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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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BOONE, IOWA



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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Twenty-six years in, and I'm still amazed at what God does when His people gather to worship and pray. Thank you for being part of that.

This report walks you through another year at Boone Open Bible. You'll see the numbers, the ministries, the milestones – but behind all of it is a story the spreadsheet can't quite tell. It's the story of how God continues to move.

This year, that was most clear in answered prayer. More than one in our church family was facing serious health battles, and we prayed. God came through. I don't take that lightly. Every healing, every breakthrough, every door God opens is a fresh reminder that He's still in the room.

A verse that comes to mind:

Psalm 116:1-2 – I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

That's the posture I want for us going forward – a people who keep calling on Him, because we've seen what happens when He turns His ear. So, let's keep praying, keep believing, and keep pursuing His presence together.

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.
- **INSTE Global Bible College:** A weekly class to grow in knowledge and understanding of the Word and who God is.
- **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 funded by a bake sale by the youth!
- **Baby Dedication:** We celebrated as parents dedicated their children to the Lord, committing to raise them in faith while our church family pledged support for the journey ahead.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Our church was transformed into a rugged wilderness where thirty-two kids learned to trust Jesus as their steady guide through life’s twists and turns. Nine kids asked Jesus into their hearts.
- **Men’s and Women’s Events:** The men met weekly for Bible study and the women enjoyed a Sisterhood Women’s Conference.

256

Individuals attended Sunday morning Celebration



“God is good. God is my refuge. God cares for me.”



“This has been a year of personal growth for me. I’ve struggled with the question of ‘where do I fit in?’ After coming here, I’ve started finding my place. I fit in. I’m not lost in the crowd here.”



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New members

85,846

Views on social media

“We rejoice in how good the Lord has been to us. He’s never failed. We committed our lives to God 66 years ago. He is a saving God and a keeping God.”



\$1400

In brand new warm clothing and blankets



\$662

Raised by LIFT bake sale

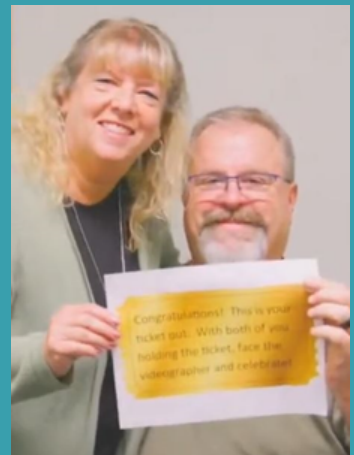
PASTOR APPRECIATION

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Pastor Phil and Naomi Waldo have led Boone Open Bible Church faithfully since Phil became the lead pastor in 2000. Countless people have been impacted by their leadership and ministry through personal counseling, teaching, serving, loving, discipling, encouraging, caring for, praying for, and equipping children, families, and adults. They have and continue to lead as a team with Pastor Phil shepherding the church and Naomi pouring her heart into our children.

We celebrated with an Escape Room highlighting memories, vision building, their family and ministry over the last 25 years with clues that helped them “escape”. The congregation thanked the Waldos during a Sunday morning Celebration with an appearance of two special guests, Jonathan Frakes, Star Trek’s Captain William Riker, and the Green Grill. The Waldos were given a trip to Israel in 2026.

“Pastor Phil is approachable, not the stuffy religious type. Both Phil and Naomi are easy to talk to when you have something on your mind. They have always been available to help us.”

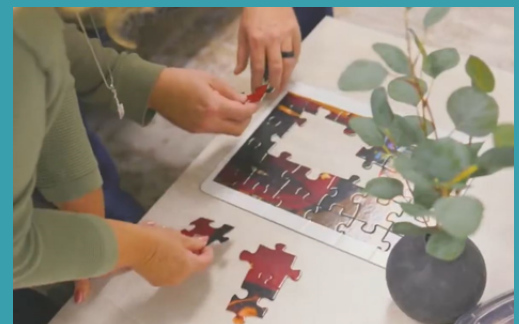


“Thank you for showing us Christ on a weekly basis.”



“Naomi, you lead the Kids Ministry, you guys are the true angels. Phil, you love Star Trek so obviously you are a man of exquisite taste. May you live long and prosper.”

