



Dear Chapel Family,

As we look back on our 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, it's impossible to measure all the ways God has worked in the body of believers here. For every person, there is a story of God's faithfulness, and His presence and blessings are evident in so many ways!

Because time passes so quickly, we wanted to put together an account of many of the things we saw God do in the life of our church this past year. Consider this a snapshot of the year that we pray inspires hope and a reliance on God's faithfulness for the future!



With gratitude,

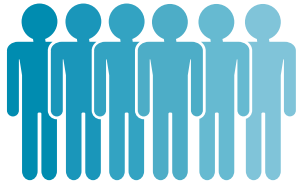
Nate Brawn
Executive Director

MINISTRY REPORT The Chapel Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.

A TRANSFORMATIVE YEAR

Sept. 2022 - Sept. 2023



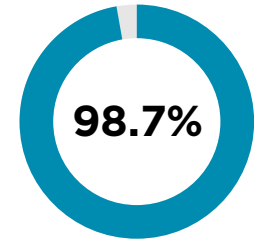
December 11, 2022 AKRON NAMES FIRST ELDERS

Special Akron Members' Meeting held to affirm first six elders: Denny Adams, Scott Gurley, Shaun Martin, Jon Strong, Pastor Jeff Martell and Pastor Bob Schneider.



May 21, 2023 NEW LEAD PASTOR

Tim Marrero affirmed as Akron's new Lead Pastor, automatically joining the Akron's Oversight Elder Board. 95% Overall Vote Yes!

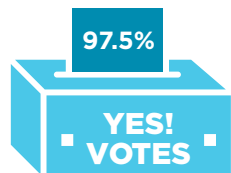


August 27, 2023 NEW CHURCH CONSTITUTION

Akron members vote to affirm new church constitution and bylaws. 98.7% Vote Yes.

Sept. 25, 2022 THE VOTE FOR INDEPENDENCE

Members of The Chapel's seven campuses overwhelmingly approve plan to become seven independent, elder-led churches.



January 29, 2023 CHANGES FOR CAMP CARL

Multi-campus members vote to register Camp Carl as a separate, non-profit LLC under the oversight of The Chapel, Akron and affirm nomination of four short-term Trustees at last multi-campus Annual Members' Meeting.

Summer 2023 ELDER BOARD CHANGES

Pastor Jeff Martell steps down from Akron's Oversight Elder Board for health reasons in June. Karl Johnson joins the board as an interim Elder in August.

September 1, 2023 IT'S OFFICIAL!

Seven Chapel campuses become seven independent churches.



ALL CHURCH

The beauty of the church is that it goes far beyond these walls. As we see people pursue spiritual growth, and take next steps here within our walls, our prayer is that these numbers are a small reflection of what God's doing through you outside of our walls as well!

AVENUES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ABFs: Nearly 400 regular participants

Home Groups: 50+ regular participants

Men's Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire Study: 202 men

Women's Bible Studies (Spring & Fall): 189 participants

Young At Heart (Senior Adults) Monthly gatherings: 125+ regularly attend



INCREASED INVOLVEMENT



New Members: 85

Baptisms: 31

Child Dedication: 20+ families

Connection Cards:

243 responses, 23% of those volunteering or more involved

Personal Discipleship and

Evangelism: Many are meeting with co-workers, reading the Bible with friends/family and memorizing Scripture together.



Watch our video on Scripture memorization here:



2023 FISCAL YEAR-END SUMMARY - AKRON

(August 31, 2023)

Adjusted to remove Saturate offering and expense

| | Budget | Actual | Difference |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Total Revenue | \$3,953,500 | \$3,993,278 | \$39,778 |
| Total Expense | \$4,172,833 | \$3,872,205 | -\$300,628 |
| Net | -\$219,333 | \$121,073 | \$340,406 |

Through God's above-and-beyond provision, and our church's reduced spending, we brought in \$121,073 more than we spent. This helped us end the year in a financial position that was \$340,406 better than anticipated.

GENEROSITY: GIVING ABOVE & BEYOND

Our church has always generously given towards the work of ministry. This past year, you rose above and beyond our normal giving to bless several worthy causes.

**Camp Carl Horse Barn
(from Young at Heart group):**
\$34,173

Ukrainian Relief Fund:

**Generosity Project/
Christmas 2022:**
\$27,809 to India,
Camp Carl, refugee
families. Angel Tree:
150 gifts to children.

\$65,720.54



CARING FOR OUR CHURCH HOME

Through the faithfulness of those who came before us, God's supplied an incredible facility for the work of ministry. These are just a few of the things we're praising Him for this year!

39+ volunteers: Fir Hill desk, facilities, maintenance, and Christmas decorating

Gymnasium updated

Parking lots repaved

**Resource Centers added in
Worship Center & Atrium**

**Camp Carl display added
in Atrium**



THE NEXT GENERATION

God has designed the church to live on through older generations passing on their faith to younger generations. Whether it's the 35 families who participated in a study on how to disciple their children, people nearing retirement choosing to serve our college and young adults, or High School students deciding to build their lives around God, there's so much to thank God for!

