

CENTRAL
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2024

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

From the Elders

I write this having just been urged by a lesson from Romans 12:1, “by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual act of worship.” I was reminded of a familiar hymn, “All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give. I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.” What a wonderful challenge to us all, and especially to the Elders serving Central Christian Church: To live and to serve fully surrendered to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

This past March, thirteen from Central attended the “Lead Well” conference, “Grow Young.” Reflecting our desire to surrender to the goal of reaching the next generation with the gospel.

Through the months of October, November, and December, the Elders and Ministers (and a second group of young men) read through the four Gospels; sharing with each other the most significant thing the Lord shared with us in the text for the week and how we would apply that to our lives. Our hope is to surrender to growing deeper in Jesus with some additional discipleship.

One goal for 2025 is to more completely surrender to the five responsibilities given to Elders in the New Testament. These are:

Prayer (Acts 6:1-7)

[We want to spend actual time praying with and for one another, as well as for those individuals and situations of our church family. It is one thing for us to be a church that prays, but it is entirely different to be a praying church. As elders, we are to lead by example in this vital area.]

Preaching (Acts 6:1-7)

[We are responsible for communicating the Word of God in our spheres of influence. We teach, mentor, and disciple others with the Scriptures.]

Policy (Acts 15:1-35)

[We establish the “guard rails” of how the church operates and then empower others to lead their ministries as they stay within policy guidelines. We are elder-guarded, staff-guided, and people-gifted.]

Protection (Acts 20:13-38)

[We oversee the spiritual, relational, fiscal, and legal well-being of the church.]

Pastoral Care (Acts 20:13-38)

[As shepherds, we move among the “sheep,” ministering to and with them. Though it is impossible for us to care for each person, it is possible for us to create systems for each person to receive care by others.]

We are so thankful for every person who served in some area of ministry at CCC this past year. Each of you is important to the healthy function of this local body of Christ.

Serving as Elder this past year were: Tom Bailey (24), Scott Cruden (25), and Jim Jakymiw (26) [numbers in parenthesis indicate end of term].

Hope Lives Here!

Tom Bailey
Chairman of the Elders

Preaching Minister

And now a word from your Preaching Minister...

It's January, traditionally the month when half of all Americans make resolutions to "do better." What are you going to do better in the new year? It makes sense, doesn't it? You look back over the past year. You see that there are some things headed in the wrong direction. You see something you want to improve, you make a plan to cause some change, and then what happens?

Some call the 2nd Friday in January "Quitter's Day" because that's when people are most likely to give up on their resolution. Under 10% of people who make New Year's resolutions actually achieve their goals. Somehow, "trying harder" for the year didn't serve you well.

You're going to run a 5K race. So, you hit the street, and after 10 minutes, your resolution to run in a race is starting to fade. What's the problem? You're not trying hard enough, right? Try harder! Our son Andy ran cross-country in Jr. High. At the halfway point of a 5K race, the runners come trudging by where all the parents are assembled. "Tim, run faster!" "Mitch, run faster!" We learned later that Andy wasn't really helped by us yelling, "Andy, run faster!" After all, he already knew that was kind of the whole goal of a race. Somehow, yelling to someone who's already gasping for breath to "try harder" wasn't overly inspiring.

I find this prevailing frustration among followers of Jesus who are honestly desiring to do better in their walk of faith. So, out comes this catchphrase for the year at CCC, "Level Up!" Great, now not only do you have yourself frustrated when your spiritual improvement plan comes apart in the 2nd week, but you have the whole year at church reminding you of it! What will you do? Try harder!

You're in good company. Paul, the beloved Apostle, wrote in Romans 7 of his frustration: "I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing." Did Paul just need to try harder?

What does it take to Level Up your spiritual growth in 2025? What will you do differently so that as 2026 starts you'll be looking back at growth and not just repeated frustration? Real spiritual growth, called sanctification, is an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. You signed up for it when you accepted the Lordship of Jesus as your own. What will you do – try harder?

This year, I will be encouraging us all to Level Up, but that doesn't mean we're just going to look at one another and yell, "Try harder!" I don't see Scripture telling us to try harder, but I do see it instructing us, in several places, to train. Growth in Jesus isn't just about going from challenge to challenge and trying real hard. It's more about engaging in the regular, deliberate choice to train for righteousness, so that when the challenges of life arise, we have formed the spiritual muscle, coordination, and endurance to handle it.

