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ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2015

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CHRIST FOLLOWERS WHO:

- Love God
- Love others
- Build community
- Grow in God
- And share their story

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Please bring this report to the Annual General Meeting on June 24, 2015





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2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014

1.00 Annual General Meeting Opening

1.1 Opening Prayer

George Lutzer led the opening prayer.

Call to Order

Barry Thompson confirmed that that the condition for quorum (fifty attendees) was met.

1.2 Call to Order

Barry Thompson confirmed that that the condition for quorum (fifty attendees) was met.

2.00 Agenda

Motion: *To accept the Agenda as presented for the Annual General Meeting of May 19, 2013.*

Moved By: Mike Smith Seconded By: Fritz Lenk - Motion Carried

3.00 Review of Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2013

Motion: *To accept the Annual general Meeting minutes as recorded for June 19, 2013.*

Moved By: Reed Schofield Seconded By: Mike Berg- Motion Carried

5.00 Reports

Ken Depner provided a brief overview of the reports contained in the Grace Point Church of God Annual report for 2014 and asked if there were any questions concerning the reports from the various ministries contained in the annual report.

Motion: *To accept the reports as presented in the Grace Point Church of God annual Report for 2014.*

Moved By: Darlene Meier Seconded By: Sigrid Thompson - Motion Carried

6.00 Financial statement for the fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2014

Lucy Grenke presented the financial statements and answered questions regarding the results.

Motion: *To accept the financial statements for 2013/14 as presented.*

2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014

7.00 Presentation of 2014/15 Budget

Lucy Grenke presented the 2014/15 budget contained in the Grace point Church of God Annual report for 2014.

Motion: *To accept the 2014/15 Budget as presented in the Grace Point Church of God Annual Report for 2014.*

Moved By: Judy Schofield Secoded By: Roy Belter - Motion Carried

8.00 Vision

Pastor George Lutzer reported the growing size of the ministries and increasing attendance. He also noted that the boards were examining the possibilities for expanding the size of the facility to handle the growth in the size of the ministries. Pastor George also described the 3DM training that is aimed at teaching the pastors how to make disciples who in turn make disciples.

9.00 Project and Partnerships Team Update

Garry Appelt outlined the mandate, membership, goals and partnership selecting process. Gary explained that one of the guiding principles is the goal of avoiding paternalism by not doing what people can do by themselves. Gary reported on the various ministries that had been provided support and the amount of support.

10.00 Ratification and Elections

Ken Depner reviewed the membership of the Board of Elders and noted there were two new members but that they were not positions that are subject to a vote. Ken reviewed the candidates for the Board of Trustees members, the secretary and the treasurer. The candidates were Byron Volkman for a second three year term and Arvid Schimke for a three year term; Lucy Grenke as Treasurer and Barry Thompson as Secretary each for a one year renewable term. Ballots were then cast and the tellers tallied the results and reported that the candidates were elected.

Motion: *To ratify the candidates and accept the election results and destroy the ballots.*

Moved By: Jason Lemke Secoded By Peter Franz - Motion Carried

11.00 Service Awards

Pastor George Lutzer presented awards to Horst Depner and Vince Hayduk for all the voluntary time and energy they donate to the church.

Cal Herauf presented awards to Lucy Grenke and Shauna Lutzer for all the voluntary time and energy they donate to the church.

12.00 Adjournment

Motion: *To close the meeting.*

Motion to Accept: Reed Schofield Secoded: Wes Grenke

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died and was raised again.” 2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV)



As followers of Christ, our identity is firmly rooted in God, our Heavenly Father. We are His children, brought into His family through the work of Jesus Christ as the Apostle Paul writes above. We have the privilege of being in a covenant relationship with God through Christ. The benefits and blessings of participating in the life of God’s family are many. But, as in all families, there are responsibilities that we need to take care of to promote the life and health of the family.

As members of God’s family, our primary purpose is to carry on His work in this world. Covenant relationship and Kingdom responsibility travel together. Our life is not about building our respective kingdoms, but it’s

about extending our Heavenly Father’s Kingdom (His rule, His reign) in this world. This becomes the primary pursuit in the life of a true disciple, a true son or daughter of God. Jesus even taught His disciples to pray as the very first request in His model prayer, *The Lord’s Prayer*, “Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Sadly, I don’t think this is a truth too many modern Christians “get” or live by. They’re not living sold out to God. They want all the blessings of family life but don’t want to invest in the family business. The life we are given in Christ is a life we, out of gratefulness to God, return in service in to Him, living for Him and for His purposes, not our own. Jesus died for all so that those who live should no longer for themselves but for Him! I’m grateful that we at Grace Point are pressing into this truth more and more.

As in previous years, I’d like to express my gratitude to and for all those who have invested so much and have served so faithfully this past year on our various teams. I am particularly thankful for the staff I get to work with as they desire to bear lasting fruit for God’s Kingdom. Thank you, staff, for all you invest so selflessly for Christ’s sake. This year we were able to welcome Adria Switzer on to our team. Adria took on the role of Office Administrator as well as the Director – Worship Arts. We have been blessed by her investment in the life of our Grace Point family already and look forward to what God will be doing through her. Lindsey Arnason joined our GraceKidz team and has served to support and advance that ministry.

I’d also like to thank the Elders for faithfully overseeing and leading our church family; thank you Cal Herauf, Tabea Berg, Ralph Buchsdrucker, Roy Belter and Heather Jenne. Heather’s term has come to an end and we look forward to welcoming Tracy Sedens to the Elder Team.

Thank you Trustees for your leadership in the area of stewardship. Ken Depner (Chair), Cal Muth, Reed Schofield, Byron Volkman, Arvid Schimke and Barry Thompson (Secretary) have invested much this past year and we are grateful for their ministry. Lucy Grenke once again voluntarily invested countless hours in her ministry as Treasurer, and we are so very grateful! This will be Lucy’s final year as Treasurer – please pray for the Trustees as they begin the succession planning process with Lucy to find a gifted person for the position.

This coming year will be another year of transition, of moving to where we see God at work. I’m excited about what God has in store for us as a church family, as we both enjoy the continued growth and blessing of family life, and as we participate with our Heavenly Father in His work. We are committed to living for God and extending His Kingdom in this world.

George Lutzer

BOARD OF ELDERS REPORT



Hello everyone

The Board of Elders of Grace Point church is appointed by the Senior Pastor in consultation with the Nominating committee to be responsible for overseeing the church family and its functions. They are part of the leadership team working alongside the Pastoral staff.

In conjunction with the Senior Pastor, Elders have responsibility to see that the church remains on a true course biblically and that the life of the church is being well managed with the assistance of the other competent and godly leaders.

This past year, we have been richly blessed in many ways at Grace Point, as we continue to grow. Along with growth however, come great challenges and opportunities, however. During those challenges and opportunities, it is important that your Board of Elders come alongside the staff and their families as a strong spiritual and prayerful support team. This has been a major focus of the Board this past year and one that will continue as we move forward.

I look forward to what God has in store for all of us at Grace Point.

On a final note, I would like to sincerely thank Heather Jenne for her faithful service on the Board these past three years. I wish God's blessing upon her.

Sincerely,

Cal Herauf - on behalf of the Elders*

* Roy Belter, Tabea Berg, Ralph Bucksdrucker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT



Dear Church Family,

I am pleased to submit this report on behalf of the Board of Trustees: Reed Schofield (Building Exterior), Byron Volkman (Building Interior), Cal Muth (HR), and Arvid Schimke (Special Projects).

