

2023 ANNUAL REPORTS

Pastor Tammy's Annual Report

God has a kingdom assignment in mind for you and me. This good work, which has our unique name written across it, is our personal calling. An ancient Christian tradition celebrates this truth when it states that God sends every person into the world with a special message to deliver, with a special song to sing for others, with a special act of love to bestow. No one else can speak my message or sing my song or offer my act of love. Trevor Hudson

Dear Eden Church Family and Friends,

God's Spirit inspired us in 2023 to be the expression of Grace in Action as we grew our roots deep in His love and accepted his invitation to transformation on this EPIC journey we are on together. We have discovered that the BLESSing of life in the Kingdom of God is accessible and shared when we grow in knowing Jesus more intimately, loving Jesus more intensely and following Jesus more closely. This is our life and our Good News message that will truly cause the weary world to rejoice!

There are so many stories we could share from this past year of this rejoicing coming to pass. People young and old finding a family where they belong, a faith that transforms and a place to make a difference. Natalie (not her real name) shared at ESU that it is the only place she feels safe. Sara, a single Mom said, "You made us feel like family from the time we walked in the door." Andrea shared, "I would have never known God like I do today without our Life with God study." Ed, "Meeting with the men at Forged by Fire is where I can find encouragement and be challenged to follow Jesus." Lori, "Mending the Soul is a journey I will never forget, the healing I've experienced has brought me hope and reminders of God's love and care for me."

In the midst of a dark time in history it was Dietrich Bonhoeffer who penned the words, ***"The church is the church only when it exists for others...The church must share in the secular problems of ordinary human life, not dominating, but helping and serving."***

We can remember 2023 as a year of planting, watering and being faithful as we tended to the new life sprouting up from new soil. We witness the vibrant ministries that are thriving through a great number of leaders and volunteers right here through Eden Church. Our ministries reach the unchurched and under-served children and youth along with their families in our community.

As we have been faithful to God's vision to be a BLESSing in our city and to guide people into living Life with God on their discipleship journey, God has been faithful to us. Pastor Matt answered the call to minister to our young people as Worship & Next Gen Pastor. The ESU ministry has grown from 3 students to 20 with more students coming to the Eden Rec as well. There are now over 22 kids and their parents being supported through our tutoring ministry and all are being ministered to by a group of faithful volunteers. These students feel like this is their church, not just the adults, as we have included them to serve during worship to usher and read scripture. Many of them feel at home in the sanctuary as we see them come for our Kids Time and lighting candles at our prayer station. We celebrated when eight people decided to follow Jesus in the waters of baptism with

sixteen new members devoting their lives to live and serve Christ through their faithfulness to Christ's Church.

With the growth of our children and youth ministries the Eden bus is running weekly to make sure these ministries are accessible to families without transportation. The investment we made in repairs and maintenance this year ensures that many young people in the next generation have a safe place to find physical and spiritual nourishment. They not only get the opportunity to hear about Jesus and the plan their Creator has for their lives but our amazing volunteers help them to see how God is relevant to their everyday struggles including healthy relationships. And because students may not always have a hot meal to go home to, we now provide dinner on Monday and Wednesday nights.

Our staff grew this year to include Pastor Phil Freel to serve as a volunteer staff pastor. This has made possible the addition of a second Life with God group to journey together in encountering God in their everyday lives.

We have over 50 adults involved in Life Groups, EPIC Coaching and Sunday Study groups. This is the majority of the 70+- who are attending consistently each week. Many of these are new believers or those who have not had an experience of intentional discipleship in community. Some of those are reading and studying the Bible for the first time.

The majority of our congregation is serving and participating on boards and committees, from the Leadership Board, Eden Connections, Worship Team, Eden Kids, ESU, Spark, Mentoring, Trustees, Finance Committee, Hospitality Team, Prayer Team, outreach to senior care centers and our newest ministries, Ezer Women and Ross Walter Recreation. These are visible signs of a healthy church that is poised for continued growth not only in number but in depth of spiritual formation, maturity and mission.

Our collaboration with ministry partners help in fulfilling the mission Christ has given us. Through iServe collaborations with our partner organizations give generously of our time and resources. **Look how you have BLESSED this year Eden!**

Habitat for Humanity: we gave **\$350** and served on **2 builds** for local families to have their dream of home ownership come true.

Christian Ministries: **3,716** food, clothing items and cleaning supplies so far this year.

Hearts and Hands of Delaware County: we supplied over **30** pairs of shoes for their back-to-school drive and **\$250** cash.

Muncie Mission: through the Walk a Mile we donated **\$1111.00** to support the rebuilding of lives affected by addiction and homelessness.

First Choice: The Holy Yoga class gave **\$50** to support their services to a growing need of families that choose life for their children.

Blood & Fire: Our youth and adults served to pack food for their meal outreach.

Mending the Soul: Over **\$300** to Mending the Soul assisting the Africa Church to bring healing to those affected by trauma and abuse. We've given scholarships for women who could not afford to participate in Mending the Soul here at Eden so they could experience healing and support from a loving and safe small group. We are training more facilitators to serve more women hoping we will also have groups for men in the future.

Heifer Project: Our Eden Kids raised their own funds to purchase a sheep for a family

Eden Emergency Fund: over **\$2000** given to assist with rent, utilities and food.

What's New so far in 2024? The launch of Mission: Possible 730 Day Challenge - Living God's Story from Genesis to Revelation, ESU Youth go to camp and ways we can partner to make their hopes a reality, Marriage Ministry, Women & Men's Retreats and Compassionate Friends.

We are a mission church with a clear vision! Following Jesus, we're called to thrive and resource ministries that are helping our neighbors young and senior to thrive, creating a beautiful, delightful, abundant life for all. Eden Church is expressing God's graceful love for the world. Eden Church is a gathering place, a refuge, a house of joy and welcome, and a wellspring of service for neighbors down the street and around the world.

As we journey together into a fresh new year, God is calling us to devote ourselves and our resources so we continue strong in our call to be a mission church.

