

Pastor Tammy's Annual Report

February 23, 2023

To our Eden Church Family, grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Spirit, hear the Word of the Lord,

You are my witnesses, declares the Lord and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he... You are my witnesses, declares the Lord, that I am God - Isaiah 43:10

I write this report in the wake of a revival that began at Asbury University and has now spread to dozens of campuses across the United States and to others gathered in Christ's name around the world. The Chosen TV series released Season 3 drawing multitudes to see themselves in the life of Jesus and worthy of His love. The Jesus Revolution film was just released into theaters this week as a visual reminder on the big screen of one of the most significant movements of God in this nation. Anne Graham Lotz recently asked the question, could this be the last great awakening before Jesus returns. Whether it is or whether it's another millennia, young people and old people alike are hungering to experience the presence of God in tangible ways and God seems eager to satisfy that hunger. Our passion and purpose has been to devote our lives to setting the table for the hungry and serve as Christ reveals His kingdom throughout our families, community and world. And we have been intentional.

We stepped into 2022 launching one of the most significant spiritual growth opportunities in the life of Eden Church. EPIC: Everyday Pathways in Christ. The invitation to experience transformation, to live and love like Jesus and to encourage others to come along on the journey is the golden thread that binds us together in the mega-story of God. With the help of spiritual life coaching, resourcing growth, community building through Life Groups and ministries, with focus on the next generation. The fruit is fast growing, and from what we have witnessed in the lives of many kids, students and adult, we too have been experiencing an awakening. We celebrated this with the baptism of five people during the 2022 year: Mike Edwards, Carson Van Cleave, Ashley Dobbs, Troy Thornberry, and Andrea Prybis.

We prayerfully began our year with our hearts focused on The Dangerous Act of Worship as we studied and thought about how worship reorders our lives challenging our misconceptions about what worship really means in our relationship with God. This prepared us for the *EPIC Trailguide & Pathways* invitation to intentional discipleship. Our series, The Chosen Season 2 inspired us to see the impact of Jesus and those he calls to follow him. Many of us carry a lot of baggage from previous religious experiences so our series on Deconstructing Deconstruction helped undo distortions and reveal the truth of God's nature, purpose and plans. Grace in Action encouraged unity and financial commitment to the ministries and purpose to which God has called us and together we Untangled our heart's attachment to money so we could be more attached to God. Our advent series inspired us to see the sacred all around us so we could see, hear and love as we encountered God in our every day.

The reports you will be reading are more than reports from a meeting. As our Leadership Board Moderator, Michael Shaffer recently shared, *"Our reports show us how our ministry has impacted our relationship with God."*

The challenge before us is real. It's not about whether Christ's church is going to survive. It is now about how we will keep up with what God is doing. To align the purposes God has given us with the resources God has provided to us in this season, to cultivate a fruitful and thriving future in the years to come. To form communities of hope from a place we've never been before requires prayer. I invite you to 40 days

of prayer and beyond to pray for more from God. I have included a list of ministries that have been growing in the last year to help us unite our prayers in our life together.

The timing of these God sightings is not just a coincidence. This is what we have longed to see, this is what we have prayed for Eden. And we expect we will see and experience more. As we live the witness that He is God.

Called to Witness with you,
Pastor Tammy

PRAY for:

New Outreach and Mission Team

New Eden Praise Kids, Mentoring, Spark

A growing Eden Student Union with 12-15 students each week

Retreats and camp development for kids, youth and adults

Body & Soul Health and Wholeness Ministry

Call-Out Choir

Life Groups, Sunday Study Groups formed and growing

Monthly Food Drives for Christian Ministries

New iServe Opportunities Make a Difference in our community (Christian Ministries, CM Christmas gifts for kids & gift for 4 families in our community, Blood & Fire, Habitat for Humanity, Muncie Mission - Walk a Mile, Tools for Schools Shoe Drive, Eaton Disc Golf Course, or Treat and Christmas Outreach,)

Mending the Soul - healing for abuse survivors growing

DivorceCare ministry

Trustees projects

Eden Connections - hospitality and serving opportunities

Leadership Board honing our governance model to succeed in our mission

Art Ministry bringing community together to create beauty

VBS for kids with a new adults' class

Chosen Season 3 Lenten Journey with Movie night

Holy Week Events

Development of leaders for new Life with God groups, Mending the Soul, DivorceCare and student ministries, worship and A/V Tech areas

