



2023 has been a GREAT year for the Church in so many ways!!! I want to start our year end letter by giving praise to the Lord, he has provided growth and fruit and that is worth celebrating. There will always be needs, but God has proven himself faithful time and again, so I encourage you to thank Him in your prayers. We also want to thank you for your obedience to the Lord to give to His kingdom, here are some snapshots from the past year worth celebrating:

- 21 baptisms
- We saw 44 people go out from this body to serve the Lord in international missions.
- We have already met our first year (of a 5-year project) goal in Kenya raising money for the fence and staff dorms for the school in Bura totaling approximately \$106,000.
- We are supporting 127 kids in Kenya from our congregation.
- Our school, Central Christian Academy, has seen significant growth going from 451 to 506.
- We've seen growth in our Sunday attendance particularly in the second half of the year.
- Gospel Adventure Club increased from 70 to 100 kids.
- Central Kids ministry has grown from an average of 170 kids to 200.
- We have seen growth in our Gospel Life Classes throughout the year.
- We finished a long series in the book of Revelation.
- We have been able to meet multiple building needs that were needed last year at this time: lobby roof repair, server replacement, gym roof repair.
- We have added multiple men's events this calendar year which have been well attended.
- We have begun a ministry to widows within our body.

I could go on and this doesn't begin to touch on the countless hours of counseling, discipling, marriage restoration, care, and needs met through benevolence this year. There is just so MUCH to give God praise for and we are excited to see what God has in store for us in the coming year.

As we close out this year and look to the new, we continue to press towards being a family who knows God, loves God, loves people, and makes disciples of all nations and we are boldly asking you to help us meet some current needs and move forward with some future plans, some of which include:

- Continuing our five-year project to build the school in Kenya.
- The development of a ministry directly intended to reach apartment complexes around our Church.
- We have a major financial need with the sanctuary air conditioning units soon needing to be replaced, which will cost approximately 1.4 million dollars. This is not something we love to spend money on, but something we need to do ministry.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

- We need to spend some resources on our aging sound system in the sanctuary which will cost around \$200,000.
- We are also currently planning 3 short-term mission trips for next summer.
- Launching an Easter program as a formational moment for families and outreach to the community.

Again, this list could be multiple pages long, as the work that happens through this body is literally 24/7 year-round. Last year, 20% of our annual giving came at year end. With that in mind, our "needed" goal, which is just to make the budget work, is \$900,000 in December. We would love to see the Lord meet the need for the AC units as well, so we do not have to launch into a campaign in 2024.

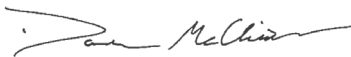
Would you join us as we seek to continue to grow and move to reach our city for Jesus? If you have never given before, it is time to step into the generosity God calls us to as we partner together for God's glory.

Here are some ways to give:

- Give by check: Sunday mornings - drop off in the giving boxes located at each entry to the Worship Center. There is also a lockbox in the Church administrative lobby (Door 1) that is accessible during weekly office hours.
- Give online (bank account or credit card): www.ccc.org/give
- Give via text: 316-448-8555

Please reach out to our Administrative Director, Neil Hague, if you have any questions. He can be contacted through the Church office, 316-688-4400, or via email haguen@ccc.org.

God bless and have a Merry Christmas!



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