"God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." Matt. 28:19-20 The Message

God is calling us to be faithful. The world needs more community, more compassion, more justice and love - and that's exactly what we who are Eden Church set out to provide each and every day.

Sharing God's Vision,

Pastor Tammy

Moderator's Annual Report

Preamble: Eden Church exists to be an expression of God's love and carriers of the Good News that life with God is now possible (Luke 4:18-19) by following the way of Jesus. We are committed to being a welcoming community seeking transformation through relationship with Jesus Christ and encouraging all generations to join us on pathways that lead to abundant life and joy on the journey (Psalm 16:11). We believe as we experience these Everyday Pathways in Christ (EPIC) we will thrive in community, grow and mature spiritually, be empowered to serve and B.L.E.S.S our neighbors next door or across the world.

Thus begins our new By-Laws that we approved at our Fall congregational meeting November 5, 2023. This was the culmination of a more than year long process by the By-Laws Task Force. It was a thorough revision, focused on discerning the direction God is leading Eden Church. The preamble sets the tone for the entire document.

Over the past year, our Leadership Board worked on Guiding Principles. This document will guide the board in the coming year as we implement the accountable leadership model of governance.

We are a welcoming community seeking transformation through relationship with Jesus Christ and encouraging others to join us. This is happening in a variety of ways. Life groups continue to thrive and multiply. A new Life with God group started meeting on Monday nights. Ezer, a new ministry for women, started this year. ESU, Tutoring, and Spark are going strong. We welcomed Pastor Phil Freel to our staff. Sixteen new members joined Eden this year. We supported several ministries through iServe and donations throughout the year.

Underlying all that has happened this year is God's provision and guidance for each of us individually and for our Eden community. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We look forward with anticipation to what God will do among us in 2024.

May God bless you and keep you,
Michael Shaffer

Eden Church Clerk's Report

The Leadership Board has had a productive year. Early in the year an official vote was taken to change Matt Thornburg's title and job to Worship and Next Generation Pastor. His hours changed from 25 to 40 hours per week with a small increase in salary. This leaves \$3000 in the budget to cover a permanent nursery staff person should we be able to hire the right person. Meanwhile, nursery care is being provided on a volunteer basis by persons who pass the Safe Child specifications test.

Pastor Phil Freel joined our ministerial staff, also on an unpaid volunteer basis.

Vote was passed to repair and reinsure the church bus. It has been pressed into service due to the tremendous increase in attendance to our youth programs. We still need additional drivers.

Vote was also passed to sever our ties to the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC). This was a \$1000 per year cost with essentially no benefits. This changed our congregation to a Non-Denominational Church.

Much work was accomplished in renovating our By-laws and formulating Guiding Principles for the Leadership Board. Together, these documents set the rules and vision that make us a smoothly run and growing church that adheres to the mission ordained by our Lord. They help us avoid internal strife, prevent being run by personal ideologies, and keep from making legal and moral errors.

Several new groups were begun this past year. Embrace group was created and well attended to assist policies and practices in dealing with gender issues among young people, a fire that has become prominent in our schools and culture. We need to show love and acceptance while adhering to a scriptural point of view, helping those who are swayed by culture to find their true value in the Lord.

Life with God, a small group led by Pastor Freel, flourished this past year with a not-so-small group of about 22 members.

Sacred Places funding source has been applied to for monies to repair our main stained-glass window and resurface and mark the parking lot.

Diane Russell chose to decline her staff salary as musician while continuing to provide such beautiful music to enhance our worship.

A \$1,500 upgrade for fire safety was accomplished.

We welcomed 16 new members this year.

We are looking for sponsors from the congregation for summer camp scholarships. It is hoped that sponsors will also encourage a personal relationship with the child they sponsor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Breeden, Clerk

EDEN CHURCH
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP LIST
 December 31, 2023

The following people are listed in the Official Membership Register as active members of Eden Church. Questions should be addressed to the Clerk or the Church Secretary. Membership as of December 31, 2022 was 117. **As of December 31, 2023, Eden Membership is at 123.**

Addington, Dayna	Hall, Richard	Randall, Donald	Williams, Alicia
Addington, James	Hall, Beth	Reason, Sharon	Wilson, Matthew
Alexander, Norita	Hallam, Jack	Richardson, Kaleigh	Wilson, Melissa
Allen, Connie	Hallam, Tammy	Russell, Diane	Bennett Young
Barton, Dylan	Harrington, Venus	Russell, Paul	Darrell Young
Beehler, Freddie	Henry, Jennifer	Russell, Sharon	Zapf, Jennifer
Benefiel, James	Hines, Linda	Schink, Debbie	
Bonewit, Cassandra	Hotmire, Janet	Schink, Phil	
Breeden, Jan	Hotmire, Jeffrey	Schnepf, Annette	
Broyles, Barbara	Hotmire, Peter	Scott, Julie	Associate Members
Broyles, Bill	Hotmire, Richard	Scott, Robert	Hottinger, Chris
Burt, Julie	Huston, Debbie	Shaffer, Katherine	Hottinger, Kathy
Burt, Kathie	Keller, Angela	Shaffer, Michael	
Cassel, Beverly	Donald Ladd	Sharp, Toni	
Childs, Nancy	June Ladd	Sheehan, Melody	Withdrawn
Childs, Tom	Larson, Judy	Siefker, Donald	Gregory, Doletta
Cook, Lisa	Larson, Larry	Siefker, Lori	Gregory, Leroy
Cook, Ron	Ledbetter, Kerry	Stillwagon, Rebecca	Thompson, Michael
Cull, Beth	Ledbetter, Lori	Stotler, Julie	Thompson, Patricia
Decker, Cheryl	Lentner, Lesli	Stuart, Courtney	
Decker, James	Mansfield, Judy	Thornburg, Matthew	
Edwards, Karen	Matchett, Janiece	Thornburg, Haley	Deaths (Members
Edwards, Lindsay	Matheney, Kali	Thornburg, Nancy	and Friends of Eden)
Edwards, Michael	McCarthy, Jill	Thornburg, Tim	
Edwards, Tammy	McGuire, Katie	Trammell, Michelle	
Freel, Myra	Miller, Sandy	Tweedy, Mark	Seiffertt, Joyce
Freel, Phillip	Mullinix, Michelle	Valangeon, Sondra	(5/24/2023)
Friend, Bry	Painter, Kim	VanCleave, Kimberly	Duncan, David
Friend, Camryn	Painter, Marilyn	VanCleave, Max	(6/13/2023)
Friend, Eli	Parsons, Don	Walter, Kathy	
Friend, Madalyn	Parsons, John	Weatherhead, Bonnie	Grant, Wiley
Friend, Matthew	Parsons, Karen	Weikel, Andrea	(7/3/23)
Garland, Karen	Prybis, Andrea	Weikel, Byran	Janeway, Wayne
Gowin, David	Prybis, David	Westfall, Melissa	(7/22/23)
Gowin, Kathleen	Prybis, Mariah	Whiteman, James	
Gowin, Ron	Ramer, Clyde	Wilder, Douglas	Schnepf, Fritz
Grant, Connie	Ramer, Nancy	Wilder, Teresa	(11/13/23)
Grile, Kathryn	Ramsey, Kristin	Wilkinson, Jane	Forst, Raymond
Grile, Michael	Randall, Dana	Wilkinson, Kenneth	(12/31/23)

