Acts 2:42-47 And They Continued Steadfastly

Introduction

Isaiah 43:18-19

"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness [And] rivers in the desert."

Change of location

Change of culture

Change of board members

Change of ministry team

An increased focus on evangelism, personal and corporate

Change in music ministry (unintended but welcome)

Introduction

Things Unchanged:

- God and not man will be at the center,
- We are sinners, saved by grace, and Jesus is the only source of salvation.
- All doctrine and practice will be determined by God's Word,
- We rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to live out our lives in our devotion to God.

Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV)

This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

Introduction

Review of 2023 Plans for 2024

Acts 2:42-47 Edify Unify Magnify Multiply

V42

Apostle's Doctrine: <u>Edify</u> - a continual, purposeful teaching of the Word of God in various forums

Fellowship: (koinonia) - <u>Unify</u> the intimate bond of fellowship which unites us as Christians – the Gospel of salvation that we are share.

Breaking of bread: <u>Unify</u> - communion, a necessary, tactile sharing of our faith with each other

V 42, 47

Prayer: <u>Unify / Magnify</u> – unify us in purpose as we pray according to His will, and magnify God in praise and worship

Praising God: <u>Magnify</u> – our love for one another and our devotion to our God praises Him and magnifies His name.

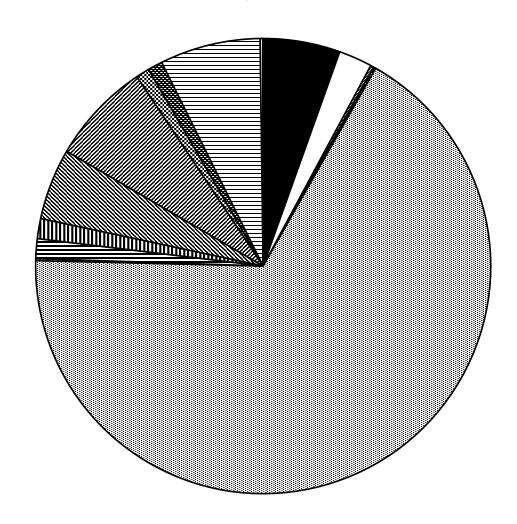
Having favor with the people: <u>Magnify</u> – reaching out to the world in His name.

V 47 – Multiply The Lord Adds

2023 in Review

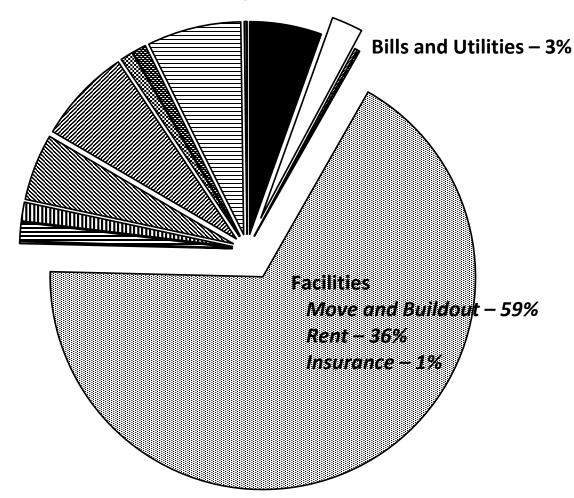
Total Spending – 2023 - \$183,000

- Audio / Visual
- ☐ Bills & Utilities
- Computer
- Education
- Facilities
- ☐ Fees & Charges
- **■** Fellowship Expenses
- **■** Gifts & Donations
- Ministries
- Missions
- **■** Office Supplies
- Online
- **■** Pastoral Expenses
- Tax