Compassionate Friends support group for grieving parents

Counselor in Residence Program

Moderator's Annual Report

Wow! What a year 2022 has been. We started the year with cautious optimism. The pandemic seemed to be mostly over, but we still maintained, and even expanded our social media presence that we developed when in person was not an option. There was also a growing awareness of our continuing financial shortfall. We could have easily pulled back into survival mode. But we didn't. We continued to reach out, building our relationship with Jesus Christ, with each other, and with our friends and neighbors.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalms 118:23 The second mailing of our pledge drive in November contained the following list of ministries, boards, and committees. It is an impressive list. Most of you are involved with at least one of them, some with several. As you read through this list, you may find new ways that you want to be involved. How is God directing you?

- Eden Church Ministries, Boards and Committees
- Official (Leadership) Board
- Worship Team
- Call-Out Choir
- Eden Connections
- Welcome Center
- Hospitality Team
- Ushers & Greeters
- Deacons (Congregational Care)
- First Impressions Team
- Finance Committee
- Pastoral Relations Committee
- Small Groups & Discipleship
- Eden Kids
- Eden Student Union
- SPARK
- Eden Mentoring
- Vacation Bible School
- Nursery
- On Course Disc Golf
- Trunk or Treat
- Youth Advisory Committee
- Prayer Team
- Trustees
- Mowing Team
- Landscape Maintenance
- Adult Sunday Study Groups
- Alpha
- DivorceCare
- Mending the Soul
- Friendship Circle
- Eden Women
- Forged by Fire
- Painting with Lindsay
- Triads
- Funeral Dinners
- iServe Teams
- Audio/Visual Team
 - Quilting Ministry
- Life with God/Life Groups

NEW

- Missions & Outreach Board • Social Media Team

I want to focus on a few of these.

Worship has always been a priority. We worship together in person and also online. The worship team leads us in praise, followed by a challenging sermon. But that's not all. Our children are involved through the children's sermon. To that we have added scripture reading by the kids and sometimes they stay in the sanctuary for the service. Then there is Communion each month and sometimes baptisms and call-out choirs. EPIC and Grace in Action have been recurring themes interspersed with series on The Dangerous Act of Worship, The Chosen Season 2, Deconstructing Reconstruct, No Strings, and currently Reflecting the Sacred. This year, we have added the Doxology as a regular part of our worship. This, together with the Lord's Prayer, express the authenticity and vitality of our worship. It is a witness of the Holy Spirit among us. It is a witness not just to us, but to the visitors who are frequently present.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

DivorceCare and Mending the Soul continue to be offered on a regular basis. Doing these once, a pilot, is one thing. Doing them repeatedly is quite another. That speaks to motivation. Do we do it because it builds our membership or giving? No! We do it because we care. We love our neighbor, whoever that neighbor is or whatever they may be dealing with in their lives. We reach out in love to all we can, in all the ways we can, not to benefit us, but because of the great love God has shown us. This is grace in action! This is the motivation behind all of our ministries: food donations and iServe, Eden Student Union and Spark, and so many more. It's not for us. It's for people in a hurting world. We are all wounded healers, used by God to offer healing to others. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7

Many of you have served on boards and committees in 2022. Thank you for your faithful service. Here is a saying you can trust. *If anyone wants to be a leader in the church, they want to do a good work for God and people.* 1 Timothy 3:1 NIRV

The Official Board has been exploring our accountable leadership model this year. We as a church have been moving in this direction since before the pandemic, even though we did not verbalize it that way. In 2022, the Official Board spent a year working through the book *Winning On Purpose* by John Edmund Kaiser. The subtitle is *How to Organize Congregations to Succeed in Their Mission*. To that end, the Official Board is working on a document called Guiding Principles that will explicitly communicate and facilitate our ministry together. Pray for our leaders as we discern God's direction for 2023.

We also formed a task force to update and revise our bylaws. The first changes were approved at our congregational meeting in November 2022. More changes will be proposed in 2023. These changes are focused on ministry. Our aim is to balance our need for structure with our need for flexibility. You will hear more about this in the coming months.

What can I say about our staff? What an example of servant leadership! Praise God for all that you do, both visible and behind the scenes.

This has been a good year for Eden. We have been BLESSed to be a BLESSing. Our EPIC journey continues!