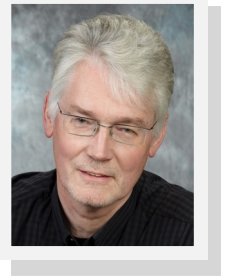
We are very fortunate to have high caliber volunteers working together with the board to manage the facility and finances. Lucy Grenke once again invested countless hours this past year serving as our treasurer, forecaster, and accountant. Other key volunteers include Barry Thompson (Secretary), Shauna Lutzer (Associate Treasurer), Reinhard Harder (Finance & Audit Committee), Ursula Lutzer, and the tellers. Many additional volunteers worked tirelessly behind-the-scenes taking care of our building and property maintenance. Special appreciation is also warranted for the Projects and Partnerships committee who ensure our Missions funds are effectively allocated. A special thanks to all of you for your valued contributions!

During last year's budget process we felt challenged to propose a faith budget, and through your faithful tithes and offerings, God blessed us with a 19% operating revenue increase over the prior year. Coupling this together with restrained spending and prudent fiscal management by the staff and ministry team, we were able to achieve a net surplus. The proposed 2015/16 budget represents a 6% increase over the prior year's operating income and we are confident that God will continue to provide and bless Grace Point Church. Due to the continued growth in staff and budget, we are proposing one additional part-time position in the upcoming budget to address some of the current and upcoming administrative and accounting challenges.

Please continue to support the Pastors and Board of Elders with prayer as they provide continued direction. The Board of Trustees also asks for your prayers for God's wisdom and direction in the coming year.

Ken Depner on behalf of the Board of Trustees

GERMAN SENIORS MINISTRY



Since October 1995, Grace Point Church of God (then Edmonton German Church of God) is offering services in English as well as in German on Sunday mornings. Although English services were offered as early as 1990, it was in 1995 that the leadership of the church saw it necessary to start regular English services on Sunday morning in order to serve the growing English speaking community.

Since then several pastors have served regularly in the German services: Pastor Fritz Lenk, Pastor Oscar Berzins, Pastor George Lutzer, and Pastor Egon Wilhelm. We are thankful for their faithful ministry of teaching and caring.

Who would have imagined 20 years ago where we are now today? The then German Church has become a ministry to German seniors while the then small English speaking community has grown to more than 10 times of its original size. God has obviously blessed the courage and foresight of those pastors and leaders. Grace Point Church today stands on the shoulders of these leaders and these faithful German seniors. We are tremendously thankful for their courage, their prayers and their support over these past two decades.

With this rich heritage in mind we look back on another year of ministry to these faithful German seniors. I am thankful for Hilda Gutzmann who has kept the ministry organized and who has decorated the chapel. Thank you to Daniel Lutzer, Helmut Fode, Helmut Popke, and Pastor Dan Schultz for leading worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you to Karin Depner, Angie Bogner, Betty Schultz, Hilda Gutzmann and James King for playing the piano. And thank you for the many who have contributed special music or poems during the service.

DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Am I living a life worth imitating?

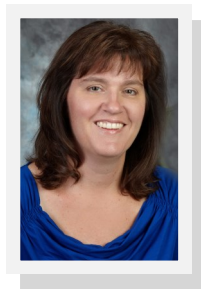
Discipleship is not just about gathering or providing information as to how to live as a follower of Jesus Christ. A vital part of discipleship is imitation. What does it look like to follow Jesus in our day to day grind? What rhythms of life allow us to bring fruit for God's Kingdom? The early disciples of Jesus had the privilege of living with Jesus 24/7. They saw every day what it means to live the kind of life God wants us to live. Jesus taught it to them, but more importantly he modelled it to them. In our approach to making more and better disciples, we have by and large skipped the imitation part. We are good at providing information. We offer Bible studies and sermons and small groups. And we are also good at challenging people to live their daily lives with Jesus by offering prayer support. But we have not given much attention to imitation. Jesus said: Come and follow me. In other words: Come, watch me and learn from me. And after three years of living with Jesus, He entrusted them to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and let them innovate, meaning, to go to the ends of the earth and share the Good News with all nations.

Jesus taught us that discipleship is highly relational. If we want to make disciples, we don't just need to offer Bible studies on Bible reading and prayer and holy living. We need to enter into those personal relationships where we invite people into our lives: Come, walk with me and watch me for a while. Therefore we ask: Am I living a life worth imitating?

As we embark on this journey of becoming a discipling church, we are not trusting a roll out new programs, but we are challenging leaders and pastors to live a life worth imitating. And then we are learning to invite others into discipling relationships where we give people access to our lives, to journey with us for a while until we release them into making disciples of Jesus. This is challenging! This takes time! But it's worth it! Eleven men having spent time with Jesus and released under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, changed the course of history. If Jesus thought this was smart, we do well to think and do the same.

Pastor Egbert Lubek

WOMEN'S CONNECTING & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



What a privilege it has been to journey alongside the women of Grace Point. The women at Grace Point who have participated in the Bible Studies have found more than just learning about God's word together. They have found women, who are in a similar situations as they



are in life, and women who will come alongside one another and carry one another in prayer! What a privilege it has been to witness the women become God's hands and feet to one another. Life is full of ups and downs and we have found it is in community that relationships are built, encouragement is given and strength is found. We have learned more about God as we have unpacked His word and heard from the experiences of one another. Truly these studies have made an impact!

Here are the books we studied in depth:

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Pricilla Shirer. In this study of Jonah we discovered that what you see as an interruption may truly be God's divine invitation to a life so much bigger that you can imagine. We explored that Jonah (and we) had no idea the impact he was making by just being obedient to where God was sending him, that in our obedience to God, He will use us.

The Shelter of God's Promises by Sheila Walsh. In this study we took a closer look at God's promises to us written in His Word. The promise of provision, peace, that we can be confident in His plan, His love for us, His grace, hope, strength and that we know there is something better for us in store once we get to heaven.

The Patriarchs by Beth Moore. In this study we looked in depth into Genesis 12-50. We were able to know, very personally, the characters: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, their

families, and the encounters God had with them. We learned how God pursued a relationship with them (and us), and His plan to bless all people. We learned how God pursued them (and us) when they were at their best, weakest and worst. What a joy it was to learn that God can use us all to glorify Him, if we let Him.

Wonderstruck by Margaret Feinberg. This book encouraged us to slow down, open our eyes and become aware again of the wonder of God in our daily lives. It encouraged to take the time to rest and balance our lives and to engage in meaningful prayer. It reminded us to that we were meant for community and that forgiveness is for our health and benefit. And we learned to have a heart of thanks, so we can be a shining light for God where we live out our lives.

It has been such a joy to see women grow in their personal relationship with Christ. To see women desire to get to know Christ more and to actively be a shining light for Him where He has placed them in the lives of their families, at work, where they live. Friendships have blossomed as the women have journeyed alongside one another. Praise be to Him!!!

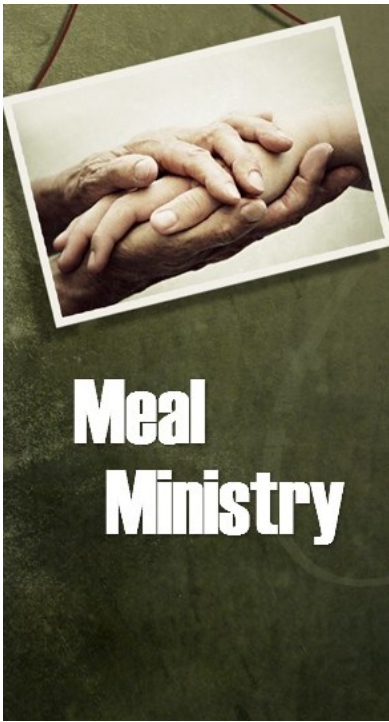


Thank you for supporting this ministry in prayer and with financial contributions. What a blessing it is to serve in this ministry!!!

