

2024

Annual

Report



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Together
we are
FELLOWSHIP

Vision

Fellowship Bible Church is a people that belong to God and to each other to advance Christ's glory in the world.

Mission

CENTERED on God

Matthew 6:33 - "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

SHAPED in Community

1 Peter 4:8-11 (shortened) - "Above all, love each other deeply... offer hospitality... use gifts to faithfully serve others... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

SENT on Mission

Matthew 28:19-20 - "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



2024 Stats

Covenant Partners

We added to our family, as well as saying “So long, for now” to a few. We grieved the deaths of 2 of our church family, as well as celebrated 5 partners joining our family, bringing our current active partnership number to 84.

84

Baptisms

We were blessed to share the honor of witnessing the baptisms of 7 of our Fellowship family in 2024.

7

On Site Attendance

We averaged 122 people each week.
Jan - Mar: 130 average
Apr - Jun: 120 average
July - Sep: 117 average
Oct - Dec: 118 average

122

Kid's Church & Nursery Attendance

We averaged 5 children in the nursery & 17 in kid's church each week.

22

Online Views

We average 75 views per month, with 319 unique viewers throughout the year. The average viewer watches the stream for 23.5 minutes.

75

Previous Meeting Minutes



Feb 2024

Meeting Opening: Prayer by Pastor Johnny

No quorum was necessary as there were no items to be voted upon.

Finances: Molly Helms

It was asked if we have separate budget lines for the different legs of the children's ministry. We do not, and it was explained why they were combined. It was also asked about maintenance funds for the parsonage and the church. A collaboration answer was provided how sinking funds and budgets work for the repairs and maintenance of the properties.

Mission Team: Gail Bachtal

The team has approved the Gitonga family as a supported missionary for 2025. They will be ending support for Heart & Soul Community Church as well. More details will follow with the budget for 2025.

Property Team: Chad Foerster

The team will be looking for a new team leader for 2025, so please see Chad if you are interested. Chad passed along the info that we will need to replace the rear sanctuary air conditioner unit. It would be \$1,400 to possibly repair, as we don't even know if that will really fix it. Or we could spend around \$12k to replace it. Chad was going to call a vote for approval of the expense, but it was asked if we had quorum. Quorum had not been taken, so the vote was tabled until a special meeting at a later date. There is lots of work to be done on the grounds, and it will take a bigger team to accomplish that than we currently have volunteered. If you are able to help out at all, please see Chad or Tina Gulick. Feedback was given about the entry to The Commons outside. Chad asked if something is seen, feel free to reach out to the team leader to offer your support in getting it rectified.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Johnny

He announced that he will be taking a sabbatical from December 19, 2024 until February 6, 2025. The Property Team, Hospitality, and Outreach teams will all be needing new leadership for the next year. If you are interested, please see Pastor Johnny, one of the Elders, or the current letter of that team to express your interest.

General comments/questions: Congregation

It was brought up again how we need to move forward with our church directory. We will add it to the to-do list.

Meeting closed in prayer by Chad Foerster.

Respectfully submitted by Molly Helms

Pastor's Report

No written report provided.

YOUTH MINISTRY

PASTOR JOHNNY, BOB & PEGGY TEEFEY

No written report provided.



Ministry Reports



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TEAM LEADER: JESSIE TONEGATTO

Sunday Kid Ministry

The Sunday kids ministry is getting ready to roll out our new online check in system for students. We've slowly been rolling this out (VBS, Nursery, and Awana) to work out any kinks and we are ready to use it on Sundays! This program allows us to securely check all students in and out to their parents with a unique code. It also takes attendance and allows us to reach out to families via the FBC app. There will be a small change in routine for families, as we are asking you to check in your students prior to coming up to the worship service. This way, students can still participate in the worship service with their family and parents will not have to step out to check their child in when they are dismissed from the adult service. A kiosk will be added to the Commons to easily check in!

Nursery

The nursery students are growing up! As they are getting older, we have started to teach them bible stories during our time together. These are quick one page summaries of popular bible stories from the Storybook Bible and coloring sheets.

We are also currently in need of nursery teachers! Teachers are asked to serve in the nursery one Sunday per month, but if we get more volunteering we could spread that out and lessen the load for all. Please reach out to Jessie Tonegatto if you are interested in serving in this area!

Awana

Our Awana kids have been meeting on Wednesday evenings in the basement, and our numbers have been growing! We are very excited to be pouring into these kids, and for the Fellowship families that have been inviting and bringing their friends! We will be wrapping up this program at the beginning of May to take a break for the summer.

