

LEBANON VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

2023 Annual Report

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Board of Elders Roy Shirk - Chairman



Roy Shirk Chairman



Russ Stellmach Secretary



Chan Cutting Elder



Jim Wagner Elder

I Cor. 12:12-20 says, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the Spirit, we were all baptized into one body; Jews or Greeks, slaves or free; all were made to drink of one spirit. For the body does not consist of one member, but many. If the foot should say 'because I'm not a hand, I do not belong to the body' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say 'because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body' that would not make it any less part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? As it is, God arranged the members in the body each one of them as He chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body."



Sam Varnicle Vice-Chairman



Chris Alcala Elder



Aaron Goshert Elder



Ken Zell Elder



Lynn Ziegler Elder

Together we make up the body of Christ. Each one of you is a vital part of the ministry here at LVBC. This includes those who clean the church, those who work in the sound room, those on worship teams, those who teach the children on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, those who help with the building projects, our office staff, our shut-ins, those who faithfully pray for the needs of our church body, and those who give financially. Each one is needed to have an effective ministry so individuals can grow in their walk with the Lord and see others come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. We say thank you to each one of you for all you do.

Over the past year we have talked to several candidates to fill the role of associate pastor, but nothing has come to fruition. We had one individual that we really liked but he took a position as lead pastor at another church. We had another one that showed interest and we felt would be a good fit for our church, but he stayed at his current church. A few others we talked to didn't line up with our church doctrine or we felt didn't have the qualities we were looking for in a pastor. Pray that the elders would have wisdom to know if we should have another pastoral search committee look for potential candidates.

This past year the elders and pastors spent a considerable amount of time on vision casting and future ministry opportunities. There is a sincere interest within our church family to start a small group ministry. The small groups would meet twice a month in someone's home. We agree this ministry is important, however, we feel that the time needed to have the groups function properly would require another pastor on staff. We feel Pastor Chan and Pastor Aaron go above and beyond their own ministry roles to accomplish all that needs to be done here at LVBC.

With that being said, we realize the role of an additional pastor would be to oversee children's ministries, such as Awana and the Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings, in addition to overseeing the small group ministry.

Jeremiah 33:3 says, "*Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things that you do not know*." The Lord has done above and beyond what we could have asked here at LVBC, and I look forward to what He will do this coming year if we seek His face and trust Him in all we do.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Shirk, Chairman

Board of Deacons

Scott Bidding, Chairman



Scott Bidding Chairman



David Loucks Secretary



Andy Nolt Deacon



Luke Snavely Deacon

We are both humbled and blessed by what the Lord has done with our church over the past year. While we did not have any major construction projects happening, we have been focused on addressing the many little issues that come with our aging facilities. This included repairs and upgrades to our water systems in both the church and parsonage as well as several small repairs and maintenance issues throughout the church.

Since it was not a year for large projects, we had time to assess and refocus on what the needs of the church are going to be in the future. A new sound room was already in the plans, and it was determined that we should explore options to upgrade the lobby area of the church as well. This led to the formation of the Building Committee under the direction of Brandon Shirk. The Building Committee provided several designs and estimated costs for each design. The approved options will be presented to the congregation for feedback.

Going forward into 2024, we look to complete the wiring and installation of the security camera system, review current insurance policy options, perform a church and parsonage wide assessment of the facilities, and record information in a property maintenance program. We are seeking to have a system where we can track repairs and maintenance and help determine what should be upgraded or replaced. We are also looking to establish a capital budget to set aside funds to use for large expenditures.

We would like to thank all those involved with Helping Hands, which has been an enormous blessing to the deacons. From assisting with shut-ins to helping with set-ups and a multitude of other odd jobs, your service is greatly appreciated. We also appreciate Dave Loucks effort to get Helping Hands off the ground.



Jared Taylor Vice-Chairman



Josh Boyer Deacon



Brandon Shirk Deacon



Tony Zell Deacon

LVBC has been blessed with the facilities we have, and we can thank our custodial services, led by Denise Heller, for keeping them clean each

week. Even though we do not often see the work they are doing, it does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

We are thankful for the support through prayer and encouragement we received from the congregation. As we move into 2024, we will continue to seek His guidance and direction to best utilize the resources provided, to maintain them to the best of our ability, and to serve in a manner to honor and glorify Him.

All to His Glory,

J. Scott Bidding, Jared Taylor, Dave Loucks, Josh Boyer, Anthony Zell, Andy Nolt, Brandon Shirk and Luke Snavely.

Senior Pastor

Pastor Chandler Cutting



Pastor Chan Cutting

"But your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

2023 was a year where we were able to see God's hand at work in our church family in many ways. Our theme verse was 1 Peter 3:15 and our focus was "Contagious Hope." Throughout the year we included a "Hope Moment" in many of our worship services. During this time, we heard from missionaries and ministries that are making an eternal impact in our community and our world. We also heard the testimonies of numerous individuals from our church family and how the Gospel of Jesus Christ has transformed their lives. In September we added a service on the second Sunday evening of each

month. This service begins with a fellowship meal and then followed with a praise and worship service including testimonies, ministry reports, Bible study and prayer.

In our Sunday morning study, we completed Ephesians that began in 2022. We spent considerable time examining the spiritual battle we are engaged in, how the Armor of God protects us, and how we engage the enemy with our offensive weapon being the Word of God. Following the Ephesians study, we have been looking at "Ordinary People" mentioned in the Scriptures and how God used them. As we go into the new year, I am planning a Study in 1 Peter that encourages us to "Stay True in the End Times".

Additional ministry highlights included attending the Biblical Counseling Conference in February, teaching an Adult Bible Fellowship class, leading a home Bible study, leading a community Bible study at Shadow Stone Community in Palmyra, and teaching both the Sparks and the Truth and Training groups in Awana each week. Jody and I have also spent countless hours counseling and encouraging those from the church family and community who are going through difficult times in their lives. Last spring, we were blessed to host a Life Action conference that encouraged us to serve and to say "yes" to God as we are led by Him.

Jody and I had the opportunity to lead two separate mission trips. The first was a team we led to Broken Arrow Bible Camp. During that trip we saw our team minister to the children at the camp by serving and teaching. In November we led a team of five to India where we led four conferences for National Pastors and their wives. In those conferences we taught on the Pastor's marriage and parenting. We traveled to five states and spoke in five churches. We worked side by side with Christudas Earla, one of our missionaries, and saw God at work in a highly persecuted country.

The ministry year concluded with a Christmas outreach that was presented on two separate evenings. This event included a drama, both the adult and children's choirs and a "Christmas Village" in the Family Life Center that offered activities and refreshments. It gave our church family the opportunity to meet and to interact with our guests.

Jody and I count it a wonderful blessing to be part of LVBC and look forward to seeing how God works in and through our church family in the year to come.

Pastor Chan

Associate Pastor

Pastor Aaron Goshert



Pastor Aaron Goshert

What joy is ours as a result of having a Savior that loves us and has purchased our freedom from sin and death with His sacrifice and resurrection. Through faith we are now children of God and able to live lives that honor and glorify God.

This past year has been a full year both at church and at home with our family. Thanks so much for your prayers and support throughout the year. Your encouragement and love have been such blessings to me and my family. I am indeed blessed to serve as a pastor at LVBC.

I have had the joy of being the teacher for the College and Career Sunday School Class for around 5 years. It is such a joy in my life. We have a great group of young people who desire to know and serve God. The class has been one of the highlights of my week as they are such an engaging class to teach. They also enjoy spending time together outside of Sunday School hours and have had picnics, game nights, lunches out, and a retreat over this past year. What a joy it is to see relationships being built and people desiring to know God better.

