

ONE LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

# ANNUAL REPORT



## 2025 AT A GLANCE

**30 BAPTISMS**

**10 CHILD DEDICATIONS**

**42 NEW MEMBERS**

**21.4% ATTENDANCE GROWTH**

**101 CONNECT CARDS FILLED**

**13.23% GIVING INCREASE**

## **2025 EXPANSION**

- NEW WATER COOLERS IN CLASSROOMS
- NEW SHED FOR STORAGE (BEHIND FELLOWSHIP HALL)
- REPLACEMENT OF ROOM LIGHTS IN SANCTUARY
- NETWORK REPAIRS
- NEW EQUIPMENT FOR CREATIVE TEAM
- NEW SECURITY CAMERAS INSTALLED (INTERIOR)
- ANNEX UPDATED
- PASTORAL OFFICE UPDATED
- YOUTH LOFT UPDATED (NEW COUCHES AND COVERS)

# MINISTRY UPDATES



## PRAYER FRANCES SMITH, DIRECTOR

2025 marked the successful launch of One Life's Prayer Team, establishing a vital ministry of spiritual care and support. Beginning in April, a committed team of ten faithfully served by praying with individuals after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services and remaining available throughout services as needs arose. Their consistent presence reinforced a culture of prayer, laying a strong foundation for long-term ministry impact despite the natural challenges of shared volunteer responsibilities.

**Looking ahead to 2026, the focus is on strengthening structure, sustainability, and team care.** Priorities include establishing pre-service prayer rhythms, introducing bi-monthly team gatherings, forming prayer partnerships, and growing the team to support a healthier rotation. These steps will deepen spiritual unity, reduce volunteer overlap, and position the Prayer Team for greater consistency and effectiveness in the year ahead.



## LIFEGROUPS PASTOR HAPPY THAMPIKUTTY

By God's grace, I joined the pastoral team at One Life in September, and the fall of 2025 marked the launch of our LifeGroup ministry. Over a focused 3½-month season, twelve members (six couples) were equipped to lead Christ-centered community in their homes through training in hospitality, teaching, prayer, and everyday pastoral care. As a result of this investment, three LifeGroups have been established and will begin meeting bi-weekly in January 2026 in Hempstead, Island Park, and Baldwin.

LifeGroups are small, close-knit communities that meet regularly to build authentic relationships, grow in faith, and walk through life together, following the New Testament model (Acts 2:46–47). Centered on the Gospel—the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus—these groups are not defined by shared interests, nor are they simply classes or Bible studies. Instead, they are spaces for real community and spiritual formation, where discipleship unfolds through Scripture, prayer, fellowship, and mission.

**In 2026, our focus will be to invest deeply in existing LifeGroup leaders through ongoing support and training, while also identifying and equipping new leaders with the goal of launching three to four additional groups to meet the growing needs of our church community.**



## DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR JUSTIN VARGHESE

**2025: A year of profound spiritual impact and significant ministry returns.** More than 120 individuals engaged in discipleship pathways, reflecting a growing hunger for intentional formation across our church. Core environments, such as Rooted and Alpha, continued to bear fruit, guiding people into deeper faith, meaningful community, and leadership development, with several participants stepping forward to lead future cohorts. The launch of The Practicing Way and the introduction of Rule of Life courses marked a significant expansion of our discipleship framework, helping participants establish sustainable spiritual rhythms and reshaping our culture around apprenticeship to Jesus. Across every initiative, 2025 demonstrated healthy multiplication, emerging leaders, and a clear alignment around deep, life-giving discipleship.

**Looking ahead to 2026, our focus is on scaling depth, clarity, and care.** We will expand the School of Discipleship through continued offerings of Rooted, Alpha, and The Practicing Way, while introducing new Rule of Life courses and launching discipleship profiles to clearly guide next steps for every participant. Care ministries will broaden with new divorce, grief, and recovery courses, addressing real-life needs while developing additional leaders. Alongside these efforts, we will begin laying the groundwork for future theology and Spirit-formed living initiatives, positioning the church for sustained spiritual growth and long-term impact well beyond 2026.

## HOSPITALITY ANGIE SANTI, DIRECTOR

**2025: A year of steady growth, improved systems, and reliable service for the Hospitality Team.** Under the leadership of Director Angie Santi and Assistant Director Leila Fatscher, the team strengthened usher training and teamwork, resulting in smoother seating and a more welcoming Sunday experience. Despite volunteer transitions into other ministries, new team members stepped in, and additional training ensured confidence and consistency—supported by the faithful involvement of the Iron Men team during high-demand weekends.

