.

# Previous Meeting Minutes



## Feb 2024

Women's Ministry-Jenny

Written report provided. We are looking forward to some exciting events in 2024.

Finances-Molly

Mike Bullock asked who the Treasurer was, Chad indicated that it was Molly.

Janice asked what the big expenses for the year will be. Chad indicated a new lawn mower, a new parking lot for the parsonage, and we will be needing to have the parking lot resealed.

John Feeney asked what was happening with the associate pastor. Johnny extrapolated on that saying that it would be hospital visitations, weddings, funerals, covering Sundays when Johnny is off, the student ministry. We can use agencies to assist us, but we would rather save what could be upwards of \$2k. Instead we have sent our info to Converge, and they will disseminate. But we have discovered that nationally this is a very difficult position to fill. It is more financially beneficial, and frankly easier on the mental health, for those who may be called to take secular jobs. We may need to look into the possibility of an internship.

We are also looking for someone to take a paid position for the cleaning team, because it is just becoming too much for the volunteer team to handle. See Venice, Johnny, the Elders, or Molly and we can connect you and get more info.

Last announcement is for Family Camp that is Aug 14-20 for 2024. Questions were taken about that, but details will be forthcoming.

Motion to accept financials made by Jim Smith

Motion seconded by Jenny Osborne

Motion passed.

Dennis Osborne asked for prayer for his daughter's best friend's husband who attempted suicide. This is his third suicide attempt by overdose, but he cannot get past the thought that his wife is cheating on him, but she is not.

Meeting closed in prayer by Dennis Osborne.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Molly Helms

# Pastor's Report

No written report provided.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

PASTOR JOHNNY, BOB & PEGGY TEEFEY

No written report provided.



# Ministry Reports



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TEAM LEADER: JESSIE TONEGATTO

### Kid ministry (pre-k - 5th Grade)

Kid Ministry has quieted down with the summer months and families going on vacation. We continue to use the Konnect curriculum with the elementary students and have service for them most Sundays.

Awana wrapped up in May and will be picking back up in September. Stay tuned for a specific date!

At the writing of this report we are doing a ton of prep work for upcoming VBS. I want to thank everyone for stepping up to support this event and our kids!

We have been struggling with scheduling teachers for Sunday Kids and the Nursery so we have switched to a site where teachers pick the dates they want to serve. We are always in need of more teachers, so if you are willing and able then please reach out to Jessie!



## MEN'S MINISTRY

TEAM LEADER: JOHN COOK

No written report provided.



## OUTREACH TEAM

TEAM LEADER: MARK FEENEY

No written report provided.

# Ministry Reports



## HOSPITALITY TEAM

TEAM LEADER: JILL FOERSTER

Happy Sunday to You!

Our Team has had a very busy beginning to 2024.

It has been a very sad start to the year with many beloved members getting their heavenly promotion. We remember.

Our year began with Michelle Romero (Lindle Lusiner's daughter)'s funeral, Lindle on Saturday, January 27th. Her favorite color was orange so we used that in all our decorations. We had fried chicken, cheesy potatoes, salad, rolls & desserts.

Gary Gulick had his funeral and luncheon Thursday, February 8th, the MSU fan that he was had us decorate in green & white. He loved mini M&M's so those were also served on the tables. We had fried chicken, lasagna, cheesy potatoes, salad, rolls, and desserts.

Our Business meeting happened on Sunday, February 18th - Chad's Birthday! We tried something new for our business meeting by having snacks instead of our normal meal. There was queso & chips, veggies & dip, meatballs and the like were served.

We had a Celebration of Life in honor of Carol Schoenfeldt on Thursday, March 28th. She loved purple & teal so those colors were used and her daughter crocheted beautiful centerpieces & favorite scriptures were also on each table. She loved chocolate pie so we had several but, Tom provided her actual favorite. We had fried chicken, cheesy potatoes, salad, green beans, rolls & desserts.

We put together a last minute Easter breakfast on Sunday, March 31st of fruit, pastries, muffins, juices, and coffee.

Gail Shier's funeral service was held Saturday April 6th. She absolutely loved flowers, so we had springy tulips on all of the tables. The family used the Commons & catered in delicious Lebanese food. We set up, served, & cleaned up to serve the family.

Since April we have been enjoying a bit of a lull in activities. So much to look back on though, so many beloved people who have changed us for the better. Our Fellowship Family was so much the better with them in it! We mourn their loss but, look forward to the day when we will be re-united again. Serving each of these families was such a privilege! Please continue to keep each of these families in your prayers.

A Very Special thanks to my team, without each of you and your help & extra time and input none of these events would have happened. Its such a joy to serve with each one of you! I cannot thank you enough!