Eden Staff Annual Reports

Worship Pastor's Annual Report

Sunday morning worship services provided space for those in our congregation to not only receive the joy of being in community with our faith family, but to actively participate in the worship of our God through engaging spiritual practices and the encouragement of ongoing spiritual disciplines throughout the week. Time and time again, the Holy Spirit invited our congregation deeper and deeper into communion with God and others through our Sunday morning worship series, which had implications for the start of new study groups throughout the year such as Life with God, spiritual coaching, and the Enneagram study. As God's people respond to these invitations to deeper relationship with God, they not only learn about God, but also about others and themselves.

The worship team also welcomed Kaleigh Richardson as pianist and Bennett Young as sound technician to the Audio/Visual Team. Additionally, Kraig Rayl served on the Audio/Visual Team throughout the year. We thank each of them for the role they have in helping us worship God on Sunday mornings.

Next Gen Pastor's Annual Report

2023 was a building year for all of our next generation ministries in one way or another. Our weekday ministries, which includes Tutoring, Eden Praise Kids, Ross Walter Memorial Youth Recreation (REC), Eden Student Union (ESU), Jesus and Me Preteen Youth Group (JAM), and Spark Adventures all developed in unique ways throughout the year. Tutoring saw the incorporation of an evening meal, graciously provided by the Tutoring kitchen coordinator, Sondra Valangeon, and others from the congregation. Eden Praise Kids continued to provide a place for children to learn more about worshipping God through music, which led to performance opportunities in Sunday morning worship. REC grew from a handful of students to a place where we see most of our Wednesday evening ministry students come to enjoy time together through Mariah's game, dodgeball, wiffleball, and other activities.

ESU and JAM give students the opportunity to hear from God's Word and how that Word impacts the leaders' lives. However, both these ministries are also very intentional about providing a safe space for these students to explore what faith in God looks like for them as individuals. ESU students also had several opportunities to be involved in some events outside of the church such as student iServe projects at Blood-N-Fire, summer bike riding, hiking, and Fields of Faith.

The ESU team was grateful for the group of people who met throughout 2023 to look over the pertinent but difficult to talk about subject of Christian Sexuality. The Holy Spirit's presence at these meetings provided peace, discernment, and capacity, which was exactly what ESU leaders needed to then engage in these tough conversations with students. Spark Adventures continued providing special activities for elementary students to engage in fun hands-on experiences both inside and outside the church.

Our weekly Sunday morning ministries were also given opportunities to grow throughout 2023. We are extremely grateful to all our Eden Nursery volunteers: Kali Matheney, Angela Keller, Ron and Kathy Gowin, Julie Stotler, Myra Freel, Jan Breeden, and Beth Cull for their ongoing commitment to providing a safe, loving environment for the youngest of our church family members.

Our Sunday morning elementary-age ministry, Eden Kids, continues to provide those students with the space to engage in the Bible stories for each week. Of special emphasis this year was a great reminder Karen Parsons learned from a kids' ministry conference she attended in April: ***Ministry is more about presence than it is programming.*** Each of our Sunday morning Eden Kids volunteers, which include Nancy Thornburg, Haley Thornburg, Karen Parsons, Beth Cull, Lindsay Edwards, Melissa Westfall, Sandy Miller, and Sandy Duncan, cares deeply about being present with each of the students on Sunday mornings and it is the desire to be present with the students that produces the safe and loving environment where these students grow to love Jesus and their church family.

Praising our great God with you all,
Matt Thornburg

Staff Pastor's Annual Report

April 1, 2023, I came onboard as a volunteer staff pastor. I have rotated into the preaching rotation every four to six weeks or as the need arose. Since joining the staff, I have completed the "Life with God" Leadership Training. In September, a second "Life with God" study group started with twenty-four participants. The twelve-week semester finished with nineteen participants.

"Life with God" is a study that will push the participant to reflect upon the scriptures and teachings about how well they may or may not know God. Through the participation, each participant not only grows deeper with God, they will grow in knowledge of their self while they form closer relationships with each member of the group. Twelve participants decided to go on as a group into 2024 accepting the 730 Challenge using the skills and techniques learned from the "Life with God" study.

It has been a joy to be a part of a church community that wants to build meaningful relationships with God, one another, and their community. The Holy Spirit is working fervently to bring people together and form lasting relationships that desire to be a part of God's kingdom.

All praise and glory are His now and forever,
Pastor Phil Freel

Administrative and Communications Associate Annual Report

Greetings from the Office!

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve our church family throughout 2023. I do so love how God is moving in and through us, often in surprising ways.

The past year saw things settle into a predictable rhythm throughout my duties in the office. While keeping the Eden Church family informed is my top priority, I do enjoy the branding aspects of my job, such as the 730 Challenge going into the new year.