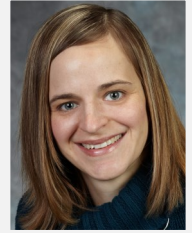
Serving, learning and growing together,

Heidi Belter





GRACE CARE NETWORK



I am excited to see how God is continuing to grow and change our Grace Care Network ministry so that we are able to provide care and support to our church and local community. We have an amazing team of leaders and volunteers. This year we were able to launch some new programs and it has been exciting to see new volunteers join our team. One new program we have started is through our car care ministry that is being led by Jason Peters. We have partnered with the “Just us” ministry and were able to offer oil changes to some of the single mom’s in our church community twice this year. We are hoping to continue offering this service on a regular basis. It was also a blessing to see members of our congregation donate the materials and money so that the oil changes were completely free. One other new project this year was to create small hampers to have available for office staff to give out to members of our church and community who might come forward with a need. This year, we had quite a few community members come to the church for help because of financial strain. I was so blessed that once again our church congregation stepped forward and donated all the items on the list for these hampers as well as gift cards to go with them. We also held two cooking bees this year in June and February, and these have been able to supplement the meals that our meals team provides for babies, for those suffering loss and illness. We have been able to bless many families this year through this ministry and I am so thankful for Laura Schultz and her continued leadership of the meals team. Over the course of this year, I have seen so many instances of church members stepping forward to help each other in times of need. What a blessing it is for me to be a part of a ministry that is about caring for each other. Thank you again to all my amazing volunteers! If you are interested in getting involved with the cooking bee, meals team, yard care, car care etc., please let me know. We can always use more volunteers and I can be reached at marciapeters@ymail.com.

Marcia Peters





PRAYER

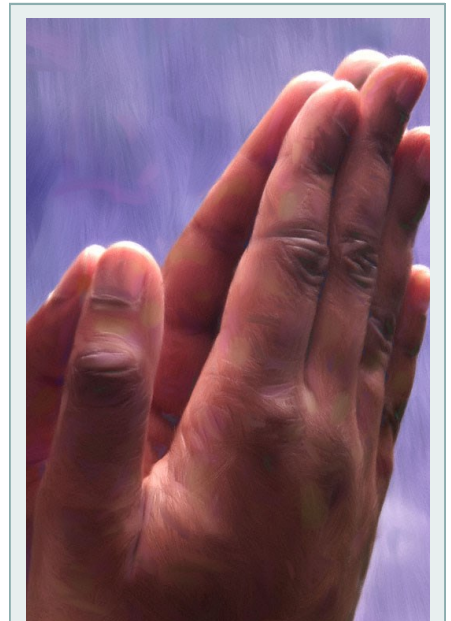
Another year has flown by and we are thankful for many answers to prayer. The prayer chain is activated frequently with requests and our prayer team faithfully intercedes but it is God who graciously answers in his way and his time. We are just so thankful to be able to bring our requests into the throne room of God Most High, for whom nothing is impossible.

This year we had prayer walks in church and in the church neighbourhood and encouraged our members to prayer walk in their neighbourhoods. We also provided opportunities to have a personal prayer retreat in the chapel.

We are excited about the new KidsPray group established in the spring. They meet every second week to pray for each other, for GraceKidz ministry, summer camps, neighbourhood and people in need. We are looking forward to see their faith grow as God brings answers to their prayers and develops them into an army of intercessors.

The weekly German prayer group meets every Monday morning and our English prayer group meets bi-weekly, usually on Wednesday evening. The post service teams have had much opportunity to seek God together with those seeking help and the pre-service pray-ers continue to meet at 10:15 Sunday mornings in the prayer room next to the Welcome Center.

If praying together with others is what you enjoy doing, we would welcome you to join us any time. If you would like to receive prayer requests to pray over confidentially in your home, please do contact one of us.

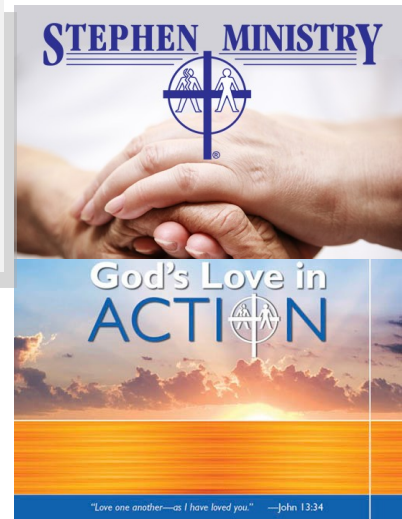
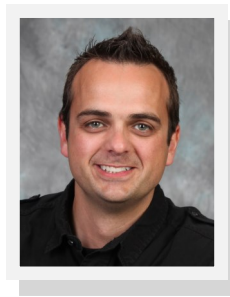


*Left: Sandra Roesler Right: Karin Depner
Prayer Team Leaders*

COMMUNITY CARE

Every year I struggle to determine how to sum up and highlight a whole year of ministry events and keep it brief. This year especially has been filled with ups and downs that would require a longer conversation to fill everyone in, but I will do my best to bring you up to speed.

This year has brought some challenging situations with some of our staff losing loved ones. We have certainly experienced pain as a team in the journey together through grief. While the journey through grief is not complete, this year has brought tremendous growth for us all as we learn how to support others in their loss.



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Our Stephen Ministry had a good start this year with two Stephen Ministers becoming active in relationships right off the bat. Unfortunately referrals didn't come in as we had hoped and the Stephen Ministry hasn't been fully utilized. There are many factors why this happened but the Stephen Ministers have met and determined next steps for this ministry. We will retool with a new name, a higher level of visitation type ministry and a simpler form of accountability and administration. Great things are ahead for our Stephen Ministers. Pray for those who are struggling alone that they would desire a companion to journey with them through challenge.

There have been several people coming to the church for emotional, spiritual and financial support. Each situation brings new challenges and needs. Our benevolent fund was overspent this year with the various needs for support. Please pray for our staff and support ministry to have wisdom to help individuals and families effectively.

The Just Us (Single Parent Family) ministry led by Jen Newell-Power has grown significantly. There are about 11 families including 24 children benefiting from the connection and community facilitated by the Just Us Ministry. We are celebrating with Jen and her team of volunteers as they have experienced great turnouts and significant connections at events. This fall will include a Single and Parenting support group for Just Us participants.

The Men's group had a great year under the leadership of Randy Roesler, Kristian Olsen and David Birkholtz. The men continued to challenge each other to live out their faith in family and work.

In September, I went through Hungry For Life training to more effectively lead teams into the mission field. In February, we went on yet another trip to relocate a playground for the orphanage and support Shane Trusz as the new field director of HCAS.

The 2015 Haiti Team:
Alan and Sharon Bitzer with their son's Matthew and Daniel. Samantha Turner, Matthew Harsch, Jim Gilbank, Randy Roesler (our fearless leader) and myself.

We had a tremendous trip!



I am looking forward to tremendous things in the coming year.

