



2024 IMPACT REPORT

Living Word

Encountering Jesus Together

reflection

ON 2024

As we reflect on the past year at **LIVING WORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**, we are filled with gratitude for all God has done in and through our church as we Encounter Jesus Together. This **IMPACT REPORT** is a celebration of his faithfulness among us in 2024.

Every number in this report represents a story of Gospel impact—of lives healed, individuals transformed, and hope renewed. From powerful worship experiences, life-changing small groups, impactful outreach initiatives, and community partnerships, the evidence is all around us that we are encountering Jesus together!

Your story is a beautiful part of our collective journey. Thank you for responding to the call of Jesus on your life. Your prayers, generosity, and service have helped make this year one of great impact. We are looking ahead with faith and excitement to what God is doing in your life and our church.



Aaron Anderson
Lead Pastor





GIVE, AND IT WILL BE
GIVEN TO YOU. A GOOD
MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN,
SHAKEN TOGETHER AND
RUNNING OVER, WILL BE
POURED INTO YOUR LAP.
FOR WITH THE MEASURE
YOU USE, IT WILL BE
MEASURED TO YOU.

Luke 6:38 NIV

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SAYING YES TO JESUS

Following Jesus starts with one big first **YES**: inviting him to be Lord of your heart and life. This first “yes” is followed by a process of learning to say yes to Jesus every day as we encounter him. In 2024, **we give thanks for:**

The **38** people who attended Alpha in the fall—a safe place for faith questions

All **76** people who said YES to baptism

All who participated with our **You Said Yes** 21-Day Devotional

All **4,290** counseling center appointments where life change happens for adults, couples, families, teens, and children

All who came forward for prayer at the close of our services continuing to say “yes” to Jesus

NEW TO FAITH



Check out this baptism story and how saying yes to Jesus transformed Erin's life:

I've always known about Jesus but never truly knew him. Growing up Catholic, I attended church out of obligation, never allowing his grace to transform me. My childhood was difficult, and I used my struggles as proof that God wasn't with me. Depression, hopelessness, and questioning my purpose defined my teenage years. In college, I became pregnant with my daughter, and postpartum depression consumed me. I pleaded with God to fix my circumstances, seeing him only as transactional.

Ten years ago, I moved to York searching for a fresh start. Marriage and more children followed, but trauma left me broken again. I turned to Living Word, expecting help, but instead I found Jesus. Sermons spoke directly to me, worship filled me, and scripture gave me life. Through hardship, God remained faithful. This year, amid immense change, he surrounded me with love and support. Today, I declare my trust in him through baptism.

Erin Gardiner



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BEING WITH JESUS

Being with Jesus takes place in many ways. Let's focus on three ways we try to help you be with Jesus: teaching, community, and practices.

Teaching

Participating in church on Sundays as we encounter Jesus together:

We celebrate:

1,750 average adult attendance weekly onsite

1,625 average adult attendance weekly online

In addition:

1,498 kids (*birth-6th grade*) attended during the year

414 students (*7th-12th grade*) attended at least once during 2024





Community

Engaging in group environments where we encounter Jesus together:

We celebrate:

- **900+** people meeting weekly, or every other week, in group environments to see, name, and know one another

Practices

Following the way of Jesus to sustain everyday life:

- Adopting the Church calendar for our messages, devotions, and Scripture reading
- **550** adults participating in ***Practicing the Way***
- **100+** digging deeper in ***The Apostles' Creed*** class
- **238** teens checking out ***Faith Foundations***
- Plus, every day more and more of us are learning to follow the ***rhythms of Jesus*** in our lives:
***Sabbath • Prayer • Fasting • Solitude • Generosity
Scripture • Community • Service • Witness***

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LOVING LIKE JESUS

Loving through Service

EVERY SINGLE WEEK we have:

E 185 volunteers serving in Kid Life (birth-6th grade)

E 40 volunteers serving in Fusion (7th-12th grade)

E 60 volunteers serving in Guest Services
(greeters, coffee service, safety, welcome center)

E 12 volunteers serving on our Worship Teams

TOTALING OVER 23,500 volunteer hours in just four ministry areas, PLUS many more people and hours serving in tech, facilities, learning environments, and more!



Read about how Kelly was moved to serve:

There is something compelling about change. It's a new beginning, an opportunity to see an old thing in a new light. This happened the first time Pastor Aaron raised the lights, walked into the aisles, and invited the congregation forward to receive communion. Communion as a community, each and every individual at once seen, named, and known. The Holy Spirit was active and moving at Living Word and I wanted to be a part of it.

Soon after this, I learned of a need for volunteers in the Welcome Center and I immediately said yes. It is truly an honor to greet the faces of our community on Sunday mornings and offer a hospitable welcome. I have been able to serve and connect with people I would otherwise not likely meet on a typical Sunday morning. God is moving in our church! For anyone feeling compelled the same way I was, I encourage you to get involved! There is a need connected to this prompting and God will use you for his glory.

