



**WEST WINDSOR
BAPTIST CHURCH**

ANNUAL REPORT

2021

LOVE GOD

LOVE PEOPLE

and MAKE DISCIPLES ^{of}

jesus

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OUR MISSION



**We exist to Love God,
Love People, and
Make Disciples of Jesus**

At the Annual Meeting, we will be proposing the following Constitutional change to be voted upon by the members present: Change Article I - Name and Purpose, Section 2 - Purpose, sentence 1 to no longer say, "Our mission is to glorify God through evangelizing unbelievers, edifying and equipping believers, and exalting the Lord Jesus Christ.", and instead to say, "We exist to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus."

VALUES

The gospel is central

We seek to teach the gospel with clarity, highlight its importance, and practice its relevance.

God's Word is final

We seek to make the Bible the foundation for everything—bringing our faith, life, and source of truth into alignment with His Word.

God is worthy of worship

We seek to constantly and consistently acknowledge His worthiness through gathering and scattering as God's people.

Prayer is powerful and necessary

We seek to approach God with consistent, dependent, and confident prayer.

Growth is a series of next steps

We seek to take next steps toward becoming like Jesus and helping others do the same.

Life is better connected

We seek to be committed to Christian community that is characterized by confession, unity, and generosity.

Every believer is called to ministry

We seek to equip and empower believers to build up God's people and be a gospel influence in their world.

Godly leadership matters

We seek to have servant-hearted, collaborative, and courageous leadership.

Leaders must be developed and deployed

We seek to develop people and send them out for the purpose of kingdom advancement.

**Our vision is for
our mission and values to be
lived out in every area of our church.
Check out our website to read our
specific and descriptive vision
statements.**





HOW WE GOT HERE

Two years ago Dr. Howard Bixby—ChristWay Ministries consultant—was invited to evaluate our church, and offer biblical suggestions of how we can grow in faithfulness. His primary feedback was for us to gain clarity on where we are going as a church. We took that advice to heart and as Pastors and Deacons began meeting weekly. We prayed a lot, studied the Scriptures, and asked hard questions. Over the course of a year or more God began to provide clarity to us as leaders. From that point, we started sharing this information with small groups and getting feedback from various individuals. In the Fall, we preached twelve sermons providing a biblical foundation for our newly crafted mission statement, as well as our nine value statements. The hope of this sermon series was to share clearly where we think God is leading our church and invite the congregation to join us in this new season of ministry.

Along the way, we have been encouraged to hear that many resonate with the mission, and are excited about what is ahead. Some have even gone so far as to say that the mission and values are nothing new, but rather a continuation of what church leadership always wanted to do.

We are thrilled with where the Lord is leading us, and we look forward to the coming years as we pursue our mission together.

We hope that in this report you see how our mission played out in 2021 and how it will impact 2022.