Pastor Dave



YOUNG ADULTS

GPCYA (Grace Point Church Young Adults) has changed its rhythm a little bit this year. We have been hanging out at my family's home roughly every second Sunday for lunch and a discussion. It has been great for our family to have our "friends", as my daughter, Lydia, calls them, over to integrate my family with some great young people.

We started the year by reading through the book of Acts together. We talked about what God was saying to us through the text and what we were going to do about it. The text allowed us to enter into some great conversations, challenging our thoughts on what a church community is or should be.



Young Adults Giant Dutch Blitz Game

“God is tugging on our heartstrings and inviting us into a more fulfilling life one that is modeled after Jesus.”

We are currently going through a study video series, “Not a Fan,” which has been inviting us to enter into a life sold out to Jesus, that we carry our cross daily, and to lead lives that step out of our comfort zone. I love how young people wrestle with this idea and challenge themselves to change their lives.

We have had some great connecting events, an Amazing Race, a Winter Retreat, Games Nights and much more. We have integrated new people and built deeper relationships with those that have been around for a while.

God is tugging on our heartstrings and inviting us into a more fulfilling life one that is modeled after Jesus. Continue to pray for our young adults as they journey together and look to lead the church.

Dan Schultz

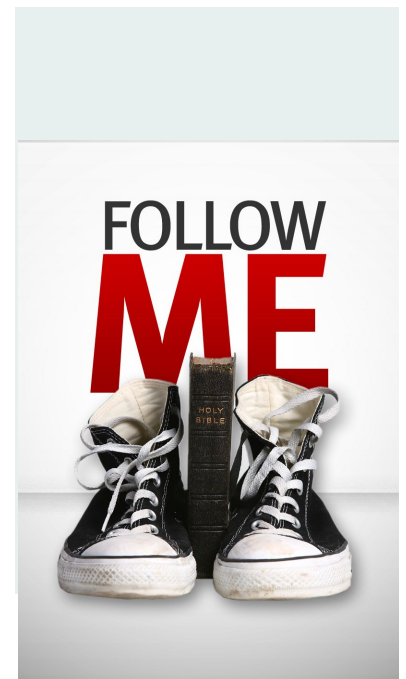


Above: Winter Ball Hockey Tournament

RAMP UP SPORTS

God has surprised me in many ways this year. I have again seen how long it takes to build relationship with people to get to a point where you can enter into a spiritual conversation without any awkwardness. But yet, at the same time, these conversations can happen after you meet a person for the first time. I have experienced both this past year and have boiled it down to this. You need to be ready with an answer at all times, because God is always working behind the scenes.

Our Ramp Up Sports motto “Be Active, Be Known” is one we still hold to. Getting a good work though has become secondary to some of the relationships we have been building. The harvest is great, as we have seen some amazing numbers for our drop-in sports. We have seen sometimes 30 people show up for basketball on Saturday mornings, had 23 entered into our badminton tournament, and a ball hockey league that boasted 38 participants. Although we like to see the numbers up, our main focus, and what we celebrate, are the faces we started to see on Sunday mornings, and the deeper conversations that we have been able to enter into. Continue to pray for the relationships that we have started to cultivate, and that every time someone comes out, that they are moved one degree closer to knowing Jesus.



“Be Active, Be Known”

COMMUNITY IMPACT



One of the Family Movie Night's held at Grace Point Church this past year for the Community

It has been a great experience once again working with the Ellerslie Community League Board. They really function as a small family; one that desires to see their community connected and to be a great place to live. Sounds similar to our desire here at Grace Point.

We have worked together to put on a few great events this past year. A Valentines Day Celebration brought in 300+ people that enjoyed great music, crafts, and food. Our monthly movie nights, which boast great popcorn and drinks, have brought in, at times 100 people. We have also had a games night, a bike safety event and more. These events are all open to each of you, if you are a part of the community or not. Come and check out the cool dynamic.

I am also celebrating how the Community League has treated our facility. It has truly become a community center and we have recently received a sizeable donation from the community league thanking us for being such great neighbors. Please pray as we continue to be a shining light on a hill, a beacon of hope for our neighbors.

Pastor Dan Schultz

Connections

WELCOME MINISTRY

Hello everyone

It is that time of the year again where we are asked to write our ministry reports and it never ceases to amaze me, how quickly the year has gone by... again...

Over the past year, we have seen some senior people leave the ministry and we are very grateful for the time they have put in, and we have also seen some new faces join, which is great!

So for those of you who do not know who we are or what we do, here is a quick introduction:

The Welcome Ministry is a pretty “low key” ministry when it comes to time requirements, tasks and pre-requisites for joining. You don't have to be a great singer or kid entertainer, all you need to bring is the desire to meet people and make them welcome to the church. And no worries... you do not have to be on stage to make the weekly welcome announcement either unless you want to.

Our ministry consists of three core teams plus a number of floaters and we are always “on duty” for a month and then off for two. Quite a bit of work happens in the background for organizing things, but you definitely all see our many faces when we open the doors for you, hand out the bulletins, take up the offering or help with communion. In addition to that, we try to answer the questions you might have, provide help for emergency situations and in general we like to roam the building looking for unfamiliar faces. And for the first time we organized a welcome ministry wide get together at an acreage outside of town for a BBQ and bonfire. Great time and we hope to do it again this year.

So if you would like to join, this is a great way to getting more connected within the church and being able to meet lots of people. We have a few families that serve as this is a great opportunity for the kids to get involved too. Same as in previous years, we really pray that we can be an extension of God's arms and help people feel welcome as they enter our church and can connect with God.

Please come and talk to us at the if you have any questions.



Katja Hinz

YOUTH MINISTRY

Soooooo 2015 eh? What a crazy year with so many ups and downs and then to finally come to June and finish off strong! In 2015 we have been going through some changes in terms of adding different parts to the ministry as well as changing different things within the ministry! First, I want to give a huge shout out to Matthew Bitzer who has signed on as the youth intern at Grace Point while he works on his education at Rocky Mountain Bible College. We have offered him the opportunity to serve in the ministry in a higher functioning role to gain some life experience while studying to hopefully one day be a youth pastor himself. Matt has filled a lot of roles this year in terms of planning, speaking, and administration, and does a lot of behind the scenes work to help make this ship run. And, although many don't see it, he has done a fantastic job.

Another shout out needs to go to Randy Schultz and the youth worship team, which started up this year. They led their first worship time during a couple Deeper events this year! Randy and team have invested a lot of time and effort into this part of the youth ministry and it was very cool to see some fruit coming out of the ministry! I look forward to how this ministry investment affects future worship teams on a Grace Point level where youth are getting plugged regularly!

Another change that we decided to run with was transitioning from serving at different organizations to impacting our community around us! One of those was going around and picking up garbage and recyclables and helping keep our community clean. Another example was our missions team garage sale which was a huge success and based on some of the stories coming from people, we helped a lot of people new to the community with setting up their house and furnishing it for a more than reasonable price! Funny enough, we even had two men who liked the garage sale so much they came to church that Sunday! Also at Christmas we set up care packages for Hope Mission as well as for Youth Emergency Shelter filled with supplies given to us by the organizations and also encouragements/scripture. It was awesome seeing the youth stepping up and getting these packages ready and also putting some very heavy and heart felt messages in these packages.