I have also had the opportunity to work with a great group of people on the youth staff. Together, we plan events and love and serve the kids at LVBC. It would be impossible for the youth ministry to happen without these dedicated individuals who are there each week, from those who teach Sunday School, those who lead small groups, and to those who help plan and lead activities and ministries. The youth staff are selfless people who demonstrate true love by giving of themselves to serve others.

This past year has also been an exciting year for missions as our Missions Committee has added many new missionaries; all of which is possible because of your continued faithfulness giving to the church and to the work of God. Your generosity as a body of believers never ceases to amaze me. You have given selflessly to see the cause of Christ furthered around the world. Thank you so much for supporting our mission's ministry and for trusting the Missions Committee to direct funds to the work of the Gospel around the world.

There has been so much that has taken place this past year and as always, God has shown Himself faithful through it all. I as an individual, and us collectively as a church, have so much to be grateful for. As we begin this new year there is also much to do. But let us not get stuck in the busyness of the work just for the sake of being busy. Instead, let's serve our Savior with the strength He provides so that all the glory will go to Him.

In Christ!

Aaron Goshert

Membership Report

Matt Robertson, Recording Secretary



Congregational Meetings

• February 5, 2023 (See LVBC Annual Business Meeting Minutes)

Church Membership

- At the close of the calendar year 2023, there were 299 full members
- Thirty-one new members were accepted into membership at the annual business meeting on February 5, 2023

Saints now in the presence of the Lord at the close of calendar year 2023

Matt Robertson

| Name | Date of Passing |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Joann Lebo | January 25, 2023 |
| David Haldeman | January 28, 2023 |
| David Flory | April 30, 2023 |
| Geraldine Hershey | August 11, 2023 |
| Glenn Kohr, Sr. | September 30, 2023 |
| Debra Bomgardner | October 1, 2023 |
| Nancy Haiflich | November 16, 2023 |
| Kenneth Yetter | December 3, 2023 |
| Robert Henry | December 6, 2023 |

Graduate Recognition

| Graduate | High School |
|------------------|---|
| Bridgett Boyer | Annville – Cleona |
| Caleb Grab | Lebanon Christian Academy |
| Courtney Holland | Homeschool & Anchor Christian Academy |
| Bethany Hunt | Annville – Cleona |
| Josiah Zell | Homeschool "Zell Academy of Excellence" |
| Graduate | Post High-School |
| Beka Hull | Pensacola Christian College |

Child Dedication

| Parents | Child | Birthdate |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Joel & Sarah Cutting | Aliyah Cutting | July 2, 2022 |
| Stephen & Jennilea Martin | Alexander Martin | November 11, 2022 |
| Dan & Kristine Kensky | Abigail Kensky | November 14, 2022 |
| Joshua & Roxann Sampson | Barrett Sampson | February 22, 2022 |
| Paul & Kylee Schlaybach | Naomi Schlaybach | November 26, 2022 |
| Chris & Lindsay Leisey | Carter Luke Leisey | August 18, 2017 |
| Aaron & Kristen Goshert | Harley Goshert | September 19, 2009 |
| Aaron & Kristen Goshert | Jaxon Goshert | September 26, 2014 |
| Kyle & Jill Kleinfelter | Nevaeh Kleinfelter | September 13, 2016 |
| Kyle & Jill Kleinfelter | Autumn Kleinfelter | November 19, 2013 |

Baptism

| Name | Verse |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Brooklyn Bender | John 15:8-12 |
| Elijah Bender | Philippians 3:10-11 |
| Evelyn Caudill | Hebrews 11:5-6 & |
| | Matthew 6:33 |
| Ella Cortez | Colossians 2:6-7 |
| Audrey Melnik | 2 Peter 1:3-8 |
| Justin Murray | Joshua 1:9 |
| Tyler Santiago | Matthew 16:24-27 |

| Name | Verse |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Trent Snavely | Psalm 34:8-10 |
| Lucy Stellmach | Colossians 1:9-10 |
| Amelia Stern | Psalm 100:1-5 |
| Paul Cortez | Proverbs 4:20-27 |
| Abby Zell | Romans 12:1-2 |
| Jase Kendall | Matthew 6:33 |
| Amber Sturrup | James 1:22-25 |

Church Attendance

- In 2023, there were 53 Sunday morning services held with an average attendance of 400
- 47 in-person Sunday School sessions with an average attendance of 313

| 2023 Attendance | Worship Service | ABF/Sunday School |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Average | 400 | 313 |
| Maximum | 478 | 374 |
| Minimum | 333 | 239 |
| Max Attendance | 4/9/2023 | 1/15/2023 |
| Min Attendance | 5/28/2023 | 12/24/2023 |

Other Church Events (to name a few)

| Name | Date |
|--|--|
| 3 rd Annual Sportsman's Banquet | Saturday, March 25 th |
| Good Friday & Resurrection Services | Friday, April 7 th & Sunday, April 9 th |
| Life Action Services | Sunday, May 14 th – Sunday, May 21 st |
| Vacation Bible School "Keepers of the Kingdom" | Monday, June 19 th – Friday, June 23 rd |
| Thanksgiving Eve Service | Wednesday, November 22 nd |
| Christmas Outreach "Are You Missing Baby Jesus?" | Saturday, December 9 th & Sunday, December 10 th |
| Christmas Eve Service | Sunday, December 24th |

Respectfully Submitted,

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Matthew Robertson Recording Secretary, LVBC

Worship Ministry

Chester Kulus, Ministry Leader



2023 was a year of growth and change while continuing to hold to the Elder Board's vision of blended worship. We began to feature regular special music with a variety of groups, quartets, duets, and solos. We also featured the choir three times throughout the year. Additionally, we began implementing new instruments including the keyboard and an electric guitar on a regular basis. We introduced a number of new songs and revisited old from our hymnal that we have not sung in a number of years.

In the coming year, we plan to continue to feature special music, using this as a tool to introduce new music, which may later be introduced for congregation singing. Many in the congregation have expressed a desire to not sing too many new/unfamiliar songs at once. As a result of this feedback, we are now focusing on one new song each month, which will then be added to the regular rotation.

We also plan to continue to grow the choir ministry, with a plan to have the choir sing 5 or 6 times through the year, with additional growth planned in coming years.

In 2023, we began to implement a complete band philosophy, with various instruments taking a leading role on certain songs, but an overall emphasis on all instruments playing as a unit, where the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts. To help with this, we are planning to upgrade our keyboard in the coming year to provide more versatility and better sound flexibility and capability. This will also provide portability for the evening service, baptism services, and other events. We are also working with the AV team to install a new in-ear monitor system, which on the musical end, will provide the ability to begin using click tracks to help the instrumentalists and vocalists to keep in time together and lead the congregation with confidence. Furthermore, to introduce this new technology to the team, we plan to hold a training day, which will also give us the opportunity to provide instruction to improve our playing, singing, and leading ability.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are excited for the opportunities in the coming year as we continue to serve and lead our church in song.

Chet Kulus Worship Director

Audio Visual Ministry

Chris Eichfeld, Team Leader

The LVBC Audio-Visual Team has played a pivotal role throughout 2023, ensuring that the Gospel's message is effectively communicated and experienced. Embracing the power of technology, the team has provided exceptional support in sound, visuals, and live streaming both during regular Sunday services and at various onsite and offsite events.