I would like to give a special thank you to all who work with our kids!



OUTREACH TEAM

TEAM LEADER: VACANT

No written report provided.

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HOSPITALITY TEAM

TEAM LEADER: JILL FOERSTER

Our team was not active in the second half of 2024. We had a very robust first half which was already reported on, and enjoyed a much needed break. I thank our team members for all their help, ideas, & encouragement. You truly made this team a joy!

I am stepping down as the Hospitality Team Leader. I thank you all for your support and encouragement for our team.



MEN'S MINISTRY

TEAM LEADER: JOHN COOK

Some of the happenings from this year included cleaning a garage for a family, joining the men of the church in refurbishing playground equipment, as well as removing weeds from church playground.

Here are a few ways we try to support each other--fellowship! We have gone to the Wintergarden Tavern on Monday night at least twice to hang out, shoot pool, and throw darts. We had a Monday Night Football event at the church. Go Lions!

A second way we support each other is by showing love for the families of our group. We have come out to watch the son and grandson of two of our members play baseball. We attend plays and other events of members too. Plus, we provide a gift for fathers to celebrate newborns in our church. We also try to help by driving each other to or from the airport when needed.

Lastly, the men's group has been able to lend a hand in supporting other groups in our church. We help with things like the New Life Rescue Mission visits, set up for the Christmas program led by Tom Burr and others, and women's events.

Get connected with this group. It's a good thing to have brothers in your life. For me personally this group is a blessing. Spending time with the guys is something I look forward to. Don't sit at home alone. Come out and be one of the fellas! Reach out to me--John Cook--with a cell phone number. I send out a text reminder before each meeting.

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PRAYER TEAM

TEAM LEADER: CAROL SUAREZ

No written report provided



PROPERTY TEAM

TEAM LEADER: CHAD FOERSTER

Completed Projects:

- The old refrigerator in the church basement was disassembled & gotten rid of.
- The boiler was worked on & has been working all winter.
- The electrical in the basement seems to have stopped popping the breaker.
- The church sign was replaced with a new set & looks much better. The church parking lot was sealed & crack filler was added again for some of the bad spots.

Items that still need to be addressed are:

- The boiler still has one hiccup, & the offices are not heating properly. This will need to be addressed once the heating season is winding down.
- A new roof on the parsonage.
- The parsonage driveway needs to be replaced.
- Trim & transitions need to be installed (some purchased, some not).
- The church parking lot will need to be sealed again this spring.
- A few other things need to be completed here and there.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who give of their time and energy each week to keep our building clean and grass mowed! There are a lot of people that do things that may or may not be their job, without anyone telling them, or even anyone knowing or recognizing it. Thank you to all of you.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or need something fixed please let Bob Wright know as he is now the Property Team Leader. If you would like to serve on the property committee, also please let him know! Bob Wright, Cell # 517-403-6377

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RADIANT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

TEAM LEADS: JANICE BEST, SHEEBA COOK, JENNIFER OSBORNE, CAROL SUAREZ

July - VBS

The Radiant ministry was able to provide a few meals for the volunteers & their families during the week, eliminating volunteers' need to plan for dinner, which was much appreciated!

September - Lake Ann Ladies Retreat

The Radiant Team was able to provide a code to cover some of the cost when signing up to attend. Four women attended the 3-day weekend event. Included was a guest speaker, meals, fellowship, and quiet time. A good time was had by all.

November - Ladies Holiday Tea

This year's theme was the history of Christmas Carols. We had 69 women attend with a time of worship led by Page Cabral, and guest speaker Janice Best. Juliann Knochel performed sign language to the song Noel, one of the four songs chosen for their history. We had a catered luncheon with assorted food and desserts. Lots of raffle/giveaways for the women. Thank you to Kristel Phare for the sweatshirts and hats! A special "Thank You" to those who decorated a table for the event. Your creativity and time are very appreciated!!!

December - "Souper" Sunday and White Elephant

A variety of soups, sandwiches, and desserts were served. And a holiday punch! We had 13 women attend for a meal and gift exchange. "Thank You" to those who donated a delicious soup.



WORSHIP TEAM

TEAM LEADER: GAVIN AUSTRIA

The second half of this year has been a season of growth & Impact for our Worship Ministry. One of the highlights was the opportunity to lead worship at the Livonia Spree this past summer, where we were able to share the gospel through music & engage with the Livonia community. It was here where we wore our Fellowship shirts & walked around after service, where we received thanks for our service that morning from some of the Livonia community.