On a tougher note, I also want to thank the Grace Point Church family for your patience and support for myself and my family throughout this year. We knew going into this year that it was going to be tough when my mom was diagnosed with terminal cancer last July, but we didn't have timelines and everything was very touch and go. Your prayers and thoughts and kind gestures like meals and gifts and encouragement notes kept us strong through this last year, and although we didn't get a chance to thank everyone every time, please know that your support was critical for us. Although mom passed away in February, I haven't had very much time to step away from the ministry so I look forward to coming back from Haiti and spending some time alone on a bike trip west to process everything and catch my breath.

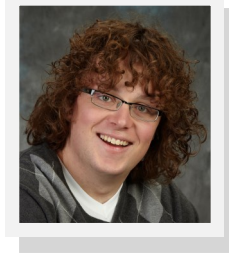
As we continue to grow as a youth ministry, our goal is to continue to promote that relationships with God and others are the most important thing we value in Core Youth. We are at our highest numbers yet as we average between 35-50 youth on a regular basis and this is very exciting news, but also poses challenges to keeping an intimate environment and investing in everyone equally! If you are thinking about getting involved in a ministry, we are always looking for leaders. We could use some people who want to invest in the youth. They are, after all, a huge part of Grace Point!

Looking forward, please continue to pray for our youth missions team going to Haiti at the end of June and beginning of July and also pray that going into next year we are able to find a way to have an even heavier impact on the community around us!

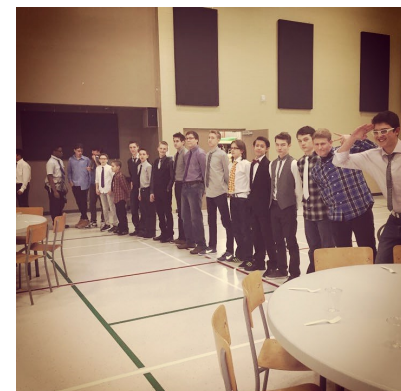
God is good. He sustains us, and He is the same yesterday, today and forever!

See y'all next year!

Craig Robertson



Top: Youth Kick Off
2nd: Hope Mission Care Packages
3rd: Youth Worship Band
Below: Valentine's Day Service Night





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It is such a privilege to serve at a church bustling and bursting with little people so full of enthusiasm! It is a true blessing to have our greatest struggle be with limited space and seating. God continues to make Himself known through the children's ministries here – shaping the lives of leaders and children alike! I believe two of the reasons God continues to expand our territory is that we have a vision for children's ministry and we that believe that the time invested in children can, and will, have an eternal impact!

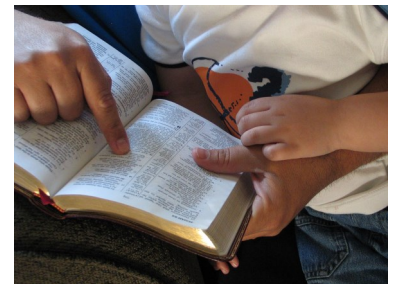
I was touched this year by the story of Tony Campolo's search to answer the question "What kills a church? What makes a once-thriving church wither away and die?" When he saw his childhood church boarded up, he sought to find answers by digging through the old records. He began his search through the history of the year he became a Christian and was met with notes that read "That it had not been a particularly good year for the church," the author admitted. "Giving was down from the previous year. Mission activity was subdued. Attendance had declined. There were only three conversions over the course of the year, and they were "just children." Dr. Campolo stared at the page in disbelief and irritation. "Wait a minute!" he said out loud. "I was one of those three! And I know the other two. One spent his life in mission service in Africa, while the other became president of a seminary here in the United States. And I've given my life to Christian higher education. What do you mean, just three children came to Christ that year?" The sociologist had found the answer to his research question. A church begins to die when it says, "They were just children." If that is the mind-set, decline and decay will surely follow (taken from Dr. Wess Stafford's book, [Too Small to Ignore](#)).

As I meet with my children's ministry teams, I am continually reminded that we may not always see the fruit of what we do in our lifetime, but we will definitely see it in heaven. What seemed like a bad year at Tony Campolo's childhood church, was truly the seed of a larger ministry that would have a ripple effect throughout eternity. Charles Spurgeon states "You may speak but a word to a child, and in that child there may be slumbering a noble heart which shall stir the Christian Church in years to come."

This year we welcomed Lindsey Arnason to our children's ministry staff team. Her responsibilities include the GraceKidz administration, Plan to Protect ® implementation, and much, much more. Jen Power continues to be a blessing as she manages the AWANA administration, nursery team coordination, and GraceKidz prep, to name only a few of the many things she does each week. I am thankful to have such a skilled and loving team who truly have a vision for children's ministry!

Thank you Grace Point Church family for valuing children's ministry and for recognizing that investments we make here will be seen in heaven!

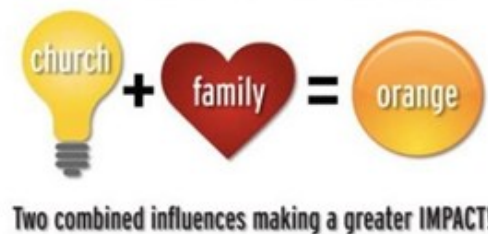
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Grace **Kidz**

GraceKidz is our Sunday morning children's ministry and the team consists of approximately twenty small group leaders, twenty assistants, eight registration desk leaders, eight guest registration desk leaders, and a large group team. As you can see, it takes a small army to make each week happen but armies have a purpose and so does our team. Our goal is to show God's love to the kids each week, teach them truth in a way that reminds them that real faith will shape the way they live and think, and draw them into a deeper relationship with God. We strive to help them develop relationships with the other children, engage in an exciting worship time, and to have them store God's Word in their heart.

As we look to the fall, I would encourage you to pray for wisdom as we plan for the expanding number of children joining us each week. This year alone, we added 65 new children to our Sunday morning families registered. We currently have 226 children registered and our guest registration team is busy each week welcoming newcomers.



AWANA is our mid-week children's ministry that runs from September to the beginning of April. Our team of leaders and the 186 clubbers registered enjoyed numerous special events including: Crazy Hair Night, the AWANA Grand Prix, Pie In the Face Night, and a celebratory Closing Program. The primary goal of AWANA is to reach kids with the Gospel and then to train and equip them with a deeper understanding of Scripture. Clubbers (children registered in AWANA) are motivated as they receive badges, awards, and AWANA money for working through individual handbooks. I continue to be amazed at the way God draws families in our community to AWANA. Once again, we had a large percentage of kids who do not come from church homes attending. One of my favorite stories was of a Grace Point family who brought two boys along with their kids each week. The boys would come over after school and do some work in the handbooks together before they came. One of our clubbers had the privilege of leading his friend to Christ before AWANA. God is big and uses many means to reach the lost – we must never forget that children can be leaders too!

This year we made the difficult decision to close our AWANA club to children from other churches. For

the past few years, we have reached fire capacity early and have had to turn away clubbers who do not have a home church. Beginning this fall, we will be accepting only Grace Point families and families who do not have a church home. It is our hope that as many as possible will be reached with the Gospel through this ministry and know we can be certain that many of our clubbers from other churches have a way in which to hear the Good News while some on our wait list did not.

Looking to fall, we are excited to be expanding the number of spaces for community families and would ask that you pray that God would prepare hearts and bring families that would be open to Him.