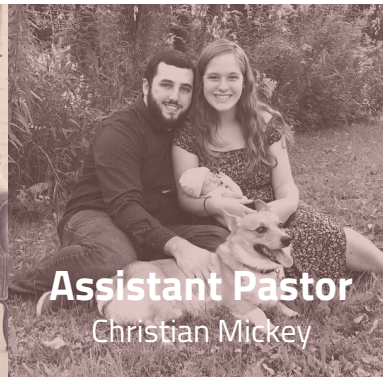
LEADERSHIP

STAFF

DEACONS



Lead Pastor
Nate Edwards



Assistant Pastor
Christian Mickey



Admin Assistant
Lindsey Snavelly



Jim Hall



Jon Lawson



Brad Schmidt



Jeremy Snavelly

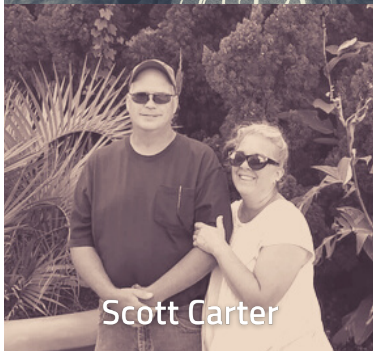


Jon Stoeckel

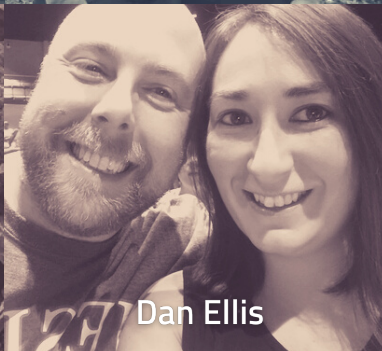


Dan Thompson

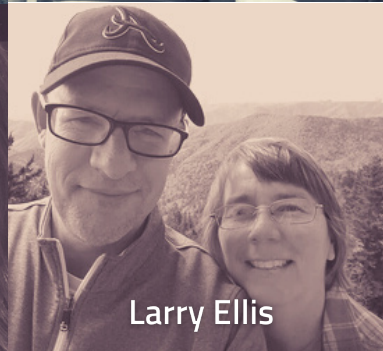
TRUSTEES



Scott Carter



Dan Ellis



Larry Ellis



Greg Glas

TREASURERS



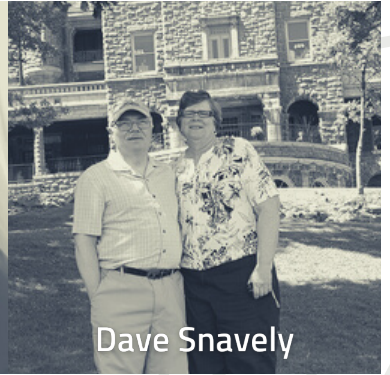
Darlene Bennett



Kathryn Thompson



Steve Thomas



Dave Snavely



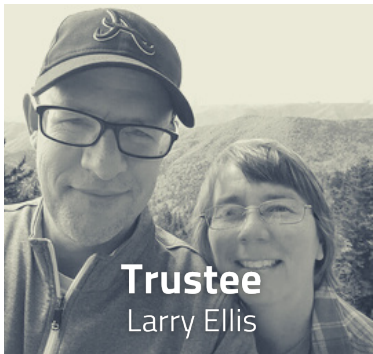
Lindsey Snavely

CLERK

Thank You!!

We have benefitted greatly from the dedication of Dan Thompson and Brad Schmidt over the years as Deacons. They have both served WWBC in several capacities and we are very grateful to have had them involved in leading the church. Both of these men will be transitioning off the Deacon board. Please thank them for their faithful service.

2022 NOMINEES



Trustee
Larry Ellis



Deacon
Scott Reigle



Deacon
Jeremy Snavely

SNAPSHOT

174

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

7

BAPTISMS

135

TOTAL MEMBERS

95

PEOPLE SERVING

1050

OUTREACH EVENT ATTENDANCE

1369

HOURS OF YOUTUBE VIEWS

2021 GIVING TO

Missionaries: \$57,894

Local Outreach: \$1,351

Mercy Fund: \$2,099

2021 GIVING RECEIVED

\$292,539.96

2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

Operating: \$284,538.97

Capital: \$59,600.00

Total: \$344,138.97

See end of report for full in-depth financial report and budget proposal

LIFE CHANGE

I was born with OCD and Tourettes syndrome and was scolded for having them. The man that hit me and yelled at me on Saturday nights would take me to church on Sunday morning. I would ask God why He gave me these things. Later in life, I was working as a firefighter and a particular incident happened that I couldn't compartmentalize and I couldn't deal with it anymore. I needed help. I remember telling God, I want to try it Your way now. Looking back, I realize God wasn't punishing me growing up over the years, but He was teaching me that I always had His love; I didn't need to earn His favor. It's a freeing feeling to know that now.

-Matt DeCastro, Baptized April 4, 2021

I was looking for love in all the wrong places, but God continued to pursue me more and more. I exhausted myself with acts of service, but never felt valuable enough for Christ to love me. However, God was calling me and I realized I was missing the most valuable part of my faith, a one-on-one relationship with Jesus Christ, my Savior. He loves us because of who He is. And nothing separates us from the love He has for us. He reminds my heart very often that I am and will always be His.

-Jamie Andres, Baptized May 23, 2021

I used to think that if I got enough gold marks in life, that God would let me into Heaven. This good deeds mindset did not connect me and my family with God and I turned away from Him for a 10 year period and began drinking to numb the pain from the stresses in my life. Then on July 12, 2018, one of the most defining moments happened; I had a nervous breakdown. I was running myself into the ground and in my foolishness, God came closer to me and grabbed me by the scruff of my shirt and said to me, "I will not lose you; you are mine", and He claimed me as His. Since then, my lifestyle and thinking has changed. I now know the legalistic mindset is not the way to perceive God's love. It's only by God's grace through faith that we are saved. I want everyone to know that I will not arrive to perfection, but I will continue to grow and learn with Christ forever.