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.*

Michael Shaffer, Moderator

Eden Church Clerk's Report

The Leadership Board has had a fruitful year. Early meetings in the year focused on assessing where our church stands as a healthy and growing church. A very helpful book titled *Winning on Purpose* showed us that numbers alone do not meet Christ's requirements to build His church. Rather, it is the organization and activity of its members to: 1. Spread the Gospel, 2. Serve the members, 3. Serve community, and 4. Heal hearts and families. To that end, several meetings were devoted to restating our mission as a congregation, updating our By-Laws, and making sure our organizational system did not cause the problems that lead so many churches to becoming merely social clubs, or dying altogether. By these standards, Eden church is small but vital and growing, serving the Lord according to His directions.

We were all saddened by the passing of Ross Walter, who, along with Michael Shaffer as moderator constituted the entire Personnel Committee. It was moved and passed that henceforth the Official Board would devote the first half of its meeting time to function as Personnel Committee for annual staff reviews and other business as needed.

Two scholarships were awarded. Plans are being considered to use scholarship funds and Endowment Fund (earnings only) for Christian Church Summer Camp. Parents and caregivers would be required to pay a percentage also.

Nine security cameras were purchased and installed for the outside of the building, and four "pull for police" devices have been installed and their locations noted. Also, a new water dispenser has been purchased and installed for sanitary purposes and also to reduce the amount spent for bottled water. All of these purchases were paid for from the Memorial Funds.

Several new ministries were begun and others expanded. A system was voted on to replenish the Emergency Relief Fund by special offering collection on fifth Sundays.

Finally, changes were made to the By-Laws. Article V was entered as the Connections Ministry. Ministry opportunities under this heading include: Welcome Center, Greeters, Ushers, Hospitality, Deacons/Congregational Care, First Impressions, Campus Hosts, and others. These teams are charged with creating a welcoming and loving atmosphere for both members and guests, assisting in bringing people to Christ. They will identify potential needs for connecting the church to the community, address issues, and oversee functionality. These changes are directed to have a congregation of believers who are *active*, assisting each other in following Christ's mandate: "Go therefore and make disciples...", not just the pastors, but ALL of us.

Jan Breeden
Clerk

Eden Staff Annual Reports

Worship Pastor's Annual Report

If I were to choose one word to describe the overall essence of 2022 in regard to worship at Eden, that word would be cohesive. Looking back over all the worship series throughout this past year (The Dangerous Act of Worship, EPIC - Everyday Pathways in Christ, The Chosen Season Two, Deconstructing to Reconstruct, No Strings Attached, and Reflecting the Sacred), it is clear that awareness of and response to the Holy Spirit's movement in the community, congregation, lay leaders, and staff led to a year full of purposeful albeit sometimes challenging messages that encouraged and sharpened our understanding of how we live as God's people each and every day. However, we also experienced more in our times of worship on Sunday mornings than just hearing what the Spirit spoke through Pastor Tammy and others. We also grew closer together as the body of Christ and a faith family. New, creative ways of worshiping through the inclusion of liturgy or unique practices of centering ourselves opened our eyes to the special time we have together on Sunday mornings. Praise God for the way He draws His people together to experience His love in community when we share our Sunday mornings with one another.

The worship team continues to provide a vast array of music that connects the various generations present in service on Sunday to the one Lord who deserves any and all styles of worship. We praise Him because He has made us differently, and we are able to see His greatness when we worship together through our differences.

This year a couple new volunteers helped behind the scenes upstairs in the A/V booth. I would like to thank Tim Thornburg and Kraig Rayl for their help to make sure the technical side of things runs smoothly on Sunday mornings. And of course, a big thank you to Pete Hotmire for his continued commitment each Sunday.

Praising our great God with you all,
Matt Thornburg

Eden Kids and Youth Ministry Annual Report

Eden Kids and Youth Ministry was full of highlights in 2022. Not only did we see the prolific continuation of the children's ministries Eden Kids, Mentoring, and SPARK, but youth ministry began again under the name Eden Student Union, "ESU." ESU welcomed back a number of junior high students as well as some high school students. In the Spring, they studied the film series, Youth Alpha, which is from the same parachurch organization that makes the adult Alpha curriculum where people can openly explore what faith in Christ means. During the Fall semester they studied Life Revealed, another student ministry-focused Alpha series.