“Phil and Naomi are a great couple, serving together as a team. They have heart and show it in their interactions with all of us. They have been present in the good times and the bad times of my life. With the good times they helped celebrate. They listen and counsel as we have issues. They have selfless love for each other and for us.”



PRACTICAL

MEETING NEEDS WITH LOVE

- **Hands of Mercy/Compassion Cafe:** Six local families with kids were blessed with practical helps to meet their needs. A young mom received prosthetic arms so she could care for her children. We also continued our monthly sponsorship of the Elida Orphanage in India.
- **Shoebox Outreach:** Together, we packed 50 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.
- **Pufferbilly Days Parade:** We joined the Pufferbilly Days Parade to connect with our community and represent Boone Open Bible.
- **Housewarming Party:** Youth leader Collin Holman moved into his first apartment!
- **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 31 families in our church and in Boone with practical needs: rent, utilities, gasoline, meals, medical bills, insurance, and household needs.
- **Adopt-a-Family at Christmas:** We adopted four 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 2025.

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Givers



“God has promised to never leave me, never forsake me, and I can trust Him. I am not alone.”



\$230,937

Given



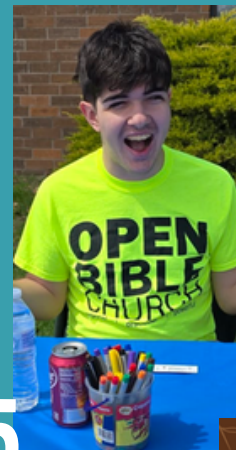
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Individuals served by the food pantry



535

Breakfasts served



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Meal Trains



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 protection, and physical and emotional healing.
- **Sermon Series Impact:** Pastor Phil's sermons focused on truth, our thoughts, our mindset, and our hearts, challenging us to allow God to transform us from the inside out.
- **Baptisms:** Pastor Phil will tell you that baptisms are his greatest joy as individuals publicly declare their faith in Jesus and share their desire to follow Him wholeheartedly.
- **Community Worship Service:** We joined the larger Body of Christ for the Community Worship Service at the High School.
- **Christmas Program:** The Christmas Program reminded us of the miracle of Jesus' birth through drama, special music, and teaching.
- **December 28:** Testimony Sunday closed the year with real stories of God's work in our lives.



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Decisions for Christ

“God has done a miracle in my life; I am a walking testimony.”



\$9,006

Given to missions



7

People baptized

“God protected me through a car accident. I had a broken neck, and He healed my body quickly with much less pain and medication than was expected.”

“God kept me through knee replacement surgery and recovery. God's got me, and He's got you.”

“God is sustaining me through chemo, with no pain and no sickness. He is providing for our finances. We want Him to be glorified.”

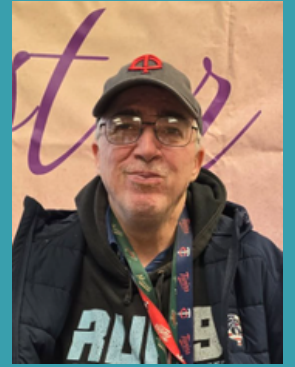
“My husband was close to death, and the counselor was preparing us for end of life. We've seen miracle after miracle through it. God is so good to help us financially and people bringing us food. I thank God He let me keep my husband.”

“I want to commit my life to the Lord. He's made a difference in my life, and I love Him dearly.”



EASTER SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN!



REJOICING IN THE
HOPE OF THE
RESURRECTION

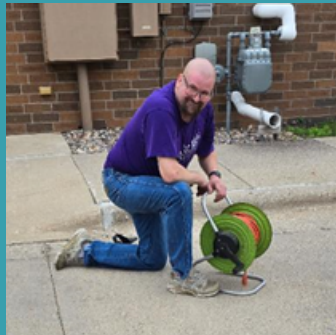


JUST FOR FUN

LAUGHTER, FRIENDSHIP, AND SHARED MEMORIES MATTER TOO

There is power in joy, connection, and a little friendly competition! 2025 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. With outdoor games, 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.



MORE FAMILY PHOTOS



IN LOVING MEMORY

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE NOW WITH THE LORD



Janet Tait
March 6, 2025

“My Father’s house has many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?”
John 14:2 NIV



Charles Mathews
June 18, 2025

“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 NIV

