

2024 ANNUAL CELEBRATION



COMMUNITY
BIBLE CHURCH

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2024 ANNUAL CELEBRATION AGENDA

- 5:00 Fellowship
- 5:30 Let's eat!
- 6:00 Call Annual Meeting to Order

I. Prayer

II. Old Business

- a. Who We Are
- b. Where We have Been
 - i. Finances
 - ii. Attendance
 - iii. Baptisms
- c. Video Review

III. New Business

- a. Approve 2025 Spending Plan
 - i. Comes with Motion and Second from Elder Body
- b. The Future

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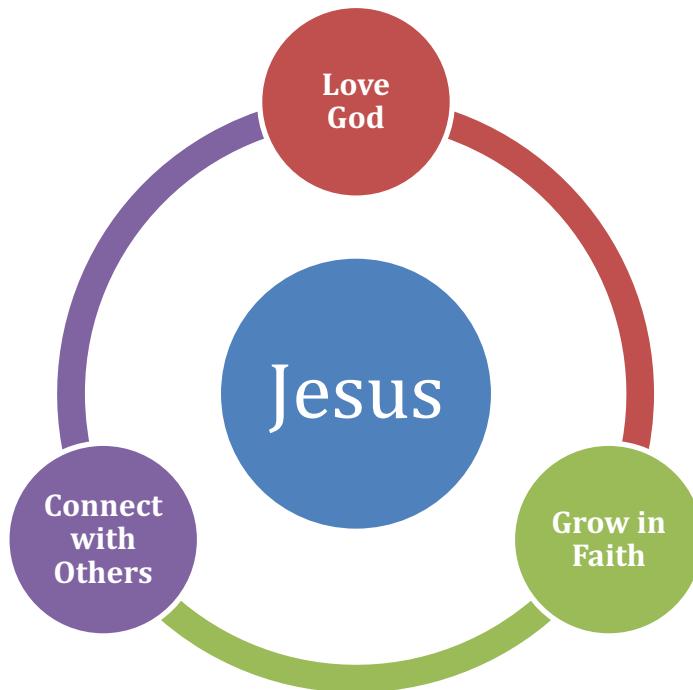
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Who We Are

Our Mission – Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)

We seek to experience and share the *love* of God, to *grow* our faith through discipleship, and to *connect* with others so we might share common life. We pursue this with Jesus at the center of everything we do to bring all persons into these same relationships.



Our Vision – Proclaim Jesus (Luke 4:18-19)

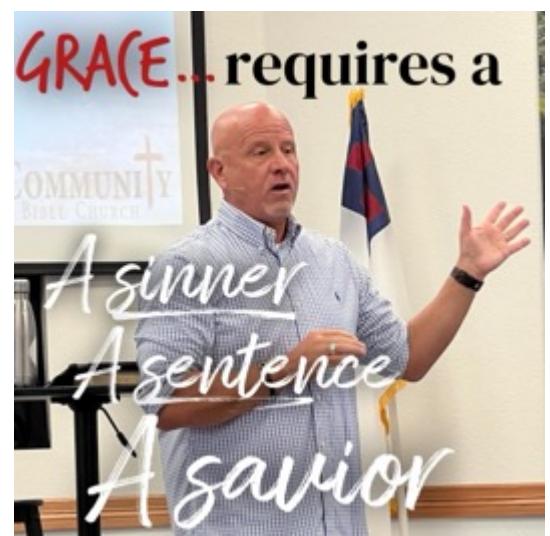
Our vision is to vigorously pursue the work of carrying the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to this community and to the world, more readily help each other in our Christian service, and do all things in brotherly love.

This vision is carried out through becoming:

Soul Winners

Disciple Makers

Kingdom Builders

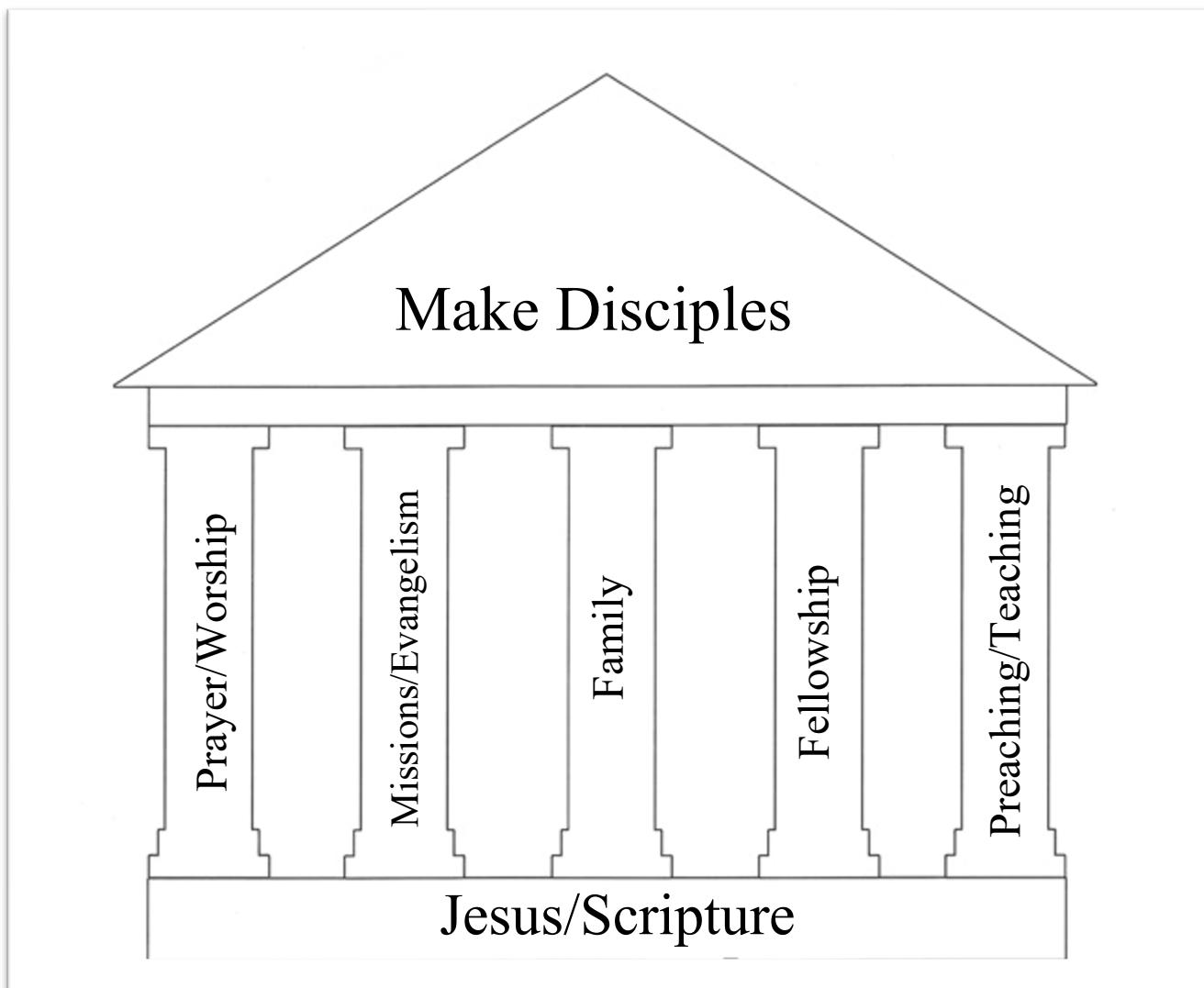


Our Values – Community (Acts 2:42-47)

1. We value prayer as the most important activity in a Christian's life.
2. We value regular devotionals and worship services.
3. We value using such services and other means to earnestly proclaim the gospel message and urge others to place their faith in Jesus as their personal Savior.
4. We value regular Bible study, discipleship, and training to encourage persons to use their lives in Christian service by emphasizing total commitment to the Lordship of Christ.
5. We value being a loving congregation whose members work zealously to be Christ-like and helpful to each other and to those in our community in our daily walk and thereby be examples attracting unbelievers to the church.

Our Purpose – Fruit Bearing Disciples (John 15:5)

Our purpose captures the essence of our mission, vision, and values. With Christ Jesus as revealed through Scripture as our foundation, we pursue our purpose through the 5 Pillars of Christian Life.



Our Commitment – Christ First (1 Peter 3:15)

Community Bible Church exists to share the love of Christ in every context: Our families, our neighbors, and our community.

We believe in the word "Community" and we seek to be the part of our community in every possible way by doing the following:

1. Lead people to Jesus, help them love Him more and more, and teach them to grow dependent on Him through discipleship and service.
2. Actively and intentionally disciple members, staff, and attenders to become servants, evangelists, ministers, and disciple makers, and to equip them to assume leadership roles in fulfilling the church's ministry.
3. Help families become generational disciple makers, teaching them to disciple their children, live in covenant marriage relationships, and evangelize their kin.
4. Become so incredibly vital and visible to our community that the community would mourn and civic leaders would protest if we were to close our doors.
5. Seriously, and with conviction, pursue fulfilling the Great Commission in our homes, in our community, in our country, and across the globe to deliver the good news of Christ's victory over death and His promise of forgiveness, redemption, and salvation that is secured only by God's grace through the sacrifice, resurrection, and promised return of His Son, Jesus Christ.



Our History

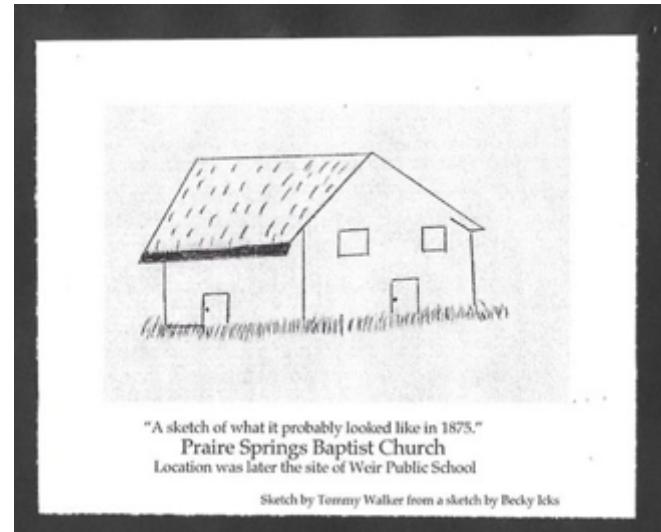
Community Bible Church of Weir, Texas was first organized in 1875 as the Prairie Springs Baptist Church. The congregation met at the school house where the old Weir School building stood. In 1886 the building was destroyed by a storm. There were 10 charter members in this organization.