This is truly God's plan for us as individuals, and for CCC as part of His Church.
Ephesians 4:12–16

...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Let's grow! Stop trying. Start training. That's the way to **Level Up** in 2025.

Sherm

Connections Minister

There's a passage in the Book of Hebrews that I've always been curious about. The author of the book was writing to a Jewish audience and attempting to convince them that Jesus was the Messiah that they had all been waiting for. Which of course implies that they somehow missed his arrival. In the fifth chapter, the author of the book complains that his readers, "ought to be teachers, [but] need someone to teach [them] elementary truths of God's word all over again." He told them they needed milk, and not solid food. Here's the part I am curious about... How did his audience take those words?

The author of Hebrews basically called them a bunch of immature babies! I can't imagine those words went over well. The Jews often prided themselves on their intimate relationship with God the Father, but somehow missed the arrival of his Son. Oops. I think that does say something about the true level of their faith.

You're going to hear the phrase "level up" a lot this year. It's going to become our secret code that should spur all of us on to greater levels of maturity, service, and dedication to our faith. We want to level up our zeal for telling others about Jesus. We want all of us to level up everything that we do to minister to the next generation of followers of Jesus. And we want all of us to level up as disciples. Let's fix a target in our minds of where we want to be spiritually speaking as a church, and let's do what it takes to get there!

It's been a blessing to be with you all nine years now. You have blessed me and my family in uncountable ways. We love being a part of what God is doing at Central!

Blessings,

Brian Rotert
Connections Minister

Youth & Family Minister

Last year was a great year to see God at work through our church and families. Through the collective efforts of our teams and the grace of God, we witnessed exciting new initiatives and meaningful moments of ministry. Here are some highlights from 2024:

Donut Diner

This year, we introduced the Donut Diner, a new and creative initiative by our Next Gen Team. It has been a fun and inviting way to foster community and connection across segments of our congregation, and we've already seen its positive impact.

Parenting Group

We launched a new parenting group that meets during Disciple Hour, led by Rich and Laura Laumer, along with Gary and Sarah Spires. This group provides parents with a space to celebrate successes, share struggles, and find support as they navigate the journey of parenting and discipleship.

C3 Kids

This fall, we introduced C3 Kids on the third Wednesday night of each month from 6-8 PM during MomStrong. Designed for elementary kids, this time of friendship-building includes worship, learning, and play, creating a vibrant environment for children to grow in their faith.

Student Ministry Road Trip -FREQUENCY-

The students had a great Road Trip to Friendship, WI, where our group of 16: hiked and explored, went tubing on the Wisconsin River, rode the ducks, and also delved into the study of learning to hear God's voice. We explored how, in a world full of noise and distraction, God is always communicating with us. Sometimes He speaks in predictable ways, and other times, He uses the unexpected to get His message across.



Youth Sunday, February 2024



Donut Diner, February 2024



C3 Kids, November 2024



Road Trip, June 2024



Middle School
Summer Hangout



These transformative experiences (plus our regular ongoing ministries like Middle School Disciple Hour, High School Disciple Hour, & StuCo) wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and sacrifice of our Student Ministry Team: April Steichen, Jill Kennay, Nathaniel Bailey, and Jim Jakymiw. Additionally, our Next Gen Team—Tiffany Minnick, Cate Schwenk, Jim Jakymiw, and Lori Cruden—played a vital role. I also want to thank our incredible teen leaders who faithfully serve at C3 Kids each month: Cambria Nelson, Nora Jakymiw, and Emiah Jakymiw.

A Brief Glimpse Ahead to 2025:

Road Trip to Missouri

We're excited about our upcoming Road Trip to Missouri from June 22–28. This promises to be another impactful experience where students will grow closer to God and one another.

StuCo Events

StuCo is planning to host a couple events aimed at connecting with different age groups within the church. These gatherings will build bridges across generations and deepen relationships within our church family.

As we reflect on 2024, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such dedicated and passionate individuals. I look forward to where God is leading us in 2025 and beyond. Let's continue to partner together in discipling the next generation and advancing God's kingdom.

