



MINISTRY REVIEW

A recap of **2022**
in **data** and **stories.**

OUR MISSION

TO CONNECT PEOPLE
TO JESUS CHRIST AND
TO ONE ANNOTHER

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

The majority of this Ministry Review is looking back at all that has happened in 2022. So enjoy remembering and celebrating God's faithfulness to us as a congregation!

As I reflect on 2022, what I'm most thankful for is our commitment to raising up the next generation of pastors. In 2022, two men with connections to Gateway Church were ordained in our denomination and have begun serving in an EPC church. Will McCabe is now an associate pastor at Lancaster Presbyterian Church. Will was a member at Gateway Church for many years. Josh Felrath and his wife were members at Gateway Church before moving to the Dayton (OH) area. There they found Kirkmont Church (EPC) and became members. Josh finished seminary and his ordination process and is now an assistant pastor at Kirkmont Church. I am so thankful to be part of a church with a history and an ongoing passion to raise up the next generation of pastors.

Looking ahead to 2023, there's much that excites me. I may be a bit biased, but I'm really excited about the preaching series and guests we've got scheduled for 2023. Especially that my mentor in ministry will be joining us in April to both teach a Saturday seminar equip class and preach for us on Sunday.

I'm excited for us to begin a Knox Seminary scholarship program for those interested in pursuing a seminary education. My prayer is that our commitment to raising up the next generation of pastors, missionaries, Christians, and church leaders will bear even more fruit because of this scholarship program. Be sure to keep an eye out for more information if this interests you.

I'm excited for changes that are coming to our church podcast in 2023. We're going to go live for our Q&A episodes. This will give you an opportunity to interact with me as I answer your questions. We're also going to start using the podcast to tell stories. Your stories. Stories of God's work in and through your lives.

Our communications team has been working hard to improve our social media engagement. Another avenue for us to keep you informed of what is happening while also creating a place online for you to connect with others.

Speaking of keeping you informed, we're also going to host some Conversations with Leaders in 2023. Opportunities for you to ask questions about anything as we want to make sure that we continue to make ourselves available and accessible to any questions or concerns you may have.

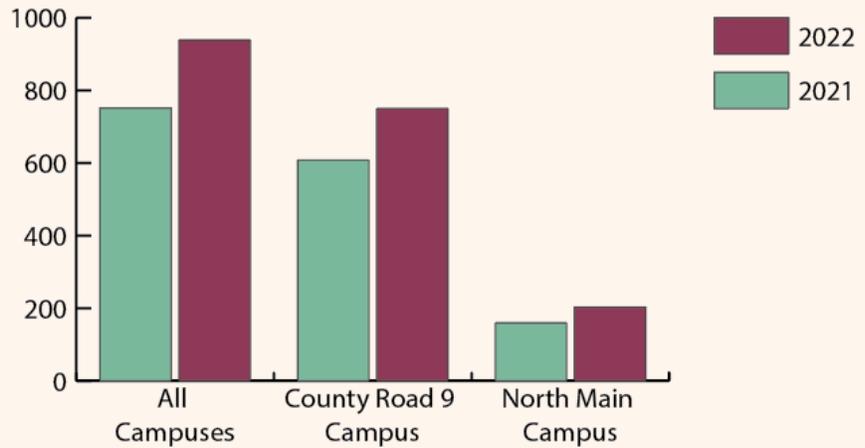
Finally, I'm excited to hang out with you even more in 2023. For the past few years, we've met for the Memorial Day parade. We've gotten lost in the corn maze at Suter's Farm together. In 2023 we're going to add more opportunities for you to come meet up with the Hansons. Be looking for these opportunities throughout 2023.

Your pastor and friend,



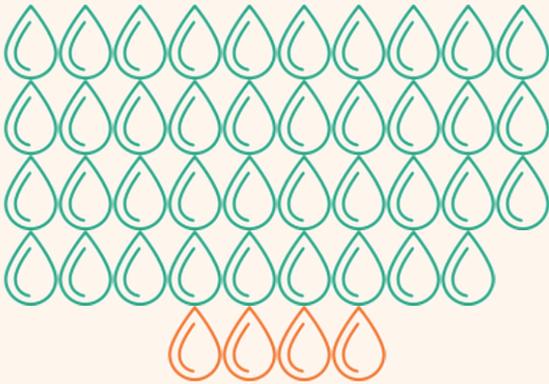
WORSHIP

Attendance
25% increase from
2021 to 2022



17 Child Dedications

43 Baptisms



**Believer's
Baptism**



**Infant
Baptism**



Over 75 Guest Gifts

handed out or delivered

Did you know on a given Sunday there are typically 148 staff and volunteer hours that go into worship services?