Camp Meeting 1890
New Location for Buffalo Springs Baptist Church

Photo Courtesy of Weir Baptist Church

The church and congregation reportedly moved several times and was eventually renamed Weir Baptist Church and then Weir First Baptist Church.



"A sketch of what it probably looked like in 1875."
Prairie Springs Baptist Church
Location was later the site of Weir Public School

Sketch by Torrey Walker from a sketch by Becky Icks

In 1890 a church house was built half a mile west of the church house on "B" Ranch. It was renamed Buffalo Springs Baptist Church from the skeleton of a buffalo head having been found on the property.





The congregation built a new building on South Main Street in Weir around 1975 and worshipped there until they built on five acres north of downtown Weir. The new building was built in the 2000's and is the current church site. The congregation renamed the church to Community Bible Church of Weir, Texas in 2021.



List of known pastors:



Rev Coffield	A.F. Avant-Suffy
C.S. Harrison	Leroy Dormer
E.M. Lewis	Thomas R. Thomas
Jeff Davis	C.R. Perrin
H.E. Bass	L.G. Rainey
B.B. Blaylock	Jack Partain
O.H. Huliberger	James Hill
C.E. Poe	Jimmy Clark
D.H. Willett	Robert Cooksey
J.D. Aldrede	Boyce Vordomer
P.M. Curry	Bill Moyer
D.M. West	Floy Dill
Brother Murphy	E.A. White
B.H. Saunders	Raymond Morell (Interim)
W.T.C. Briggs	Dewey Davidson
W.S. Parker	Jack Vick
C.A. Disckson	Randy Moore
E.A. White	Michael Delaney (Interim)
R.D. Dollahite	Kenneth Hickman
Rodney Dowdy	Michael Delaney
John Wallace	Michael S. Wright (Current)
Henry Askew	

Our Theology*

About the Bible

- We believe the Bible is the Word of God, divinely inspired; it contains no errors in the original manuscripts and is preserved by God for us; it is authoritative for this church and each of us for every age.

About God

- We believe God exists eternally in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. These three are one God.
- We believe God created the universe by His Power and Word.
- We believe God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and ever present.

About Jesus Christ

- We believe Jesus Christ was sent by God the Father into the world to save sinners, He is the Second Person of the Trinity, and He is God the Son.
- We believe Jesus Christ was virgin born, sinless in life, and mighty in words and deeds.
- We believe Jesus was both God and man, He was crucified for our sins, and He was bodily raised from the dead. He then ascended to His Father's side where He is head of the church and intercedes for believers.
- We believe Jesus Christ is coming again personally, visibly, and bodily to reign as Lord.



* This is a summary of our doctrinal beliefs. See the website for our complete Doctrinal Statement.

About the Holy Spirit

- We believe the Holy Spirit the Third Person of the Trinity, is God the Spirit, and has all the divine characteristics of God. He indwells all believers, baptizes and seals them at the moment of salvation. He fills them in response to confession of sin and surrender to Him.

About Salvation

- We believe Jesus, through His death on the cross, provided salvation for all. However, to receive salvation one must repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ alone. The true believer is eternally secure and cannot lose their salvation. They may, however, lose their joy by sin and bring the loving discipline of the Father upon themselves.
- All who have received Christ will at death depart to be with Christ in their spirits and at Christ's return, receive a new body, which will be like His glorious body.



About the Church

- We believe a New Testament church is a local body of baptized believers who covenant to live transformed and transforming lives together to worship Jesus Christ, edify the believers, evangelize the lost, and minister to others.
- The church has two ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life we have in Him. The Lord's Supper is a reminder of Christ's death and anticipates His Second Coming.