Key Achievements

- <u>Upgraded Live Streaming Cameras</u> The team successfully upgraded our live streaming cameras, enhancing the quality of online broadcasts.
- <u>Transition to ProPresenter Software -</u> Moving from PowerPoint to ProPresenter software marked a significant improvement in our visual presentation capabilities.
- <u>Live Stream Audio Overhaul -</u> We transitioned the live stream audio to a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW), managed by a dedicated audio engineer. This shift from a secondary bus of the sanctuary mix has greatly improved our audio output.
- <u>Training and Expansion</u> A group of new engineers joined our team, increasing our capacity and skill diversity. We now maintain a minimum of four techs to staff each service efficiently.

2024 Plans

- In-Ear Monitors for Vocalists and Musicians The upcoming year will see a move to individual in-ear monitors for each vocalist and musician, to enhance stage sound management.
- Control Space Renovations We are collaborating with the deacons and Building Committee to make necessary physical changes to our control spaces. This is part of a larger project to refresh the lobby area.

Leadership and Team Development

- Seth Martin's Leadership 2023 was Seth's first full year leading the AV team. His leadership and dedication have been commendable and have significantly contributed to the team's success.
- Team Appreciation and Growth The entire team deeply appreciates Seth's contributions. We are also seeking to expand our team and welcome anyone interested in joining us.

Challenges and Support

• The dynamic nature of our work occasionally presents challenges, sometimes feeling like spiritual opposition. We value and appreciate the prayers and support of the LVBC community as we navigate these challenges.

Conclusion

The LVBC Audio-Visual Team remains committed to leveraging technology to glorify Christ and support the ministries at LVBC. We look forward to another year of growth, improvement, and dedicated service.

On behalf of the entire AV Team

Chris Eichfeld



Adult Bible Fellowships

Pastor Chan Cutting, Ministry Leader

Equipping the saints for the work of ministry is at the core of every effective biblical church. One of the primary basic tools we use to accomplish this at LVBC is our Adult Bible Fellowship Classes. These classes comprise our Adult Sunday School Program and are held following the morning worship service from 10:30 AM -11:30 AM. We currently offer seven classes, six of which are established according to the age and season of life (from College/Career thru Senior Saints) and one class that is intergenerational. As the ministry title suggests, these classes have a dual purpose. First, they are designed to teach Biblical content in a practical way that will help to equip you to know and serve Christ. Second, they are designed to provide opportunities for you to get to know and build relationships with others in the church family. We have been blessed to have teachers in these classes that love to study, prepare, and challenge their classes in their Christian walk. We have also been blessed to have nearly 85% of our adult church attenders involved in one of these classes.

Pastor Chan

Men's Ministry

John Snavely, Ministry Leader



John Snavely

2023 was a year of growth for the Men's Ministry at LVBC. The men's committee now consists of eight members: John Snavely, Chris Alcala, Rob Donley, Ben Grab, Dave Loucks, Luke Snavely, Matt Stern, and Lynn Ziegler. Together we have been working towards making the Men's Ministry at LVBC a vital arm of outreach and service.

We held our first Men's Retreat on April 28th - 29th. The thirty-two men in attendance were challenged to live as Godly Men of Valor by our guest speaker, Brad Smith from Men of Valor International. Plans are underway for another retreat in 2024 – and details will be made public soon.

Our Bible Studies, (Saturday morning and Thursday evening) have been focusing on building Godly men within the church through discussion topics such as: Assurance of Salvation, a Man's position/duty to Christ and being a disciplined man. We are purposely aligning our teachings and ministry with the church's mission statement and values.

The committee has decided to be deliberate in planning two men's outings per year. We look at these outings as an opportunity for men to fellowship with one another outside of church to purposely build up and encourage each other in the faith. We had about 20 men out to play paintball in late September and we are planning on taking another 22 men to a Hershey Bear's game on January 20th.

We look forward to what God has for us in 2024.

Respectfully,

John Snavely

Women's Ministry

Audrey Hull, Ministry Leader



Audrey Hull

Several years ago, a survey was taken to find the greatest need the women of our church had for their spiritual growth. The findings of that survey was to offer Bible studies for the women. As a result, we endeavored to offer several opportunities to grow and learn from the Word through small group Bible studies.

One of these Bible Studies is on the first and third Thursday morning of the month, and held in the church Cafe for coffee and fellowship. Brenda Kocher is the Bible teacher and the topic since September has been on 'Anxiety' and what the Bible has to

say about it. A time of prayer is dedicated to support one another and bear one another's burdens. Also, the women have a card ministry that is sent out to shut ins and those who are sick.

Another Bible study, designed for the Common Ground Sunday School women, meets in the home of and led by Bev Shirk. This group focuses on younger women, especially moms, and applying what the Bible teaches through book studies like 'Ruth' in the Fall semester, and the "Power of a Woman's Words" in the Spring semester. This group study meets on the first and third Monday evening of the month.

The third Bible study for women is held on the first and third Thursday evening of the month in the home of and led by Audrey Hull. There's an opportunity to join in as we study the women of the Bible through a book study called, "Daughters of Grace." Small groups like these offer connections and mentorship and opportunities to grow spiritually. Consider joining one of these Bible study groups and get involved in a fellowship.

In the Spring of 2023, the church hosted a Ladies' Spring Tea, which was a formal afternoon tea with the intention of inviting other women and their girls who may not normally attend church. This is the biggest and the most popular event for our ladies of the year.

January 2024 will be our 'Winter Get Away' for the women, which is an overnighter at Kenbrook Bible Camp, to step away from all the busyness (for 24 hrs.), and to come together with other Christian women and be discipled in the Word with our own church women doing the teaching of the sessions.

Moms Renewed

Abigail Kostishak, Team Leader



Abigail Kostishak

Moms Renewed enjoyed its first semester this year serving 32 mothers and over 65 children ranging from newborn to 8 years old. This is a ministry for mothers of preschool aged children. Moms Renewed is a community of moms striving to love God first and through this love serve others: family, friends, church, and community. The group meets every other Tuesday during the semester. It is a loving and supportive community of moms who gather together to hear speakers, encourage one another, fellowship, and pray. Moms enjoy a hot breakfast with coffee and childcare is provided for each meeting.

The theme this year is God-Honoring Motherhood. We had the pleasure of discussing: Motherhood in the Mundane, Motherhood in Grief & Suffering, Managing Anger in Motherhood, Prayer in Motherhood, and Motherhood and a Serving Heart. We had speakers from Lebanon Valley Bible Church: Audrey Hull, Brenda Kocher, Sharon Kelly as well as speakers from outside the church: Cheryl Stitzinger and Bonni Greiner. This first semester we enjoyed a fall festival activity with moms and their children as well as a mom's paint night out. This provided a wonderful time of fellowship.

During Moms Renewed the children ages two through five participate in structured Bible time learning about creation, Noah, the birth of Baby Jesus, and many other core Bible stories. This is a unique time for the children to have exposure to the Gospel and learn more about Jesus. We had many assist with childcare and we could not complete Moms Renewed without their invaluable assistance. What a gift it is to be able to fellowship as mothers but also have confidence knowing that childcare is provided.

The true heart of this ministry rests in the mentor moms. These are moms who are past the stage of preschool aged children who offer their time, wisdom, and godly advice to these mothers. Each mentor mom has 6-8 ladies that they invest in and get to know. They assist with discussion time and are just a key element to this moms group providing structure and much needed encouragement during this season of life.