# Ministry Reports



## **PRAYER TEAM**

TEAM LEADER: CAROL SUAREZ

No written report provided



## **RADIANT WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

TEAM LEADS: JANICE BEST, SHEEBA COOK, JENNIFER OSBORNE, CAROL SUAREZ

No written report provided



## **WORSHIP TEAM**

TEAM LEADER: GAVIN AUSTRIA

No written report provided

# Ministry Reports



## MISSION TEAM

TEAM LEADER: GAIL BACHTAL

### Converge, Prayer First weekend: Joint effort of Mission & Prayer Teams

- May 4 (9am-Noon) Bryan Moak (of Converge Mid America) was our speaker/facilitator. Workshops were: 1) Becoming A House of Prayer 2) Jumpstart Your Prayer Life 3) Prayer Evangelism. Bryan Moak of converge was our speaker. We were joined by 5 members from First Bapt. Church of Oak Park, 1 from Faith Comm. Wesleyan, total adult attendees was 23. Four of our youth leaders did a wonderful job of childcare (had 7 children). Total attendance with children was 34.
- May 5 (6-7:30 pm) Concert of Prayer: Thankful for Bryan Moak, Pastor Johnny & Gavin Austria for designing a meaningful time of worship & prayer.

### Mission Emphasis

- Feb 25 “Transitions focus” Videos from Jenny Demafelis & Sarah Troyer. David Maynard main speaker (\$250). We also had a special Well-Done & Transition Luncheon afterwards for the Maynard family.
- May 19 “ Inner City focus” Bill Kelly (\$250 spkr) of New Life Rescue Mission & Jeanine Jamerson (\$250 spkr) from Cru Inner City Detroit, & we shared communion & came together in prayer huddles to pray for these missionaries & their ministries.

### New Life Rescue

- 2/29 John Cook, Andy, Ruth & Anthony Mead, Jenny Osborne, Dave Tonegatto, Bob Wright, & Gail Bachtal. Andy gave message. Dinner was meatballs, kielbasa, pasta w/peas, salad, rolls & cake
- 5/30 Bob & Madeleine Wright, Reuben Gitonga David & Josh Tonegatto, Jenny Osborne & Gail Bachtal. Reuben shared a message from the Word with the men. Dinner was beef burritos, Mexican rice, refried beans, chips, salsa & fruit pies.
- Bob Wright has been in the mix of seeking to rectify the sewerage issue at the mission. Fellowship also contributed \$500 to help with the cost. Juliann K. set up a go fund me page to help with the financial needs for sewerage issue.

### Sarah Troyer Wedding Gift from Fellowship

- We purchased the roof top carrier from their registry for their wedding gift.

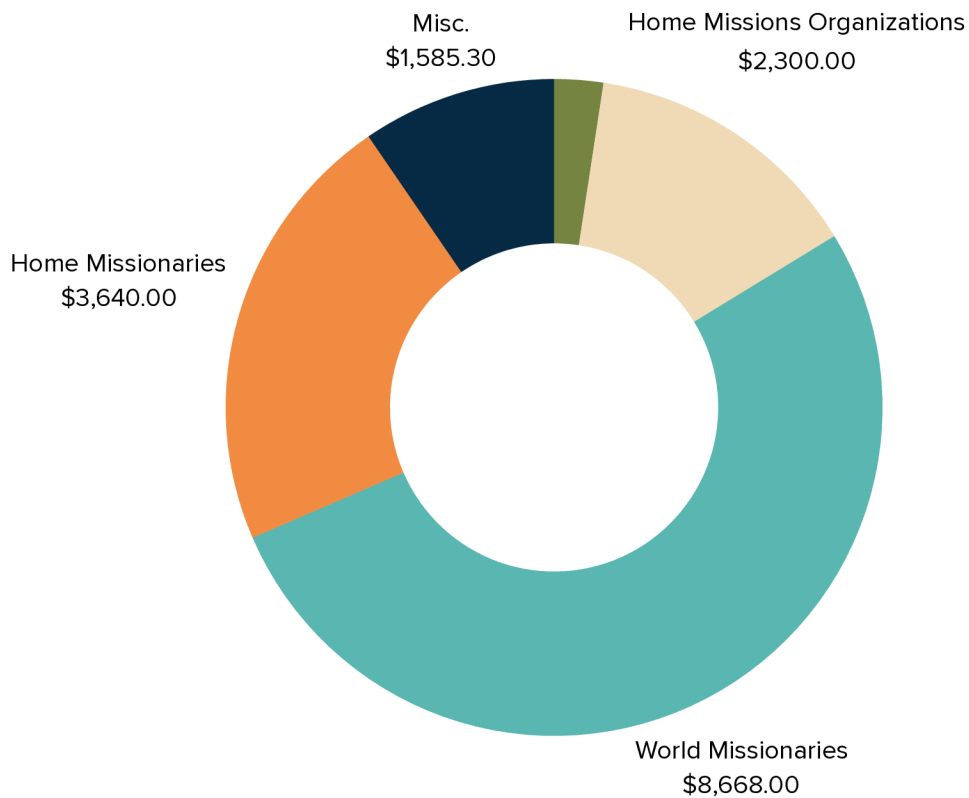
### Notations:

- Brother's family resigned from their service with Converge in Poland
- Maynard's Retired from Ethnos360 from their service in the Philippines
- Sarah Troyer moved from full time missionary service to half-time effective June 6th .