-Ryan Andres, Baptized May 23, 2021

When I was twelve, my mother passed away and I was devastated. I couldn't figure out why God was doing this to me, why I was being punished. I was very angry with God and I started rebelling. Over the past few years, I have been attending West Windsor Baptist Church, and have had the pleasure of hearing Nate relate the gospel as I have never heard before or could understand. Last fall, I had the chance to join one of the church's Small Groups, and through these two wonderful resources, I have taken the opportunity to journey on a new path of faith. I have learned that I'm a sinner and have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

-Janine Davis, Baptized August 22, 2021

We thank God for these beautiful stories





I grew up in Sunday School, sang in the choir, became a church elder and treasurer, but didn't live my life as an example of a Christian. My marriage suffered and I felt I was not a good father. My religious beliefs were that I had to earn my way to heaven by good works. Obviously, that was never going to happen, so I thought I was doomed to Hell. It wasn't until we went to a concert at a Baptist church when I was asked if I knew Jesus, not about Him, but personally. They said we could ask Him into our life. So I did. We started attending West Windsor Baptist Church, where we heard the clear message of the gospel and joined a small group. All of these things came together and helped me realize that I was not going to Hell because of my sins, but rather Jesus died for me because of sin, and I needed Him because of my sin.

-Kim Davis, Baptized August 22, 2021

I was born into a Christian family and baptized as an infant. I taught Sunday School in the Nursery and did so until COVID-19 closed the church down. For 35 years I worked for a company doing customer service and insurance billing. During this time, I did some things that didn't feel right; I signed documents that were half-truths. This caused inner conflict which, I believe, led to my heart attack and the need for open heart surgery. Before the surgery, the doctor came in and told me he didn't think that I would make it through. My great-nephew prayed for me that night, and after everyone left, I cried and prayed, telling God how much I loved Him and trusted Him with my life. Since then, I've learned a lot about myself and what my relationship with God was and what it wasn't. I believe I was trying to earn my way to God's love and salvation. I've learned that God's love is free through His grace. And now I can say that I know that I am a Christian.

-Barb Becker, Baptized December 12, 2021

My teenage years were dark, indeed. By the time I got through them, I'd had several major car accidents, a few of which I had no right to expect to live through. My 20s and 30s went from bad to worse. Everything in my life was a loss. I was lost. I was a drunkard, carouser, adulterer through my 40s and 50s, running as far away from the Lord as I possibly could. I finally hit rock bottom when an infection was discovered in my left knee and I had to have several surgeries to avoid amputation. I had a lot of time to think about how I had lived my life and how I wanted to write the last chapter of my life. The loneliness and despair broke me. I cried to the Lord, "Help me Jesus. I don't know how to deal with this other than with You". I didn't think there was any way He could forgive me from my lifetime of sin, but He was the only hope I had. So I threw myself on His mercy. I came to Jesus with nothing and He's changing me. He has set me free from the law of sin and death. I am no longer a slave of sin, I am free at last!

-Alan Slocum, Baptized December 12, 2021

To watch the full versions of these stories, check out our YouTube channel

REPORTS

DEACONS

Deacons serve at WWBC by assisting the Pastors in serving the church body. Deacons are chief servants who lead by serving, and our Deacons were happy to serve in 2021. They met with the Pastors almost every week throughout the year, praying for the congregation, assisting in shepherding the flock, and giving insight into strategic initiatives. The Deacons look forward to serving God and His church in 2022.

Strategic Initiatives in 2021

- Helped the Pastors navigate COVID-19 and reopening strategies
- Developed and presented a new Mission, Values, and Vision for WWBC
- Implemented a new Deacon Training and Vetting process, and saw our first two candidates go through the process: Jeremy Snavelly and Scott Reigle
- Assisted in the hiring of an Administrative Assistant, a Worship Intern, and a Custodian
- Assisted the Pastors in developing and implementing Gospel Essentials and Church Essentials
- Formed a Prayer Team to pray for the congregation at the end of the worship services
- Distributed funds to those in need throughout the year, and worked on developing a Mercy Fund Policy that will hopefully help more people in 2022 and beyond
- Assisted the Pastors in many other strategic initiatives throughout the year





TRUSTEES

The Trustee Board at WWBC is responsible for the church finances and assets, as well as the building and grounds maintenance.