Gerald Allebach

Senior Saints Ministry

Jerry Allebach, Ministry Leader

Our outreach is to seniors (55+) for the purpose of social interaction, good fellowship, and encouragement in our walk with Christ. It is to be both an outreach tool and an opportunity to invite others outside LVBC to our gatherings. Our average attendance this past year ranged from 35-45 people. The present committee includes Jerry & Margy Allebach, Ivan & Gloria Burkholder, Gerri Flory, John & Jan Gerstner, Lynda Kirkpatrick, Dave & Linda Smith, & Carol Zell.

Some of the special times this past year included the Foundation Youth Luncheon in January. They did a super job as always. April included a game

day & refreshments. Our picnic at Pine Acres in June was held here at the church because of the smoke from the Canadian fire. We had great food and fellowship and we enjoyed a wonderful Hymn Sing. In August, we had our enjoyable Ice Cream Social which included a slide show by Paul Brandt. Our meeting in October was designed to get us better acquainted with Mission Outreach in our community and world. Pastor Aaron stretched our vision and encouraged us to get more involved.

In summary, 2023 was a good year for seniors through enjoying fellowship, making new friends, and mutual encouragement as growing believers.

Some future events will include ministry opportunities such as volunteering at the UNTO Warehouse for packing humanitarian items in February, visiting shut-ins, Soup & Sandwich Game Day, and the possibility of visiting a local Mennonite church to enjoy Acapella Singing. We encourage many more seniors to join us for a variety of events designed to "build up the saints". Keep your eyes and ears open for the next event!

Pray for us,

Jerry Allebach, Chairman

Library Ministry

Lois Marshall, Ministry Leader



In May 2023 after 20 years of ministry, Linda Smith stepped down as Church Librarian. I have stepped in to help keep the library moving forward.

Linda did a wonderful job in keeping the library current and in the coming year, I will strive to continue adding books for all ages and all reading interests.

Lois Marshall

In 2023, 21 new books were added to the church library. Numerous non-fiction and

fiction books have been donated but have not yet been catalogued and added into the church library.

Thank you to all who turn in Redner's tapes. Please remember we must turn in the complete tape not just the bottom portion. A special thank you to Linda Kirkpatrick and Erin Eichfeld for recording and processing the tapes for us.

As of December 31, 2023, we have a total of 4,508 books that are part of the inventory. Non-fiction books are entered under author, title, and subject. Fiction is entered by author name, separated into adult, teen, and children's categories.

Throughout the year there are several people who help shelve the returned books. A special thank you goes to Tina Bomgardner, Crystal Claar, Lynda Kirkpatrick, Helen Long, Cindy Rutt, and Kathleen Ziegler.

I trust that the church library will continue to be a blessing to the congregation.

It is my privilege to serve as your new church librarian.

Respectfully,

Lois Marshall

Video Library

Shawn & Dolly Getz, Ministry Leaders



The video library continues to function as a place families can draw from and trust that the content is acceptable for their children. Each video is prescreened for content before being placed in the inventory. We continue our policy of not previewing additional features on the discs, so discretion is advised with that content. There are simply too many extras on the DVDs for us to prescreen all of it.

Dolly Getz

If you have suggestions for movies or videos to be added, these are always welcome. This year we added a number of titles to enhance homeschool curriculum, including discs from Answers in Genesis, Liberty Kids, Drive Through History and a series of timely topics for teens to jumpstart conversation on various social issues teens face. We also continue to add to our Sight and Sound selection as their shows become available on DVD.

Have videos you'd like to donate? Please let us know or mark them as donation and place them on the video return shelf. If you would like any discs, we are unable to use returned, please include your name on them.

Serving in Christ,

Shawn and Dolly Getz

Ushers/Greeters Ministry Frank Kocher, Ministry Leader



Frank Kocher

As one enters the building your first meeting with an individual may be with a greeter at the entrance to the sanctuary who is there to welcome you, provide you with information about the service, and answer any of your concerns. In addition, you may be assisted by an usher, who if you wish, will direct you to a vacant seat.

In accordance with Scripture, ushers and greeters as Christians are implored to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:1-3 NASB). As those "chosen of God", ushers and greeters are to "put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,

and patience" doing all "in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father" and "heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men" (Col. 3:12, 17, 23 NASB).

The ministry of usher and greeter is important to the overall ministry of the Sunday service. The usher or greeter is the person who greets every guest who enters the sanctuary, allows entrance into the sanctuary, and is tasked with maintaining an atmosphere of respect and order during times of worship, Scripture reading, prayer, and the message. With such a duty and responsibility, all ushers and greeters are expected to be supportive of the church and its leadership and vision. Ushers and greeters are to be people oriented, open, friendly, inviting, and helpful to all guests they come into contact with, portraying the many attributes given above in Scripture to all they interact with.

Welcome Center Ministry

Tammy Zimmerman, Ministry Leader



Tammy Zimmerman

The Lebanon Valley Bible Church (LVBC) Welcome Center provides a friendly information hub for first-time visitors. The ministry assistants who staff it are often responsible for making the first personal connection with those new to LVBC. Our goal is to make those new to the church feel welcome and accepted. A packet of information contained in a gift is provided to each visiting family who stops by the Welcome Center. The gift includes our church statement of faith and information about our leaders, our Sunday School classes, the various church ministries and meeting times, etc. Since 2022, the Welcome Center has been equipped with a laptop available for ministry assistants to electronically log visitor information. Visitors can also log their own information online by scanning the QR code in the

Sunday bulletin. Visitors are asked to provide contact information, ministry interests, and any additional miscellaneous information they care to share, such as their reason for visiting, so that appropriate follow up can occur. Through the Welcome Center ministry, there were 18 new singles, couples, and (or) families who visited LVBC during calendar year 2023. Praise the Lord for all those who come through our doors to hear the Gospel message being preached! Hebrews 13:1 "Let love of the brothers and sisters continue. Do not neglect hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Tammy Zimmerman

Nursery Ministry

Alexa Keller & Jessica Snavely, Ministry Leaders



Alexa Keller

The Nursery provides a place for parents to drop off their young children (infant through 2 years old) during the Worship Service and Sunday School. This allows the parents to participate in the Worship Service and also be engaged in their Sunday School Class.

I would like to thank those who volunteer to serve in our nursery rotation. It is only possible to staff the nursery because of the many people who are willing to be in the rotation. If you have any interest in serving in the nursery please reach out to Pastor Aaron, we are always looking to add new people to the rotation.



Jessica Snavely

I would also like to give a special thanks to Alexa Keller, Jessica Snavley, and Kristen Goshert for serving on the nursery committee. They help with setting up the rotation, staffing the nursery when we have people call out sick, and stocking the nursery.

Submitted by Aaron Goshert for the Nursery Committee.

Jr. Church Ministry

Kim Webber, Ministry Leader



Kim Webber

Welcome to LVBC Jr Church!

We are so glad to have your family here and your child(ren) join us Sunday mornings during the church service. We offer four different classes for those age 2 years through 5th grade. Our 2-year-old class meets upstairs in room 210 and is led by Alyssa Kendall. It offers playtime, story time and a craft.

Our next two classes meet downstairs on the west side of the lower level. Our 3-year-old class meets in room 102 and is led by Kim Webber (me). All of the above classes have helpers that serve on a rotating basis, and we are so grateful for all who have served this past year and continue to do so.

Our oldest class also meets in the lower level, 1st-5th grade, in the chapel, directly below the sanctuary with teachers Dan and Maribeth Davis. They too have a great crew of helpers with this larger group.