**Looking ahead to 2026, the Hospitality Ministry will focus on strengthening its foundation and developing future leaders.** Priorities include continued training, intentional leadership development, and embedding regular prayer into the rhythm of the team. These efforts will further enhance excellence, sustainability, and spiritual unity as the ministry continues to serve the church with warmth and care.

## ONE LIFE KIDS DENISE ERRITY, DIRECTOR

**2025: A year of growth and blessing in our Children's Ministry.** By God's grace, we expanded our volunteer base, strengthening classrooms and increasing care for every child. Highlights included a collaborative 5-day Vacation Bible School with Calvary Church, a powerful children-led Christmas nativity presentation, and the distribution of a Bible to every Sunday school child—made possible through generous giving. Strategic facility updates to the Pre-K and Special Needs rooms created safer, more welcoming environments, ensuring every child could engage with the Gospel in age-appropriate and supportive spaces. Together, these efforts advanced our mission of leading the next generation toward Jesus.

**Looking ahead to 2026, our vision is to deepen family partnership and build lifelong discipleship habits in children.** Priorities include expanding family-focused programming such as quarterly Parents' Nights Out, continuing VBS, and celebrating children through an end-of-school-year event. We will reinforce Bible engagement by encouraging every child to regularly bring and use their own Bible, strengthen volunteer communication and training, and transition take-home resources to digital formats for greater efficiency and connection. These initiatives position the Children's Ministry for sustainable growth, increased family engagement, and lasting spiritual impact in the years ahead.

We can't wait to see all that God has in store in 2026!  
To God be the glory—great things He has done, and greater things still to come!

## WORSHIP/TECH DAVID VENTURA, DIRECTOR

**2025: A year of growth through refinement and resilience for the Worship and Tech teams.** The teams navigated new systems, expanded responsibilities, and the demands of weekly service, resulting in greater unity and commitment. Key investments included onboarding and training new team members through the Infuse program, implementing multi-tracks to elevate musical quality and confidence, creating new support roles for worship planning, and advancing technical upgrades that improved consistency and engagement across in-room and online worship experiences.

**Looking ahead to 2026, the vision is to grow in depth rather than size, developing spiritually grounded, well-equipped teams.** Priorities include continued investment in workshops focused on worship, music, and technology, along with team-building experiences and dedicated nights of worship. The goal is to cultivate teams who understand both the purpose and practice of their service, creating distraction-free environments that invite the entire church to fully engage in worship.

## **VITAL YOUTH LINDA MONTERROSO, ASST. DIRECTOR**

**2025: A year of steady growth and deepening spiritual engagement within Vital Youth.** We welcomed new, committed volunteers and saw a clear increase in students' desire to grow closer to God. Through twice-monthly Friday gatherings, small breakout groups, one-on-one mentorship—particularly with teen girls—and the successful launch of a new Sunday School curriculum, the ministry strengthened relationships and created consistent, formative spaces for faith and community.

**Looking ahead to 2026, our focus is on expanding reach, mentorship, and family partnership.** Priorities include growing one-on-one mentorship for teen boys, increasing parent involvement through a rotating volunteer model, and engaging more high school students in serving roles. We also plan to host additional off-site and special events for both girls and boys, continuing to build strong community, deepen faith, and foster long-term youth engagement.

## **YOUNG ADULTS PASTOR MARLON GARCIA**

**2025: A fruitful and spiritually enriching season for our Young Adult Ministry.** The year was defined by strengthened leadership, consistent engagement, and a deepening sense of community. We expanded our leadership team with four new Bible study leaders, increasing our capacity for discipleship, mentorship, and pastoral care. Biweekly Bible studies remained the backbone of the ministry, drawing 15–20 young adults per gathering and guiding them through five books of Scripture. Fellowship events and the annual Summer Retreat further reinforced relational connection, welcomed those new to faith and to One Life, and celebrated key life transitions as members were sent into new seasons with prayer and support.

**Looking ahead to 2026, our vision is to build on this strong foundation by multiplying leaders and deepening discipleship.** The focus will be on expanding the Bible study leadership team, increasing one-on-one discipleship opportunities, and equipping volunteers to take greater ownership of the ministry. These strategic priorities position the Young Adult Ministry for sustainable growth, deeper spiritual formation, and long-term impact as young adults are formed, sent, and empowered to live out their faith with confidence and purpose.

## **MARRIAGE DIORCA BADARACO & ALEESHA WELLINGTON**

**2025: A year of meaningful growth and strong relational impact for the Marriage Ministry.** The ministry successfully created intentional space for couples to connect, invest in their relationships, and build community amid busy schedules. Through five gatherings serving more than 30 couples, along with individual pastoral engagement and two premarital counseling courses, marriages across One Life were strengthened, supported, and spiritually encouraged—demonstrating a clear return on ministry investment.

