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ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

I've been leading Boone Open Bible for 25 years now and I'm grateful for all that God has done over that time span. Thank you, as well, for being part of God's work in Boone.

This report gives a glimpse into what happened this past year and testifies to God's faithfulness to us. While there are ups and downs, God never stops working on us, in us, and through us. He is always faithful!

It's encouraging to see a few newbies recently, as well as some young families attending regularly. As well, many of you have been with us for a lot of years, which is a blessing. Let's continue pursuing the presence of God and remain faithful.

As I write this, the word "faithful" has repeatedly come to mind, which takes me to these encouraging Bible verses:

1 Samuel 12:24

But be sure to fear the Lord and faithfully serve him. Think of all the wonderful things he has done for you.

Proverbs 3:3-4

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Pursuing His Presence,

PHIL WALDO

LEAD PASTOR

PERSONAL

GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH

- **Small Groups:** People connecting in weekly fellowship and spiritual growth.
- **Discipleship 1:1:** Several met weekly for intentional discipleship.
- **Kids Club & LIFT Youth:** Our next generation is learning God's Word, building friendships, and leading and serving others. Several youth attended youth camp and Breakaway.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Our church was filled with laughter and learning during a fun-filled, gospel-centered week! Seven kids asked Jesus into their hearts. The kids gave \$122.07 for Operation Kid-to-Kid Clean Water Project.
- **Men's and Women's Events:** The men met weekly for Bible study and the women enjoyed a Joyce Meyer conference and a dinner at LaCarreta.
- **Pastor Appreciation:** We honored Pastor Phil and Naomi at lunch with barbecue, cake, appreciation riddles and gifts.

232

Individuals attended
Sunday morning
Celebration



13,600

Individuals reached
on social media



25

Kids got clean water



PRACTICAL

MEETING NEEDS WITH LOVE

- **Hands of Mercy/Compassion Cafe:** Seven families with kids in Boone, Central Iowa, and around the globe were blessed with practical helps to meet their needs. We also continued our monthly sponsorship of the Elida Orphanage in India.
- **Shoebox Outreach:** Together, we packed 100 Christmas shoeboxes for children around the world, planting seeds of joy and hope.
- **Food Pantry:** We partnered with the Food Bank of Iowa and local businesses to feed those facing food insecurity, distributing groceries with dignity and care to 1896 individuals.
- **Sewing Group:** Several ladies made quilts, dresses, and other items for community and shoebox outreach.
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt:** We hosted a fun-filled event for families in our community, sharing the joy and hope of Jesus' resurrection and the life He offers.
- **Benevolence:** We helped 36 families in Boone with practical needs: rent, utilities, gasoline, meals, medical bills, insurance, and household needs.
- **Adopt-a-Family at Christmas:** We adopted three families at Christmas and gave the adults and children gifts thanks to your generosity through the Giving Tree.
- **Financial Faithfulness:** Thanks to your giving, our church remained financially strong and mission-focused in 2024.

96
Givers

20
Quilts Donated

433
Breakfasts Served

\$180,825
Given

4
Meal Trains

3
Funeral Lunches Served



POWERFUL

TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S GOODNESS

- **This year was marked by undeniable moments of God's presence and power:**
- **Salvations & Healings:** Several individuals made decisions to follow Jesus, and we witnessed testimonies of physical and emotional healing.
- **Sermon Series Impact:** God used Pastor Phil's "If you Love God" teaching series to challenge, encourage, and draw people deeper into His Word.
- **Memorable Events:**
- **April 28:** Dr. Burliss Parker, missionary-at-large to Cuba, Kenya, and Uganda, inspired us with his stories of faith.
- **August 11:** A spontaneous prayer for Trevor was powerful, and Trevor called that same day.
- **September 22:** We joined the larger Body of Christ for the Community Worship Service at the High School.
- **October 13:** Brent & Sara Kelderman, new missionaries to the School of Global Leadership in Trinidad, shared their calling.
- **November 10:** Several shared testimonies and special music throughout the Celebration to show the Evidence of God.
- **December 15:** The Christmas Program reminded us of the miracle of Jesus' birth through special music.
- **December 29:** Testimony Sunday closed the year with real stories of God's work in our lives.

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Decisions for Christ



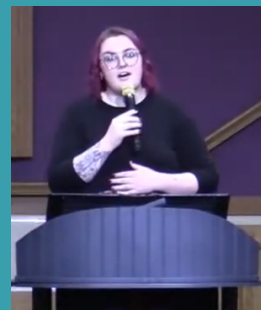
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People baptized



\$24,240

Given to missions

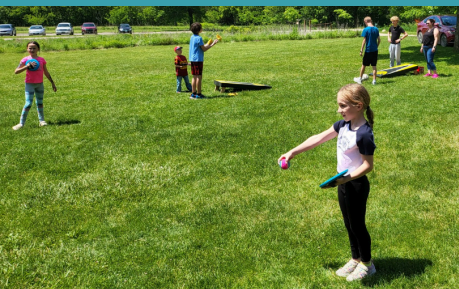


JUST FOR FUN

LAUGHTER, FRIENDSHIP, AND SHARED MEMORIES MATTER TOO

There is power in joy, connection, and a little friendly competition! 2024 was full of memorable moments that brought us closer together and reminded us that church life can be just plain fun.

- **Winter Games Tournament:** Indoors turned into an arena of fun with ping pong, cornhole, checkers, carpet ball, and more—complete with brackets and coveted trophies!
- **Church Work Day:** With willing hands and servant hearts, we rolled up our sleeves to refresh and clean our church building. Teamwork in action!
- **Church Picnic:** We gathered at Ledges Park for food and fellowship. From outdoor games to a bike give away, it was a summer highlight.
- **Fall Party:** Carnival-style games, prizes, and lots of smiles filled our building as kids came together for this festive event.
- **Candy Bar Sunday:** Appreciation of our amazing volunteers is always a crowd favorite as we distribute candy bars and heartfelt thanks for all they do.
- **All Leaders Christmas Dinner:** Our leaders enjoyed dinner together as a thank you and a celebration of Christ's birth.
- **Christmas Lights Tour:** One of the coziest nights of the year! We all piled into a school bus and toured the town to enjoy beautiful Christmas lights, complete with hot chocolate and cookies to make the evening extra sweet.



IN LOVING MEMORY

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE NOW WITH THE LORD



Roger Reynoldson
June 20, 2024

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”
– Revelation 21:4 (NIV)



Judy Shafer
August 28, 2024

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants.”
– Psalm 116:15 (NIV)