Our curriculum is from Answers in Genesis for our K4-5th graders. It covers the entire Bible from the Old Testament to the New Testament over 5 years. The K4-5 class has lessons and verses that are taught within the class time. The older class, $1^{st} - 5^{th}$ use the Answers in Genesis curriculum to encourage your children with verse memorization at home and a practical application of the lesson for their lives. Our youngest classes use Instant Bible Lessons which have short Bible stories, crafts, and activities to reinforce the lesson.

We are thankful for all those who serve faithfully in this ministry year in and year out. It is exciting to see your little ones come to place their faith in Christ as they begin to understand the truths found and taught from God's Word each week.

Psalm 25:4 Make me know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Kim Webber



Sunday School

Lynn Ziegler, Scott Brandt, Ministry Leaders

With the blessing of an abundance of young children in our fellowship also comes a great responsibility. The Sunday School ministry provides teachers who love the Lord. Our goal is to provide a classroom setting where we can share the Word of God, in a loving fashion.

The following dedicated classroom teachers might serve the full year or rotate on a monthly/ quarterly basic, using the Regular Baptist curriculum. As your children rotate thru the program, please uphold us in your prayers and participate in serving as you can.

Lynn Ziegler

May we work/ serve together to prepare the leaders of tomorrow.

| Ages /Grades | Teachers | Helpers |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | Kathleen Ziegler / Angela Fye | Robin Brandt / Lois Marshall |
| 3 | Renee & Jeremy Walborn | |
| 4 | Amanda Burkholder / Reba | Crystal Boyer / Denny & Mary |
| 4 | Donley / Kellie Kreider | Ann Ibach |
| 5 | Denise Heller / Diane Deitz | Donna Hetrick |
| Grade 1-2 | Victor & Janet Stewart | |
| Grade 3-4 | Todd & Beth Lightner / | |
| Joel & Sarah Cutting | | |
| Grade 5-6 | Aaron & Alexa Keller / | |
| Glaue 5-0 | Brian & Alyssa Kendall | |

Serving Our God together!!

Lynn V. Ziegler/Scott Brandt

<u>Awana Ministry</u>

Pastor Aaron Goshert, Ministry Leader

Awana is our children's ministry (age 2 thru 6th grade) on Wednesday nights, during the school year, from 7:00 pm to 8:20 pm. A normal Wednesday night includes a lesson time, a small group time, and game time. Children also have books they are able to work through, which can include Bible instruction, verse memorization, and also some instructions for prayer. Awana is a great way to help your child grow in the knowledge of God's Word. The Gospel is shared regularly through the lessons, so it is also a great way to help introduce them to Jesus.

We have fun nights throughout the year for our Sparks and T & T Kids (K-6th grade) where they can dress up. We also have store night, normally once a month, where the kids can spend their Awana "Shares" they earned through attendance and through completing the sections in their Awana books. The Awana year ended in the Spring of 2023 with a pizza party at the Mt. Gretna Roller Rink. This year we added pizza nights on the first Wednesday of the month, at 5:45 pm. This provides a great time of fellowship for the families before Awana starts for the night.

The new Awana Year kicked off with the start of the new school year.

Our Awana Group Leaders are:

| Name | Club or Position |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Crystal Boyer | Puggles |
| Kim Webber | Cubbies |
| Dan & Maribeth Davis | Sparks |
| Russ Stellmach | Truth & Training |
| Erin Eichfeld | Awana Secretary |
| Dan & Maribeth Davis | Awana Commanders |

AWANA Registration Numbers

| 2021-2022 | 145 Children |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 2022-2023 | 159 Children |
| 2023-2024 | 162 Children and still climbing |

I would like to thank our many great volunteers who come out every week to help provide the opportunity for the Gospel to reach the hearts of the children.

Aaron Goshert

Vacation Bible School

Pastor Aaron Goshert, Ministry Leader

Vacation Bible School is a weeklong children's ministry for children about to enter kindergarten through having just completed 6th Grade. Each evening the children will participate in a large variety of activities, including, singing, crafts, games, Bible time, snacks, and watching the skit. These activities are designed to directly teach truths from the word of God and provide a fun environment in which to share the Gospel with the children.

We had 150 kids attend Vacation Bible School this past year giving us the opportunity to share the Gospel and the love of God. VBS week was a fun week at LVBC for all involved and thanks to the army of volunteers, everything ran smoothly.

We schedule our VBS in June, the week after Father's Day, so if you would be able to add that to your schedules and plan on volunteering to help, we would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you to Beth Copenhaver, Lindsay Bible, and Lois Marshall, who served as the VBS Committee and helped plan and organize the whole event, and to Erin Eichfeld who directed the nightly skit.

Submitted by Aaron Goshert for the VBS Committee

Foundation Youth

Pastor Aaron Goshert, Ministry Leader

The Foundation is LVBC's youth ministry for children and teens in 6th through 12th grade. This ministry encompasses Wednesday night Youth Group, Sunday Morning Sunday School, retreats, activities, service projects, and mission trips.

This past year we had two retreats. The first was our Snow Camp in March with speaker Ben Buckner who is one of our supported missionaries in Papua New Guinea. It was a great time away with the teens and Ben did a great job making the Bible practical for our teens as well as sharing the Gospel with them. It is always a great weekend away for the teens to have fun, build relationships, and learn from the Word. It also provides the opportunity for the youth leaders to better connect with the teens in a more in-depth way.

We also had a fall retreat. Just like Snow Camp there was lots of fun but also time spent learning from the Bible. The topical studies were designed to engage the teens with "Tough Topics" in today's culture. The goal was to help the teens think biblically in every aspect of their life.

We also had the opportunity to send another short-term missions team out to Broken Arrow Bible Ranch. Pastor Chan led this team, which included several individuals from the youth group. It is always exciting to see lives changed, both in the team and also in the kids that we are serving.

In Sunday School we are using the Word of Life curriculum. This curriculum is designed to give the students a good overview of biblical doctrine and biblical narrative, as well as providing answers on some of the current issues teenagers face in the culture. On Wednesday nights, at the start of the year we wrapped up our study of the book of James, and then after our summer break we started the book of Galatians.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the great group of volunteers we have on the youth staff, people who love the teens and want them to know Jesus more deeply. They are there to help plan and carry out events, lead our small groups, teach the word, and love the teens. I am blessed to have a great group like them to work alongside of.

Submitted by Aaron Goshert for the Foundation Youth Staff

Keziah's Hope

Tony Zell, Ministry Leader



Tony Zell

The ministry of Keziah's Hope began several years ago to provide support and assistance to families interested in fostering and/or adopting. Our goal was to build a culture within our body that purposefully and proactively worked fulfill God's call to care for the fatherless, by supporting families who care for orphans and by advocating for children in need. We sought to build a whole network throughout our body that actively worked together in a variety of ways so that together we could effectively and sustainably reach many children. In many ways, we have been successful. As a church body, we have seen 9 children adopted, primarily through the foster care system. It has been truly amazing to watch God build families and redeem brokenness with hope. Since our inception, we have

partnered with Life Song to help provide financial assistance when needed for the adoption process. This organization has successfully provided us with a platform to manage and administer funds as needed. We still have funds available should God raise up a family that needs them and we look forward to continuing our partnership with Life Song for the financial assistance piece of this ministry.