KIDS CAMPS



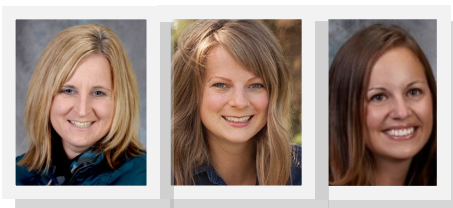
The summer will be full of fun for our Grace Point children and community as we engage children and leaders in our three summer camps: Art Camp (July 7 – 11), Soccer Camp (August 10 – 14), and Children’s Camp at Deer Valley Meadows (August 3 – 7).

We are thrilled to have two summer interns joining us, Rachel Clark and Matt Bitzer. They will be working in the GraceKidz children’s ministry on Sundays and focusing on the details for our summer camps. The demand for our on-site camps has grown tremendously and we have reached capacity long before the early bird deadline. We are encouraged by the number of children from our community who are involved as we know that God is opening the door for us to speak His love into their lives. Last year during art camp, a child looked up during the Bible teaching time and said, “I’m from a different religion and I don’t believe in your God, but I do wonder if Jesus loves children from other religions.” What a beautiful opportunity to share God’s love!

I would ask that you remember the children and leaders who will be attending these camps in your prayers. May God use our camps as opportunities for us to tell children that Jesus loves them and for whole families be drawn to Him!

This year our numbers in nursery have stabilized as a bubble of children have begun to move up to GraceKidz Preschool. The structure of our nursery volunteers has been expanded with the welcome addition of team leads to the nursery each week. Janice Weiss, Joline Lemke, Karla Hayduk, Kari Robbins and our newest lead Shanna McKinnon bring a ray of sunshine each week as they welcome families and keep things flowing. We have 20 volunteers serving in teams of 5 each week, including some dedicated youth! The nursery is truly a safe and loving environment where the littlest Grace Point kids learn that church is a great place to be!

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Left: LuAnne Birkholz (Pastor of Children’s Ministries)
 Middle: Lindsey Arnason (Assistant to Pastor of Children’s Ministries)
 Right: Jennifer Power (Assistant to Pastor of Children’s Ministries)



WORSHIP MINISTRY

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Ps. 46:10 (NIV)

Whether we are still, or we are shouting and clapping, one truth remains...God is God and He will be exalted! He will never be defeated! How awesome it is that



in Canada, we have the freedom to sing together, joining our voices in public expression of worship to the King. The earth will exalt Him and we are privileged just to join in with the rocks and trees, in praise to Him.

I have been on staff here at Grace Point Church, as Worship Director, since October 2014 and have enjoyed getting to know the volunteers that offer their time and talent each week, in order to run the music portion of our Sunday service. It is a large group of people that come together to make it happen! I came in with the desire just to familiarize myself with the Grace Point system...not to rock the boat or demand any changes. There were so many things that impressed me in those first three months of connecting!

Then, I asked the Holy Spirit to help me see where there could be improvements and changes that would benefit the volunteers who are in the Worship Department, as well as the church at large. In cooperation with the other worship team leaders (Randy Schultz, LeAnne Cazemier, Barry Ukrainetz, Tabea Berg) and the preaching pastors (George Lutzer, Egbert Lubek, David Van Roon), I made a decision to ask the preaching pastors to have their general sermon outline to the worship leaders 10 days in advance of the actual Sunday they would preach it. This, then, allows for the worship leaders to have their songs chosen and sent out to their teams six days prior to the Sunday. The upside of this is that the teams can practice at home and come to rehearsal more prepared. It also will open doors for more impactful moments in the service, where testimonies, special numbers and particular congregational songs can complement the sermon theme.

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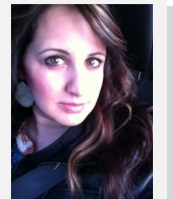
We have just purchased a new (digital) soundboard, which is exciting! I hope that it will eliminate some of the ghostly crackling we experienced with the previous one. Also, we have purchased a new keyboard, with a better selection of sounds, to replace the outdated one we had been using (or use, in conjunction with the old one, actually). We have also subscribed to Planning Center Online, a tool for our worship team volunteers to use, both at home during the week to rehearse, as well as on Sunday mornings during the service. It has become our service outline tool, as well, and has built in tracking abilities, to remember the songs we’ve done, people who’ve served, etc. This was not available to me, when I started...it was difficult to know what songs Grace Point Church even considered their “base” of songs! I’m still on the learning curve, where that is concerned, but it’s coming.

We have had several interested volunteers approach me, wanting to be involved. In some ways, this is a wonderful thing and in some ways, it is very difficult. The part that is difficult is simply finding room for the areas that are already quite full (eg. Vocalists...we have an abundance of them!) I anticipate, however, that as we continue to grow, we will need more volunteers and that welcoming them in now, even slowly at the beginning, is a wise choice. In our Discovery Class One, we ask the people, “What is your gift? How can you use it at Grace Point?” So, if someone has the gift of tech/music/singing, I will do whatever I can to involve them and help them create community in their area of serving.

Speaking of community, that is one of my main goals this year...to build worship volunteer camaraderie and community. I have arranged a couple of gatherings and will continue to do so, in an attempt to make this feel like a place “where everybody knows your name” for my worship peeps.

Our tech guru, Vince Hayduk, continues to bless us with his service to our audio and visual needs. I am deeply thankful for his expertise and servanthood. Hopefully, I will glean just a fraction of his knowledge while working with him. I am thankful for the worship leaders, too, who give of themselves, over and over, without compensation. Their dedication is so valuable to me.

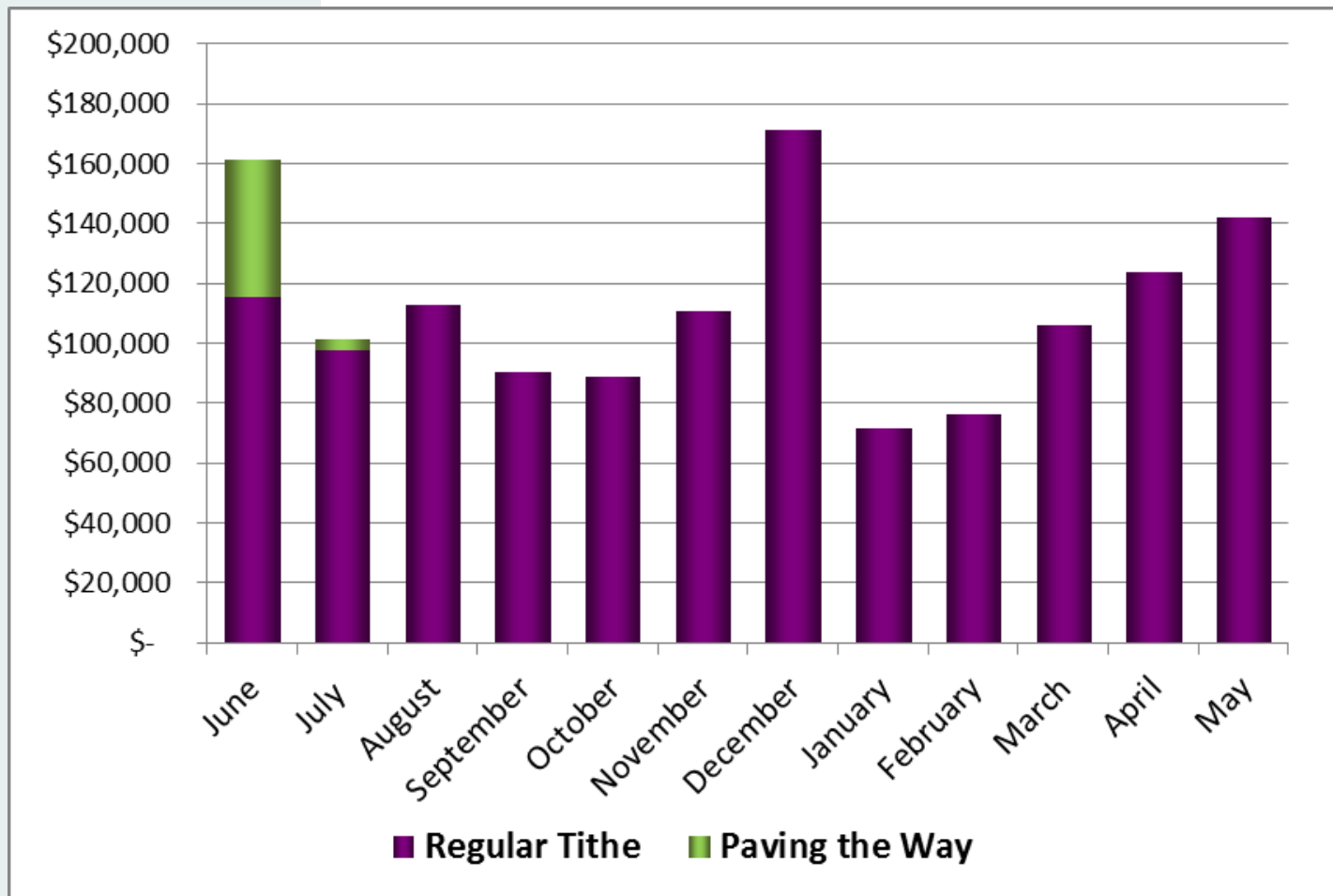
As we endeavor to continue on in an atmosphere that honors God, while being relevant to the trends in worship, but not forgetting the beauty of our past, there are great things in store for us during our corporate worship gatherings here at Grace Point. I want to thank the staff and board members for being so patient with me during my initial stages. I feel so privileged to be a part of this team!!