To God be the glory!

Brian Beck
Youth & Family Minister

Donut Diner, February 2024



Fill A Bucket Event, April 2024



IDES Baby Chick Fundraiser, April 2024



Easter 2024



Water Day, July 2024



Elementary Sunday School Attendance Challenge!



THANK YOU to Jerry & Robin King for their DECADES of service in the Preschool Department at CCC!



Operation Sparkle Box December 2024

Children's Ministry

Elementary Children's Worship

God has continued to grow and bless Children's Ministry in 2024. We are consistently serving more children and are grateful to our faithful team who continues to share their time and talent with our first through fifth grade students at Central Christian Church:

Brian and Heidi Rotert and Ruth Evans; Karen Welch, Jennifer Stanley, Linda Wittig, Jake Murphy, Sue Pugh; and Brian, Christine, Isabelle, and Katelyn Beck and Chris Slayton, as well as our student helpers, Cambria Nelson, Jake and Luke Schwenk, Francesca Rotert, Ethan Stanley, and Nora Jakymiw.

During Children's Worship time, our students have their own worship service, complete with singing, studying the Bible, praying, and memorizing scripture. In 2024, we focused on the Armor of God, the book of Esther, learning the names of the books in the bible, studied the apostles, the parables, miracles, and what the bible had to say about sin and temptation. We also learned about the gift of salvation available to us through Christ's death on the cross, and studied what the bible has to say about sin and temptation. We studied some examples of thankfulness in the bible and had an opportunity to learn more about service, running two Donut Diners and working our project Sparkle Box in December. We continue to look for unique ways the children can use practical applications of God's Word, encouraging them to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We were also excited to celebrate four students declare Jesus as their Lord and Savior and be baptized. We ask that you pray God continues to bless our ministry and help our next generation grow in their commitment to follow Christ.

In His Service,
Cate and Matt Schwenk



Preschool Director

As I reflect on this past year and look forward to the next, I count it as such a blessing and privilege to work with our littlest ones (and their families) at CCC! 2024 was another year of fun and learning as we sang, prayed, memorized scripture, did crafts and other activities, and of course, learned stories and truths from the Bible, as we explored both the Old and New Testament.

We also took time to intentionally learn and fellowship together as a preschool group, multi-age group (preschool and elementary ages), as families, and as a whole church. Some of these things included...

(2) All Church Donut Diner Events, an Easter Egg Hunt and event, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today" event, Hiking, Summer Fun Events (collaborated with the MomStrong group) including a Parking Lot Party, Water Day, and Family Movie Night, and the kick-off of a brand new once a month ministry called C3Kids (also collaborated with MomStrong).

My favorite event came in October. We took some time, as a church, to celebrate the ministry of the Kings. Robin and Jerry faithfully served God and the children and families at CCC as the 2's and 3's Sunday School teachers for decades. Robin taught for 62 years and 42 of those years Robin and Jerry served together! WOW!!!! Their love for the Lord shined bright as they shared His love with the Little Ones at CCC! I'm so thankful that we had the opportunity to recognize and show appreciation for Robin and Jerry's legacy and the beautiful example of service for God's Kingdom they both have been! I pray that God will continue to use me as His vessel and I will have the opportunity to shine for Him for MANY years to come. 33 years of working with the Lord's Little Ones, 23 ½ of those on staff at CCC...I've got some work to do to catch-up with the Kings!

We ended the year with "Operation Sparkle Box," an all church project based on the book "The Sparkle Box." Individuals and Families were encouraged to find ways to serve others in the community and put into action the words of Matthew 25:40; "Whatever you have done for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done for me."

It was a wonderful way to help us all focus on what Christmas is all about and to close the year in a way that's pleasing to Him.

It was a busy and wonderful year at CCC! I pray that God is glorified through all that is done as we seek to grow in community and point young and old alike towards Jesus! I am so very thankful to be the Preschool Director at CCC and pray that God will continue to use me to share and show His incredible love to "HIS" Little Ones! May 2025 be Blessed as we seek Him in all.

Blessings!
Lori Cruden
Preschool Director

Worship Ministry

Psalm 145: 1-7

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.