However, there is more work to do and so many more children to reach with the Gospel of Christ. We need more foster families, and we need a better system to ensure those families get the practical and consistent support they need to thrive. Therefore, we have decided to partner with Keystone Family Alliance. This is an organization of believers that have developed a system which has proven effective both in developing foster families and in providing them with ongoing support they need. As members of KFA, we will network with other Bible believing churches in our county to fill needs, to build relationships with government agencies, to strategize increasing our reach, and to hold one another accountable. In the upcoming year, we will be building Care Communities within our church. Our prayer is that every foster and adoptive family will have a group of brothers and sisters (their Care Community) committed to supporting them in a frequent, consistent, and practical manner. As a congregation, you will hear more about KFA in the upcoming weeks and months. We want to make it clear we are not replacing Keziah's Hope or Life Song, rather we are adding it in to Keziah's Hope in order to make this ministry more effective in reaching our original goals.

We look forward with great anticipation to see what God is going to do in 2024!

Tony Zell

Kerry & Dottie Eifert, Ministry Leaders

Tract Ministry

The tract ministry purchased tracts from Crossway Publication and Moments with the Book this year. A number of the tracts were printed in both English and Spanish.

We have several new tracts for different holidays, Valentines Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas tracts seem to be a popular item. It is good to replenish the tract racks as they are being taken and shared.

Kerry & Dottie Eifert

We count it a privilege to serve on the Tract Ministry. If you have any item you would like to see in the tract racks, please let us know. As we continue to serve the

Lord through this ministry.

In Christ's Name,

Kerry & Dottie Eifert

Missions Committee

Pastor Aaron Goshert, Ministry Leader

The Mission's Committee is responsible for the oversight of the mission's program at Lebanon Valley Bible Church. This includes bringing on new missionaries, allocating the missions budget, regular communication with missionaries, the Mission's Prayer Calendar, scheduling missionaries to share during church services, and planning missions' conferences.

This year we were able to bring on a few new missionaries to our Missionary Family here at LVBC, they were:

- Darryl and Jamie Wero
- Ed and Dawn Benham
- Jose Cucuname
- Mike and Cherie Peachey.

Our Missionary Family

The following is a listing of all Missionaries and Mission Agencies that were supported by the church in 2023. This includes missionaries who are members of our congregation, those who are members of other fellowships, and national missionaries who minister in their native country.

Member Missionaries

| Donley, Rob & Reba | Friends in Action International – USA |
|-------------------------|--|
| Ebrahim, Keith & Linda | The Expositors International – Philippines |
| Hidalgo, Ariel & Lauren | Word of Life – USA |
| Hull, Morris & Audrey | Home Life Ministries – USA |
| Johnston, Tim & Jan | Friend in Action International – USA |
| Kreider, Dan & Gwen | Ethnos360 – USA |
| Peterson, Roger & Susan | Biblical Ministries Worldwide – France |
| Wagner, Tim & Debbie | CrossWorld/Center for Intercultural Training – |
| | USA |
| Werley, Jeff & Wonita | Ethnos360 Aviation - USA |

Non - Member Missionaries

| Name | Missions Board/Country |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Bautista, Julio & Graciella | CEDESPORTS – Argentina |
| Benham, Ed & Dawn | Friends in Action – Nicaragua |
| Buckner, Ben & Nikki | Ethnos360 – Papua New Guinea |
| Bucur, Mihai & Anna Laura | Word of Life – Romania |
| Buerer, John & Ann | Proclaim International – USA - South America |
| | Mission |
| Copley, Keith & Angie | Ethnos360 – USA |
| David & Joy | (complete information not listed for security |
| | reasons) |

| Name | Missions Board/Country |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Dundore, Daniel & Rachel | International Board of Jewish Missions – Israel |
| Ferch, Donna | Friends in Action Int. – USA and Bolivia |
| Grosh, Andy & Sylvia | Wycliffe Bible Translators – Papua New Guinea |
| Koehler, Ron & Marleen | Navigators; US Naval Academy – USA |
| Lowery, Paul & Nellie | Avant Ministries – Guatemala |
| Peachey, Mike & Cherie | Ethnos 360 – Papua New Guinea |
| Pratas, Jorge & Alice | CEDESPORTS – Mozambique |
| Segura, Jordan | BEMA – Costa Rica |
| Sioukiouroglou, Efthemes & Irene | FIM – Greece |
| Vasilopoulos, Panayiotis & Stamatia | AMG – Greece |
| Wero, Darryl & Jamie | United Indian Mission – USA |
| Wertz, Jordan & Bonnie | Local Church Ministries Word of Life – USA |
| Williams, Al & Mickey | Wycliffe Bible Translators – USA |
| Woodring, Tim & Ana | United Indian Mission – Canada |
| Yearwood, Ron & Heather | Ethnos360 – Guinea West Africa |
| Young, Roger | Navigators – State College, PA |
| Zeek, Michael & Sonya | FIM ministry to Hmong – USA |
| 1 Unnamed missionary | |

Nationals

| Name | Missions Board/Country |
|----------------------------|--|
| Adamou, Yazi | CEDESPORTS – Niger |
| Cucuname, Jose | CEDESPORTS - Columbia |
| Danial, Hany | Pioneers Finland |
| Earla, Christudas & Martha | GAP Ministries – India |
| Glad, Boaz & Ruth | Avant Ministries – Spain |
| Horacek, Petr | International Needs – Czech Republic |
| Jorge, Lucas | CEDESPORTS – Portugal |
| Khaling, Prasanna & Arpana | International Needs – India |
| Kornienko, Viktor | SGA – Ukraine |
| Lakra, Xender | International Needs student, Nepal |
| Merida, Enrique | Berean Mission Alliance – Guatemala |
| Nino, Jairo | CEDESPORTS – Colombia |
| Sinko, Pavel & Jana | International Needs – Slovakia |
| Tamang, Nani Ram | International Needs; National Evangelist – |
| | Nepal |
| Viliengue, Graciano | CEDESPORTS – Angola |
| Zarate, Javier | CEDESPORTS – Paraguay |

Mission Agencies

| Align Life Ministries |
|---|
| Child Evangelism Fellowship of Lebanon County |
| Chosen People Ministries |
| Eastern Independent Church Mission |
| Far East Broadcast Company |
| Lebanon Rescue Mission |
| Malaga Media Center |
| Military Evangelism |
| Radio Bible Class |
| Reach Beyond |
| Slavic Gospel Association |
| Trans World Radio |
| True Life Youth Ministries |
| ZACTS Institute, Zambia |
| |

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS SERVICE

We had several short-term missions' trips go out this past year.

- (1) We had a work team go to Broken Arrow Bible Ranch to do maintenance and construction work at the camp to help get them ready for the upcoming summer camp season.
- (2) We had a team go out to Broken Arrow Bible Ranch over the summer to help staff the camp for a week and minister to the kids. They were also able to get some maintenance work done at the camp while there.
- (3) We had a team go to India to do several pastor conferences for the national pastors that Christudas Earla works with.

PRAYER COMMUNICATIONS

A prayer calendar is prepared each month to use as a daily prayer guide. The names listed in these prayer sheets include our member, non-member, national missionaries, and mission agencies supported by LVBC. A special thank you Valerie Stewart and to our office staff for their assistance in compiling and printing the praise and prayer requests.

