

# FAITHBRIDGE

## 2025 Annual Report church

### Letter from Pastor Ben:

I'm so grateful for your support of Faithbridge's mission in 2025! Your prayers, participation, talents, and generosity are what make our mission of being a Community Who Actively Follows Jesus possible. I'm thankful to have been part of this mission with you over the past year and look forward to what the future holds.

Let's celebrate what you've accomplished last year with the church's finances. But remember, money is just a tool to help us fund the mission; the mission itself is about cultivating a community who grow together in loving God and loving others in real, meaningful ways.

For example, one of our biggest missions is the Mobile Food Pantry (MFP). During the monthly MFP events, you connected with about 45 families each month (that's around 86 people) by providing food assistance, feminine hygiene products, and family diapers for children and adults. You've been a friendly face to many who don't have easy access to these services. You've prayed with people, served them, and learned how to love others as a community. Even after we made major repairs to the MFP, you continued to give so that the ministry could continue into the next year.

You also supported \$14,967 worth of local missions and benevolence to individuals and organizations like the Alzheimer's Association and the Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association. Beyond local missions, you sent \$24,375 to our denominational missions initiatives around the world. You've provided clean drinking water in remote areas, helped during national disasters and local crises, and funded new church starts and revitalized existing congregations. On top of all this generosity, you increased your general giving to the mission by 2.6% compared to last year. That increase allowed us to cover the costs of building and technology updates and end the year in a positive cash position. You're a generous church, and I'm so proud of what you do. Way to go!

Worship and group involvement have also grown last year! We've noticed a 6% increase in our in-person worship services compared to 2024. Plus, your online participation has soared by 24.5%. It's also wonderful to see that 10 people have joined the church, and many others have chosen Faithbridge as their home church.

These numbers are great, but they truly shine when you remember what they represent. They represent people, lives connected, lives touched, and lives impacted by the good news of Jesus because of your dedication. You're making a real difference in the lake area and in the Kingdom of God.

I'm so honored to serve as your pastor during this time, and I'm excited to see what God has in store for us in 2026. Keep up the fantastic work!



	2022	2023	2024	2024
<b>Annual Giving and Other Incomes</b>				
Annual Regular Giving	\$ 228,294	\$ 273,947	\$ 287,086	\$ 291,136
Annual Other Incomes	\$ 27,877	\$ 43,987	\$ 34,180	\$ 40,199
<b>Total Annual All Income Sources</b>	<b>\$ 256,171</b>	<b>\$ 317,934</b>	<b>\$ 321,266</b>	<b>\$ 331,335</b>
<b>Annual Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 279,534</b>	<b>\$ 287,781</b>	<b>\$ 305,944</b>	<b>\$ 331,047</b>
<b>Annual Total Income less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (23,363)</b>	<b>\$ 30,153</b>	<b>\$ 15,322</b>	<b>\$ 288</b>

When you give to FAITHBRIDGE, you are funding the mission of being a community who *ACTIVELY* follows Jesus. Actively following Jesus comes from his description in Matthew.

***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.***

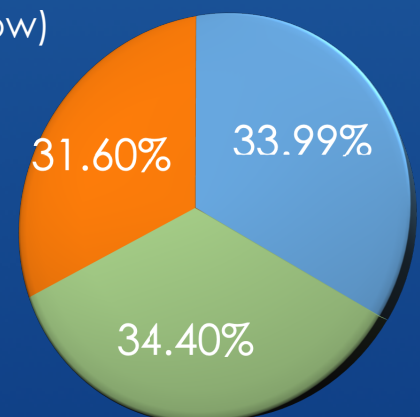
***This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 33:37-39***

At FAITHBRIDGE we live out an active faith by cultivating communities within the church who grow together in their love of God through intentional acts of worship and devotion. We also love others by intentional acts of compassion, mercy, generosity and mission to the lake area.

What does your giving look like as it relates to that mission?

(You can see the percentages below)

● Community ● Love God ● Love Others



# WAYS TO CONNECT INTO THE COMMUNITY

One of the easiest ways to connect to the FAITHBRIDGE community is through the weekly worship service at 9:30 every Sunday morning. Our services last about an hour and features prayer, modern music, scripture readings, and practical sermons that will help you live out your faith. We offer message series that last up to 6 weeks, making it easier to start something new many times a year. Series vary between deep dives into Biblical characters, books of the Bible, and practical life situations.

Come as you are. There's no need to dress up for worship. After all, we are a lake community. That means lake attire and flip flops are the norm at Faithbridge.

People often gather before service to catch up on life over a cup of coffee or a soda, with snacks. If you can't make it in person, you can join us online through the website [www.forthelake.org](http://www.forthelake.org), or from our Facebook page.

You could also connect through serving with the Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) team.

You can also meet people at one of our monthly group gatherings.

To get more information about ways to jump on the MFP team, or find a study or social group, contact the church office at 573-348-9454, or email us at [office@forthelake.org](mailto:office@forthelake.org).

If you need a community to be in prayer for you and with you, let us be that community.

You can always give us prayer requests from the home page of the website ([www.forthelake.org](http://www.forthelake.org)), or through the Connect Card during the worship services. We believe prayer is one of the primary ways we connect to God. It has the power to change the human heart, and ultimately the world.

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