Our Leadership

The Pastors

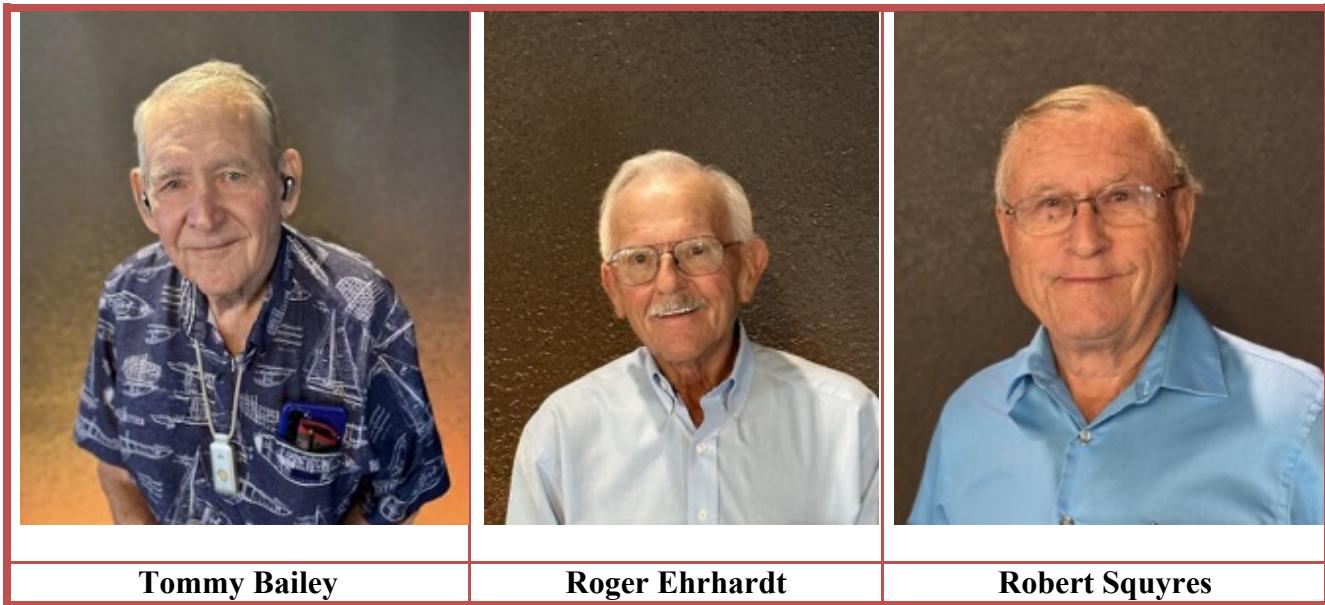
		
Michael Wright, M.Div., Senior Pastor	W. Boyd Bush, Ed.D. Executive and Worship Pastor	Cory Ferrell Minister to Students and Families

Elders

		
Ron Foster	Michael Gardner	Jack McChurch

The Team

Deacons



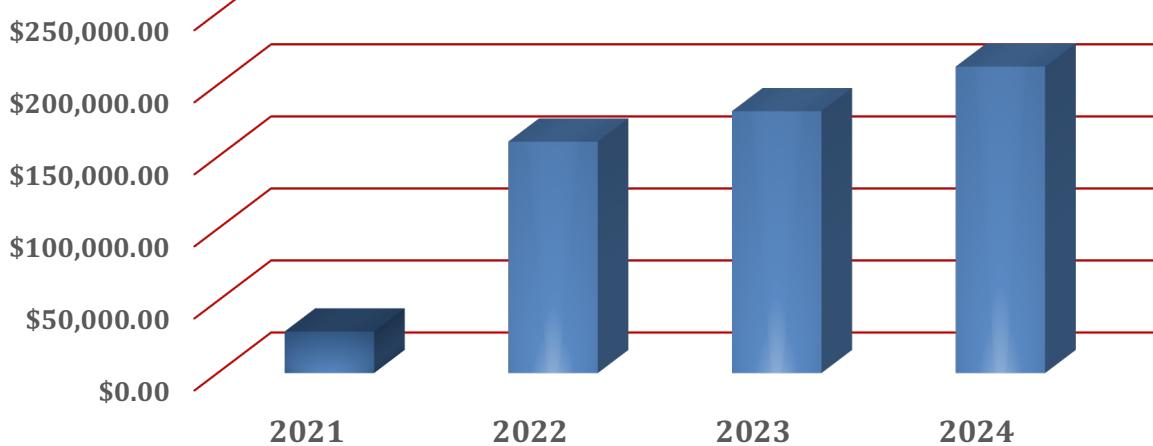
Ministry Leaders



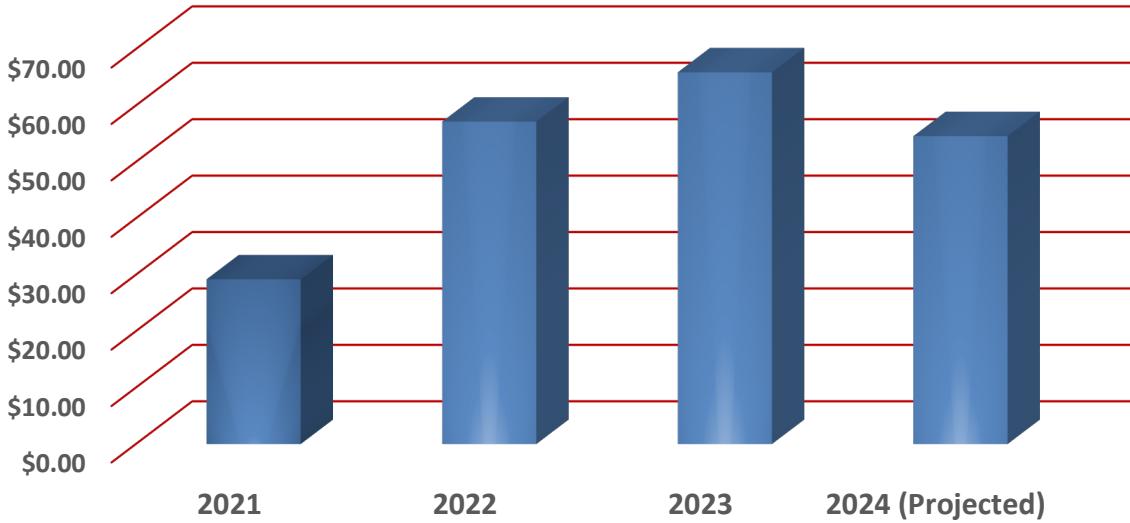
	
<p><i>Mike Erickson</i> <i>Tech/IT/AV</i></p>	<p><i>Rick Cox</i> <i>Tech/IT/AV</i></p>
	