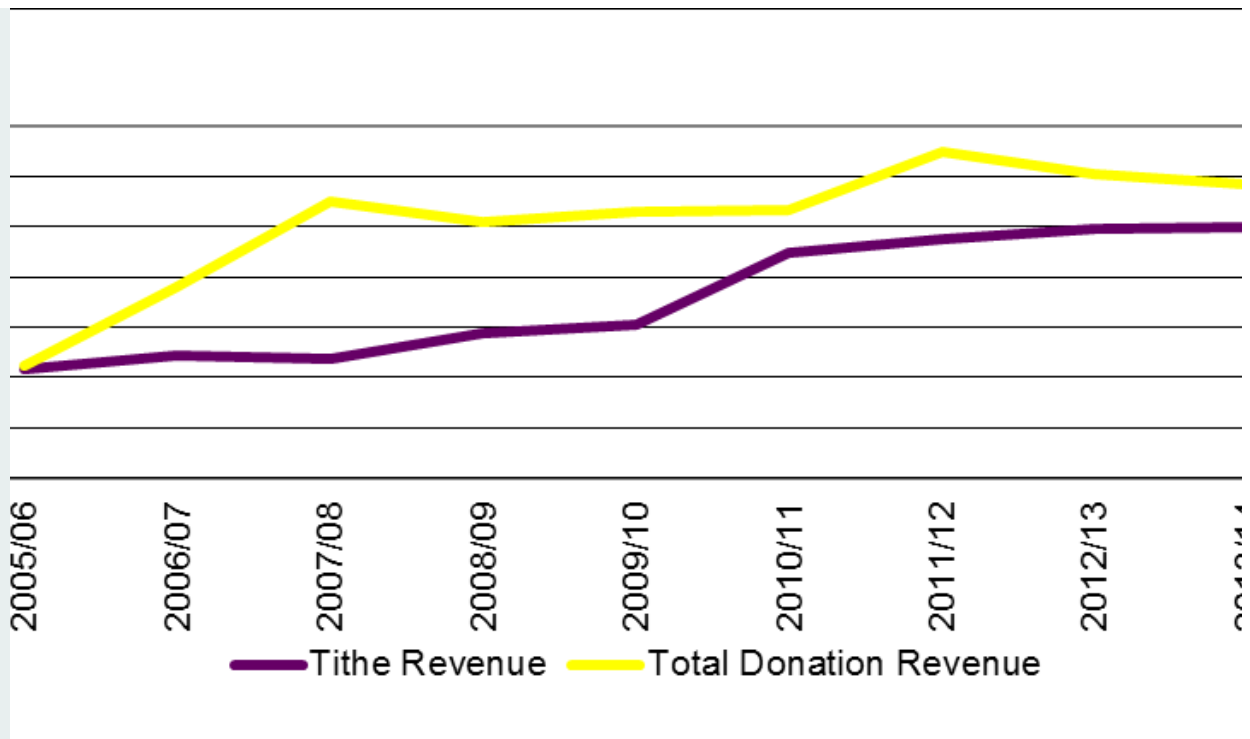
FINANCIAL REPORTS

MONTHLY OFFERINGS - FISCAL YEAR 2013/14

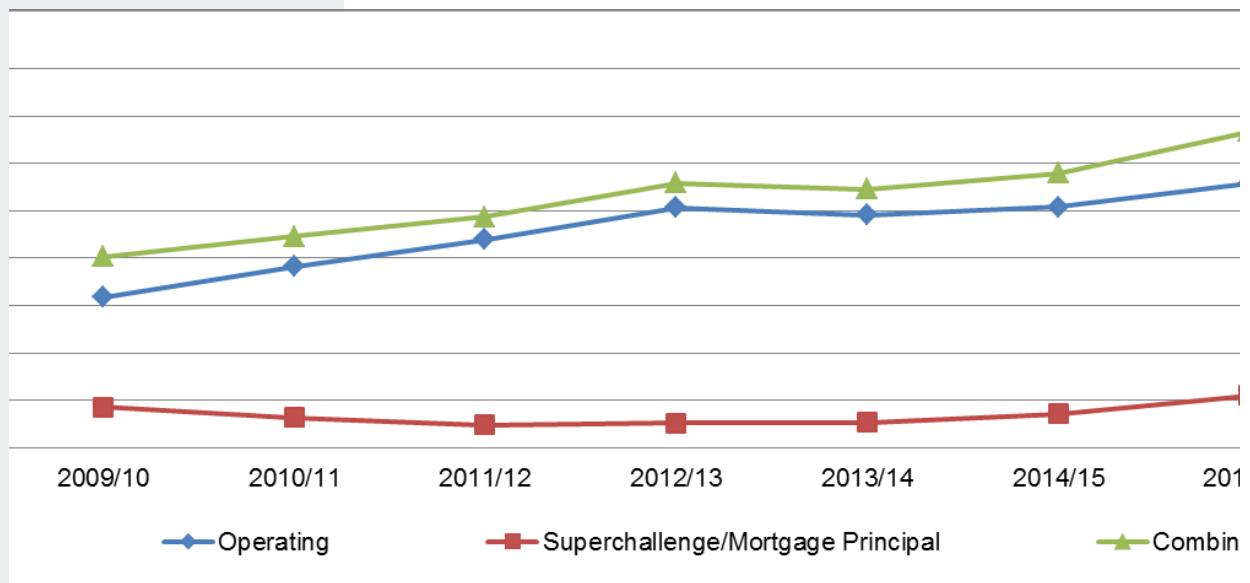


	Regular Tithe	Paving the Way	Combined
June	\$ 115,282	\$ 45,816	\$ 161,098
July	\$ 97,719	\$ 3,445	\$ 101,164
August	\$ 112,816	\$ -	\$ 112,816
September	\$ 90,366	\$ -	\$ 90,366
October	\$ 88,571	\$ -	\$ 88,571
November	\$ 110,581	\$ -	\$ 110,581
December	\$ 171,168	\$ -	\$ 171,168
January	\$ 71,595	\$ -	\$ 71,595
February	\$ 76,551	\$ -	\$ 76,551
March	\$ 105,946	\$ -	\$ 105,946
April	\$ 123,650	\$ -	\$ 123,650
May	\$ 142,167	\$ -	\$ 142,167
TOTAL	\$ 1,306,412	\$ 49,261	\$ 1,355,673