While not yet at the level of engagement I'd like us to be with the Eden Church Center App, we are making progress and have quite a few Groups making good use of the in-app messaging capabilities. I have also set up an "emergency" backchannel within the app as the Eden Communications Group where I can quickly reach all of our church family via the app in case I need to get important information out to all of you in a timely fashion. If you are not yet part of that Group, let me know and I'll add you.

I continue, as always, to keep everyone up to date via the Eden Weekly News and make certain that those who are otherwise disconnected from our digital avenues of information are kept up to date via the mail. Thank you for your continued participation in opening the emails and other forms of communications sent your way.

Determined to serve,
Julie Scott
Administrative and Communications Associate

Ministry Assistant / Staff Accompanist / Hospitality Annual Report

Eden people sure do love their snacks, and the Hospitality Team was happy to provide them during 2023. Each Sunday morning, we provided coffee, home-baked and store-bought baked goodies, fruits, and prepackaged snacks. A special thank you to Haley Thornburg, Lori Ledbetter, Myra Freel, and Kaleigh Richardson, for their willingness to provide Sunday morning treats. The team also stepped up to provide a special array on Easter morning and Christmas Eve.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are inviting you to help us out on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet will be at the hospitality table and we hope you'll consider signing up to help us out in this welcoming ministry of hospitality.

We'll see you 'round the table!

Diane Russell, team leader

2023 Board and Committee Reports

Eden Church -- Financial Secretary's Report December 2023

	December 2023	December 2022	Difference	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	Difference
<i># of Sundays</i>	5	4		53	52	
General fund	\$ 30,239.60	\$ 17,868.83	\$ 12,370.77	\$ 193,454.11	\$ 192,041.26	\$ 1,412.85
Other funds	\$ 483.45	\$ 679.00	\$ (195.55)	\$ 20,813.71	\$ 8,569.78	\$ 12,243.93
Total Deposits	\$ 30,723.05	\$ 18,547.83	\$ 12,175.22	\$ 214,267.82	\$ 200,611.04	\$ 13,656.78
Budget	\$ 20,755.00		\$ 9,484.60	\$ 220,003.00		\$ (26,548.89)

Budget per week \$ 4,150.94
Current avg/week \$ 3,650.08

<u>Other Funds</u>	Month	YTD
Book purchases	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Muncie Mission	\$ -	\$ 270.00
Emergency Relief	\$ 129.30	\$ 887.60
Insurance refund	\$ -	\$ 332.00
Flowers	\$ -	\$ 240.00
Memorial	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Property sale	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Facility rental	\$ -	\$ 725.00
Special Offering (shoes)	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Funeral Dinner	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Misc refund	\$ 354.15	\$ 1,169.11
Youth Fund	\$ -	\$ 140.00
TOTAL OTHER	\$ 483.45	\$ 20,813.71

General Fund Totals
2021 actual
\$241,797
2022 actual
\$192,041
2023 budget
\$220,000

Balance Sheet

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	Current Year
ASSETS	
MUTUAL BANK CHECKING	\$89,397.40
PETTY CASH	50.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$89,447.40</u>
LIABILITIES	
FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	\$424.84
SOCIAL SECURITY	1,080.53
MEDICARE	252.01
STATE WITHHOLDING	131.07
COUNTY WITHHOLDING	131.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,019.79</u>
FUNDS	
OPERATING FUND	-\$877.39
MEMORIAL FUND	8,072.69
ENDOWMENT FUND	27,852.40
COMMUNITY FDN FUND	1.00
RESERVE FUND	19,487.34
MUSIC FUND	80.33
EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND	664.97
FUNERAL DINNER	1,176.75
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	12,256.31
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	1,297.39
PASS THROUGH FUNDS	-1,104.18
MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUND	18,520.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>87,427.61</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$89,447.40</u>

Income and Expense Statement

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Percentage
INCOME					
UNDESIGNATED GIVING					
Tithes and Offerings	30,192.11	192,942.39	220,000.00	220,000.00	87.70%
Other Undesignated Gifts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Undesignated Giving	30,192.11	192,942.39	220,000.00	220,000.00	87.70%
<i>Budgeted</i>	30,192.11	192,942.39	220,000.00	220,000.00	87.70%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
OTHER INCOME					
Earned Interest	3.49	54.79	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Grocery Card Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Facility Rental	0.00	725.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Wedding Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Counseling Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Flowers	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Youth Paid Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Income	354.15	1,501.11	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Other Income	357.64	2,520.90	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Budgeted</i>	357.64	2,280.90	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	
DESIGNATED GIVING					
Memorial Fund Donations	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Major Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Reserve Fund Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Stewards Fund Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Staff Fund Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Music Fund Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Youth Mission Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Funeral Dinner Fund	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Mission Trips	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Emergency Relief Donation	129.30	887.60	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Scholarship Fund Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Endowment Fund Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Pass Through Gifts	0.00	1,280.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Hope 2009 Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Eli Lily Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Designated Giving	129.30	2,667.60	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	129.30	2,667.60	0.00	0.00	
BENEVOLENCE GIVING					
Special Offerings	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Budgeted Benevolence Gift	0.00	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Benevolence Giving	0.00	320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	320.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	30,679.05	198,450.89	220,000.00	220,000.00	90.20%
<i>Budgeted</i>	30,549.75	195,223.29	220,000.00	220,000.00	88.74%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	129.30	3,227.60	0.00	0.00	