They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They tell of the power of your awesome works
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

I thank God for another year where we were able to provide the church with 52 weeks of service, striving to rise to the standard set by the psalmist each and every service. To set Christ at the forefront of our every action and to not simply be worship leaders but mirrors directing the church to the Creator God who loved us so very much, that He paid the price of our sins once and for all, past, present, and future.

As always, I want to thank the worship leaders who have continued to strive for excellence of worship at Central: Beth Bailey, Sarah Jakymiw, Laura Laumer, and Betsy Maseman. Every Sunday morning I am encouraged by their commitment to the ministry and am doubly so encouraged knowing the work that takes place during the weeks leading up to their individual Sundays.

I also want to thank the many volunteers that fill out the weekly teams for our Sunday morning services, be it on stage as an instrumentalist or vocalist, or in technology running sound, slides, and cameras for the live stream. These are volunteers that often go unnoticed unless technology is going haywire and so I want to make sure to thank them for their continued excellence of service.

This year we were able to welcome two new vocalists to the worship team, Nora Jakymiw and Paige Kohlmeier! It is encouraging to see the new wave of worshipers joining the team and I look forward to seeing how God will continue to grow their heart for service.

In closing, I look forward to the future of worship at CCC. I pray that God will continue to encourage the spirit of each and every one of us to strive for a greater heart of worship, be it in the pews on Sunday morning and in our daily walks in our life outside the walls of Central. May the world see our heart for worship and be drawn to the source of that joy.

Nathaniel Bailey

Mom STRONG

In September 2024 we began our 9th YEAR of MomSTRONG! We continue to meet one Wednesday evening each month September- May. Last year we noticed a transition from evangelism to discipleship within our group. Our current moms, and moms who are coming for the first time, already have a relationship with Jesus and want to know how to continue to grow their faith during these years with young kids at home. MomSTRONG is a place where they can be encouraged and challenged in their faith, while giving them tools and resources to live a life that reflects Jesus and ultimately leads their kids to Him too. We are thankful for the support of this ministry, and for the opportunity to come alongside our moms and point them towards God.

In November we hosted the 8th Annual MomSTRONG Momma Market! This event serves to support Rockford-area moms in their ventures to support their families and have a creative outlet or professional identity outside of being a mom. It's also a fundraiser for the Pregnancy Care Center through a silent auction and vendor fees collected. This year we were able to raise \$1,700 for the Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford. We love this event and look forward to it every year!

The MomSTRONG Team

Sarah Jakymiw, Heidi Rotert, Cate Schwenk, Ariane Easton

Young at Heart

Young at Heart is a ministry for senior adults at Central Christian Church that encourages fellowship on a regular basis. We get together for a luncheon and a program at the church monthly. In 2024, some of our programs included our annual Soup's On luncheon, annual picnic at Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve and 3 Christian movies: The Hill, Unsung Hero and The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Jan Barczuk shared with us about his ministry at Pioneer Bible plus we enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving Feast and Christmas Party.

We believe that the senior adults in our church have opinions that are relevant and important to the life of our church. Their life experiences as well as their strong faith is a glue that helps to hold the church together, and they continue to make a difference in the life of Central Christian Church. This group is a very caring part of our church as well as prayer warriors who spend time praying for many needs in our congregation.

-Mike & Debbie Beutel



Our Kids Hope USA Program continues to be strong at Carlson Elementary School. 2024 brought closure to our 11th year at the school and the beginning of our 12th year. As we ended the 2023/2024 school year we had 13 students, 13 mentors and 18 prayer partners. As we returned in Fall 2024, we had lost 2 of those mentors, and 5 of those students. The hard thing about this program is that many of the students/families that we serve are very transient. However, we know that God hand picks each of our students for this program and we are thankful for the impact that a Godly mentor can make in a child's life even if it is a short time together. We started the 2024/2025 school year with 7 new mentors (woohoo), 3 new prayer partners and 9 new students for a total of 18 mentors, 21 prayer partners, and 18 students. We are currently present at the school Monday through Friday for approximately 18 hours a week! That is over 70 hours per month that we are shining for Jesus at Carlson School! This ministry truly does make a difference one child at a time!