10 YEAR OFFERINGS TREND



EXPENDITURES TREND 2008-2015



	ACTUALS						FORECAST
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Expenditures							
Operating	\$634,310	\$764,235	\$878,135	\$1,012,051	\$ 982,770	\$1,015,304	\$1,114,797
Superchallenge/Mortgage Principal	\$172,908	\$128,205	\$ 96,161	\$ 104,015	\$ 108,491	\$ 143,031	\$ 220,000
Combined	\$807,218	\$892,440	\$974,296	\$1,116,066	\$1,091,261	\$1,158,335	\$1,334,797

BALANCE SHEET - AS AT MAY 31, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank - Operations	122,927
Bank - Restricted Funds	164,906
Prepaid Expenses and Other Receivables	17,219
Total Current Assets	305,052

Fixed Assets

Land	315,000
Building	8,628,963
Parking Lot	495,962
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	452,669
Total Fixed Assets	9,892,594

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 10,197,646

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	220,000
Accounts Payable & Deposits	2,402
Accrued Expenses & Payables	29,273
Total Current Liabilities	251,675

Deferred External Contributions

Paving/Debt Payment - Externally Restricted	18,964
Work Camp - Externally Restricted	5,136
	24,100

Long-Term Liabilities

Servus Mortgage	1,651,825
Loan - 1473070 Alberta Ltd.	245,000
Total Long-Term Liabilities	1,896,825

TOTAL LIABILITIES

2,172,600

EQUITY

Net Assets

Balance, Beginning of Year	7,525,361
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	351,916
Total Net Assets	7,877,277

Deferred Internal Contributions

Debt Reduction - Restricted Fund	30,000
Work Camp - Restricted Fund	488
Missions - Restricted Fund	112,282
Board Restricted Funds	5,000
Total Deferred Internal Contributions	147,769

TOTAL EQUITY

8,025,046

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

\$ 10,197,646

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

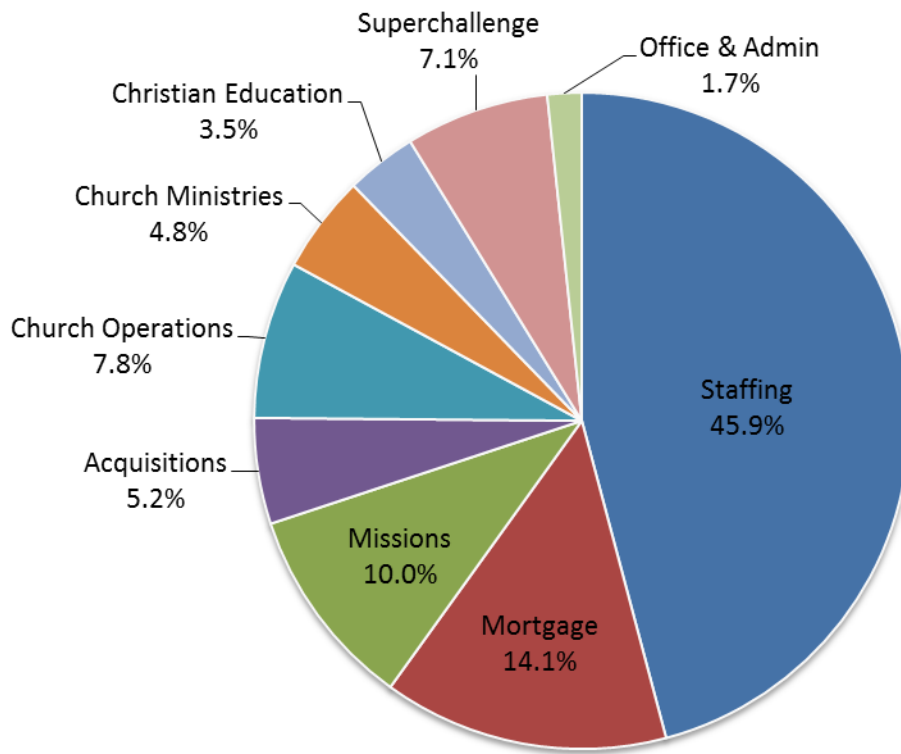
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2015

	Last Year	Current Year	
	Actual	Actual	Budget
	2013/14	2014/15	2014/15
REVENUE			
Revenue - Offerings	1,098,200	1,306,412	
Facility Lease and Rental	18,895	23,019	
Interest & Miscellaneous Income	3,906	3,121	
Designated Offering - Paving/Debt Fund	169,076	49,261	
Designated Special Offering - Other	17,680	65,729	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,307,757	\$ 1,447,541	
EXPENDITURES			
Christian Education	28,762	38,655	46,930
Missions	120,000	140,000	140,000
Church Operations	201,379	190,016	212,043
Church Ministries	45,864	57,659	67,671
Office & Administrative Expenses	19,902	21,333	23,450
One-Time Expenditures	13,387	33,119	125,570
Staffing Costs	553,476	566,336	581,433
OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES	\$ 982,770	\$ 1,047,118	\$ 1,197,097
Parking Lot Expenses	7,857	0	0
Transfer to Int. Restricted Paving/Debt Fund	21	30,002	30,000
	\$ 990,648	\$ 1,077,120	\$ 1,227,097
Designated Giving - to Paving/Debt Fund	1,219	49,261	
Designated Giving - Other	17,680	(30,756)	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING	\$ 18,899	\$ 18,505	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,009,547	\$ 1,095,625	
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 298,210	\$ 351,916	

2015/16 PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>Actual 2014/15</u>	<u>Budget 2014/15</u>	PROPOSED 2015/16 BUDGET
Christian Education	38,655	46,930	49,285
Church Ministries	57,659	67,671	68,075
Church Operations	79,432	90,830	95,012
Interest - Private Financing	17,764	21,613	14,508
Mortgage Interest	92,819	99,600	78,600
Total Church Operations	<u>190,016</u>	<u>212,043</u>	188,120
Office and Administrative	21,333	23,450	23,890
One-time Expenditures	33,119	125,570	73,645
Staffing Costs	484,161	495,527	558,404
Pensions	29,069	29,068	30,316
Benefits	48,261	56,838	58,400
Total Staffing	<u>561,491</u>	<u>581,433</u>	647,120
Missions	140,000	140,000	141,000
Mortgage Principal	116,061	107,700	120,000
Superchallenge - Debt Repayment	30,000	30,000	100,000
TOTALS	<u>\$ 1,158,335</u>	<u>\$ 1,334,797</u>	<u>\$ 1,411,135</u>

2015/16 Budget



2014/15 Budget

