## **ANNUAL REPORT**

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As we reflect on a year of **BOLD PRAYER** we are amazed at how the Lord has worked! Our hope is for this report to give us a fresh look into God's work at LifePointe and beyond throughout the past 12 months. While we know that this years' *Annual Report* doesn't capture every story, we pray that seeing a fresh look at some examples of God's faithfulness will encourage your faith help all of us take new steps with Jesus.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the LORD! - Psalm 46:7-8

#### **OUR MISSION**

WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AND MAKE GOSPEL-DRIVEN DISCIPLES BY

# ENGAGING PEOPLE IN THE UNEXPECTED JOY OF A LIFE MORE AND MORE DEPENDENT ON JESUS

#### OUR VALUES

#### WE ELEVATE GOD'S GLORY OVER OURS

BECAUSE OUR EFFORTS AND ATTITUTEDS ARE TO MAKE MUCH OF GOD, NOT MUCH OF US

#### WE START AND STAY WITH SCRIPTURE

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE ALL TRUTH BEGINS AND ENDS IN GOD'S TRUTH

### WE GROW TOGETHER IN JESUS

BECAUSE PEOPLE AND GENERATIONS ARE MADE TO GROW BETTER TOGETHER

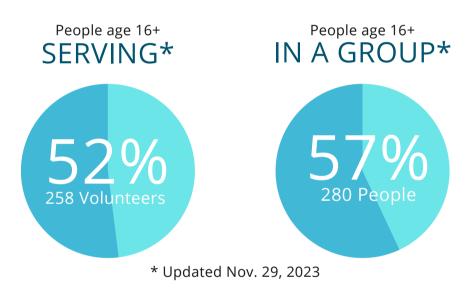
#### WE PRAY BIGGER THAN WE PLAN

BECAUSE JESUS CAN DO MORE THAN WE ASK OR IMAGINE

#### WE GO WITH THE GOSPEL

BECAUSE THE NATIONS AND THE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE READY FOR THE GOOD NEWS





Fiscal Year GIVING



Actual Giving: \$1,059,218 Ministry Plan: \$1,065,127

Giving Snapshot			
Category	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2022	Difference
Tithes and Offerings	\$1,059,218	\$1,065,127	-\$5,909
Benevolence Ministry	\$43,239	\$31,509	\$11,730
Building Debt	\$54,118	\$57,036	-\$2,918
Missions (short-term trips)	\$12,874	[short-term trips not yet restarted post-pandemic]	\$12,874
Missions (other designations)	\$17,117	\$14,108	\$3,009

Total \$1,186,566 \$1,167,780 \$18,786



**VOLUNTEERS GROUPS AND SERVING Backyard Grant Team** 4 Benevolence Team Care Team 16 Coffee Connection Team 22 Communion Service (monthly) 6 Conversational English (Weekly) 4 Early Childhood Ministry 61 Elders 6 25 Elementary KidzPlace Ministry Give Team 2 Global Partners Team - GPT 8 **Greeting Team** 45 10 **Grounds Crew** International Students Incorporated (Monthly) 8 Jail Ministry 5 2 Kitchen Cleaning 2 **Nursing Home Ministry Prayer Warriors** 90 Safety Emergency Response Team (SERT) 14 Scripture Reading Team 17 94 Serve 6.8 Christmas Family Festival Night FY22 Serve 6.8 Giving Tree Runner 1 22 Serve 6.8 Signup Nights FY23 Set Design Team 10 Snow Removal 1 7 Student Ministry (M.S. & H.S.) 14 Tech Team Trustees 6 Ushers 20 Vacation Bible School (June 2023) 77 Widows Ministry 1 Worship Band 18 Worship Choir

"But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:26b-28

WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

Serving is a great strength of our church! Over 40% of our active congregation are serving, and most of those 250+ people serve in many different ways. We praise God for inviting us to participate, through serving, in the great work of His Kingdom in our church and community.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

There are many areas looking to add more useful servants to help share the load! Please contact us at <a href="mailto:staff@sharethelife.org">staff@sharethelife.org</a> to discover your place of service here at LifePointe Church.