# Mission Team Finances

	1st Quarter Jan-Mar	2nd Quarter Apr-Jun
Beginning Balance	<b>\$23,450.31</b>	<b>\$25,914.91</b>
Deposits	\$10,350	\$10,350
Disbursements	\$7,885.40	\$8,307.90
<b>Total Mission Account Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$25,914.91</b>	<b>\$27,957.01</b>



# Ministry Reports



## PROPERTY TEAM

TEAM LEADER: CHAD FOERSTER

### Projects

- The church parking lot was sealed and some of the crack filler was added again for some of the bad spots.
- The sign was replaced, but has shown signs of bubbling. I have been in contact with the sign company and they are making us new ones.
- A new mower was purchased and seems to be working out great.
- Tina coordinated the removal of a lot of dead trees around the property. Dead trees can be a safety concern to all of us and to our property. Thank you Tina for heading that up!

### Items that still need to be addressed are:

- A new roof on the parsonage.
- The parsonage driveway needs to be replaced.
- Trim and transitions need to be installed (some purchased, some not).
- An old refrigerator in the church basement needs to be disassembled & disposed of.
- The boiler will be getting some work in the near future to ensure we are ready for the fall. (The boiler will need to be replaced in the next couple of years.)
- We are still having problems with the electrical in the basement. Bob Wright has someone that is looking into it.
- A few other things need to be completed here and there.

The position of Buildings and Grounds Deacon will need to be filled (this will require a vote). Please come talk to me if you may be interested in the deacon or a team member position.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who give of their time and energy each week to keep our building clean and grass mowed! There are a lot of people that do things that may or may not be their job, without anyone telling them, or even anyone knowing or recognizing it.



# Finances

## Balance Sheet

### as of June 30, 2023

#### Assets

Current Assets-Bank Accounts	
Chase Bank General Checking	191,863.39
Chase Bank Savings	15,736.91
Benevolent Account	\$12,841.92
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$220,442.22</b>

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#### Total Assets

**\$196,281.56**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Equity

General Fund	166,210.26
Maintenance Sinking Fund	10,000.00
Youth Designated Fund	1,128.10
Mission Trip Fund	1,339.95
Building Usage Fund	1,001.96
Memorial Fund	7,647.46
Event & Merchandise Fund	175.00
Parsonage Improvement Fund	2,550.00
Church Projects fund	17,997.73
Camp Scholarship Fund	14,241.70
Benevolent Fund	12,841.92
Adoption Fund	679.84

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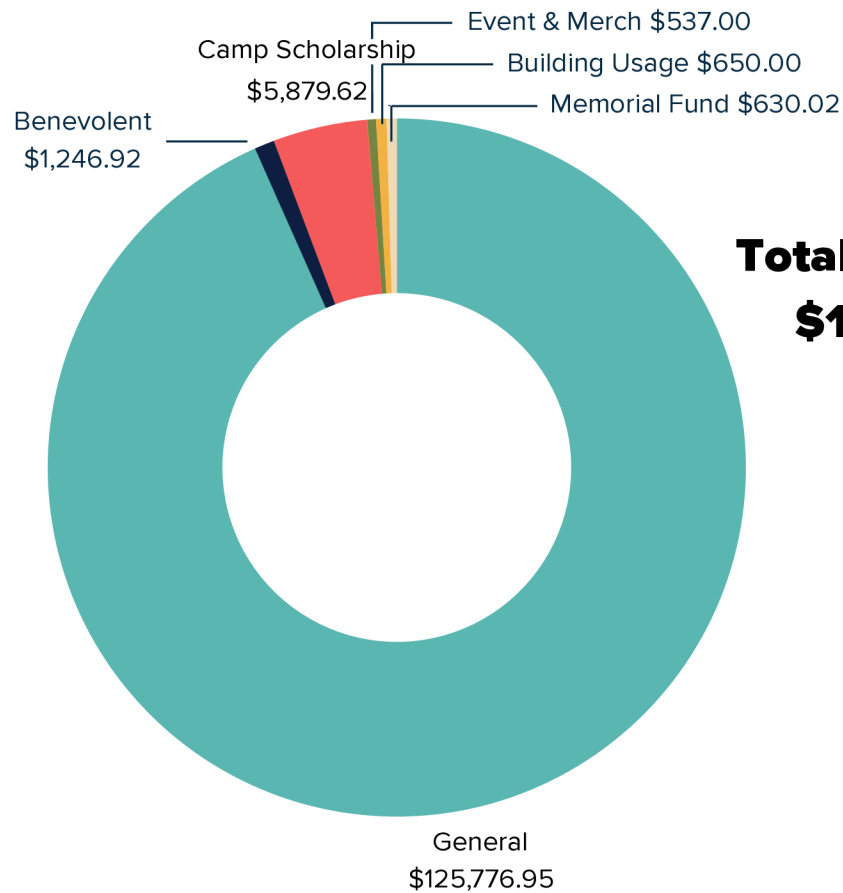
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$220,442.22</b>
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#### Total Liabilities & Equity