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Percentage
EXPENSES					
STAFF					
SALARY EXPENSES					
Lead Pastor	3,994.76	47,937.12	47,937.00	47,937.00	100.00%
Worship Pastor	3,027.50	36,329.99	36,333.00	36,333.00	99.99%
Youth Ministry Dir.	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
Music Director	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Staff Accompanist	515.00	6,180.00	6,180.00	6,180.00	100.00%
Admin & Comm Associate	1,386.66	16,639.92	16,640.00	16,640.00	100.00%
Custodial Services	620.73	7,976.96	8,494.20	8,494.20	93.91%
Nursery Workers	0.00	186.40	2,423.20	2,423.20	7.69%
Pastor SECA	498.08	5,976.96	5,977.02	5,977.02	100.00%
FICA	424.56	5,149.42	5,589.66	5,589.66	92.12%
Subtotal Salary Expenses	10,467.29	126,376.77	132,574.08	132,574.08	95.33%
<i>Budgeted</i>	10,467.29	126,376.77	132,574.08	132,574.08	95.33%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
STAFF BENEFITS					
Pastor Housing	2,516.16	30,193.92	30,194.00	30,194.00	100.00%
Pastor Retirement	911.50	10,938.00	11,438.00	11,438.00	95.63%
Pastor Travel/Expenses	79.19	104.69	500.00	500.00	20.94%
Lead Pastor Cont. Ed.	0.00	469.82	500.00	500.00	93.96%
Worship Pastor Cont. Ed.	0.00	129.99	250.00	250.00	52.00%
Staff Development/Travel	0.00	443.01	900.00	900.00	49.22%
Subtotal Staff Benefits	3,506.85	42,279.43	43,782.00	43,782.00	96.57%
<i>Budgeted</i>	3,506.85	42,279.43	43,782.00	43,782.00	96.57%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Subtotal Staff	13,974.14	168,656.20	176,356.08	176,356.08	95.63%
<i>Budgeted</i>	13,974.14	168,656.20	176,356.08	176,356.08	95.63%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
OFFICE					
Supplies/Postage/Copier	1,699.81	6,123.72	3,500.00	3,500.00	174.96%
Background Checks	0.00	95.00	150.00	150.00	63.33%
Software/Website	162.06	3,596.87	3,500.00	3,500.00	102.77%
Official Board Expenses	0.00	21.39	500.00	500.00	4.28%
Offering Envelopes	0.00	281.25	200.00	200.00	140.63%
Subtotal Office	1,861.87	10,118.23	7,850.00	7,850.00	128.89%
<i>Budgeted</i>	1,861.87	10,118.23	7,850.00	7,850.00	128.89%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
FACILITY EXPENSES					
UTILITIES					
Electric	459.19	5,085.03	8,000.00	8,000.00	63.56%
Gas	659.00	11,238.96	11,400.00	11,400.00	98.59%
Internet/Telephone	627.05	6,834.37	6,400.00	6,400.00	106.79%
Trash	82.00	968.00	900.00	900.00	107.56%
Subtotal Utilities	1,827.24	24,126.36	26,700.00	26,700.00	90.36%
<i>Budgeted</i>	1,827.24	24,126.36	26,700.00	26,700.00	90.36%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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Insurance	0.00	12,604.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	140.04%
Maintenance/Equipment	3.99	11,791.22	7,000.00	7,000.00	168.45%
Taxes	0.00	339.20	350.00	350.00	96.91%
Custodial Supplies	0.00	854.06	1,500.00	1,500.00	56.94%
Bus Expenses	0.00	460.11	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Facility Expenses	1,831.23	50,174.95	44,550.00	44,550.00	112.63%
<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>1,831.23</i>	<i>50,174.95</i>	<i>44,550.00</i>	<i>44,550.00</i>	<i>112.63%</i>
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	
BOARD OF DEACONS			200.00	200.00	
Communion Supplies	0.00	12.66	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Guest Speakers	0.00	160.52	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Board Of Deacons	0.00	173.18	200.00	200.00	86.59%
<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>173.18</i>	<i>200.00</i>	<i>200.00</i>	<i>86.59%</i>
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION					
Curriculum	0.00	421.75	500.00	500.00	84.35%
Classroom Supplies	0.00	144.50	100.00	100.00	144.50%
Children's Events	0.00	768.51	750.00	750.00	102.47%
Nursery Supplies	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00%
Subtotal Christian Education	0.00	1,334.76	1,450.00	1,450.00	92.05%
<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>1,334.76</i>	<i>1,450.00</i>	<i>1,450.00</i>	<i>92.05%</i>
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	
WORSHIP					
Music	98.00	367.96	200.00	200.00	183.98%
Music Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
AV Software/Licensing	0.00	2,245.98	1,300.00	1,300.00	172.77%
Worship Supplies	0.00	1,076.19	1,700.00	1,700.00	63.31%
Piano Tuning	0.00	144.38	300.00	300.00	48.13%
Children's Choir	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Worship	98.00	3,834.51	3,500.00	3,500.00	109.56%
<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>98.00</i>	<i>3,834.51</i>	<i>3,500.00</i>	<i>3,500.00</i>	<i>109.56%</i>
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	
YOUTH MINISTRIES					
Traction	155.75	746.18	800.00	800.00	93.27%
Spark	11.75	321.11	700.00	700.00	45.87%
Kingdom Kids	30.99	179.45	400.00	400.00	44.86%
Subtotal Youth Ministries	198.49	1,246.74	1,900.00	1,900.00	65.62%
<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>198.49</i>	<i>1,246.74</i>	<i>1,900.00</i>	<i>1,900.00</i>	<i>65.62%</i>
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	
BOARD OF STEWARDS					
Stewardship Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
BUDGETED BENEVOLENCES					
Benevolences	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Friends of Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Christian Ministries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
CCCC Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Blood 'N Fire	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%

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First Choice for Women	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Church Benevolences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Budgeted Benevolences	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Subtotal Board Of Stewards	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
MINISTRY TEAMS					
Mentoring Ministry	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00%
Clothes Closet Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Ministry Teams	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00%
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
OUTREACH					
Outreach/Advertising	15.00	1,391.12	2,000.00	2,000.00	69.56%
New Ministry Expenses	30.02	562.94	1,500.00	1,500.00	37.53%
First Impressions Team	0.00	100.41	500.00	500.00	20.08%
Subtotal Outreach	45.02	2,054.47	4,000.00	4,000.00	51.36%
<i>Budgeted</i>	45.02	2,054.47	4,000.00	4,000.00	51.36%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
OTHER EXPENSES					
Flowers	0.00	355.22	400.00	400.00	88.81%
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	650.00	650.00	0.00%
Subtotal Other Expenses	0.00	355.22	1,050.00	1,050.00	33.83%
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	355.22	1,050.00	1,050.00	33.83%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
DESIGNATED FUND EXPENSES					
Memorial Fund Expenses	0.00	32.10	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Reserve Fund Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Steward Fund Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Music Fund Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Scholarship Fund Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Emergency Fund Expenses	0.00	1,131.96	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Special Offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Funeral Dinner Expenses	0.00	36.37	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Endowment Fund Expenses	0.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Pass Through Gifts	0.00	1,597.87	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Major Maintenance Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Designated Fund Expenses	0.00	2,938.30	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	2,938.30	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,008.75	240,886.56	242,106.08	242,106.08	99.50%
<i>Budgeted</i>	18,008.75	237,948.26	242,106.08	242,106.08	98.28%

