



MINISTRY REVIEW

A recap of **2021**
in **data** and **stories.**

OUR MISSION

TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST AND TO ONE ANOTHER

OUR VISION

To be a church that connects people to Jesus Christ and to one another, we aim to...

Worship in a way that is Gospel-centered, contextual, and done with excellence,

Connect through Word-based application and caring for one another,

Serve the people in our church family, and

Go into the world by equipping, partnering with, and sending members to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Looking Back

Looking Ahead

Gateway family,

This year has been a year of us celebrating and praying for things we are “for” as a church. Each week, in our worship services, we’ve highlighted things we are “for,” which I hope has been an encouragement for you as it has been for me. And, not to get ahead of ourselves, but I’m really looking forward to what we’ll be focusing on as a church in 2022.

But back to 2021. Though things have still been kind of weird in society and the world, it’s been a joy to see many of you return to in-person worship with us in 2021. One of the highlights for me was our combined evening worship service in November where we installed new elders and deacons, dedicated and baptized children, and saw over 20 people get baptized. The dessert afterwards was pretty awesome as well!

We also saw many things begin again. For example, it was good to see our ladies back together for the Christmas Tea. Thanks to everyone who planned, hosted, and served the over 700 women who attended.

Our youth retreat, The Journey, returned to the Michindoh Conference Center for a fun time of learning about our Christian faith over New Year’s Eve. Thanks to all the volunteers who braved two days of camp living with middle and high schoolers!

And VBS was back in person this year. What a great time we had learning about keeping in step with the Spirit. The week culminated with a Go Fish concert which kids and parents both enjoyed.

As you will find in the rest of this Ministry Review, there are many things for us to be thankful for as we look back at 2021. But know that there is much for us to anticipate as we look ahead to 2022 as we continue to connect people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

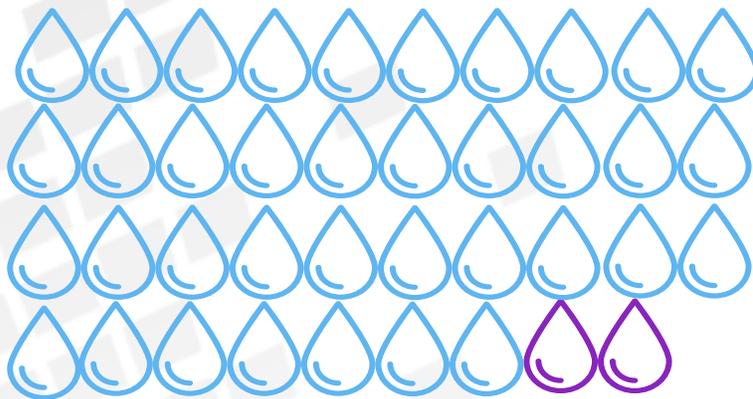
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Worship

Baptisms

39



Believer's baptisms



Infant baptisms

Child Dedications



21

Children dedicated to God

Series



Seated Attendance

County Road 9 Campus



North Main Campus



740 Total Average Attendance

*Kidway and adults at both campuses

72 First time guest gifts given out

Connect

Life Groups



What People Enjoy Most About Life Groups

“The love, laughs, and genuineness.”

“Communication on our daily walk with God and struggles along the way. If I have any need I know I can immediately reach out to the members for help and prayers.”

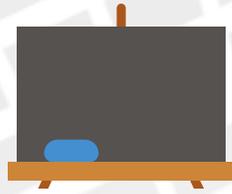
“Having a loving, encouraging and supportive group that connects well and holds us accountable while coming alongside in times of need. We enjoy the time we spend together in study, fellowship and prayer.”

“The people! We have lots in common, great discussions, people pursuing Jesus together, a comfortable place to be yourself.”

“Building relationships with people my age who are chasing Jesus.”

“Community of believers to meet with and encourage one another weekly.”