#### ATTENDEES AND STATS GROUPS AND DISCIPLESHIP Disciple Training Modules DTM's 126 138 LifeGroups 23 Interest Group-Grandmother's At Prayer GAP Interest Group-Sharing the Love 18 Interest Group-Mom's Life 66 **Baptisms** 10

shepherds and teachers, to equip the the stature of the fullness of Christ

#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

In our third year, Sunday morning Disciple Training Modules continue to impact and equip us to be more productive in disciple-making. People are eager to connect and grow in the gospel through our LifeGroups throughout the week. Interest Groups have been a great way for people to gather together through a shared interest, and we even saw one woman trust Jesus Christ as the leader of her life and forgiver of her sins because she was loved so well by many women within our Mom's Life ministry! She is currently being discipled by one of those women. Praise the Lord, we are growing in discipleship!

#### WHAT'S NEXT

We hope and pray to see our congregation (each of us) take bold steps to advance the gospel to those who need to hear it for the first time. We want to see many of us begin new discipling relationships to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus.

#### PRAYER REQUST

Join us in prayer that we would trust and obey in Jesus' great commission. "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20



EVENTS	STATS
Sermons on Prayer & Fasting	8
Days of Church Wide Prayer & Fasting	40
Bold prayers recorded by our staff	120
Years completed of our 4 year strategic plan	1

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 18

#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

- We were awarded the Nature in the City Grant for design \$5,500 for the church!
- Hosted a Neighborhood Block Party engaging our neighbors in the backyard community project.
- An outstanding volunteer team completed the application for a second Nature in the City grant for over \$90k (award determination coming in December 2023) to implement Phase One of our backyard community gathering space.
- Sent our first of three new global partners onto the mission field (Davita Freeman in Japan) and we are preparing to send our next global partners!

#### WHAT'S NEXT

Our first year of our 4-year strategic plan focused on bold prayer, asking God to do more than we could ever plan or accomplish. This year our theme is all about helping people take their "next step" in becoming more like Jesus as we move people along our disciple-making pathway.



Lord, help us continue to grow into a community of disciples who make disciples for the sake of your great name!



### **EVENTS AND SERVING**

#### ATTENDEES AND STATS

Cups of coffee served (at the new foyer coffee counter!)	750+
Easter 2023 attendance	549
Christmas Eve 2022 attendance	376
Newcomers' Pizza with the Pastors (post-Easter 2023)	17
Membership Class (Spring '23)	18
New Members	12
Men's Third Thursday Connection (avg. attendance)	15
Spring Fellowship Potluck (estimated attendance)	250
Neighborhood Block Party (estimated attendance)	300
2022 Christmas Family Festival Neighborhood Guests	400+
Families Served at Serve 6.8 Registration Nights	753

gospel of God but also our - 1 Thessalonians 2:8

#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

This year our foyer hospitality & fellowship received a major upgrade with the new coffee counter! We proudly serve locally-roasted Lima Coffee, and have a team of 22 people serving quality drip and crafted espresso beverages on Sunday & Thursday mornings. We are celebrating the fellowship found lingering over a great cup, and a kind of hospitality that communicates to new people "you matter here!" as they arrive at LifePointe. As we continue to take new steps engaging our neighbors (like the fall Neighborhood Block Party to unveil the Backyard renovation project) we hope to glorify God with great Sunday morning hospitality.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

As we each prayerfully engage our neighbors, we plan to see more and more people connecting this year, especially at follow-up events (like Pizza with the Pastors) after high-invite services like Christmas Eve and Easter.