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<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	0.00	2,938.30	0.00	0.00	
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	<u>\$12,670.30</u>	<u>-\$42,435.67</u>	<u>-\$22,106.08</u>	<u>-\$22,106.08</u>	<u>191.96%</u>
<i>Budgeted</i>	12,541.00	-42,724.97	-22,106.08	-22,106.08	193.27%
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	129.30	289.30	0.00	0.00	

Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees for 2023 were: Phil Schink, Paul Russell Co-chairpersons, Don Parsons, Byran Weikel, Jennifer Henry and Pastor Tammy Hallam

Projects in 2023:

A new flood light was installed on the front of the church along the ramp.

Volunteers assisted the trustees in the spring and fall in cleaning the flower beds around the buildings.

Compiled a list of volunteers to mow the church yard. Thank you, Diane Russell, Jeff Hotmire, Doug Wilder, Jack Hallam. Don Parsons, Ron Gowin, Phil Schink and Jim Benefiel. All of these individuals mowed two to three times last summer.

Cleaned clutter and unused items from the mezzanine.

Worked with Koorsen to update 11 outdated smoke alarms and replaced equipment in the Celebration Hall kitchen for fire suppression over the gas stoves.

Sold the vacant lot across the road for \$15,000.00 with the money from the sale going into the Major Maintenance Funds.

Cleaned the elevator pit.

Stayed busy with routine maintenance from replacing light bulbs to keeping heating and cooling equipment functioning.

We welcome Myra Freel to the board for 2024!!! And we still miss our very special trustee, Ross Walter.

Thank you to everyone that helped us in the past year, you are greatly appreciated!

Submitted by: Paul Russell

2023 Ministries Annual Reports

Eden Connections Ministry - Annual Report

The Eden Connections Team helps welcome guests into the church and give out gifts to new attendees. We want to make them feel welcome and a place to call home. We are always looking for volunteers to greet and to be at the Welcome Center. If you are able to greet once a month please contact Andrea Prybis 765-716-0697 or by email aprybis@gmail.com.

Prepared by
Andrea Prybis

Spark Adventure Annual Report

Eden Spark ministry is a children's ministry that outreaches to elementary-aged children and their families, with the goal of helping kids to grow closer to God and build trust relationships with church family. This ministry had been meeting monthly at Eden Church for a meal, games, and a Bible lesson until May of 2023. Fifteen children and their families have participated in Eden Spark during the 2023 year.

In September of 2023, volunteers felt led to change Eden Spark Ministry to the name Eden Spark Adventure Ministry and move this ministry to go outside of the church building as much as possible to give kids the opportunity to learn and experience more hands-on in the world around them, and learn to serve others in the community. We have become aware that many kids have very limited opportunities to get out from their homes and have hands-on experiences outdoors in nature. These kids often lack experiences beyond their home, their families, and school.

For one Eden Spark Adventure event in fall, volunteers split the kids up into small groups and had a nature scavenger hunt at Frank Merry Park near Dunkirk, which the kids were really excited about, and tied this experience with nature in with God as our creator. At another event in October, the kids enjoyed an evening outdoors with bonfire, games, and hayride. The kids worked together as teams to creatively decorate trees for Halloween. This outdoor experience was group building for the kids and helped for bonding with volunteers.

These adventures in new locations have helped kids to open up and talk with volunteers. Many of the kids caroled at Muncie Estates Memory Care and Assisted Living in December. The kids were comfortable with the residents and the residents seemed to really enjoy the kids.

The next events for Eden Spark Adventure ministries in 2024 will be serving God through an inter-generational experience at Brickyard Muncie Care the first Sunday of February and March by helping to lead worship through singing and by serving communion to residents. The kids will also share art, crafts, and recreational activities with the residents while they are there. The staff of Brickyard Muncie Care reached out to Darrell Young to lead worship for them on the first and third Sundays of each month and the Spark kids will partner with serving through outreach to the residents. Prayers are appreciated for the kids and their families to grow in their faith and experience God in new ways through serving.

We ask prayer for the volunteers who will be serving as well. The Eden Spark Adventure Ministry appreciate volunteers, as we mentor the kids, while allowing them to have new adventures and serve in the community. God is truly at work in the hearts of these children!

Blessings,
Barb Broyles

Tutoring Outreach Ministry Annual Report

The 2023 year for the Eden Tutoring Outreach has been an exciting year of growth and outreach into the area community as Eden volunteers and students from grades K-12 meet every Monday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the gym at Eden Church. Volunteers tutored 24 youth this past year (8 elementary children, 6 middle school youth, and 10 high school youth.) There are 13 volunteers helping with tutoring or in the kitchen with preparing and serving food for those attending tutoring. Eden volunteers are now providing a meal each Monday during tutoring that is shared by students and their tutors.

The meals have been a blessing for youth and their tutors, as it not only helps our youth and tutors to have a nutritious meal that evening, but it has promoted closer relationships as adult volunteers and youth share in meals together. The goal of tutoring is for volunteers to build close relationships with our youth as they assist them with school work, while modeling the love of Jesus through their actions.

Volunteers are realizing the importance of partnering the same youth with the same tutor one-to-one whenever possible consistently to help to build closer trusting relationships. We also are building relationships as we outreach to their families. There is frequent communication with families as we work to help their children with their homework and study skills. We are now more and more helping parents or guardians learn to navigate through technology used by the school systems to help them monitor and assist their own children.