<p><i>Robert Squyres</i> <i>Grounds</i></p>	<p><i>Mitzi Ehrhardt</i> <i>Facilities</i></p>
	
<p><i>Toni Mace</i> <i>Children</i></p>	<p><i>Deb Foster</i> <i>Events</i></p>

The Numbers

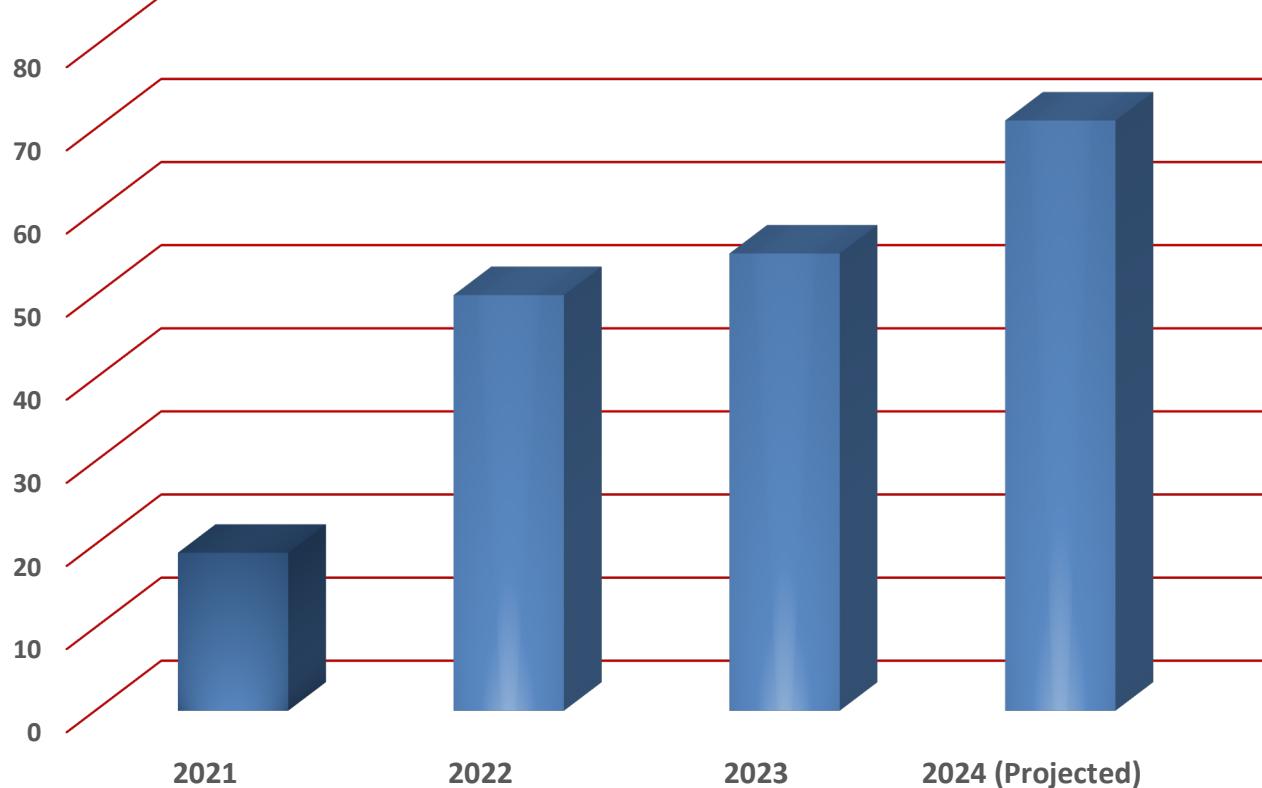
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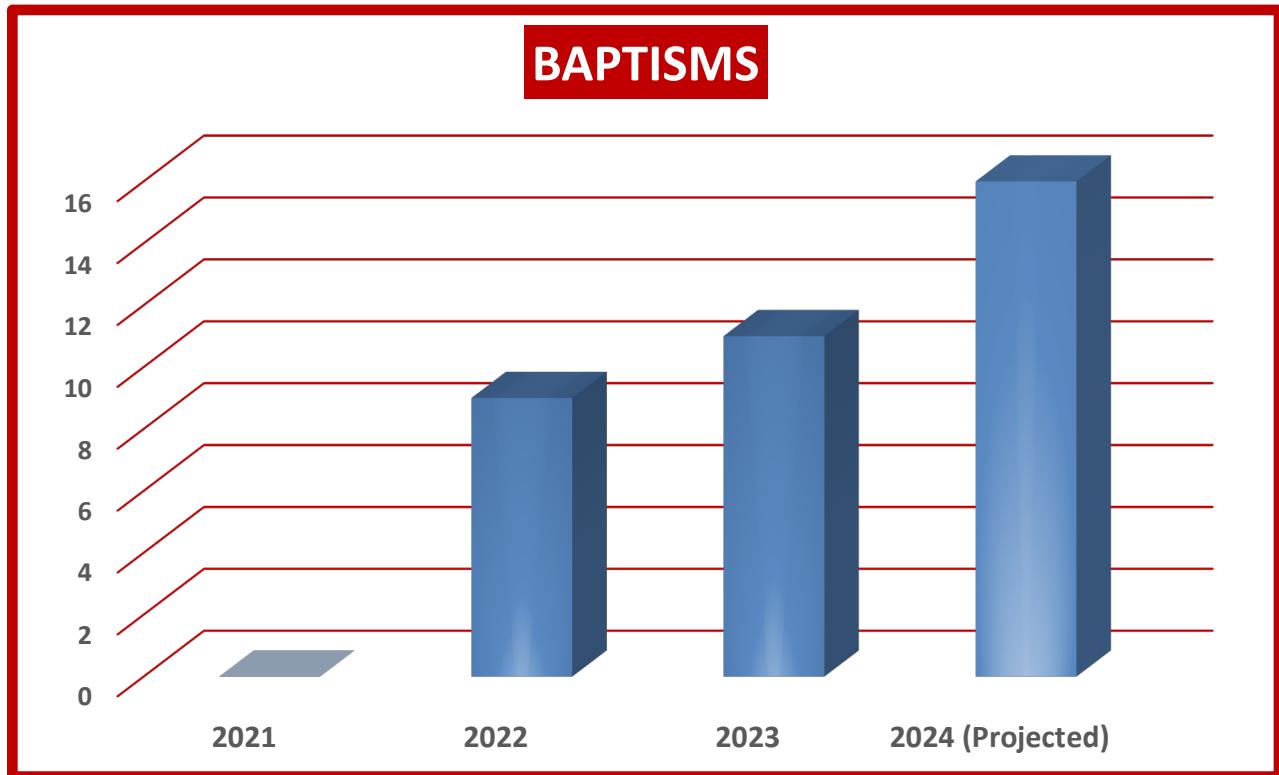