Equip Classes



18

Classes Offered



174

People Took
One or More Classes

Members



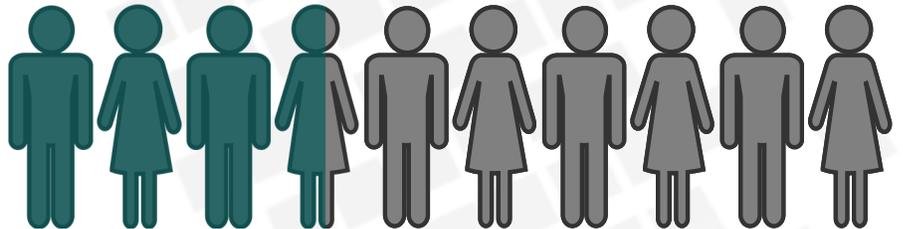
66%

of members involved in
discipleship activities



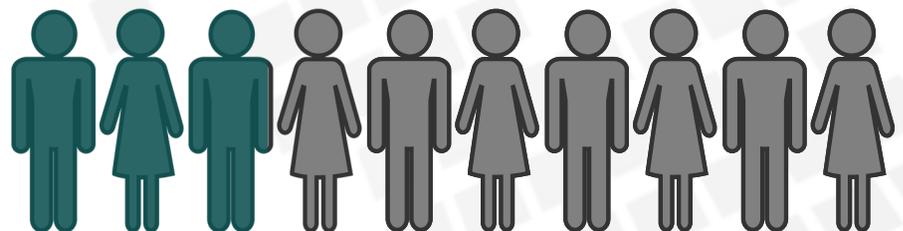
37%

of members serving at
least once per month



29%

fully engaged members
* in a Life Group, serve &
a financial contributor



Staff, Elders, Deacons

On average, staff, elders and deacons were present at their Life Group **89%** of the time.

60% of staff, elders and deacons served as Life Group leaders or co-leaders in 2021.

8.86%



Per Capita Increase in Giving
from 2020

Outside of Job Description

Ways serving

- Greeter
- Cafe
- Usher
- Tech Team
- Prayer Team
- Kidway Teacher
- Finance Committee
- Youth Life Group Leader
- Life Group Leader
- What's Next? Wall/Welcome Center
- Nursery
- Kidway Large Group Leader
- Service Host

Ways going

- Soup Drive Thru
- Block Parties
- Back to School Bash
- Backyard Mission Trip
- Mobile Food Pantries
- City Mission Serving

Deacons

Communion Team

- Prepared and served communion 9 times in 2021

Compassion Team

- Followed up with 13 benevolence fund requests
- Approved close to \$10,000 in benevolence funds

Food Team

- 2 staff/volunteer events
- 3 outreach events (block parties and Back to School Bash)
- 6 funeral meals
- 9 meal requests totaling 61 meals provided

Service Team

- Cleared snow on sidewalks and entrances of both campuses after Feb 17 storm
- Setup County Road 9 gym/classroom for Kidway each Sunday
- 2 moves
- 1 garage clean up
- 2 yardwork projects
- Toilet replacement
- Many miscellaneous projects at the church's farmhouse
- Setup for miscellaneous meetings/events
- Tidy County Road 9 Worship Center and replace Connect Cards each week

In January of 2021 we welcomed 9 new deacons onto the team. The addition of so many new deacons allowed us to meet many needs this past year beyond just monetary help from the benevolence fund. In one such case, a Gateway member was having some plumbing issues and needed a new toilet installed. She is a single mother without the skills or resources to take care of the issue herself. The Service Team of deacons was able to line up a fellow member to go to her house and get the new toilet installed within a couple of days. Later, she had this to say, "I am truly grateful and humbled by the amazing love and support our church always shows my family. I was super worried this would be a big mess, but Ted came and fixed the toilet quickly with no major issues. God is amazing in the growth he has done with our family over the last 4 years. Thank you for always praying for us and shepherding us well!"