We are looking forward to a combined service that will look a little different this summer. We are planning to do an outdoor service. Be looking for more information.

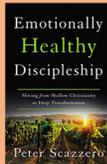
PODCAST



43

Podcasts Released in 2022

11



Book Discussions

11

Q&A's

Including a Questions from Kids and a Halloween Episode



9

Song Discussions

8

Guests on the Gateway Church Podcast

Including Knox Seminary professors and fellow EPC pastors.

Be sure to tune in most Sunday nights at 6:00pm on Facebook or YouTube to catch the live Podcast with Pastor Josh as he answers your questions about the sermon from that morning or other faith based questions.

CONNECT

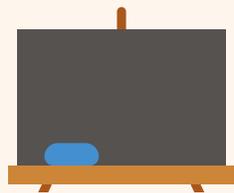
Life Groups



We have been encouraged to see people being intentional about connecting with others outside of their Life Groups. Like multi Life Group Potlucks, Connection Dinners, Game Nights, Block Parties, and other activities.

Would you join us in praying that this year would bring more connection opportunities, as well as for Life Groups to continue growing biblically and relationally?

Equip Classes



9 Classes Offered



191 People took at least one class

Family Matters with Pastor Kevin Jones was our most attended class with 75 participants. We have seen a lot of success with our one day Equip Classes this past year, so we are looking forward to offering several more of these in 2023.

Members



STAFF, ELDERS, DEACONS

63%

**Staff, Elders, and
Deacons served as
Life Group Leaders**

11.2%

**per capita increase
in giving from
2021 to 2022**

Staff Update

2022 was another year of changes and shifts in responsibilities for Gateway Church staff. We said goodbye to some staff, while at the same time welcoming several new faces. In addition to those changes, several staff shifted into new positions, allowing them to broaden their ministry experiences. Changes started in early summer when our Communications Administrator, Sam Scherger, stepped away from staff in order to spend more time with her kids and invest in their schools. This provided an opportunity for Emily Bingley to move into the Communications Department, as well as start serving as a Life Group Coach. Bryce Hamrick joined staff in June as our Video Production Specialist, and Emily Peters joined staff in July to assume the role of North Main Kidway Director/Youth Assistant Director, the roles previously held by Carsten Wiezer and Emily Bingley respectively. Kristi St. Amour shifted from her role as a Life Group Coach to the position of First Impressions Director, joining Adrienne Kozlesky in providing vision, training, and support for our large team of volunteers. In November, Lindsay Norman left staff to pursue a full time position at Liberty Benton High School and we announced that Ed Grable would be taking on the role of North Main Campus Pastor, freeing Jon McKanna up to focus primarily on leading the Worship and Communications teams. Amidst all of these changes, we continue to thank God for his faithfulness and provision to our church staff. We are blessed with an outstanding team who are passionate about their roles and the part they each play in *connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another!*

Deacons

Communion Team

11 Communion services prepped
Including one for a Midwest Presbytery
meeting with a couple hundred EPC
pastors, elders, and guests

Compassion Team

8 benevolence request cases
\$12,128 approved benevolence funds

- Medical bills
- Support after a house fire
- Mental health support
- Gas/grocery cards
- Help with rent

Food Team

6 staff/volunteer/churchwide events
8 outreach events
1 funeral meal
9 meals requests totalling
35 meals provided

Service Team

Helped paint/repair a house to prepare to sell
Several yardwork projects
Cleaning out a garage
Deep cleaning for the Women's Resource Center

Gateway Church's Meal Ministry has provided hot dinners for a plethora of our church families over the years. Needs have ranged from people undergoing medical tests or surgeries, having babies, the loss of loved ones, or even simply getting their kitchen remodeled. While Life Groups are a first line of support for coming around our members to show love, sometimes more help is needed. One older gentleman, a widower from Gateway Church, was having medical issues. When the Meal Ministry first reached out he declined the offer, but he soon humbly accepted. This gentleman was so grateful for the meals, he even took the time to do what Pastor Josh has pointed out as becoming more rare these days: he sent us a thank you card. He was one man. His gratitude was a reminder of how one meal is one sacrificial way of caring for our brothers and sisters. Whether for one man or a large family, the Meal Ministry is ready to serve the Lord and one another, wearing their aprons over the armor of God.