Additionally, we were blessed to welcome Scott Wagner back to the team as a guitarist and/or bassist. His return has been an incredible addition, & his heart for worship has strengthened our ministry in meaningful ways.

As we closed out 2024 season, we celebrate a strong finish and look forward with anticipation to what God has in store for 2025.

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MISSION TEAM

TEAM LEADER: GAIL BACHTAL

New Mission Partnership with Gitongas' on 7/15/2024

- A gift for \$1,000 was given.
- Support will begin in 2025. It is a 3 year agreement & will be reviewed in Sept 2028.

Sarah Troyer:

- Sarah married Daniel Rosenak on 7/16/2024 & stepped down to part-time ministry.

Jeanine Jamerson:

- 10/9 we sent a \$500 contribution toward support raising expenses. Jeanine had hoped to have raised her full support by the end of Summer, but was falling short. We sent contact for potential future partnerships, which she was following up on.

Team Leader Training Workshop 10/25 & 26 with Don Johnson (SEND affiliate):

- 20 attendees from church
- Focus was to equip our people to effectively lead short term teams in the future

Mission Emphasis:

- 10/27 Pastor Johnny did a Q&A with Tom S who also shared his testimony. We presented the mission survey results, where we are at & future steps. We also shared Short Term team possibilities for 2025.

New Life Rescue:

- Sewer work began again on 12/26/24 & a church agreed to cover remaining cost.
- 10/31 Bob W. spoke on John 16:33 "In this world you will have trouble, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!" He also gave a history of how the holiday of Halloween is based on All Saints Day. The men enjoyed Swedish meatballs, sweet peas, rice pilaf, dinner rolls, apple pie, cupcakes & pop. We also left many bags of donations for them.
- 12/29/24 5 individuals contributed to the call for handwarmers & long johns, providing 225 twin packs of hand warmers, 14 pairs of long johns & a bag full of sweaters.

Cookies for Advance Ministries Christmas Outreach

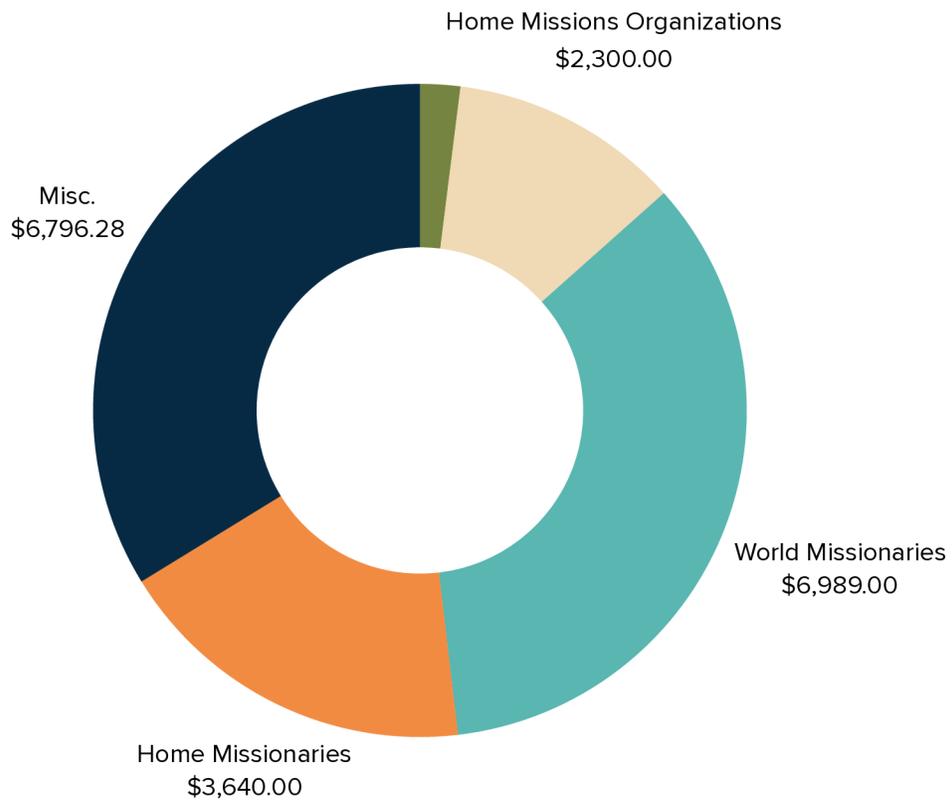
- 12/15/24 We were able to make 25 boxes up with 15 cookies per box. Scott Cherry very much appreciated the variety of cookies as well.