A helpful change at the school this year has been the addition of a Carlson staff member becoming our liaison in helping me with the process of placing new students into the program. Another change was an opportunity to transition into the Kids Hope "Next" program at the middle school level with one of our students who aged out of Carlson. Unfortunately, this did not work out as planned and the student is no longer attending Eisenhower Middle School and is being homeschooled. However, this has turned into a blessing in disguise. This particular student happens to be my former Kids Hope student. I have been fortunate enough to have built a relationship outside of school with my student and her family for the past 5 years and we are now meeting twice a month. She is no longer formally part of the Kids Hope program, so I have the freedom to meet with her at church and start our time together with a devotion/time in God's Word! I'm thankful that God continues to open doors of opportunity within this program!

We continue to look for opportunities to serve the kids, families, staff, and school beyond our mentoring hours. This past year we were able to treat the staff to an appreciation salad luncheon, have an end of the year ice cream social for the mentees/families, help with the school's Trunks and Treats and Turkey Bingo events, helped the teachers and with some special Christmas projects, and we ended the year with our Kids Hope Christmas Party. We also had an opportunity to offer our prayers/support to the principal who had brain surgery in the fall and also to the assistant principal who welcomed her first baby in October. There are also a few teachers who reach out to me periodically with prayer needs. I am thankful for the trust and the relationships that continue to be built at Carlson school with each passing year.

I am thankful for each and every person who is part of the Kids Hope Team! It is truly a team effort! I continue to pray for God to open new doors of opportunity at Carlson School and in our community as we serve Him through this ministry in 2025 and beyond!

Serving Him,

Lori Cruden...Kids Hope USA Director

Missions

Below is a list of the missions supported through the Missions Budget in 2024:

Mathetes Philippine Youth Ministry – Rodger & Dixie Shewmaker. We look forward to a visit from the Shewmaker's on March 10, 2025. Andy and Weng Lucagbo will be with them. A little about Andy, he is a graduate of Cebu Bible Seminary and has been in ministry for over 20 years. In addition to his Bible college education, Andy has a Teaching Degree and a degree in Computers. He and Weng have two children, Ian is 8 and Drec is 2. They will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary at the end of December. Weng is employed by Philippine Land Bank. Currently Andy is the Philippine Director of Mathetes and he is an elder in the Digos City Church of Christ.

International Disaster Emergency Service – ides.org

Good News Productions – gnpi.org

Cookson Hills Christian Home – cooksonhills.org

Jan Barczuk / Pioneer Bible Translators

Unnamed Missionaries / Pioneer Bible Translators– These mission partners are in a location that is unfriendly to Christian missionaries. *We are removing their names for security purposes.* Our support and prayers remain unchanged.

Vida Nueva Ministries (Rio Bravo Christian Ministries) – vnmi.org and vnmi.org/riobravo. Eli and Mandy Garcia, along with their children visited Central this past May. Eli has since been diagnosed with leukemia. We sent an additional gift of money to help with their medical expenses. Please continue to pray for Eli, his family, and the ministry of Vida Nueva Ministries.

Carpenter's Place – we provide a noon meal once a month. Thanks to Stephanie Jordan for organizing this.

Rock River Christian Camp – rockrivercc.com

Rapha International – rapha.org

Deaf Missions – deafmissions.com

e2 Effective Elders – e2elders.org

In 2024 Central awarded scholarship monies to **Jericho Nelson**. This scholarship was established to encourage and assist students pursuing full-time vocational Christian ministry. Jericho is beginning his final semester of Bible college as I write this. Pray for Jericho as he seeks God's leading in his life.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Bailey
Missions Elder

Handymen's Workgroup

Maintaining a church facility is crucial for fostering a welcoming and safe environment for congregants and visitors. A well-kept church reflects the community's dedication to their faith and their respect for the sacred space. Regular maintenance ensures that the building remains functional and aesthetically pleasing, which can enhance the overall worship experience. It also demonstrates a commitment to stewardship, as taking care of the church property is a way of honoring the resources that have been entrusted to the community.

Good stewardship of a church facility also has practical benefits. Regular upkeep can prevent minor issues from becoming major problems, saving the church time and money in the long run. For example, routine inspections and repairs can help avoid costly damage from leaks, electrical issues, or structural problems. Additionally, a well-maintained facility is more likely to attract new members and retain current ones, as people are more inclined to join and stay in a community that takes pride in its surroundings.