SERVE

202



County Road 9
Campus

Volunteers Serving
at least once a month

55



North Main
Campus

Why do you serve?

“Serving our church is one way to show love to our congregation.”

“I serve to plant seeds of Christ and invest in the next generation.”

“We were fairly new to the church and thought this would be a good way to get to know people.”

“I serve because it’s part of contributing to my church family. I serve because it provides opportunities to stimulate conversation and make connections.”

What is your favorite serving memory?

“It is a joy to see the children learn about Jesus, pray, and memorize scripture. It was exciting to have the class see two of their classmates baptized on Easter!”

“When the preschoolers can come in, call me by name and smile. Or when a parent texts me that their middle schoolers came home talking about their lesson.”

“I love getting to serve with my two small children so they can see the importance of it. They always ask questions about why we are serving and it gives us a great opportunity to share with them.”

GO

300+ people involved in
GO initiatives in 2022

Mission Trips:

- Cuba
- ReachGlobal
(March & September)
- Lebanon
- EPC World Outreach
Family Gathering
- Elkhorn City
- Bangladesh

GO Local:

- Soup Drive Thrus
- Chopin Hall Mobile Food
Pantries
- Summer Block Parties
- Backyard Mission Trip
Projects
- 50North Leaf Raking
- City Mission Volunteering
- Women's Resource Center
Baby Bottle Drive & Turkey
Trot
- Habitat Builds
- As needed Outreach
Opportunities

College Ministry:

- Revive Speaker
- Campus Outreach Speaker
- Campus Outreach Fall Retreat
Scholarships
- Covenant Connect

GO Events:

- GO Trips Celebration
- Ramadan Prayer Initiative
- Iftar Meal
- Christmas Tea

Other GO:

- Afghan Family Hosting
- Word of Life Bible School ESL
Classes (Bangladesh)
- Angelina Starkey Internship



\$40,000

given towards our
Christmas Eve Offering

**New Hope EPC
Afghan Relief Organization**

15

Supported
Ministries

19

Supported
Missionaries

9

One Time Gifts
to Ministries

10

One Time Gifts
to Missionaries

1

Missionary
Added in 2022

To learn more about the ministries and missionaries that we support visit www.gatewayepc.org/ministry-partners

Word of Life Bangladesh

Gateway Church is heavily invested in two Bible Schools in Bangladesh. These schools are a part of the ministry of Word of Life, Bangladesh. Word of Life seeks to empower churches to replicate themselves in the unreached areas of the country by training existing and future leaders of God's Church in Bangladesh. Our participation is primarily focused on empowering the two Bible Schools to train future church leaders. This year we sent four people to participate in the school graduation, a culmination of our investment in those students via teaching English as a Second Language classes all year. We thoroughly enjoyed deepening relationships with those students and teachers, and we treated them to a graduation party, gifting them with English Bibles. In addition, the team purchased computer hard drive upgrades, digital whiteboards, GoPro cameras, and audio systems for each of the two schools. For an added bonus, we also furnished an apartment, including twelve beds, to allow women and couples to attend the schools in residence. This was a major strategic addition to the influence that the schools will have well into the future for the sake of God's kingdom in this heavily Muslim nation.

Things to look for in 2023:

Continuing to invest in our people who are passionate about the Great Commission and maximizing Gateway Church's footprint in the community, nation, and to the ends of the earth.

NEXT GEN



63



Families participated in the What's for Dinner? Challenge with the purpose of encouraging family meal times and family interaction during meals.

“ I learned how rich and present God is even in the simple activities of our daily lives...our small conversations around the dinner table could be so sweet and innocent with our kiddos that we couldn't deny God's goodness. ”

382

Children attended VBS at least once



62

Unchurched children attended VBS

Many school supplies were donated over the week of VBS and taken to Lebanon during one of our mission trips.

42



Bibles handed out to 1st Graders in September



232

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were collected

“ I see packing shoeboxes as a way to share the love of Jesus and the message of the Gospel to places I could never go. ”

In 2023, we will provide Kidway Bible Buddies and reading plans throughout the year to over 250 kids.