Each member of this team brings a unique set of gifts and abilities that in turn allows us to better serve the church. The Trustees met monthly throughout the year, as well as having monthly joint meetings with the Pastors and Deacons. The church finances have remained strong throughout 2021, this a testament to your faithful giving and support of the ministry. One of the major ministries the Trustees helped to facilitate was writing and implementing a new Facility Use Policy, which helped our facilities be used frequently by our congregation and our community.

Strategic Initiatives in 2021

- Developed and implemented a new Facility Use Policy
- Allowed our church families to use our facilities for more than 215 hours in 2021
- Allowed our community to use our facilities for more than 235 hours in 2021
- Also hosted 2 weddings, 2 funerals, and 8 additional showers/parties in 2021
- Developed a job description and hired a new custodian
- Replaced a failing air conditioning unit
- Replaced the water softener in the parsonage
- Sealed the parking lot
- Installed a dry well outside of the car port
- Projects currently in progress are: access control, and projector and screen upgrades

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our WWBC Youth Ministry exists to train and equip teenagers to grow in loving God, loving people, and making disciples of Jesus. Our Wednesday night Youth Group consists of age-appropriate Bible lessons, small group discussions, snacks, and games. Our Sunday morning Teen Sunday School consists of intentional time of prayer and Bible discussion. We also hosted numerous on-site and off-site youth events throughout the year. 2021 saw so many instances of heartfelt conversations, intentional prayer and investment, and unsaved friends invited to hear about Jesus, and we look forward to even more that God has for us in 2022.

81
TEENS IMPACTED
THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR

23
VOLUNTEERS
THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR

10
OUTSIDE EVENTS
HOSTED

43
FIRST TIME GUESTS

Youth Group at West Windsor has changed my life. I have made so many friends over the 2 years I've been going and everyone is so nice! Youth Group helped me get through some tough times and has helped me open up and get closer with God. I am so blessed to have a family here that cares about me and prays for me.

-Erin Carbeck (12th Grade)

Youth Group has been a dream come true because it not only helps with my mental health but my spiritual health as well. If you love learning about God while being with your friends, Youth Group is for you.

- Zak Nulton (12th Grade)

I work with kids everyday in my job as a public educator, but I have restrictions there about how and what I discuss with my students. Being a Youth Leader this year has given me an outlet to teach in a different way. We all have a lot of life experiences to share and I've been enjoying being able to share pieces of my faith journey with my small group to help them through the very confusing times of being a teenager. The teens have also helped me feel more a part of the church itself since I'm newer to the church. I think it's really important to be a part of things at church, and Youth Group has been a great way for me to integrate more into our church.

-Ashley Gay (Youth Leader)

AWANA

35
AVERAGE ATTENDERS

13
VOLUNTEERS

08
NEW FAMILIES



Awana is dedicated to reaching boys and girls with the gospel of Jesus Christ to train them to serve Him. It is our desire to see them know Him, love Him, serve Him, and tell others about Him and His redeeming love. We utilize a large group, time sort of like a classroom, to teach a lesson. We also have a small group time that allows children to study and recite the Word of God. The cornerstone of the Awana program is game time. Our hope is that each child would feel safe, have a good time, and learn the Word of God.

Amelia has been asking every week all summer, 'When can we go back to Awana?'

- Katie Ruscio

We really enjoy Awana as a window into our church family as it's so much easier to invite our children's friends and family to attend Awana when they wouldn't normally attend on a Sunday.

- Stoeckel Family

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School consists of discipleship classes that emphasize prayer, discussion, and Bible teaching. The goal of these classes is to help participants know and love God more. There are currently two adult Sunday School classes which provide different teaching styles and content. In addition to weekly teaching, some classes organize fellowship activities in order to deepen friendships and strengthen bonds. Adult Sunday School classes did not meet the first part of 2021 due to the global pandemic, and resumed this Fall.