As we have been seeking to connect in a more personal way with our missionaries, we have started send cards for different occasions. Our missionaries have really appreciated this. In the last quarter we decided to send a little gift, up to \$50, for birthdays & Christmas. For our US based missionaries, it was personal gifts, which each really appreciated; for our overseas missionaries we sent a check, but will be researching avenues to getting something more personal to them.

Mission Team Finances



	3rd Quarter Jul-Sep	4th Quarter Oct-Dec
Beginning Balance	\$27,957.01	\$27,003.01
Deposits	\$6,900.00	\$2,788.28
Disbursements	\$7,854.00	\$16,056.28
Total Mission Account Ending Balance	\$27,003.01	\$13,735.01



Finances

Balance Sheet

as of December 31, 2024



Assets

Current Assets-Bank Accounts	
Chase Bank General Checking	219,154.28
Chase Bank Savings	15,737.70
Benevolent Account	12,608.47
Total Bank Accounts	\$247,500.45

Total Assets

\$247,500.45

Liabilities & Equity

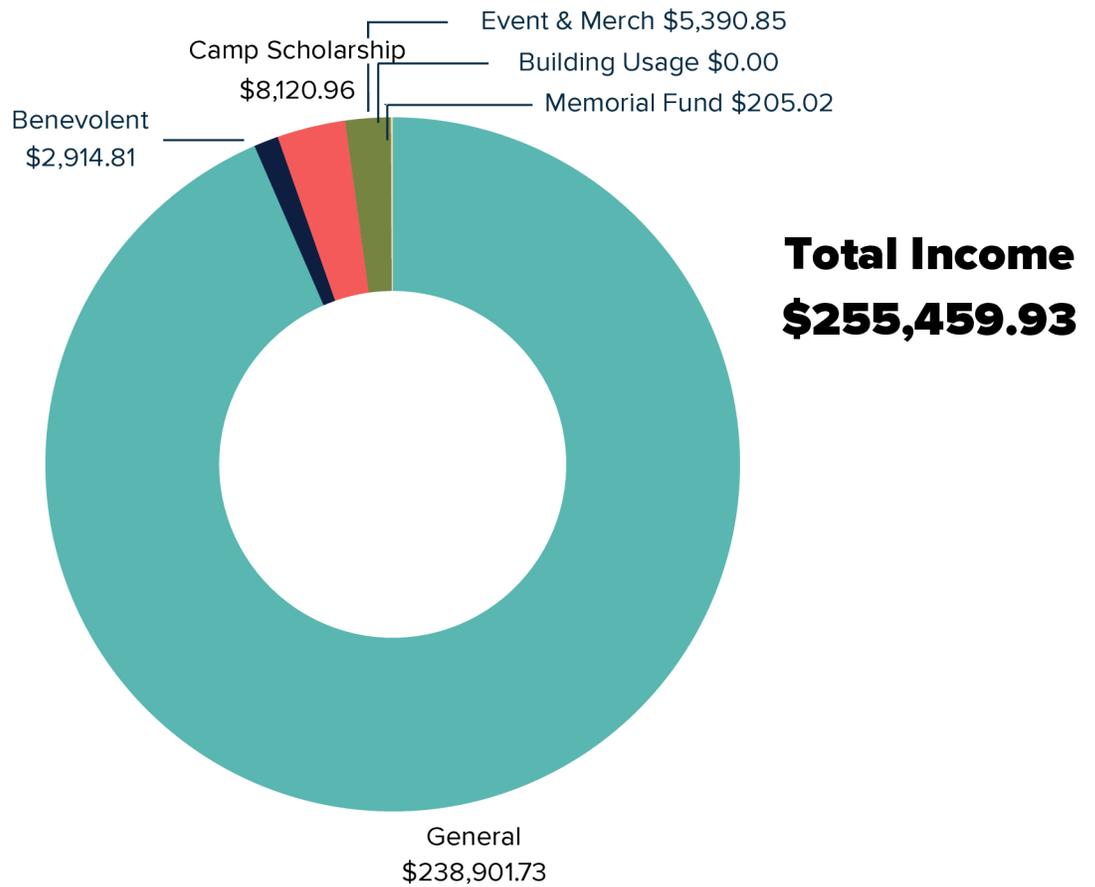
Equity

General Fund	174,151.24
Maintenance Sinking Fund	13,000.00
Youth Designated Fund	1,128.10
Mission Trip Fund	1,339.95
Building Usage Fund	1,001.96
Memorial Fund	7,647.46
Event & Merchandise Fund	1,894.60
Parsonage Improvement Fund	2,550.00
Church Projects fund	17,997.73
Camp Scholarship Fund	13,501.10
Benevolent Fund	12,608.47
Adoption Fund	679.84
Total Equity	\$247,500.45