**Looking ahead to 2026, the Marriage Ministry will build on this momentum with expanded opportunities for connection and care.** The focus will remain on hosting engaging events that foster healthy, Christ-centered marriages while introducing deeper support through conversations on sensitive topics led by qualified professionals. These efforts will further equip couples to remain connected, resilient, and rooted in community for years to come.

## **SOUL SISTERS GINELLE BAUGH, DIRECTOR**

**2025: A year of deep spiritual engagement and authentic community for Soul Sisters, centered on the theme “Prayer and Testimony.”** Women experienced meaningful growth through vulnerable sharing in Tuesday night Zoom Bible studies, in-person connection at Soul Sisters’ Café, daily encouragement through WhatsApp, and intentional prayer and fellowship. Leadership emerged organically as multiple women guided discussions and devotionals, fostering deeper relational trust. Signature gatherings—including the Sunset Hangout, Pool Party, Senior Ladies, Gardens of Grace, and the Singles “Kept by God” fellowship—created sacred spaces for connection, reflection, and spiritual renewal, culminating in a year-end soiree focused on confession, gratitude, and setting spiritual intentions.

**Looking ahead to 2026, the Soul Sisters vision will move into the theme “FLOW,” inspired by John 7:38 – “The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.”** This focus will invite women to live in rhythm with God—rooted in truth, surrendered to His timing, and open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Through continued gatherings, discipleship, and shared spiritual practices, FLOW will encourage confident obedience, deeper trust, and a renewed sense of peace as women remain connected to Christ, the true source of living water.

## SECURITY ELDER ROBERT NELSON

**2025: A year of stability, growth, and faithfulness for the Security Team.** Under the leadership of Elder Robert Nelson, the team expanded from seven to eleven members, strengthening our ability to serve as the vigilant “eyes of the church.” The team faithfully fulfilled its mission to deter, de-escalate, and resolve any issue that may arise while ensuring the safety of the congregation, children, and facilities. By God’s grace, the year concluded with no security incidents to report. We also celebrated the appointment of Ian Wellington as Co-Leader and are grateful for the continued support of our IronMen and others during large-scale events such as the Harvest Festival and Church at the Park.

**Looking ahead to 2026, we are focused on continued growth and operational unity.** Priorities include increasing team membership, strengthening cohesion, and enhancing coordination to serve even more effectively. With a solid foundation in place and a shared commitment to excellence and service, the team looks forward to another year of faithfully safeguarding the church and supporting all ministries as they move forward together.

## MARKETING/ CREATIVE RUBEN MOYA, DIRECTOR

**2025 was a year of measurable growth and expanded impact for the Creative Team.** The ministry surpassed 1,000 social media followers and added more than 500 new followers, with engagement increasing across all platforms. The media team grew from 10 to 15 members, enabling greater consistency and improved content quality. Key accomplishments included the launch of the One Life merchandise store and the successful relaunch of the One Life podcast, strengthening both brand presence and communication reach.

**Looking ahead to 2026, the focus is on building momentum and deepening ministry alignment.** Priorities include completing previously identified initiatives, producing testimonial and evangelism videos, and developing original discipleship content to support the School of Discipleship. With continued volunteer support and creative collaboration, the Marketing Team is well-positioned for another year of creativity, growth, and impact.

## IRONMEN PETER SMITH, SERGIO ARGUETA & HAYDEN ALEXIS

**2025 was a year of growing impact and spiritual depth for the IronMen Ministry.** Attendance increased to an average of 20 men per gathering, relationships within the brotherhood strengthened, and engagement extended beyond regular church attendance. In a year marked by personal challenges for many, the ministry provided consistent support through authentic connection, prayer, and Christ-centered teaching rooted in the “4 P’s”—Person, Process, Purpose, and Practice. A key milestone was the launch of the first IronMen prayer and worship night, drawing more than 40 men and affirming the ministry’s expanding reach and influence.

**Looking ahead to 2026, the IronMen Ministry is positioned for continued growth and greater community impact.** Goals include increasing weekly participation to 20–30 men, deepening fellowship through intentional connection and service, and establishing the prayer and worship night as a quarterly gathering. With a renewed focus on meaningful events and community engagement, the ministry remains committed to developing strong, Christ-centered men and advancing its mission with purpose and expectation.

## CONNECTIONS AKEIL DAVIS, DIRECTOR

**2025 was a year of operational improvement and increased engagement for the Connections Ministry.** The team successfully centralized Connect Card data into a single Monday.com database, providing clear visibility into the new membership pipeline and improving follow-up effectiveness. The ministry also expanded to four team members with the addition of Danielle March. Engagement-focused events such as Cakes & Confessions and Molded drove more consistent attendee involvement, demonstrating a positive return on both systems investment and relational outreach.