Staff



To view all of our staff and their roles here at Gateway Church, please visit our website: GATEWAYEPC.ORG/STAFF

2021 was a year of many changes for Gateway's staff. We said goodbye to Scott Miller, Joe Middleton and Mike Norman as they moved on to new employment opportunities and after several years of semi-retirement, Dale Briggs was finally allowed to fully retire. Pastor Robert's role shifted to focus almost entirely on pastoral care and counseling, enabling us to better care for our members who are hurting. We welcomed Jeff McGlade (Life Group coach) and Lea Grable (Operations Administrator) to our team in July, and in November, Jared McBride shifted from Communications Director into the role of Facilities Manager. All of these changes led to some internal restructuring, especially within the Worship and Communications departments, with Jon McKanna taking the position of Director of Worship and Communications (while continuing to serve the North Main campus), and Shaun Meloy taking artistic ownership of Gateway's graphic design and branding (in addition to continuing as the County Road 9 campus worship leader). As we look ahead toward 2022, we anticipate adding another member to the Communications team, and we hope to hire a position to oversee discipleship (Connect, Serve and Next Gen) ministry staff. We are thankful for all the wonderful leaders God has blessed Gateway with both now and in the past, as well as those he will draw here in the future!

Serve



COUNTY ROAD 9
CAMPUS

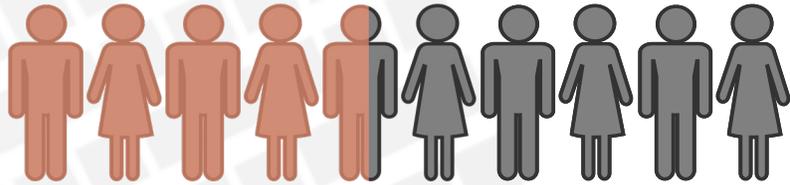
NORTH MAIN
CAMPUS

VOLUNTEERS SERVING
at least once a month

COUNTY ROAD 9
CAMPUS



NORTH MAIN
CAMPUS



VOLUNTEERS SERVING
vs. Sunday Serving Spots Available



61

Meals Delivered



“I think the most important part to share is how thankful people were to have the cafe open again. Not just for coffee but for atmosphere, normalcy and a sense of community/gathering. We heard that over and over!”

“It is nice to be back Guest Hosting and seeing new people coming to church. Also now that the Welcome Center is in the Cafe we see so many people every Sunday.”

Go

250+

people involved in Go initiatives in 2021

Some 2021 Go Initiatives

Reach Global - Corpus Christi Trip
Elkhorn City Trip
Lebanon / Syria - scouting trip
Backyard Missions
Habitat for Humanity
Chopin Hall Food Pantries
City Mission Volunteering
Taste of Missions
Night with Sam and Christa - EPC World Outreach
Bangladesh Bible School ESL Classes
Summer Block Parties
Back to School Bash

12

One Time Gifts to Ministries

5

One Time Gifts to Missionaries

1

Missionary Added



\$30,000

given toward our Christmas Eve Offering focused on refugee resettlement

New in 2021

Outreach Opportunities Group

In an effort to be more involved in the community, we started a group dedicated to doing projects for people in our community called the “Outreach Opportunities Group.” Since the group was formed in July, we have had over 150 people join the group, and have done over 15 unique projects for people in the community - including home repairs, raking leaves, and painting. One homeowner who we’ve done a project for has since called the church multiple times to talk to different staff - saying she does so just because it makes her feel happy, and calms her down if she’s having a tough day. She’s also mentioned that she prays for our church and cannot thank us enough for all of our help. What a joy it is to serve God’s people in this way!

15+

unique projects
completed since July
2021

160

people in Outreach
Opportunities Group



Next Gen



37



Bibles given to 1st graders in September

75

Families received an "Easter in a Bag"



“

Our children enjoyed doing the Easter in a Bag activities. The materials were a great way to supplement our preparations for Easter weekend. Thank you Kidway team.