Total Liabilities & Equity

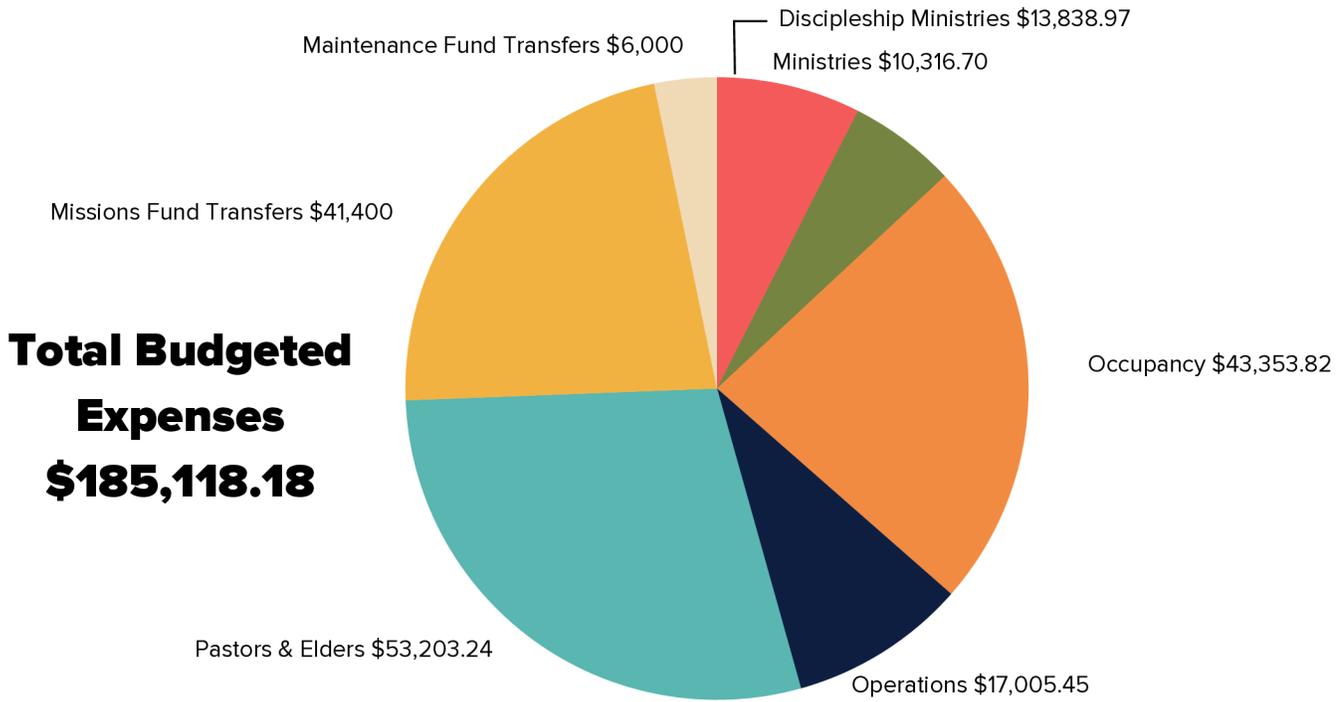
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2024 income by fund



We ended at 115.98% of our general fund budgeted giving for this year.

Expenses



Total Non-Budgeted Expenses 2024 \$33,609.81

Non Budgeted Expenses \$19,542.25 // Benevolent Expenses \$6,627.11
 Funeral & Memorial Service Expenses \$2,249.31 // Camp Scholarship Expenses \$2,312.82
 Event & Merchandise Expenses \$2,878.32

A note from the Treasurer...

Please remember that we were blessed to be able to pay off our mortgage on The Commons this year. We did that in January, and it has been applied against the mortgage payments for the entire year. Moving into 2025 we will no longer have that line item, praise God!

Overall, we took in \$36,731.94 more than we spent in 2024.



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