**\$220,442.22**

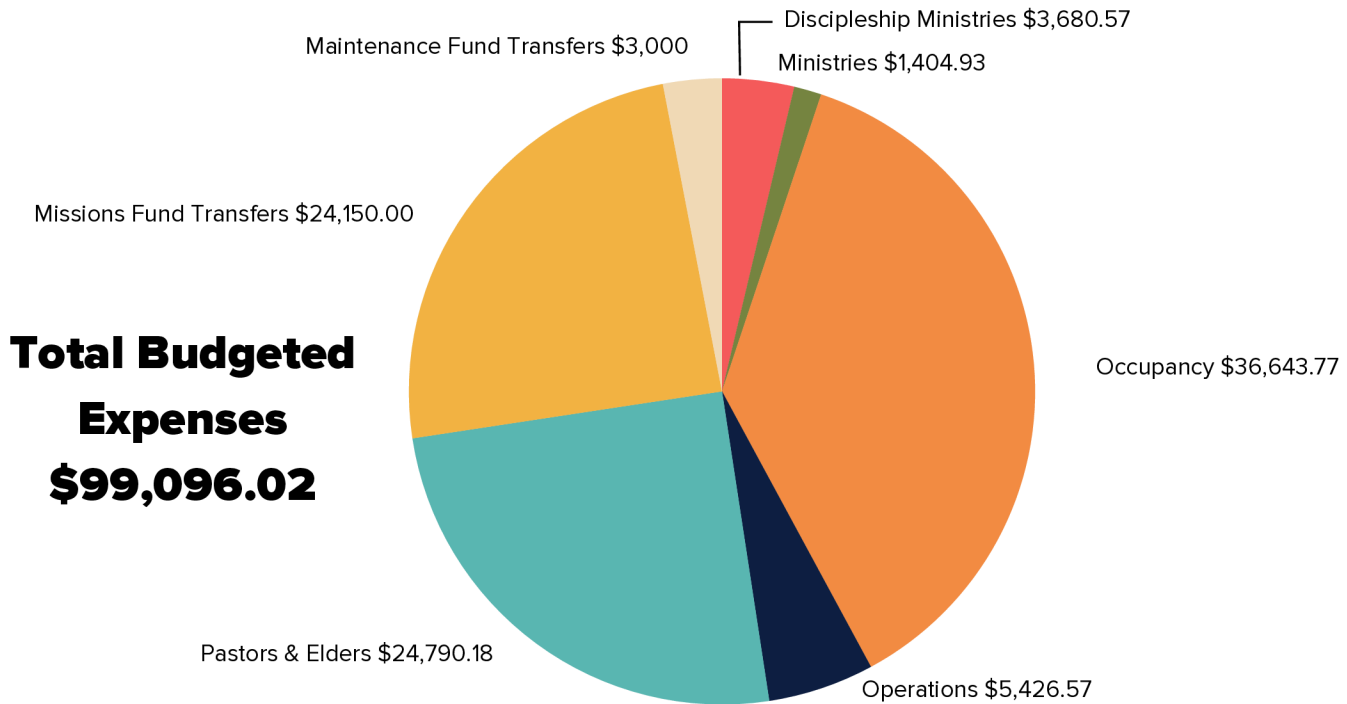
# 2023 income by fund



**Total Income YTD**  
**\$134,740.51**

There was an additional \$20.00 received to the Mission Trip fund that was not represented clearly above due to its percentage of income.

# Expenses



## **Total Non-Budgeted Expenses 2024 \$7,369.31**

Non Budgeted Expenses \$1,450.00 // Benevolent Expenses \$3,920.00  
Funeral & Memorial Service Expenses \$1,999.31

## **A note from the Treasurer...**

Please remember that we were blessed to be able to pay off our mortgage on The Commons this year. We did that in January, and it has been applied against the mortgage payments for the entire year.

**Overall, we took in \$28,075.18 more  
than we spent in the first half of 2024**

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