”



386

Children attended VBS at least one time

42

Unchurched families attended VBS

\$5,855.54

Raised for 2 wells in Cameroon

303

Shoebboxes were packed this year



85

Families received a "Christmas in a Bag"

183
Students who
attended a
Life Group

Ways Students Are Serving

- Cafe
- Greeter
- Kidway Tech Assistant
- Kidway Small Group Leader Helper
- Preschool Helper
- Nursery Volunteer
- Middle School Sunday School Class Helpers
- Middle School Sunday School Class Teachers
- Youth Life Group Leaders
- Youth Worship Team
- Camera Operators for Worship Services
- Worship Band for Worship Services
- Media Tech for Worship Services

66
Students serving
at least
once a month

5

YOUTH SERIES

- The Gospel
- Did You See That?
- Hebrews
- We Are (___)
- My Favorite Stories/Verses



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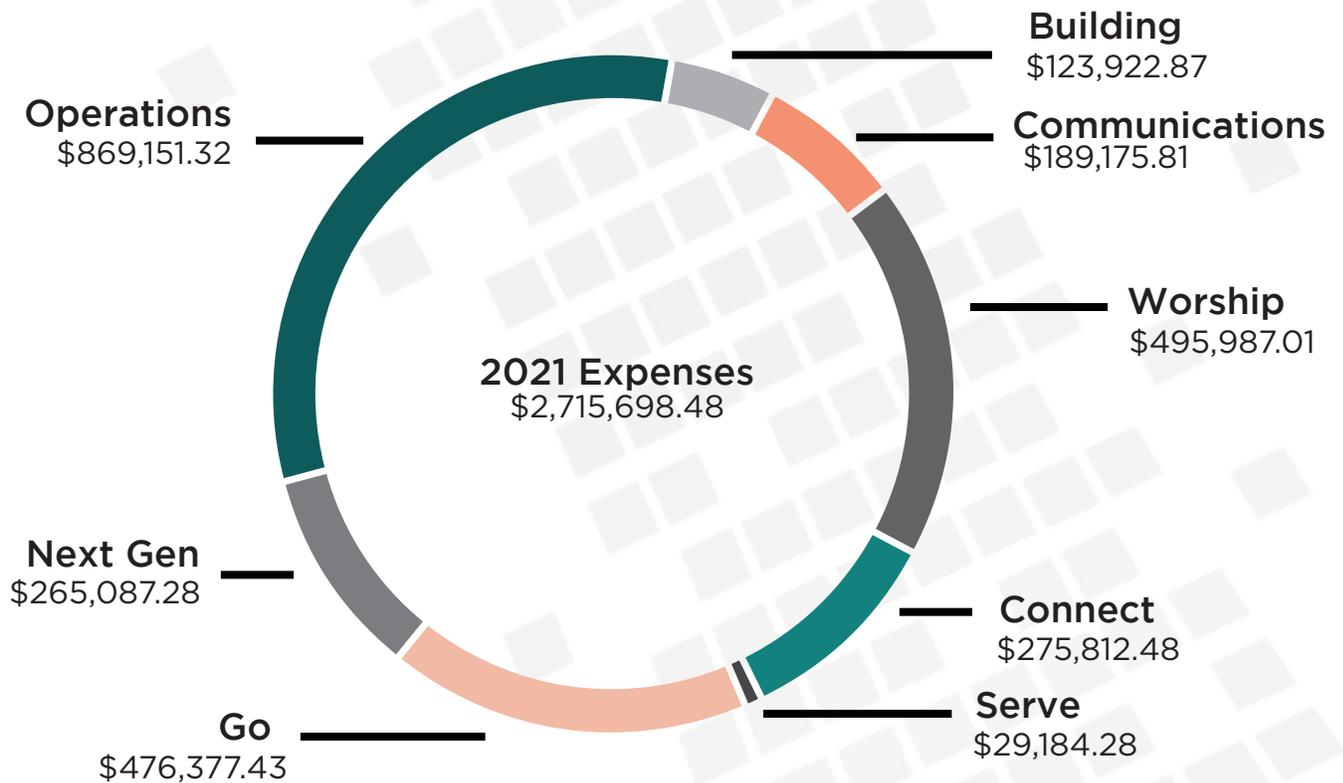
**STUDENTS ATTENDED
THE JOURNEY**