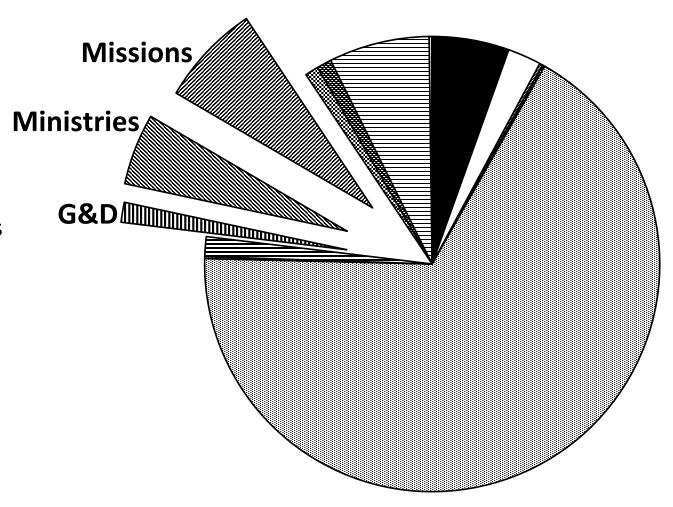
Facilities- 2023 -69%

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- Tax
- **■** Taxes



Missions/Ministry/Gifts & Donations – 2023 – 14%

- Audio / Visual
- ☐ Bills & Utilities
- Computer
- Education
- Facilities
- Fees & Charges
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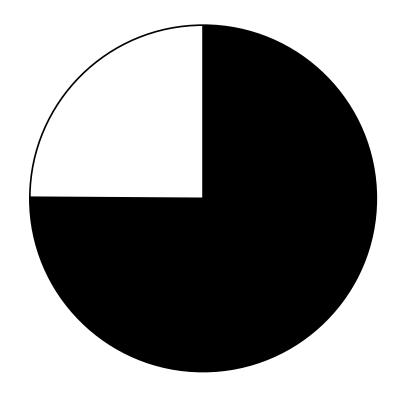


Missions 2023 – 7.2%

■ Missions:International

CC Svitlovodsk, Ukraine Compassion International Honduras / Lifeline Joshua Fund Jesus to Muslims

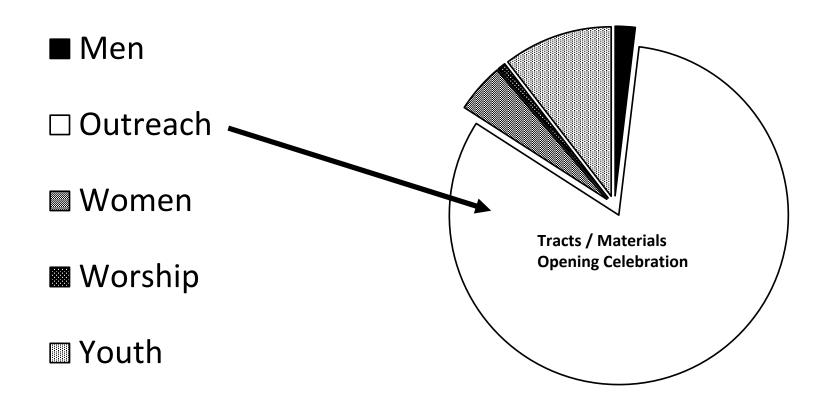
☐ Missions:Local
BLOC, Price Hill
Hope Ministries, Florence
Samaritan Car Care



Ministries: Outreach 2023

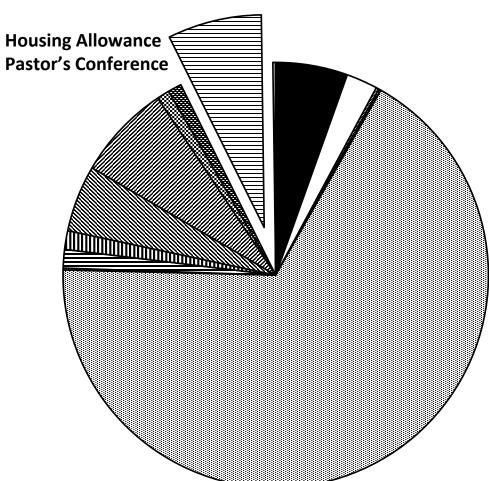
- Way Of The Master training
- 'if' cards and tracts throughout the year
- St. Patrick's Day Parade tracts
- Memorial Day Parade tracts
- Union Independence Day Parade participated
- Lunken Flea Market booth
- Boone County Fair
- Riverfest
- Individual Halloween outreaches
- Doorhanger invitations September

Ministry Spending 2023 - 5%



Pastoral Expenses – 2023 – 7%

- Audio / Visual
- ☐ Bills & Utilities
- Computer
- Education
- Facilities
- ☐ Fees & Charges
- **■** Fellowship Expenses
- **■** Gifts & Donations
- Missions
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- **■** Pastoral Expenses
- Tax



2024 - Facilities

- Taking bids for AV room and kitchen pass-through
- Help is needed for organizing and weekly cleaning

2024 - Edify

- Sunday and Thursday Teachings
- Men's and Women's Studies
- Marriage Conference March 1-2
- Increased focus on discipleship
- Home Bible Studies

2024 - Unify

- Philippians 2:1-8 emphasis on Christlike humility
- Common focus and goals
- Developing relationships outside of church.
- Working together in ministry

2024 - Magnify

- Quality of our gatherings
- Living Biblically
- Outreach

2024 – Magnify through Outreach

- Sending
 - Supporting God's direction in your ministry
- Supporting
 - Local and International
- Sowing
 - Preaching and helping in Jesus' name

2024 – Magnify – Sowing (Evangelism)
First Sundays
Boone County Fair
Riverfest
Parades
Praise in the Park

Taking It Home

MEDITATION VERSE

Acts 2:42, 47

And they continued

steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in
prayers. ...praising God and having favor with
all the people. And the Lord added to the
church daily those who were being saved.

BENEDICTION

2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy, [and] peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.