I really missed Sunday School when we were not able to meet and it was so encouraging when it started up again. I really enjoy interacting with others in the class. I also learn a lot from our group discussions.

- Carol Van Kuren

The adult Sunday School group is what really got us plugged into West Windsor Baptist Church and creating relationships with others. Some of those people have grown to be our closest friends. I was grateful to see it get implemented again after COVID-19.

- Dan Ellis

50

AVERAGE ATTENDERS

10

NEW ATTENDERS

02

BOOKS TAUGHT
JUDGES & ECCLESIASTES

SUNDAY KIDS MINISTRY

29

AVERAGE
ATTENDERS

111

TOTAL KIDS
IMPACTED

12

AVERAGE WEEKLY
VOLUNTEERS

57

DIFFERENT
VOLUNTEERS

The purpose of Sunday Morning Kids Ministry at WWBC is to create an environment that will lead children in growing their relationship with Jesus. Nurturing children is vital to fulfilling our personal and corporate mission to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus. In Kids Church, adults impact the lives of children by sharing lessons from the Bible and teaching how each story has a Christ connection. Volunteers also direct questions in small group settings and apply principles of love during interactive sessions that include crafts and games. Above all, Kids Ministry seeks to glorify God by communicating Biblical truth through age-appropriate instruction.

It is such a blessing and privilege to minister to our littlest ones! How precious it is to see the toddlers eager-eyed as they handle the little New Testaments, listen expectantly during Bible story time, and pray fervently as they repeat prayers! Even at a young age, Preschoolers are asking deep questions like, 'Is everyone who comes to church a Christian?' They are being introduced to Bible truths such as sin, the Holy Spirit, baptism, and that living the Christian life is sometimes dangerous and hard, but as one Preschooler answered, 'God is always with us.' It is an extra special blessing, especially with the new curriculum, to incorporate a missions moment and the gospel regularly. Thank you also to all the Kids Ministry volunteers who are so vital to the ministry!

-Rose Reigle, Toddler/Preschool co-teacher

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups are discipleship environments that consist of 8-14 people that meet on a weekly basis during the Fall and Winter/Spring semesters. Group members commit for a semester at a time and are asked to faithfully attend throughout the semester. While all groups are mixed gender, groups are encouraged to sometimes meet in gender specific ways to deepen intimacy and sharing. Each meeting provides opportunities to study Scripture, pray together, share honestly, and live missionally. The hope for all who participate is that they would love God more, love people more, and grow as disciples of Jesus.

11
LEADERS

50
PARTICIPANTS IN
WINTER/SPRING

10
NEW PARTICIPANTS
IN FALL

Participating in small groups was a new experience for me, and I found it both challenging and beneficial. The challenging part was interacting with others in a more intentional way and sharing details of my life with them (I'm an introvert). But this was also beneficial because those interactions forced me to dig deeper into some Biblical truths, specifically the concept of a gospel-centered life. My favorite part of small groups was discussing the Bible together with men and women who love the Lord.

- Monica Schreiber

I am amazed at the impact being part of a small group had on my life this past year. I had been in (and led) small groups before, but the difference between being in a small group to "check off a box" and actually investing oneself in the lives of others, particularly the group, is incredibly impactful. I grew greatly in my understanding of the gospel, my relationship with God and with other people, and it was cool to see our small group from early in the year become 2 small groups later in the year (love God, love people, make disciples at work, I suppose) – but most of all I'm forever grateful to every person in the two groups I was in for the positive impact they made on my life. All my life God has blessed me by surrounding me with flawed (like me) yet terrific, wonderful people – and that has been the case with small groups.

- Larry Ellis

LOCAL OUTREACH



800+
TRUNK-OR-TREAT ATTENDERS

035+
EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS

250+
EASTER EGG HUNT ATTENDERS

The WWBC Local Outreach Team exists to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus through deploying the church, engaging our community, and developing strategic partnerships. The Local Outreach Team was newly re-formed in 2021 with seven team members. Our meetings so far have consisted of developing our mission statement, brainstorming strategy ideas, and planning for 2022. Overall, the church hosted two major outreach events in 2021 with the Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk-or-Treat, both to great success. We look forward to deploying the church, engaging our community, and developing strategic partnerships more in 2022.

We had so much fun! Thank you for a wonderful trunk-or-treat!