Furthermore, when members of the church come together to care for their building, it can strengthen bonds and create a sense of ownership and pride. Volunteer maintenance days, fundraising for repairs, and other collaborative efforts can bring people together and reinforce the idea that the church is not just a building, but a living, thriving community. In this way, good stewardship of the church facility can contribute to the spiritual and social well-being of the congregation.

On most Friday mornings, a group of volunteers start their workday with fellowship over coffee, pastries, a devotional reading, and prayer before taking on various tasks to keep the building in good condition. Those tasks may include replacing light bulbs and ceiling tiles, addressing plumbing needs, scrubbing coffee stained chairs, touching up scratches on the pews, or painting curbs and parking light pillars. We also conduct routine maintenance and inspections of our fire safety equipment including lights, extinguishers and sprinklers systems as well as our HVAC systems.

There are several others who may not be regulars to our group but give their time to do specific tasks whether it be changing out furnace filters in the fall or tending to the beautiful landscaping around the building. I thank those who have given their time and talents this past year.

Our major projects in 2024 focused on energy reduction and included the replacement of halogen to LED bulbs in all fellowship meeting rooms, digital programmable thermostats in high traffic/usage areas and LED lighting upgrades around the exterior of our buildings and parking lot. We also upgraded our security system for better central monitoring and access control.

Looking ahead to 2025 and beyond, we have several projects which will need capital funding to keep our facility in good condition. This include HVAC replacement, roof leak mitigation, South hall men's room renovation, additional security system upgrades and thermostat upgrades and, last but not least, the replacement of our aging baptistry.

In Christ,
Chuck Yarris and Stanton Stewart

Romans 12:6-7: "We have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If one's gift is prophecy, let him use it in proportion to his faith; if it is serving, let him serve."



In 2024, we invited you to be **ALL IN**; with God
AND here at Central Christian Church!

In 2025, we are challenging you to **LEVEL UP**.

How will you grow in your faith?

How will you SERVE and LEVEL UP your contribution
to the Kingdom of God?

If you said "I'm IN" at Central, here are a few volunteer needs
we currently have:

Coffee Baristas: One Sunday/month

Greeters: One Sunday/month

Van Drivers

Sunday Morning Tech (projection/sound/streaming)

Elementary Children's Church Leaders/Helpers

Disciple Hour Nursery: One Sunday/month

5th Sunday Nursery during Service

Handymen's Workgroup: Friday mornings

Lawn/Grounds Maintenance

Student Ministry Event Helpers

Women's Ministry Team

For more
information,
and to **sign up** for
one of these roles,
see Brian Rotert or
Sarah Jakymiw.

a few more 2024 stats...

8 Baptisms

Emiah Jakymiw
Keaton Romanello
Kendall Stanley
Janet Crabb
Aisley Minnick
Jairo Carmona
Valerie Mujica
Abraham Rocha

8 Transfers

Gary & Mary Lou Aldridge
Judi Harrison
Rosene Anderson
Wendy Mensah
Jim & Carol Albrecht

1 Birth

Eleanor Joann Cloyd
March 19th, 2024

2 Deaths

Pat Lamontagna
Butch Nelson

*Jesus said to her, "I am
the resurrection and the
life. The one who believes
in me will live, even
though they die, and
whoever lives by believing
in me will never die.*

John 11:25-26

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2024 Comparative Summary of Income & Expenditures - 5 Years
With Comparative Balance Statement Summary

Income Statement - YOY Comparative Summary

	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024
INCOME					
Operating Fund (1)	\$ 601,130	\$ 536,004	\$ 554,451	\$ 563,388	\$ 591,604
Missions Fund	\$ 40,081	\$ 40,020	\$ 39,917	\$ 34,329	\$ 23,646
Building Fund	\$ 44,648	\$ 42,563	\$ 42,398	\$ 33,535	\$ 2,700
Designated Gifts/Memorials	\$ 35,106	\$ 60,256	\$ 27,912	\$ 37,051	\$ 3,658
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 720,965	\$ 678,843	\$ 664,678	\$ 668,303	\$ 621,609
EXPENDITURES					
Operating Fund	\$ 454,137	\$ 483,187	\$ 654,793	\$ 481,059	\$ 504,924
Missions Fund	\$ 63,058	\$ 58,678	\$ 62,161	\$ 42,261	\$ 43,362
Building Fund	\$ 17,168	\$ 17,914	\$ 13,475	\$ 102,799	\$ 81,200
Designated Gifts/Memorials (2)		\$ 42,912	\$ 28,820	\$ 2,242	\$ -
Other Reserve Accounts					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 534,363	\$ 602,691	\$ 759,249	\$ 628,361	\$ 629,486
NET INCOME (loss)	\$ 186,602	\$ 76,152	\$ (94,571)	\$ 39,942	\$ (7,878)