#### PRAYER REQUST



EVENTS AND SERVING	ATTENDEES
VBS Kids	155
VBS Volunteers	77
Child Dedications	1
Kid Baptisms	1
Elementary KidzPlace Sunday Ave	rage 27
Elementary KidzPlace Volunteers	19
E.C. (Early Childhood) Sunday Av	17
Early Childhood Ministry Voluntee	ers 60

"Thanks so much for providing such a wing and our oldest in Elementary are being a comfort to us!! Our 4 year old is always so excited to tell us all about the Bible story for the day and I love that our oldest is hiding

### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

We're celebrating a committed and faithful Kids Ministry team that continually invests in the lives of our children on Sunday mornings and Vacation Bible School every summer. These dedicated team members serve faithfully in our Early Childhood and our Elementary KidzPlace, encouraging and teaching children how to know, love, and follow lesus more and more each day. As our kids ministry grows, we continually praise God for new team members who wish to serve kids and encourage parents in the discipleship of their children. Every step a child takes learning who Jesus is and what He's done for them, to understanding what prayer is, to believing the Bible is the truth, to reading and memorizing God's Word, to making a decision to follow Christ every day - is worth celebrating!

#### WHAT'S NEXT

As children in our Kids Ministry learn more and more about Jesus, from early on in our Early Childhood and continue through our Elementary KidzPlace, we pray each child will come to know Christ as their personal Savior and grow in their walk with the Lord, both at church and at home, as we partner with parents in the discipleship of their children.

#### 🙏 PRAYER REQUST

Please pray that we will continue to encourage and teach children how to love and follow Jesus more and more each day, and for more faithful team members who have a desire to serve in making an eternal difference in the lives of our children.



Summer Gospel reading plan participants  Baptisms  Received Christ  Japan Mission Trip  20+	EVENTS AND SERVING	ATTENDEES
Baptisms 4 Received Christ 2 Japan Mission Trip 5	Sunday morning/evenings	25-30
Received Christ 2 Japan Mission Trip 5	Summer Gospel reading plan participants	20+
Japan Mission Trip 5	Baptisms	4
·	Received Christ	2
Students in a disciplachin relationship	Japan Mission Trip	5
Students in a discipleship relationship	Students in a discipleship relationship	7

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#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

Over this past year we were able to celebrate the growth of our Student Ministry both numerically and spiritually as several of our students took their first steps of faith and many others pressed deeper into a relationship with Christ by participating in a mission trip, jumping into a discipleship relationship, participating in our new student debate team, or by stepping into a service role in the church/youth group. Our students have also taken major steps towards becoming a connected community that truly cares for one another through our Student LifeGroups and The Chosen watch parties!

#### WHAT'S NEXT

Next year we send 8 students to Zambia on a summer mission trip. We plan to return to Colorado Winter Camps in 2024 and continue growing our Disciple Now Fall retreat. We will be sending out a strong class of seniors in 2024 which means we will be looking to some of our younger students to rise up into leadership positions.

#### PRAYER REQUST

Please pray for several new adult volunteers/leaders that love students to join our team this year so that we are able to continue seeing students step into discipleship relationships! Please also pray that



Team Servants Worship Team 32 Worship Choir 9 7 Youth Worship Team

before him! Worship the Lord in the 1 Chronicles 16:29

#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

We are celebrating a remarkable year of BOLD PRAYER. First and foremost, we rejoice in the answered prayers for growth within our Tech Team. Our staff and volunteer leaders prayed for this growth, and by God's grace He provided six new members, many of whom are high school students. We continue to pray with bold faith, eagerly anticipating God's work in bringing even more individuals into the Audio Ministry next year.

We also celebrate the church coming together for Nights of Prayer & Worship earlier this year during the Lenten season. Our congregation was united in prayer as we sought God's presence together, lifting up requests, confessing sin, and thanking God for His mercy in our lives.

Our teams celebrate fruitful outreach and prayer serving together at a local Narcanon (Narcotics Anonymous) gathering. This compassionate endeavor involved a dedicated group of worship volunteers connecting with and ministering to recovering drug and alcohol addicts. Through these interactions, we not only served those in need but also experienced personal growth in our ability to connect with and pray for people who are different from us.

Finally, we celebrate the incredible work of God growing worship within the Youth Ministry. Our volunteers are working closely with student leaders to bring live worship to our Youth Ministry, utilizing the talents of our current students. We celebrate seeing students respond to God in worship as they enthusiastically step forward to participate in this new ministry opportunity. What joy to see the transformative power of God at work in the next generation!