-Bethany Baez (Trunk-or-Treat attender)

Thank you, kids had so much fun.

-Joanie Sherwood (Trunk-or-Treat attender)

MISSIONS

The Global Missions Team provides encouragement and assistance to the missionaries that WWBC supports. This purpose is accomplished through communicating with our missionaries so we can know how to best pray for them and effectively meet additional needs they may have for their ministries or families.

WWBC currently supports 16 full-time missionaries financially. This total is down by two since 2020, as both the Spink family and Pelton family have come off their respective mission fields.

Spending time in prayer for our missionaries was emphasized in our monthly meetings this past year. Our prayers were informed by field reports and direct communication. We were greatly blessed to start using Zoom to have live conversation and pray together with some of our missionaries, including Chad & Rachel Strong (Nicaragua), Wesley & Talitha Daniels (Alaska), and Bud (& Bonnie) Morton (Papua New Guinea). We were also able to meet in person and pray with Daniel Sadowitz (Japan) as he prepares for full-time ministry.



We are so thankful to have West Windsor Baptist Church among our supporters! Besides your faithful prayer and financial support, you folks have participated in our Area Liaison Committee for several years. This is a group of local churches that sponsor and direct the activities of Campus Bible Fellowship. You have made your church building available for our ALC meetings as well as CBF retreats. We appreciate the many dozens of homemade cookies you have provided for our students in recent years. We are especially grateful this year for the hundreds of granola bars WWBC donated for our Welcome Back Weekend giveaway at BU. The students loved them!

-Dave & Elizabeth Mayner | Campus Bible Fellowship

West Windsor Baptist Church has always been a tremendous blessing to us and our ministry. This year, the blessing was multiplied as we were able to benefit from your hospitality, and to spend time with you. May God richly bless this church in 2022.

-Andrew and Itacyara Comings | Brazil

10,200

DOLLARS GIVEN
AS SPECIAL
GIFTS

5

MISSIONARY
VISITS

215

OPERATION CHRISTMAS
CHILD BOXES
PACKED

CARE COMMITTEE

The Care Committee serves our church members and their families. The committee works to love God, love people, and work together helping others to make disciples.

During our Bonfire, we were able to gather as a church family with many new faces joining for a night of fun, food, and fellowship. The Harvest Dinner brought our church family together again for another successful night of fellowship. The Sunday Morning Fellowship Time has been a great success and has helped with members getting to know each other through coffee and snacks weekly.

30
SHOWER ATTENDERS
70
BONFIRE ATTENDERS
140
HARVEST DINNER ATTENDERS
25
VOLUNTEERS

I've been greatly blessed by the Care Committee. I brought some friends to the Harvest Dinner and they loved it. They said they would love to come again, everyone was friendly and made them feel welcome, the food was delicious, and that they were impressed that the church would take the time to put on such a wonderful event. In addition, the Care Committee has played a very significant role in my life with the passing of some of my family members—especially the passing of my son William—providing us with an excellent meal after the service. Those acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

- Jeff Finch

Our church bonfire was an exciting, family-friendly event we could enjoy with our children during the Fall season; a special time of the year to enjoy God's creation. We also invited 2 new families as a form of outreach which led to fruitful, faith-based discussions around the campfire. We also appreciated our children having the opportunity to get to know other youth in attendance. Just my vote, but some of the best chili we ever tasted!

-Ryan Andres

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

21
TOTAL WOMEN REACHED
16
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
3
FIRST TIME GUESTS

Women of all ages were invited to faith share, offered time to pray together and for each other, and fellowship in the sisterhood of Christ. Each week from October 6th through December 15th, we gathered to discuss "Engage: Influencing Your World Like Jesus" by Jeannie Vogel, inviting women to be vulnerable while encouraging one another to recognize what holds us back from not only personal growth, but engaging the world around us with the gospel. This study focused specifically on how Jesus interacted with the world, so we studied Jesus' relational interactions in scripture and were challenged to emulate Christ's example in our personal lives.

I have truly enjoyed the women's bible study. The topics and sharing were so meaningful. Getting to know everyone was awesome! I'm anxiously awaiting for it to start again!

-Barbara Becker

I really enjoyed the food, fun, and fellowship at ladies bible study. We really got into God's Word and got to know our sisters in Christ more. We haven't had a ladies bible study in years so it was nice to have it back again.