Balance Statement YOY Comparative Summary

	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024
ASSETS	\$ 948,463	\$ 914,428	\$ 821,141	\$ 843,755	\$ 818,884
LIABILITIES	\$ 562,929	\$ 435,249	\$ 334,387	\$ 240,678	\$ 107,735
EQUITY	\$ 385,534	\$ 479,178	\$ 486,639	\$ 603,076	\$ 711,149
MORTGAGE DEBT	\$ 486,902	\$ 369,286	\$ 269,961	\$ 175,005	\$ 49,118

Note(s):

1/24/2025

(1) This figure includes income from multiple sub accounts

(2) Designated amounts have been reduced and are combined with Operating Fund Expenses.

Central Christian Church
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Petty Cash	100.00
1025 · IL B T Checking 9401	97,138.25
1030 · IL B&T MM 9439	43,638.39
1035 · IL B&T - CD	106,079.24
Total Checking/Savings	246,955.88
Total Current Assets	246,955.88
Fixed Assets	
Due From Lori	15.07
1810 · Equipment	7,000.00
1800 · Land / Building	563,733.47
Total Fixed Assets	570,748.54
Other Assets	
Advance Expenses	1,180.00
Total Other Assets	1,180.00
TOTAL ASSETS	818,884.42
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
2600 · IL B&T CC	2,099.79
Total Credit Cards	2,099.79
Other Current Liabilities	
Designated - Memorials	2,859.27
Designated Gifts	3,045.12
Res for major repairs	49,389.32
Reserve for missions	389.24
2100 · ACC 941 Tax	
2140 · ACC Tax - Fed WH	190.76
2146 · ACC Tax - Medicare	122.00
2156 · Acc Tax - FICA	521.60
Total 2100 · ACC 941 Tax	834.36
Total Other Current Liabilities	56,517.31
Total Current Liabilities	58,617.10
Long Term Liabilities	
2200 · Mortgage Principal - 2645	49,118.36
Total Long Term Liabilities	49,118.36
Total Liabilities	107,735.46
Equity	
Mortgage Payment offset	176,718.72
Designated Gifts - Equity	-11,710.90
Designated Memorial - Equity	-4,056.69
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	417.58
32000 · Retained Earnings	449,442.76
Net Income	100,337.49
Total Equity	711,148.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	818,884.42

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Ministry	2025 Budget
MINISTERS' SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$322,292
OTHER MINISTRY EXPENSES	\$9,050
MEMBERSHIP / FELLOWSHIP (Brian Rotert)	\$4,184
ADULT EDUCATION (Brian Rotert)	\$500
COMMUNITY GROUP (Brian Rotert)	\$1,300
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (Kaye Bailey)	\$1,190
BUILDING & GROUNDS (Stan Stewart)	\$96,200
FINANCE (Scott Cruden)	\$36,875
TRANSPORTATION (Dick Huffington)	\$3,152
YOUTH (Brian Beck)	\$7,908
CHILDREN MINISTRIES (Lori Cruden)	\$9,255
BENEVOLENCE (Scott Cruden)	\$1,214
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (Carrie Nichols)	\$1,900
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH (Brian Rotert)	\$2,800
MISSIONS FUND (Tom Bailey)	\$45,450
WORSHIP (Sherm Nichols)	\$1,450
WORSHIP MINISTRY (Brian Beck)	\$5,100
OFFICE (Brian Rotert)	\$11,880
ELDERS (Tom Bailey)	\$1,300
NEW FACILITIES & DEBT RETIREMENT (Mortgage)	\$50,000
CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$20,000.00
TOTAL OPERATING & CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$633,000.16