The Eden Tutoring Outreach is blessed to have very committed volunteers who truly love and care about our youth. This ministry continues to need more volunteers, since many of our students need one-to-one help with their tutor to focus, and the number of students that we help continues to grow. Volunteers are matched with a student in a grade level that is comfortable for them. If serving as a tutor is not a comfortable area, volunteers are also needed for helping in other areas, such as in the kitchen or donating food for a meal.

If you are interested in helping as a weekly tutor or a sub, or in another capacity, please contact Barb Broyles at 765-744-8375. We also appreciate your prayers for our youth and volunteers involved in the tutoring ministry.

In Christ,
Barb Broyles

Eden Praise Kids Annual Report

In October of 2022, volunteers saw the need in our children at Eden Church to have an opportunity to praise God through singing and to share their music as an outreach to others. Many of our children at Eden Church enjoy music, and as this group was added to our children's ministries, it became a new way for kids to learn about God and express what they learn through song. They also are learning that it is a way to outreach to others and that it touches the hearts of those listening.

Eden Praise Kids ministry targets elementary-aged kids and welcomes middle-aged youth who like to sing or any high school-aged students who would like to help. There are currently 10 elementary-aged children and 2 middle school youth singing. Eden Praise Kids ministry began practices on Mondays from 4:30pm to 5:15pm and at times on Sunday mornings for 15-20 minutes during Eden Kids starting in October of 2023. The kids sang during worship twice in November and twice in December. They dressed in costumes in December as they sang Christmas music, and also sang for residents at Muncie Estates memory care and assisted living units, along with caroling.

In 2024, Eden Praise Kids will be a part of the Eden Spark Adventure outreach by sharing a few of their songs with residents at Brickyard Muncie Care on the first Sunday in February and March. There are plans for the Eden Praise Kids to share some new songs in spring during worship. Your prayers are appreciated for the kids, as they learn through music and outreaching to serve others, and for the volunteers working with them.

In Christ,
Barb Broyles

Ross Walter Memorial Youth Recreation Ministry

The Ross Walter Memorial Recreation Ministry launched in the fall of 2023 to honor the memory of long-time tutoring volunteer Ross Walter who loved to play basketball with the kids and sadly passed away in 2022. We provide a relaxed environment where 4th through 12th grade students can be themselves while engaging in recreation activities including but not limited to basketball, volleyball, and dodgeball. We have had regular attendance of 10-25 students.

This ministry takes place on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 before Eden Student Union. The ministry begins with shooting basketballs until everyone arrives or until 5:40. Once everyone is here, we give the students options for the evening's activities, then we collectively decide what we are going to play. We play for about 15-30 minutes at a time with short water breaks in between. Around 6:00, we take a snack, drink, and conversation break. We end our time together by playing a short game.

In addition to having a fun way to burn off extra energy, students learn expectations such as respecting others and church property, being considerate, following instructions, and allowing everyone a chance to play.

I have had the opportunity to better get to know a lot of our kids this past semester. Having kids open up to you about things they were not comfortable sharing with others definitely shows that the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us.

~ Melissa Westfall

It has been nice to see some of the kids coming out of their safe place to participate as well as seeing some become more accepting over time.

~ Dylan Barton

JAM – Jesus And Me Annual Report

JAM – Jesus And Me launched quietly in the fall of 2023 as a way to engage younger students on Wednesday evenings who came for the Ross Walter Memorial Youth Recreation. Students would have dinner, then break off for JAM when the ESU students would begin their activities for the evening.

We had a regular attendance of 3-10 student, and offered an evening fun that included earning JAM Bucks as a reward for bringing their Bibles, knowing the memory verse, etc.; a short game; Toggles (to get out their talk and wiggles!); a Bible lesson featuring discussion; and practicing a Bible memory verse where students come up with a creative way for everyone to say it together (squeaky like a mouse, underwater, stomping feet, clapping, running in place, etc.).

Seeing the excitement in a students' eyes when they've memorized the bible verse for the week is so fulfilling. I love when students ask thought provoking questions about subjects in the bible in an attempt to better understand what they are learning.

~ Melissa

Watching the kids develop their own thoughts and beliefs is awesome as well as being able to give them prizes for memorizing and listening to the lesson.

~ Dylan

Food Bank Ministry

Jim Benefiel has steadfastly served as Eden's liaison to Christian Ministries' Food Bank, keeping the weekly and monthly totals and delivering groceries each week. Jim says he loves doing this ministry and the people at Christian Ministries are always so grateful for what he delivers to them. Eden's total was 4,040 items over the course of 2023, which was 757 more items than in 2022.

Thank you, Jim, for your dedication to this ministry and serving as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Respectfully,
Julie Scott

Eden Women

Eden Women met several months in the year to study and make cards for Brickyard Muncie Care Center residents. We make approximately 50 cards for holidays and other months to let them know they are remembered. We have had 3-4 ladies in the group. We are studying *Women of Strength: Living the Best Life Possible for God in this Broken World* by Alice Mathews. We meet the 3rd Sunday of most months.

Contact Karen at (765-730-0223) if you would like to join us.

Friendship Circle

Friendship Circle met weekly for study, fellowship and prayer. We have 6 members who started studying *The Names of God* by Ann Spangler. We did not meet during the summer and in the fall we joined with Pastor Phil Freel to study *Genesis of Relationships*. We are now studying *The Names of God*.

If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Karen Parsons at 765-730-0223.

Ezer Women's Group

With so many wonderful women attending Eden church we needed a way to get to know each other better in order to better serve our community and our Lord. Sunday mornings are difficult to get to know others more intimately because everyone is going their separate way, whether it be volunteering on the praise team, in the nursery, or even attending Sunday school. It was decided that a remedy for this situation was to start a women's group, so we did and we call ourselves Ezers. Genesis 2:18 states, The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him". The word "help" expresses that the woman is a strength who rescues or saves man. Just as women need to help man, we need to strengthen each other.