-Brenda Hadlick

WHAT'S NEXT



TEACHING

During the winter and spring semester, the Pastors plan to teach through the book of 1 Timothy in our Sunday morning corporate worship gatherings.

1 Timothy was written by the Apostle Paul to his mentee Timothy as he launched him into ministry at the church of Ephesus. This letter was intended to encourage Timothy to face the challenges that plagued the Ephesian church, as well as provide guidance about how the church of Jesus Christ was meant to operate.

We are calling this series 1 Timothy: The Life of the Church. Our hope for this series is to learn about God's design for the church both generally and specifically. We will cover topics such as prayer, church governance, men and women's roles, work, money, homosexuality, and more. We believe this series will help us gain clarity on what God wants us to do and how to grow in our faithfulness toward Him.

MISSION AND VALUES INCORPORATION

As we discussed above, 2021 was a big year for establishing and explaining our mission and values. We hope that 2022 is a fruitful year of working with ministry leaders to determine how the mission and the values of the church should shape and impact various ministries.

ORDINATION

In January of 2021, our Assistant Pastor, Christian Mickey, began an intentional ordination process. Ordination is a training and vetting process to determine a man's qualifications, gifting, and calling to be a pastor. Since 2017, as an Assistant Pastor (or pastor in training), Christian has been learning, growing, and gaining experience. In 2022, we hope to walk him through a comprehensive vetting process that will include a public oral examination.

We are very proud of Christian, impressed with his hard work, encouraged by his love for God, and blessed by his gifts. We hope this is a wonderful year for Christian, his family, and the church family as we encourage him in the next step of ministry and spiritual formation.

There are no specific dates yet, but we expect this process to really ramp up in the summer or fall.

DEACON TRAINING

2021 was the first year a formal deacon training and vetting process was launched. Two men—Jeremy Snively and Scott Reigle—went through the whole process and will be voted on as deacons at the annual meeting. In 2022, we plan to invite several more individuals to participate in the process. We hope that God will provide for His church more trained and qualified deacons by the end of the year.



GOSPEL ESSENTIALS

In 2021, sixteen people were taken through Gospel Essentials. Gospel Essentials was written by the pastors of the church as a discipleship experience to help those new to our church take first steps toward spiritual growth and church involvement. The heart of Gospel Essentials is to teach the essence of the good news of Jesus Christ and the many ways that it applies to life. We used 2021 as a test year to see how it works and if it would be helpful. We are encouraged with how God is using it.

In 2022, we hope to continue those efforts by adding facilitators, guiding more participants, and developing a clear pathway that helps new attenders get plugged in and growing.

In addition to Gospel Essentials, we hope to start testing Church Essentials. Church Essentials is being designed to help those who participated in Gospel Essentials learn more about what it means to be a part of a church and how to get deeply involved. The hope is that the material development is completed and individuals are taken through it at some point this year.

WEBSITE

One way we hope to improve our communication efforts is by better utilizing our website. We are in the process of re-designing our current website to make it more useful and helpful for ministry and communication.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital Projects consist of church assets that cost more than \$2,000. These projects are either necessary in order to maintain the property, or are strategic projects that we believe will enhance ministry effectiveness. There are several capital projects that are being proposed for the 2022 budget, but we would like to highlight a few that we believe will enhance ministry effectiveness.

Confidence monitors, livestream upgrades, and worship center lighting upgrades are three projects that we believe will improve our corporate worship gathering. One of our values is “God is worthy of worship”. We believe there is value in utilizing technology to create helpful and distraction-free worship environments. We hope all of these efforts will help our worship leaders better lead in corporate worship, and better call the congregation to participate—whether that be online or in-person.

AND MORE

All of the above represents some of the things we are aware of and want to focus on in 2022. We also know that there will be many other things that we are not currently aware of but become areas of focus throughout the year. We are thankful for all your efforts and are excited to see what God does in 2022.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership as of January 2021: 160

TRANSFERRED MEMBERSHIP

Brian King
Judy King

INCORRECTLY ADDED TO MEMBERSHIP

Hudson Edwards
Finley Edwards
Asher Edwards

REMOVED FOR INACTIVITY

Jon Atwater
Joan Atwater
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