WEEKLY PER CAPITA GIVING



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE





Accomplishments

Outreach

Community Bible Church is a church committed to reaching our community, and we have instituted several outreach programs that continue to grow in numbers and effectiveness of sharing the love of Christ.

- **Annual Fish Fry** – Our Fish Fry is held the week before Easter, and the community shows up! Over the last several years, the numbers have increased from around 300 to nearly 500, and they experience the love of Christ hear the Gospel message.
- **Back to School Bash** – We reach families we would not otherwise reach through your generous school supplies contributions. It has become quite an event, and so many of you had crucial conversations with your neighbors.
- **Operation Christmas Child** – This was a banner year for OCC! We collected 1,184 shoeboxes, and our church packed 145 boxes at our first ever Pack and Pray Party. The number of you that brought shoeboxes, volunteered on collection days, contributed financially, and worked mightily is simply awe inspiring!



In Reach

Our church continues to grow, not only in numbers but also in spiritual depth, serving, and carrying the message outside the church walls. The Lord is answering our prayer for generations to be a part of our fellowship. As the generations have arrived, you have stepped in and stepped up to minister to them.

- **Baptisms** – We have baptized 36 people over the last several years, and that is so far above the norm for a church our size. We are truly reaching people for Christ!
- **Attendance** – Attendance has increased by 273% over the last 3 years!
- **Children's Ministry** – Our Children's Ministry is growing, and we are so thankful for the leaders who stepped in to love on and disciple the kiddos.
- **Student Ministry** – One of our goals for 2024 was to call a Student Minister, and we are so thankful for Cory Ferrell! We now have a Student Bible Study, and plans are in the works to expand Student Ministry with a weeknight service.
- **Women's Ministry** – There are two Women's group that meet on Wednesdays. One meets for lunch and fellowship, and the other is a Wednesday evening Bible Study. The ladies also have other events. And all these continue to grow and create the space for authentic relationships.



- **Connections Class** – We started our Connections Class in 2024, and we have had more than 40 people complete the two-session class. We plan to have a class once each quarter.
- **Elders** – The elders are actively meeting, and these open meetings have been well attended by church members and attenders. As always, all are welcome to attend.
- **Lunch with the Pastors** – Started this year, this is a monthly opportunity to fellowship, exchange ideas, and spend time exploring the future.

Service

The heart of any church is the volunteers, and oh how the Lord has answered our prayer for workers! We have been blessed by the number of people who have stepped in and stepped up to serve Christ through serving the church and the community.