MISSIONS PROJECTS

Project Neimiah – aid to Israel after the attack in October

True Life Ministries Project – Help with their capital campaign

MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following served as members of the missions committee:

| Aaron Goshert – Chair | Jim Blouch – Treasurer |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Barbara Kreider – Executive Secretary | Faye Brown |
| Aaron Keller | Luke Snavely |
| Valerie Stewart | Carolyn Templin |
| Carol Zell | Kathleen Ziegler |

SUMMARY OF MISSIONS EXPENDITURES

| Year | Missions Expenditures | Total Church Receipts |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2023 | (46%) \$605,787 | \$1,330,512 |
| 2022 | (50%) \$600,736 | \$1,210,121 |
| 2021 | (45%) \$548,105 | \$1,230,441 |
| 2020 | (40%) \$405,144 | \$1,004,511 |
| 2019 | (40%) \$428,643 | \$1,059,723 |
| 2018 | (39%) \$421,781 | \$1,077,054 |

| ALL | OCATION BY CATEGORY | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <u>OVERSEAS</u> | 2023 | 2022 |
| Budgeted | \$202,905 | \$179,655 |
| Designated | \$ 44,179 | <u>\$ 48,476</u> |
| Total Overseas | (41%) \$247,084 | (38%) \$228,131 |
| | | |
| DOMESTIC | 2023 | 2022 |
| Budgeted | \$150,600 | \$171,750 |
| Designated | <u>\$ 27,075</u> | \$ 34,385 |
| Total Domestic | (29%) \$177,675 | (34%) \$206,135 |
| | | |
| AGENCIES | 2023 | 2022 |
| Budgeted | \$ 35,123 | \$ 30,600 |
| Designated | <u>\$ 29,874</u> | \$ 43,497 |
| Total Agencies | (11%) \$ 64,997 | (12%) \$ 74,097 |
| | | |
| <u>OTHER</u> | 2023 | 2022 |
| Projects | \$ 66,018 | \$ 62,767 |
| Short-Term Missions | \$ 50,013 | \$ 23,182 |
| Guest Speakers & Travel | \$ O | \$ 6,424 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> |
| Total Other | (19%) \$116,031 | (16%) \$ 92,373 |
| | | |

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Aaron Goshert

Care & Share Ministry

Pastor Chan Cutting, Ministry Leader

The Care and Share Ministry is overseen by the Board of Elders and Managed by the Pastoral Staff. This ministry is established to address financial needs as they arise, primarily in the church family, but also within the community. When needs arise and are brought to the attention of the church the pastoral staff offers counsel and encouragement while they assess the needs and then when appropriate help is extended. With larger needs the Pastors consult with the Board of Elders to determine the level of help that will be extended. When needed, this fund is replenished through freewill offerings that are received following our celebration of the Lord's Supper. In the past we have assisted individuals and families with utility bills, rent or mortgage payments, auto repair, gas, groceries, medical expenses, funeral expenses, and other needs.

The generosity of the church family has allowed us to show the Love of Christ to many families in our church as well as several families in the community. Thank you so much for being a part of this vital ministry.

Pastor Chan



Joe Burkholder

Treasurer's Report

Joe Burkholder, Treasurer

God continues to bless Lebanon Valley Bible Church and it's an honor to be part of that. I want to thank everyone that spends so much time keeping the church finances running smoothly. I would like to especially thank Tammy Stankovich, Paul Kelly, and Peter Yingst for their time, dedication, and diligent work.

The financial position of Lebanon Valley Bible Church continues to remain strong. Yearly revenue has increased while at the same time expenses have decreased over the prior year primarily due to the fact that no major renovation projects were undertaken in 2023. Total revenue for 2023 increased by 9.9% over the prior year while at the same time total expenses saw a decrease of 11.2%.

As a result, the total net assets of the church have increased by \$131,677 which represents a 22.6% increase over the prior year. Total net assets now stand at \$714,090.

I thank everyone for their faithfulness, and I humbly give all the glory to God.

Joseph Burkholder

Treasurer

Lebanon Valley Bible Church 2023 Certification of Financial Audit

Treasurer Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Treasurer with support from the Office Manager of Lebanon Valley Bible Church are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of all financial statements in accordance with general accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor Responsibility for Reviewing the Financial Statements

The Auditor's responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on a self-governing assessment. Auditing is independent of all other Church departments and entities, and has responsibility to perform audits for the purpose of providing reasonable assurance regarding contributions received, expenditures made, and safeguarding of Church assets.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers both internal controls and accounting policies relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Auditor Opinion of the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lebanon Valley Bible Church, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year.

Based upon audits performed, I'm of the opinion that, in all material respects, contributions received, expenditures made, and assets of Lebanon Valley Bible Church have been recorded and administered in accordance with Church-approved budgets, and accounting practices. I conclude, the financial statements of year 2023 reported to the Elder Board and congregation to be free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Respectfully submitted,

Cint M.M.

Jon Curtis Miller

Lebanon Valley Bible Church Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2023

| | <u>December 31, 2023</u> | <u>December 31, 2022</u> | <u>December 31, 2021</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Assets: | | | |
| Cash in Bank: | | | |
| JBT Checking | \$372,623 | \$141,327 | \$245,616 |
| Fulton Checking | 839 | 8,096 | 8,092 |
| Fulton Money Market | | 27,301 | 27,261 |
| Fulton Missions Account | | 6,784 | 6,784 |
| Savings Account | 248,448 | 304,420 | 304,389 |
| Building Fund | · · · · · | 6,755 | 6,755 |
| TOTAL CASH | \$621,910 | \$494,681 | \$598,897 |
| Brokerage Account | 173,408 | 161,207 | 178,824 |
| Accounts Receivable | 32,253 | 19,655 | 11,013 |
| Prepaid Expense | 2,583 | 1,957 | 3,991 |
| TOTAL ASSETS: | \$830,153 | \$677,500 | \$792,724 |
| Liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts Payable | 103,143 | 85,615 | 62,436 |
| Accrued Wages & Taxes | 11,008 | 8,912 | |
| Taxes Payable | | | 4,100 |
| Deferred Revenue | 860 | 460 | 4,610 |
| Unpaid Grants | 100 | 100 | |
| Employee Benefits Payable | 953 | | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES: | \$116,063 | \$95,087 | \$71,147 |
| Net Assets: | | | |
| Operating Funds: | | | |
| General Fund | \$575,895 | \$497,798 | \$570,800 |
| Missions Fund | 7,493 | 326 | 13,464 |
| Care & Share Fund | 39,003 | 38,879 | 41,153 |
| Adoption Fund | 31,006 | 24,829 | 21,124 |
| Building Fund | 28,291 | 15,171 | 38,346 |
| Construction in Progress Funds: | | | |
| Sunday School Renovation Budget | | | 30,400 |
| Downstairs Bathroom Renovation Budget | | | 6,289 |
| Fellowship Hall Renovations | 4,614 | 5,409 | |
| Security System Project | 7,789 | | |
| Donor Restricted Funds | 20,000 | | |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | \$714,090 | \$582,413 | \$721,578 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | \$830,153 | \$677,500 | \$792,724 |
| | . , | | |