#### WHAT'S NEXT

We look forward to seeing these ministry teams grow in their passion for service, and continue to be equipped through training workshops planned in the coming year.

#### 🙏 PRAYER REQUST



#### **GROUPS AND SERVING ATTENDEES** 14 Care Team Care Givers People receiving visits and/or calls from Care Givers 33 **Prayer Warriors** 90 21 Sharing The Love Team Hand Made Cards 200+ Nursing Homes with regular worship services 2 15-25 Nursing Home Worship Service Attendance 28 LifePointe Widows cared for by the Widows Ministry LifePointe Funerals this year 7 6 Communion Team

"...that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer - 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

Our LifePointe Church family is a very caring community and many are reaching out to help neighbors and friends. Meals, benevolent funds, cards, house and yard work, and transportation are just some of the acts of kindness shared by our people to minister God's love with others. Most importantly, we pray regularly for the physical and spiritual needs of others. We praise God for the many caring people in our church.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

We believe that care for one another takes place best in small groups where people know each other well. We are looking for ways to encourage and facilitate our LifeGroups to care for the people in their own group. We want to encourage everyone attending LifePointe church to get involved in a small group where they can grow and thrive and care for one another. This is where spiritual growth can happen most effectively.

#### PRAYER REQUST

Please pray that the Spirit of God will fill our hearts with his love so that our love for one another overflows in practical and effective ways in our church. Pray that we can provide the groups and structures where people can express and practice their love for each other. Pray for people gifted with the gift of compassion to join the leadership of each of our care ministries so that the load does not fall on just one or two people.



PLATFORM	STATS
Website Views	18,540
Website Visitors	6,780
Podbean Podcast Downloads	3.5K
YouTube Livestream Views	2.1K
Vimeo Livestream Views	3.8k
Facebook Followers	954
E-Newsletter	75% Open Rate
Church Center App	128 users (last 3mo)

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

- 1 Peter 4:8-10

#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

We've been making efforts to clearly and concisely communicate LifePointe events and needs. We have been using the E-Newsletter (LifePointe News & Updates) weekly, and we are continually seeking new opportunities to use new platforms to share about LifePointe.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

We're looking forward to updating our current communication platforms to keep them from becoming visually stagnant, in an effort to best serve guests and regular attenders.

## 🙏 PRAYER REQUST

Please pray for our ongoing efforts to connect and communicate effectively with guests. Pray that our communications would be effective for helping people take steps with Jesus. We aim to communicate so that our first impression is received as warm and friendly hospitality.



#### **DATA SNAPSHOT**

Giving for Benevolence in FY23	\$43, 239
Local Benevolence Ministry Partners*	4
Funds supporting Benevolence Ministry Partners	\$13, 196
Needs met for LifePointe peopole & neighbors	\$39,840
Individuals receiving Benevolence help	26
Total Benevolence Funds Distributed**	\$53,036

"Before I was a member of the church I received a donation from the Benevolence Fund. It was a miracle and blessing that helped us put a down-payment on an apartment and saved my family after 3 months of homelessness. We are currently happy and thriving"

- Benevolence Recipient

#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

We believe Jesus' example teaches that helping with peoples' physical needs is one way that God reaches our hearts and draws us into deeper relationship with Him and with His people. This year, we saw many stories of people receiving benevolence help who also took deeper steps into trusting and depending on God, and deeper steps of relationship into the family of faith at LifePointe! We are also celebrating several new members stepping up to serve on the Benevolence Team, who do a marvelous job stewarding these ministry opportunities. It is good to belong to Jesus together, and our Benevolence ministry is one of the great ways we get to be His Church!

#### WHAT'S NEXT

This year we have a deepening connection with our benevolence ministry partners at Serve6.8, as we host BOTH a Thanksgiving food basket distribution as well as the Christmas Family Festival. We hope to see more people find their faith here at LifePointe as we help meet their physical needs.

- \* Includes Alpha Center, Serve 6.8, Fort Collins Rescue Mission, & The Salvation Army
- \*\* Includes funds to both individuals and Benevolence Ministry Partner organizations

## PRAYER REQUST

Pray that God would continue to provide everything that we need to be faithful in our benevolence ministry; thanks to prior years' giving, this year we distributed more funds than we received.