140Students
attended a
Life Group**5****YOUTH SERIES**Make It Matter
'What's Love Got To Do With It?'
Profitable Prophets
The Five Solas
Fruit of the Spirit**Ways Students Are Serving**

Cafe
Greeter
Kidway Tech Assistant
Kidway Small Group Helper
Preschool Helper
Nursery Volunteer
Middle School Sunday School Class Helpers
Youth Worship Team
Camera Operators for Worship Services
Media Tech for Worship Services
Kingdom Kids Helper
North Main Campus Worship Team

51Students
served at least
once a month**64**Students
attended
The Journey**The Journey**

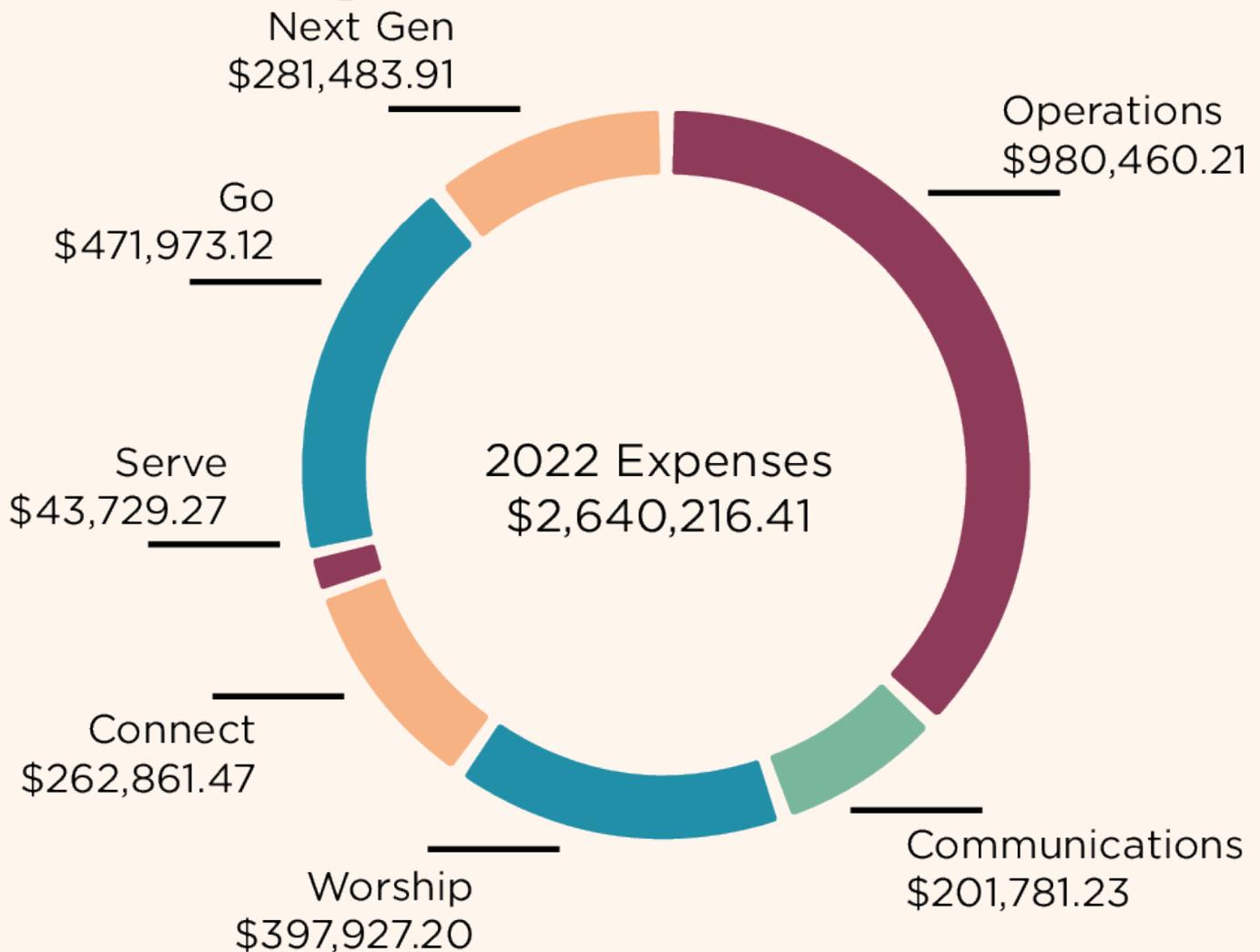
One way we saw God at work during The Journey was through the new relationships formed among the 6th grade and some upperclassmen girls. While it's easy to spend time with your friends and stay in your comfort zone, the upperclassmen took it upon themselves to intentionally spend time with the middle school girls. From karaoke to games to sitting together in sessions to help with notes and questions, these high school girls made a huge investment in the next generation. Praise God for the connection that took place this weekend and will continue to impact the lives of each of these girls!