- **Welcome Team** – The Welcome Team is the first exposure guests have with our little church, and they represent so well! They are assisting in the parking lot, helping people get to the right places, handing out information, and sharing smiles and love with all who enter!
- **Finance Team** – The Finance Team is protecting the integrity of the church, and they do so in the background. Their efforts have helped tighten up our processes, provide accountability, and bring confidence to how we steward your tithes and offerings.
- **Praise Team** – The Praise Team is growing, and it just keeps getting better. There are new faces using their gifts and talents to glorify the Lord, and we are all blessed by them.
- **Ministry Teams** – None of this would happen without people serving. We also see this in others stepping in to fill in as Bible Study leaders, Worship leaders, and even stepping into the pulpit! This, my friends, is the best sign of a healthy, growing church.
- **And All the Others** – There are so many of you who serve to provide breakfast, work in special events, do construction projects, repair items around the church, fold bulletins, move tables and chairs, and so on and so on. We couldn't do church without you!

Facilities

We are so blessed to have the facility we have. We have made a few changes, and there will be more to come as we feel some growing pains.

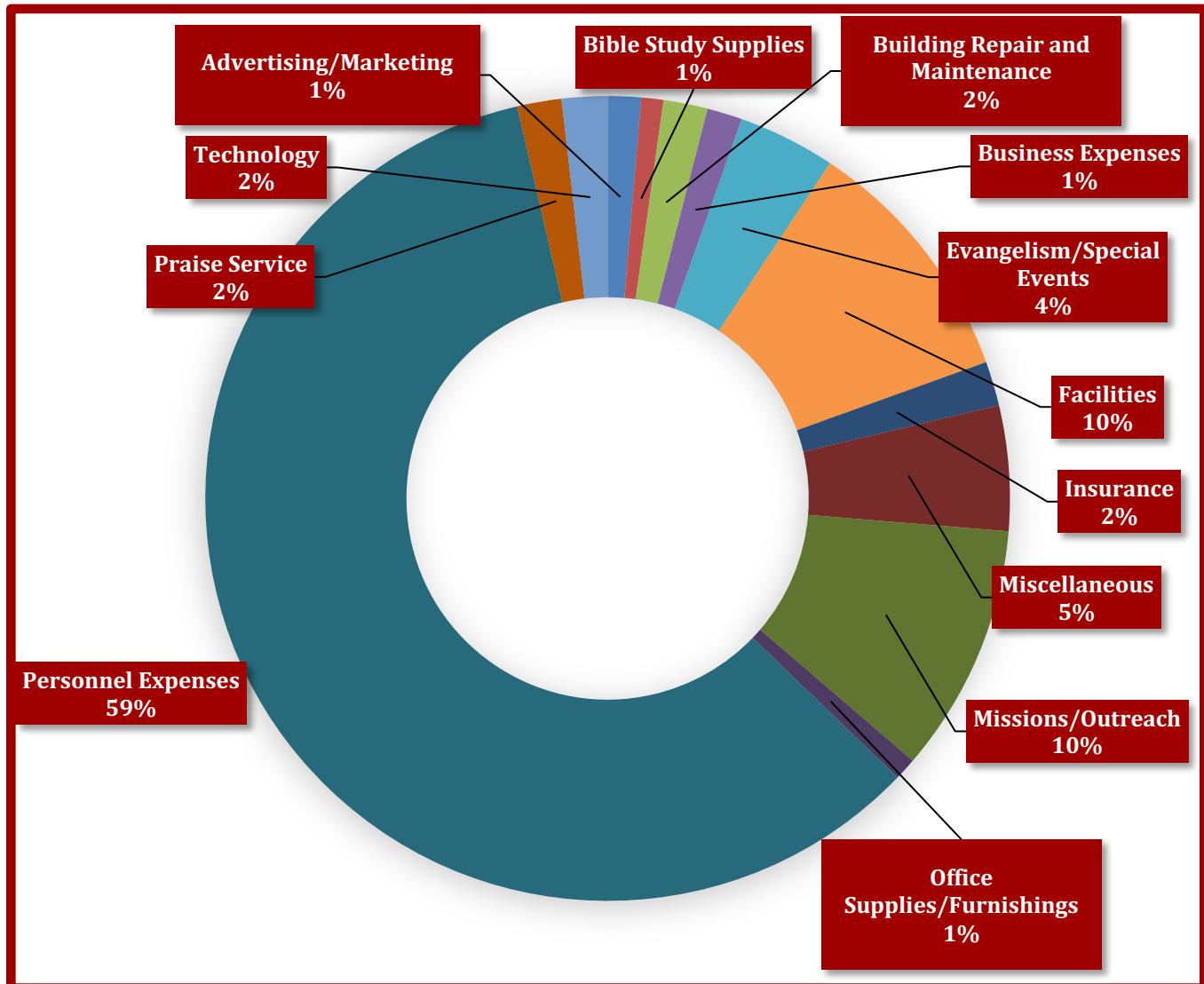
- **Sanctuary Update** – The sanctuary underwent a facelift over the last several years. It all started with a leaky baptism and ended with a new stage, new chairs, and a worship center that is now a multi-purpose space.
- **Tech and Audio/Visual/Lights** – As we reconstructed the stage, we also updated our sound system, our video system, and the sanctuary lights. This allowed us to begin livestreaming our services, and we have people who attend because they first saw us online!
- **Other Newness** – While we were at it, the whole building got a fresh coat of paint, we replaced the hot water heater, and we just received room dividers so we can add more Bible Studies.