In September of 2023, the Ezer group was formed and in October we set out on our first journey together to Downtown Noblesville for shopping and lunch. November was a trip to Green Oak Antiques, lunch and a visit to a Christian book store. We all have different likes, so other activities are in the works for the future, but the main focus is on just being present with one another and building each other up so that we can continue to be that help/strength that the Lord has intended us to be.

Submitted by
Myra Freel

Mending the Soul

For the Summer session of Mending the Soul we have 5 women complete the class. Out of the 5 women 3 of them were not part of our church and were either invited by a member of the church or saw the sign and reached out to join. This was an amazing group of women who were very engaged in not only their own healing but being supportive of the other women in the class. This is the first group we have had where the women have stayed in touch and continue to meet regularly and encourage each other in the journey. Out of this group there have been two women who have decided to take the teaching classes to then become leaders and share their stories with other women to help them.

On their healing journeys. Mending the soul has been and will continue to be an amazing asset to our community!

Jennifer Henry
Mending the Soul Facilitator

Grafted Into Blessing Small Group

Grafted Into Blessing is a small group that meets each Wednesday at 11:30am to 12:30pm on Zoom. The group shares together on Zoom, and encourages one another through prayer and Bible study time. This loving and supportive group is able to be open with one another and create a safe space to share.

It is a joy to look back and see how God's hand is working to answer prayers in amazing ways in some of the families in this group, and so thankful to be able to be praising God, as we see the Holy Spirit moving towards healing in these situations. The Grafted Into Blessing group has reached out as a group at times to help one another, (or others in the community), with needs, such as food, or in other ways. The group is focusing on encouraging one another to read the Bible, to learn scriptures to grow in our spiritual faith, and be able to help others on their journey. Part of our time is spent asking questions and sharing insights about scriptures that we read.

Thankful for the opportunity to share in small groups through Eden Church!

Blessings,
Barb Broyles

Body & Soul Wholeness and Health Ministry Annual Report

Exercise for the body and the soul. Body & Soul does both. In the year 2023 the exercise classes on Tuesday morning at 9am, Thursday evening at 5:45pm and Saturday morning 9am saw God sustain us and grow us in many ways. Our bodies got stronger and our souls grew stronger. God has helped us all become a community that trusts each other and prays for each other. WE also have had A LOT of fun along the way!

Come and join us for Active Older Adult class, Tuesdays, 9am. Core & Stretch class, Thursday evenings, 5:45pm. And Cardio Strength class, Saturday mornings, 9am!

Blessings,
Terri Carter

Forged by Fire Men's Group Annual Report

2023 was the second year of this men's ministry. We meet the 2nd Tuesday evening (once a month) from 6:30-8:00 pm. We use a book as a springboard for conversation on topics relative to men who proclaim Christ in their life. We average 10-12 men monthly with a high of 20 (reached in Feb 2024). The conversations are generally very honest, frank and at times vulnerable, depending on the topic. It has been a surprise to see how well this ministry has been received by the men in our community--which raises another issue--beyond our walls. We now have several men who attend and they are not part of Eden community but want to be part of a vibrant men's ministry. Each year we have supported by attending a Muncie wide men's meeting in the fall--identifying with other men who say they follow Christ.

Jack Hallam

2023 Sunday Study Groups Annual Reports

Sharing Life Sunday Study Group Annual Report

Throughout the year, the Sharing Life study group that met in the Living Room on Sunday mornings created space to engage with the weekly Renew article then discussed the impact of those articles on our everyday lives. We also share about where and how we have seen God moving throughout our lives in the past week. We closed our time by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.

In Christ,
Matt Thornburg

Friends in Faith Annual Report

Friends in Faith continues to meet each week at 9:30 am Sunday morning in person in the basement and at 7:00 pm Wednesday by Zoom. We started the Zoom meetings during the pandemic, when that was the only way to meet. Even after we started meeting in person again, we continued to meet by Zoom as a convenient option for those who might want an alternative to Sunday morning. The lesson is the same on Sunday and the following Wednesday.

Here is the Zoom link. You should be able to just click on it to join the meeting. The number at the end is the meeting ID if you need that.

<https://ivytech.zoom.us/j/91543654663>

Our curriculum is Answers Bible Curriculum digital version. It has a web link with both text and video material and some printable resources for each lesson. As the name implies, all lessons are based on the Bible. These lessons go through the Bible chronologically on a four year cycle. After more than two years, we completed the Old Testament in November of 2023 and started into the New Testament.

Answers in Genesis, who produces Answers Bible Curriculum, says this about scripture in their statement of belief.

- The 66 books of the Bible are the unique, written Word of God. The Bible is divinely inspired, inerrant, infallible, supremely authoritative, and sufficient in everything it teaches. Its assertions are factually true in all the original autographs. Its authority is not limited to spiritual, religious, or redemptive themes but includes its assertions in such fields as history and science (Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Revelation 22:18–19).
- The final guide to the interpretation of Scripture is Scripture itself (Proverbs 8:8–9; Matthew 12:3–5, 19:4, 22:31; Mark 7:13, 12:10, 12:26; Luke 6:3; 2 Corinthians 4:2; 2 Timothy 3:16–17).
- All things necessary for our salvation are expressly and clearly taught in Scripture (foundation of the gospel: Genesis 1:1, 1:31, 3:17–19; Romans 5:12, 3:23; presenting the gospel: 1 Corinthians 15:1–4; Romans 6:23, 10:9; John 3:14–18; Acts 16:30–31; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 5:1–2).

Every week I post the lesson link and additional videos to our Facebook page, [Eden Friends in Faith](#), and also send them by email. Eden Friends in Faith is a private Facebook group. Just go to the page and request to join, or I can send you an invitation if you want. Please let me know if you would like to be on the email list.

We look forward to a new year focusing on the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Messiah. All are invited to join us on this Epic journey.

May God bless you and keep you,
Michael Shaffer

Homebuilders Annual Report

We had an attendance of about 8 for most of the year.

We had a special series for Easter. The rest of the year we finished studying Genesis and moved into Exodus.

Ken Wilkinson