FINANCE

2022 Finances

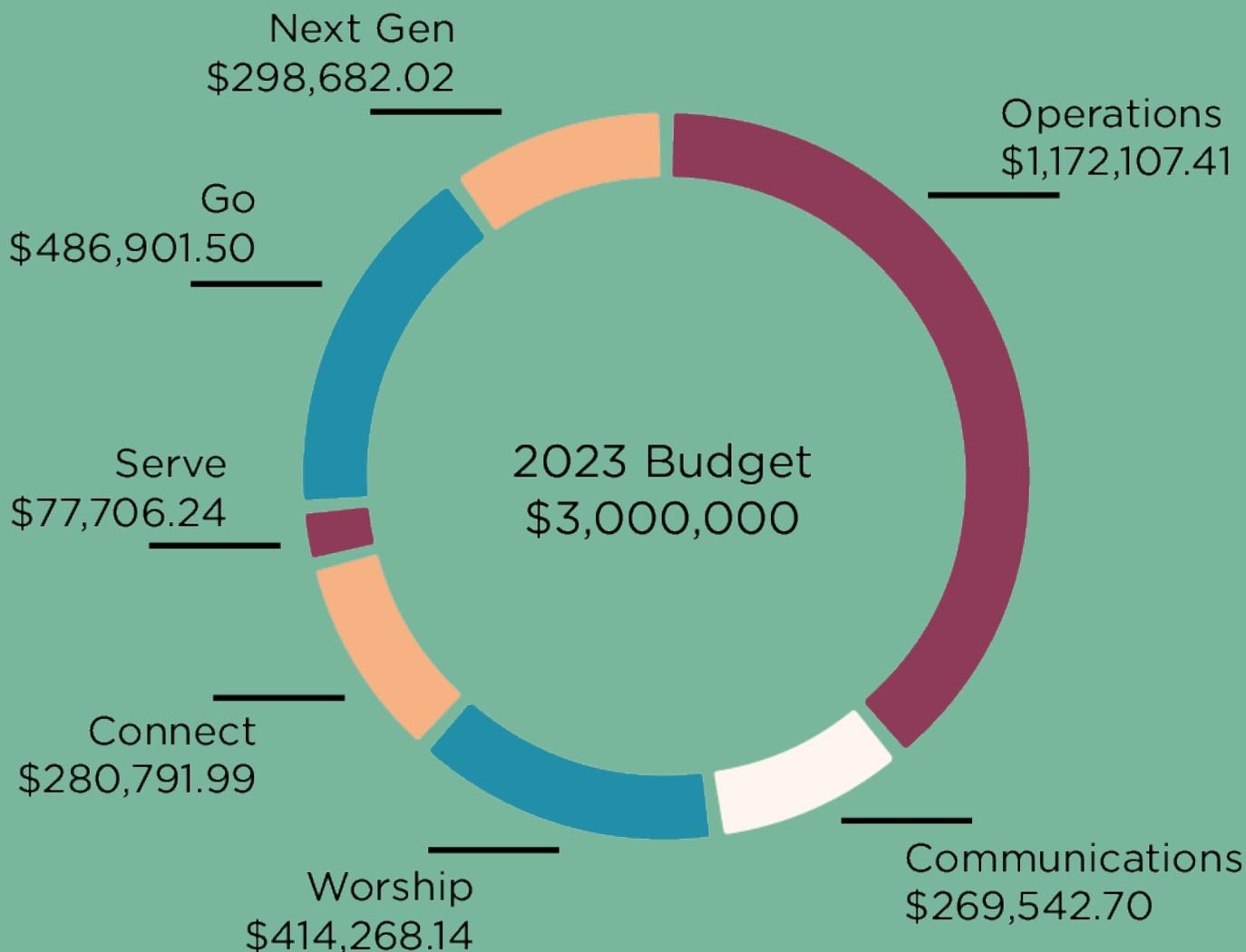
Budget	\$2,900,000
Gifts	\$2,992,816.22
Expenses	\$2,640,216.41

2022 Expenses



\$3,144 Annual Per Person Giving in 2022

2023 Operating Budget



The farmhouse was sold due to the cost of upkeep and the need for improved and expanded storage. The proceeds from the sale will be used to construct a storage and facilities work building in the gravel lot behind the County Road 9 Campus. Construction will begin in late spring or early summer.

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