Spending Plan 2025

2025 PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN	
Expense Category	Amount
Advertising/Marketing	\$3,000.00
Bible Study Supplies	\$2,000.00
Building Repair and Maintenance	\$4,000.00
Business Expenses	\$3,175.00
Evangelism/Special Events	\$8,800.00
Facilities	\$22,900.00
Insurance	\$4,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$11,305.00
Missions/Outreach	\$22,500.00
Office Supplies/Furnishings	\$2,000.00
Personnel Expenses	\$133,200.00
Praise Service	\$4,000.00
Technology	\$4,120.00
Total Amount	\$225,000.00





2025 Goals

Discipleship – 70%

Community Bible Church is a church following the Great Commission to make disciples. As we grow, Small Groups is how we maintain the personal connection and the small church feeling. The goal is to have 70% of our people engaged in a small group. There are two settings in which you can participate in a small group:

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** – We currently offer Sunday School for every age group from Pre-K through Senior Adults. These classes meet at 9:00 every Sunday morning.
- **Small Groups** – These groups meet on different nights of the week, and all are encouraged to find one that fits. We currently have a Women's Group that meets on Wednesdays (starts again in January 2025) and a Men's Group is planned in the near future.

Missions

Jesus commanded us to spread the Gospel from in our homes, to our neighborhoods, in our cities and towns, to our region, and to the ends of the earth (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8). We have placed a renewed focus and energy on missions and have developed plans and opportunities to help 100% of our members engage in missions.

- **Local missions** – In addition to supporting local mission works like The Caring Place and the Williamson County Pregnancy Help Center, we are exploring engaging in monthly outreach opportunities for the elderly and underprivileged in our community such as Good Neighbors GTx.
- **Regional missions** – We hope to have at least two opportunities for Community Bible Church members to engage in regional (state and nationwide) missions such as Samaritan's Purse Humanitarian Aid Relief, Spring Break mission excursions, and outreach to indigenous communities.
- **International missions** – In the future, we will engage with an international mission organization.



Children and Student Ministry

Our next step for Children and Student Ministry is a ministry night. Many are familiar with programs such as AWANA, Disciple Now, and others, and we are working towards similar offerings.

Vacation Bible School

A community VBS is a fantastic avenue to reach our community, and it is a great opportunity to serve. We have another church that has volunteered to help us do this, and we will begin to assemble a VBS Team in January. In addition to a traditional VBS, we will plan an Adult VBS for later in the summer.

Senior Adult Ministry

Our Senior Adults are the spiritual and mentoring backbone of our church, and our community has many Seniors who want and need a connection. In 2025, we will plan for and engage Seniors in our church and our community through special events, game nights, and ministry opportunities.

Praise and Worship Ministry

The Praise Team has grown, and we continue to see new faces and gifts on stage. The goal for 2025 is to continue to add praise team talent including vocalists, musicians, and tech and camera people. The goal is to institute a rotation so our Praise Team members have opportunity to serve and spend worship time with their families.

Everyone Has a Place

One of our goals for 2025 is to find a place for everyone to serve. As you have heard Pastor Michael say, ***“The more you serve, the more you know God’s will.”*** (Romans 12:1-2). There are a variety of teams and opportunities to serve:

- Bible Study leaders
- Children and Student Ministry volunteers
- Praise Team/AV/Tech ministry
- Welcome Team
- Marketing and Social Media
- Administrative volunteers
- Local Missions and Outreach
- Hospitality and Kitchen Team
- Prayer Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- Benevolence
- Operation Christmas Child
- Special Events such as Fish Fry, Easter, Back to School Bash, etc.
- Facilities maintenance and construction
- Logistics (set up and break down)

2025 Vision

Our vision is to position Community Bible Church as the center of our community and to grow faster than our community through proclaiming the Resurrected Christ to everyone we encounter.

Our community is growing, but we have not seen anything yet.

We know there are thousands of homes planned in our community, and we are also seeing people come in from Jarrell, Granger, Bartlett, Jonah, Taylor, and Georgetown.

And there is more to this vision.

There is a desperate need in our community to reach our Spanish-speaking neighbors and friends. The reality is our church does not reflect the demographic of our community, and this is a weight we should all feel.

We have decisions we will need to make in the near future:

- What do we want our church to look like? Is it just a church or a center for the community?
- Is our current building adequate for those plans?
- And, is our current property adequate for those plans?
- Do we build out on our current property, or do we need to look for other property?
- How “big” should we be?

These are conversations the elders have started, but they are conversations and a matter of prayer for all of us.



Finances

What we do know is this: it all costs money. We also know this: Our Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills, and He has plans and the resources for us to grow.

One of our goals for 2025 is to increase our Building Fund designated giving. Our Building Fund is a designated account established by the church for people to sow into the construction, renovation, and improvement of facilities, and for the acquisition of property. We are asking all of our people and church friends to prayerfully consider sowing into the future of Community Bible Church.

In Closing...

Ephesians 1:16-18 ESV - I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

That is how we feel about you.