Kelly Engle



SERVING OTHERS IN 2024, Globally & Locally

Globally:

- 22** missionaries supported in 17 countries
- 35** students went on two mission trips for the James Project
- 69** people traveled with medical and construction teams to Ethiopia, Guatemala, and Iraq (32 to Ethiopia, 24 to Iraq, and 13 to Guatemala)
- 880** shoeboxes for *Operation Christmas Child*



Locally:

- 1,427** ministry opportunities serving in local missions
- 14,752** households being fed via the Food Bank distributions at Living Word
- 475** gift bags for vulnerable people (\$75,000+ worth of supplies and encouragement)
- 139** free oil changes with **Car Care**
- 1,100+** outreach opportunities at Christmas and much, much, more!



**READY TO LOVE
LIKE JESUS THROUGH
service?**

Loving through Giving

E 1,455 families participating in giving a total of \$5,358,847 in tithes and offerings

E \$1,124,311 given to local and global outreach in 2024

E \$470,562 given in the Christmas offering, surpassing last year's total

Imagine the Kingdom impact:

From 1986-2024, the people of Living Word have collected and given \$7,429,000 to local and global organizations through the support of our Christmas Eve offering!

Thank you



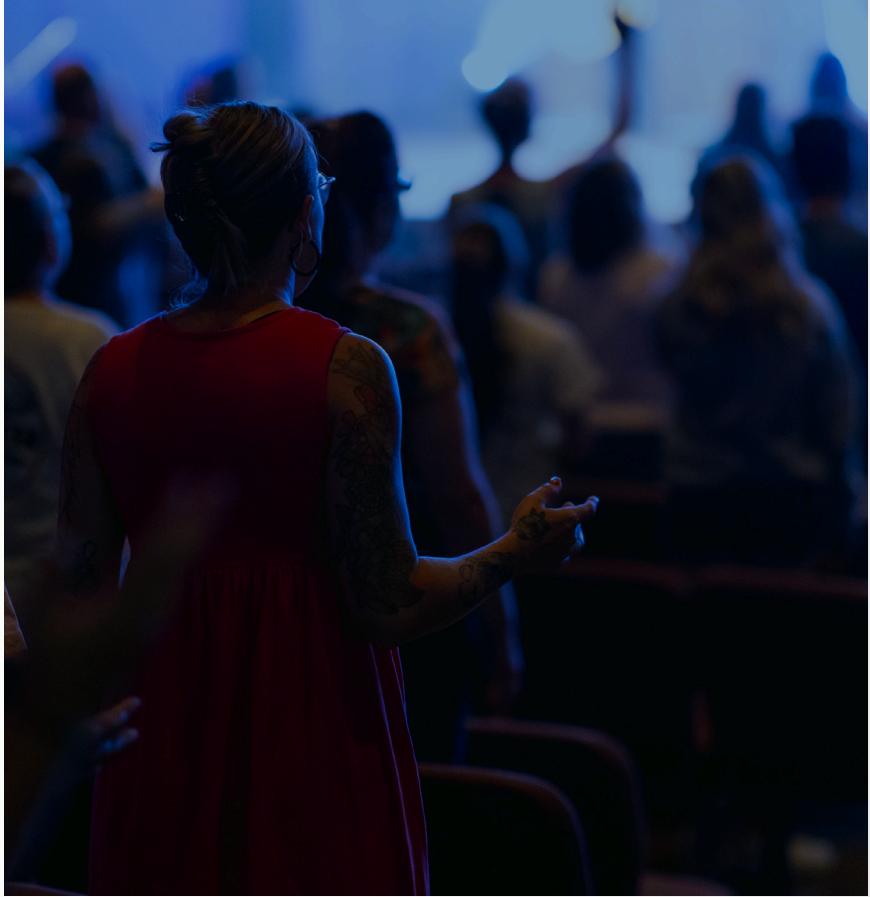
**READY TO LOVE
LIKE JESUS THROUGH
generosity?**

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A FEW ADDITIONAL fun facts:

- Daily prayer videos had **17,659** views
- Total time watching Living Word online: **29,334+** hours
- **4,661** people attended an Easter Weekend Service
- **5,840** people attended a Christmas Eve Service
- Social media: Totals from Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube:
 - New followers: **1,631**
 - Total reach (*unique views*): **308,700**
 - Total time watched: **137,455** minutes

WE BELIEVE THE BEST IS YET TO COME—
so please join us in 2025 and beyond!



choose to
SAY YES TO JESUS
BE WITH JESUS
LOVE LIKE JESUS

How can we help?

OUR values



See, name, and know one another



Admit we are all broken



Expect Jesus to make us new



Practice the way of Jesus



Celebrate stories of God's grace



Share generously for missional impact

OUR mission

ENCOUNTERING JESUS TOGETHER

REORIENTS *Our Love:*

- Of God
- Of Neighbors
- Of Self

TRANSFERS *Our Loyalty:*

- To Christ as King
- To the People of God
- To the Extension of His Kingdom



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