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Serving Chapel & International families Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays

Average Weekday Attendance: 35 children

Average Sunday Attendance: 60 children



ELEMENTARY

Discipling children by walking through the Bible chronologically, teaching spiritual disciplines, and encouraging Scripture memory.

Average Sunday Attendance: 60 kids



SPECIAL NEEDS

In 2022, Special Needs became a volunteer-led ministry. It continues to serve our families well with anywhere from 5-15 students at each meeting!

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Middle School Average Sunday Attendance: 31

High School Average Sunday Attendance: 32

75% of students attended retreats

More than 50 new students attended outreach events

Isaac Dolan began leading the Student Ministry

180 children & students every Sunday

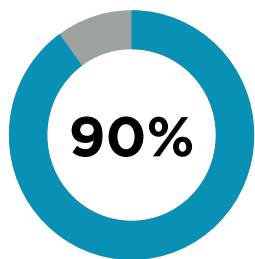


CAMPUS FOCUS (COLLEGE)

Thursday nights:
240 students at kickoff

**Breakaway winter
retreat:**
140 students

Small groups:
Percentage of regulars
involved



YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Multigenerational leadership
puts young adults alongside
more seasoned leaders

Strong involvement in small
group communities



*Growing number of Young
Adults serving in our church*



LOCAL OUTREACH

Through your stewardship of
the time and resources God
has given you, our church was
able to be the hands and feet
of Jesus to many outside of
our congregation.

INTERNATIONALS

Friday Night Dinners:
55 students/week

**English as a Second
Language (ESL) Classes:**
39 students, 13 teachers



SCHOOL OUTREACH

Good News Clubs:
44 students/week
at 3 schools

**Knitted/Crocheted
Scarves & Hats Given**
to 330+ students
at Akron Public &
Emmanuel Christian
schools



SCHOOL OUTREACH

Yellow Bags of Love:
4,960 bags of food
distributed at 2 schools



Thanksgiving Dinners:
1,030 students and staff
at 3 schools

Birthday Bags:
570 children at 4 schools



SPORTS OUTREACH

Coed Volleyball:
52 players avg./week
(15 weeks)

Men's Basketball 35+:
30 men avg./week

FastBreak Basketball:
34 players plus 30 fans
avg./week (Jan-March)



GLOBAL OUTREACH

Our church has a rich history of supporting God's work all over the world. This year, we saw God continue to do amazing work here and around the globe.

Total Support: \$611,817 given to 14 Missionary families and our partners in Cambodia, India, Mozambique, Yucatán and Vietnam.

New Missionaries in Training:
Stephen and Abby Morris (pictured below) commissioned in June.

Short-Term Mission Trips: This year, we had 41 people participate in mission trips to Mozambique, Cambodia and the Yucatán.



THIS YEAR SO FAR...

We're thankful for the way God has led us into our first few months as an independent church! Whether it's your faithful involvement in the life of our church, the spiritual hunger emerging at our prayer nights, or your above and beyond generosity towards Akron Pregnancy Services at the W.O.W. event, we simply can't stop thanking God as we look forward to where He will lead us in the coming year!



2024 FISCAL YEAR SUMMARY - AKRON

(September 1 - December 31, 2023)

| | Budget | Actual | Difference |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total Revenue | \$1,603,308 | \$1,590,981 | -\$12,327 |
| Total Expense | \$1,470,423 | \$1,241,689 | -\$228,734 |
| Net | \$132,885 | \$349,292 | \$216,407 |

As we step out as an independent church, we are still finding our financial footing. We continue to rightsize our systems, processes, and spending as we anticipate the Lord's provision for what He has in store.

As of December 31, though total revenue was only behind by \$12,327, offering was \$85,479 less than anticipated. Through selective underspending and the natural seasonality of our expenses, we have currently underspent our budget by \$228,734. Though the majority of our fiscal year is ahead of us, we were able to end December with a positive difference of \$216,407.

Want to be a part of what God is doing at The Chapel?

Join a group - You were not created to go through life alone. Go to thechapel.life/join-a-group to find a place you can belong.

Serve the body - God has given you time, energy, and gifts for the sake of blessing others and bringing glory to Him. Go to thechapel.life/volunteer to find ways you can make a difference.

Become a member - God has designed you to be connected to Him, and to one another. Becoming a member is simply committing yourself. Find our next membership class at thechapel.life/become-a-member

Give to Kingdom work - Everything, including our finances, belongs to God. Go to thechapel.life/giving to lend your support to the work God is doing here.

Find out more at thechapel.life. Have feedback or questions about the church? Email hello@thechapel.life