#### **DATA SNAPSHOT**

**Global Partners** 22 17 Sending Organizations Funds directly to partners & mission activities 93% Partner funds focused on unreached people groups 88% Percent of LifePointe Total Operating Budget to missions 14.25%

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the

#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

Since 2020, we have added three partners: Mitch Laflin working with CSU students; and Emma Fortunato working with Univ. of Wyoming students; and Davita Freeman now serving with OMF in northern Japan. We also celebrate the dedicated service of our retiring partners. In 2023 two of our long-term partners retired from missions after four decades of service--Tim & Janet Hall serving with World Venture and Brad Miller serving with the Navigators.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

Our 2024 annual partner budget to accomplish bringing God's word to the ends of the earth for is \$137,785. Eighty-eight percent of these funds are directed to our partners working with unreached people. That's over \$10,000 of monthly support to bring the Gospel to those who have not yet heard!



#### 🙏 PRAYER REQUEST



#### **TRIPS**

Mexico short term trip (March 2023) Japan short term trip (July 2023) Age-range of short term participants

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

20 6yrs - 70yrs After this I looked, and behold, a

#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

Our prayers for 2023 were that God would guide us in restarting our short-term missions' impact after three-years of waiting for global COVID limitations to expire. Our prayers and hopes were indeed answered with abundance and blessing. LifePointe hosted two short-term mission teams in 2023.

A team of 20 from LifePointe partnered with Amor Ministries to return to Puerto Peñasco Mexico to build a home. This is our first trip with Amor since 2016 and our team ranged in age from 6 to over age 70. We united in faith and work to build a home in three days while sharing Christ's love to our recipient family and their neighbors. God sheltered us in health, safety, and unity. What a glorious experience to spend our Spring Break building a home to shelter a family.

Our second short-term team of nine, led by Andrew and Audrey Mattison, went to Japan in July to join our global partner, Janet Brown for two weeks of discipleship and relationship building. This is our first trip back to Japan since 2018. The team joined in sharing and celebrating Christ's love for the Japanese people. Following the team's return, Janet exclaimed that the unity and example of this group is the best she has yet seen of any short-term team she has hosted in 40 years of field work. Well done!

#### WHAT'S NEXT

We are readying to gather another team of faithful workers to build another home in March 2024; we are hoping to gather a 2025 Japan team to join with Janet before she retires from field work in 2026. This summer of 2024 a group of 16 has already stepped forward to go to Zambia, Africa to work with the local church, orphans and to build a much needed well.



PRAYER REQUST

Our prayer for 2024 is that everyone at LifePointe would engage in missions. We seek your prayer and financial support for our Mexico and Zambia teams, and your presence as an ambassador for Christ.



#### **GROUPS AND SERVING**

Workday volunteer participation Consistent Facility Volunteers Partner Ministries using facilities\*

#### **ATTENDEES**

120 +

10

- Joshua 24:15

#### WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

A great relationship with Haynes Mechanical and the maintenance agreement they administer! The group of volunteers who help in crack sealing in the parking lot and repainting the lines. A volunteer who has been faithful in helping with snow removal! The young man who has kept the lawns mowed and trimmed up!

#### WHAT'S NEXT

Looking forward to receiving the next portion of the grant to start the landscaping of the Northwest yard/lot. Also including the building of a storage shed to house the trailers, snow plow and truck and lawn mower plus the items in the sheds!



#### 🙏 PRAYER REQUST

Pray for wisdom and provision to maintain the facility in a way that glorifies God, provides excellent space for the ministry of His Kingdom, and engages our people in meaningful service. Ask God to provide creativity and wisdom to the Trustee team to take steps to mitigate rising operational costs.

<sup>\*</sup>Includes: Men's BSF, StuMo campus ministries, Navigators campus ministries, International Students Inc., CRU campus ministries, Ratiochristi campus ministries, Paideia homeschool collective, Alpha Center, Serve 6.8, YoungLife

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