| Statement of Activites (All Funds) For Year Ended 12/31/2023 General | (All Funds) 2023 General | Missions | Care & Share | Adoption | Building | Fellowship Hall | Security | Donor | | Previous | 2 Years |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Fund | Fund | Fund | Fund | Fund | Renovations System Project | iystem Project | Restricted | TOTAL | Year | Prior |
| Beginning Balance: | 5497,798 | 5326 | 538,879 | \$24,829 | \$15,171 | 55,409 | 8 | S | 582,413 | \$721,578 | 5611,657 |
| In come: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tithes & Offerings | \$ 975,033 | | | | | | | | 975,033 | 949,937 | 872,235 |
| Festricted Donations | 9,169 | 5,470 | 13,666 | 6,177 | 13,120 | | | 20,000 | :57,602 | 116,083 | 136,508 |
| Designated to Missionaries | | 158,066 | | | | | | | 158,066 | 135,899 | 118,373 |
| free & Deinhumannents | 15, 000 | 42.1 | | | | | | | UL CC | 55. 7 <u>8</u> 5. | to nor. |
| Investment Income | 12,448 | Ì | | | | | | | 12,448 | (17,544) | 8,204 |
| Other Income | | | | | | | | | × | 4 | ł |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$1,012,476 | \$255,073 | \$13,666 | \$6,177 | \$13,120 | 8 | 8 | 520,000 | 51,330,512 | 51,210,121 | 51,230,441 |
| Expense: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries Emnhruse Rendfire | 248,159 24.087 | | | | | | | | 248,159 | 238,320 | 222,912 |
| Fayroll Taxes | 7,400 | | | | | | | | 7,400 | 6,841 | 6,163 |
| Guest Spaakers | 8,526 | | | | | | | | 8,526 | 7,758 | 6,891 |
| Frofessional Fees | 18,505 | | | | | | | | 18,505 | 12,518 | 11,785 |
| Supplier | 6,222 | 8,396 | 444 | | | | | | 76,062 | 68,736 | 45,113 |
| Communication | 6,013 | | | | | | | | 6,013 | 4,514 | 4,847 |
| Occupancy | 101,270 | | | | | | | | 101,270 | 128,424 | 81,828 |
| Equipment | 60,957 5 2 5 | 356 | | | | | | | 61,313 | 33,652 | 12,889 |
| Tavel | 0,512 G.512 | 702,02 | | | | | | | 001.20 | 000,00 | 2.044 |
| Conference/Training | 086'6 | | | | | | | | 9,980 | 12,116 | 6,109 |
| Financial Assistance | 2,000 | | 990'EL | | | | | | 15,099 | 3,595 | 26,805 |
| Grants | 3,610 | 567,687 | | | | | | | 571,297 | 583, 569 | 549,343 |
| Construction | 54 | | | | | 795 | 8,212 | | 200/6 | 212,553 | 143,491 |
| Sundry | | 750 | | | | | | | 750 | | ï |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$570,499 | \$605,786 | \$13,543 | 8 | \$0 | \$795 | \$8,212 | 8 | \$1,198,835 | \$1 349,285 | \$1,120,520 |
| Transfer to Other Funds: | (36,880) | 347,880 | | | | | 16,000 | | 8 | 8 | į. |
| NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT | 578,097 | 57,166 | \$123 | \$6,177 | \$13,120 | (5625) | \$7,789 | \$20,000 | \$:31,676 | (\$139,164) | \$109,921 |

\$721,578

\$582,413

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\$4,614

\$31,006 \$28,291

\$39,003

\$7,493

\$575,895

Ending Balance:

Lebanon Valley Bible Church General Fund - Statement of Activities For Year Ended 12/31/2023

| | | | ADMINISTRATION | ATION | | - | | AD | ADULT MINISTRIES | TRIES | | _ | | | YOUTH | YOUTH MINISTRIES | 8 | | | WORSHIP | đ | | | |
|---|--|------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
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| Income: Tithes & Offerings Restricted Donations Bequests | \$ 975,033 | | | 3,550 | | | | 195 | | 6// | | | 11 7 | 440 | | 2 | R | | 3,160 | | 10 | 528 | | \$ 975,033 9,169 |
| Fees & Reimbursements Investment Revenue | 12,201 | 247 | 6,415 | | 33 | | 350 | | ğ | 1,058 | 8 | 1,350 | | 3,390 | | | 1,282 | | | 1,027 | | | | 15,826 12,448 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$987,234 | \$247 | \$6,415 | \$3,550 | \$225 | 8 | \$350 \$1 | \$195 \$ | \$0 \$700 | \$1,836 | \$30 | \$1,350 | 1125 | \$3,830 | 8 | я | \$1,311 | 8 | \$3,160 | \$1,027 | \$10 | \$528 | 8 | \$1,012,476 |
| Expense: Salaries | | 224,938 | 15,221 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8,000 | | | | 248,159 |
| Employee Benefits Payroll Taxes | | 24,082 | 1,073 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 612 | | | | 24,082 |
| Guest Speakers | | | | | | | | | 200 | 220 | | 406 | | 400 | | | | | | 4,970 | | 2,000 | | 8,526 |
| Professional Fees | | 11,479 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | 1 | 18,505 |
| Supplies Communication | | 1,676 | 3,254 | 19,592 | | 4,337 | 1,480 8 | 040 | | 1,909 | | 065 | 5c/'c | 3,718 | 4 | 433 | 11,668 | F | 998 | 6,740 | 759 | 4,033 | 314 | 6,013 |
| Occupancy | | | 101,270 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 101,270 |
| Equipment Printing | | 204 | 7,285 | 3,725 | | 12,857 6,265 | | | | 175 | | | | | | | 358 | | | 2,345 | 33,708 | | | 60,957 |
| Vehicles | | | 2,828 | | | | | | | | | | | 3,684 | | | | | | | | | | 6,512 |
| Conference/Training | | 387 | | | 1,050 | | | 100 | 0 743 | - | | 189 | | 2,460 | | | | | | 1,755 | | | 3,296 | 9,980 |
| Financial Assistance | | 2,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,000 |
| Grants | | 450 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3,160 | | | | | 3,610 |
| Construction Sundry | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | • • |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$ | \$274,176 | \$0 \$274,176 \$130,931 \$19,317 | \$19,317 | \$1,050 \$30,650 | 30,650 \$1 | 486 | \$840 \$100 | 0 \$1,243 | \$ \$2,394 | 8 | \$1,185 | \$5,753 | 16,262 | \$44 | \$433 | \$12,026 | \$99 | \$4,026 | 24,421 | 34,359 | \$6,093 | \$3,610 | \$570,499 |
| To/From Other Funds: | \$(363,880) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | (\$363,880) |
| NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT | \$623,354 (\$273,929) (\$124,516) (\$15,767) | \$273,929) | \$124,516) | (\$15,767) | (\$825) (\$30,650) (\$1 | 30,650) (\$1 | ,136) | (\$645) (\$100) | 0) (\$543) | 8) (\$558) | \$30 | \$165 | (\$5,277) (| (\$12,432) (\$44) | | (\$431) | (\$10,715) | (665) | (\$866) (\$ | (\$866) (\$23,394) (\$34,350) | | (\$5,565) (\$3,610) | \$3,610) | \$78,097 |

OUR CHURCH STAFF



Tammy Stankovich (Office Manager) - Tammy lives in Lebanon with her husband Vincent. Tammy's great grandparents were some of the original members of our church. Tammy enjoys crafts, painting, and gardening. She has served in the church office since November 2005. Tammy's favorite scripture verse is: 1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*



Stacy Haldeman (Church Secretary) - Stacy lives in Lebanon with her husband Harold. Stacy came to the Lord after years of disappointing losses. She found Lebanon Valley Bible Church through Harold, after searching the Lebanon area for a church family. She loves her position at the church and has a true passion to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone she knows and meets. Her favorite verse is John 15:12-14 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command."



Abigail Nolt (Communications Manager) - Abigail lives in Lititz with her husband Christian. She attended Indiana Wesleyan University and graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor's degree in Media Communications. She also serves in the toddler nursery and as an Awana leader for the 4th grade girls at church.

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