Finances

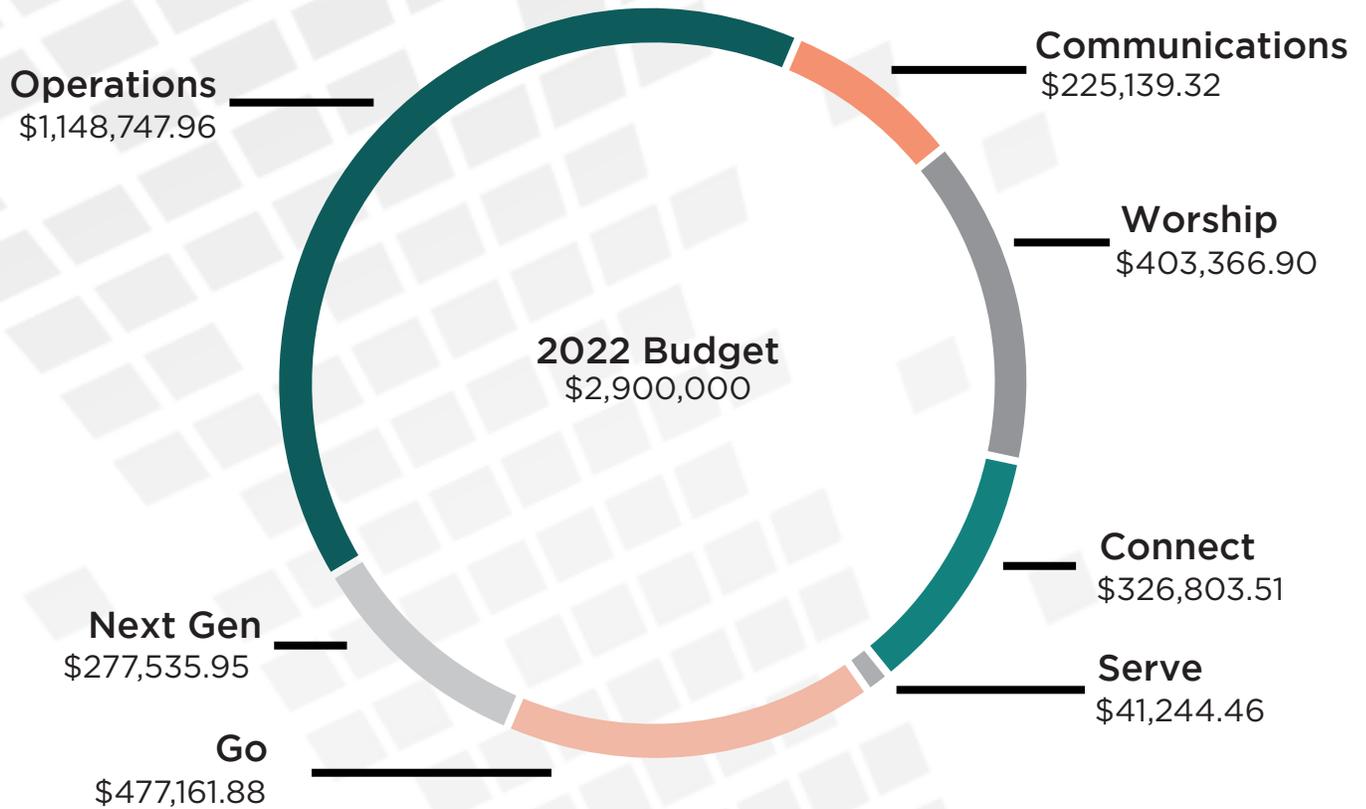
2021 Finances

Budget	\$3,000,000.00
Gifts	\$2,851,382.75
Expense	\$ 2,715,698.48

2021 Expenses



2022 Operating Budget



Building debt at beginning of:

2018: \$1,300,000.00
2019: \$600,000.00
2020: \$381,117.94
2021: \$224,585.71
2022: \$0

THANK YOU for your faithfulness and generosity in giving of the time and resources that God has entrusted to you, here at **GATEWAY CHURCH!**