**Looking ahead to 2026, the focus is on scaling systems to support growth and leadership oversight.** Priorities include implementing an integrated communication platform for calls, texts, and emails—with call recording capabilities for leadership visibility—and rolling out Planning Center People to track class participation and event engagement. These enhancements will create a fully streamlined, data-informed pathway for welcoming, connecting, and discipling new members.

## 2025 FINANCIALS

**INCOME: \$405.3K** ] +\$83,680.17  
**EXPENSES: \$321.6K** ]

**BUDGET: \$316,400** ] \$-5,266.15  
**ACTUAL: \$321,666.15** ] over budget

**CASH ASSETS: \$190.7K** as of 12/31/25

NEW **EDWARD JONES: \$40,678.99** as of 12/31/25

**R.E. ASSETS:**

**CHURCH BUILDING + PARSONAGE**

## 2025 INCOME

**GENERAL GIVING: \$393,782.33**

**COMPANY MATCHED GIVING: \$10,000**

**BUILDING RENTAL: \$1,350**



**EDWARD JONES: \$213.99**

## 2025 EXPENSES

**FACILITIES: \$59,151.33**

INCLUDING UTILITIES AND INSURANCE

**OPERATIONS: \$56,390.67**

**MINISTRIES: \$60,781.77**

**OUTREACH (MISSIONS): \$41,559.23**

INCLUDING EMERGENCY HELP FUND (\$17,233.74)

**ONLINE GIVING FEES: \$3,465.91**

**PERSONNEL: \$85,254.21**

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## 2025 GOALS

- **INCREASED PERSONAL GIVING** 
- REACH 200,000 CASH ASSET // \$425,000 INCOME GOAL 
- **START MARRIAGE MINISTRY** 
- **MORE DISCIPLESHIP ENGAGEMENT** 
- **INCREASE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** 
- **INCREASE IN VISITOR RETENTION** 
- **START NON-PROFIT FRAMEWORK** 
- **MORE MEN'S MINISTRY ENGAGEMENT** 
- **SPANISH LANGUAGE MINISTRY GROWTH** 
- **FIND A NEW LOCATION FOR SUNDAY GATHERINGS** 

## 2026 BUDGET

**2025 BUDGET: \$316,400**

**PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET: \$349,450.00**

**CHANGE: +\$33,050**

**WEEKLY NEED: \$6,720.19**

**CHANGE IN WEEKLY NEED: + \$1,047.11**

**WEEKLY INCOME 2025 (AVG): \$7,794.45**

### **AREAS OF BUDGET INCREASE:**

- MINISTRIES (MORE PEOPLE MORE EXPENSES)
- MORE FELLOWSHIP
- NEW LIFEGROUPS
- MORE DISCIPLESHIP AND CARE
- MORE OPERATIONS ASSISTANCE

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## 2026 GOALS

- **INCREASED PERSONAL GIVING**
  - REACH \$150,000 CHECKING // \$500,000 INCOME GOAL // \$150,000 MUTUAL
- **START LIFEGROUPS**
- **MORE DISCIPLESHIP ENROLLMENT**
- **INCREASE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
- **INCREASE IN VISITOR RETENTION**
- **ENGAGE “THE VILLAGE” PROGRAMS**
- **MORE MEN’S DISCIPLESHIP ENGAGEMENT**
- **INCREASE VOLUNTEERS**
- **INCREASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR LEADERS**
- **MORE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
- **HIRE A FACILITIES COORDINATOR**
- **FIND A NEW LOCATION FOR SUNDAY GATHERINGS**

# THANK YOU

Dear family,

I thank God for another wonder-filled year at One Life. It brings me great joy to see growth across our church—in discipleship, in ministry, and in the way we invest our time and resources into fellowship. This shared life together continues to unify us as a local body.

I am especially encouraged by the growth in our men's and women's ministries, our children's discipleship, and the passion rising among our young adults and teens. God is already using them to bless us all. They are not only the future of the church—they are the church now.

As we look ahead, I believe God has great plans for us. Part of pressing forward includes growing in our financial faithfulness to His work here. Through prayer and counsel, I sense that this is not an issue of lack, but an invitation to deeper discipleship. God calls us to generosity in every season—whether in abundance or in need.

My prayer is that this year we would grow together in generosity, service, presence, and Christian education. We are not striving to be a “big” church—we are trusting God to shape us into a Spirit-filled one.

Press forward, family. God is with us.



Isaac Badaraco  
Lead Pastor