Our Sunday morning Eden Kids ministry saw the creation of the Eden Kids art space in the small room in the back of the Sanctuary. This is a space designed entirely for the students to show off their creativity. Of course, it is also a place for our congregation to be able to view that creativity. We also began what we call 5th Family Sunday which is meant to be a time when the whole family can join together in worship on Sunday morning. Throughout the year, 5th Family Sunday morphed into a time for the kids to spend in the Eden Kids art space with Lindsey Edwards.

In the Summer, VBS hosted 38 students, seven of which were students helpers from ESU. It was a wonderful time for the children to learn more about how God created each of them uniquely and designed them for a purpose. VBS also raised funds to help with the church-wide Habitat for Humanity build in the summer.

There were several outreach events throughout the year as well. Eden hosted a egg hunt during the Easter season, and hosted a Trunk-or-Treat in the Fall around Halloween.

The end of the year was a smash as we had our Eden SMASH, an event that brought together children and students from all ages, K-12, to play games, eat together, and hear the Christmas story, which was re-enacted by the Eden Student Union students.

We want to thank Ashley Dobbs for her leadership this past year. With her help, we were able to kickoff Eden Student Union, and invite more creativity in our ongoing ministries. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that work each and every week across all our Eden Kids and Youth Ministries. Your continued prayers and commitment to the next generation shows them God's great love for them.

In service to the world for God's glory,
Matt Thornburg

Administrative and Communications Associate Annual Report

Greetings from the Office!

As 2022 began to resemble some semblance of "normal," our church family has embraced the opportunity to reach out to our surrounding community in ways that I've never before witnessed in all my years here at Eden. We are opening ourselves to serving others in new and exciting ways, and I am happy to play a small role in letting you all know what's going on and what's ahead for us all.

In addition to the administrative duties, the following Communication tasks were accomplished:

- Created the graphic suite and branding for the **EPIC: Everyday Pathways In Christ** programming, and built the corresponding pages on our website.
- Wrote and published the *EPIC Trailguide: Exploring Everyday Pathways In Christ* as a supplementary introduction to the programming. The goal is to get the reader to readjust the lenses through which they see themselves in order to get them ready to step out into their own EPIC journey with Jesus.
- Delivered the message on EPIC Sunday in February, which gave me the opportunity to better explain where the *EPIC Trailguide* came from and how God plans to use it here at Eden. The book was distributed for free to the congregation on EPIC Sunday.
- Published *The 12 Miracles of Eden – 2021* for distribution at the Annual Meeting on EPIC Sunday.

- Kept the church family up to date via *The Eden Weekly News* digital version and sent the weekly print copy to our shut-ins.
- Kept the website up to date with all that is going on here at Eden.
- Created print materials for various programs throughout the year, most notably for Body & Soul, Eden's first intentionally outward-focused onsite ministry intended to draw in both the church and unchurched in our community for a time of fitness and fellowship.
- Posted timely social media posts each week, especially chronicling what Sunday mornings look at Eden through the View from the Pew.
- Further developed the Eden Church Center App in order to move toward making it the primary communications hub for our church family. The following improvements were made to that end:
 - Groups were created to in order to facilitate communications and move all groups formerly in the Band App into the Church Center App (CCA).
 - The Live Feed for Worship through the CCA was changed from Facebook to our YouTube Channel to make our Sunday morning worship even more accessible.
 - Set up and utilized texting within our CCA in order to use it as redundant communication in case of weather emergencies, etc.
- Created *The Veil*, a Worship Arts installation made of hanging crystals for our Advent series, Reflecting the Sacred. Though we had some technical difficulties (it collapsed the first Sunday before Worship), it provided a glistening reminder of how we each can reflect the sacred in our daily lives.
- Compiled and emailed the daily entries of *The 12 Miracles of Eden – 2022* over the last ten days of the year as a testament to how God is moving in and through the people of Eden Church. It has just been sent to press and you will be receiving a copy shortly.

From my place in the “crow’s nest,” I see a lot of what goes on behind the scenes. Many times, I see our people doing things in the spirit and the way of Jesus behind the scenes where no one else sees their dedication, kindness, generosity, and love for others. If this is you, I want you to know that I see you, I am inspired by you, and I thank you on behalf of our church family. It is because of your efforts that we continue to share the love of Christ both in- and outside of Eden Church.

It is, as always, my pleasure to serve God and His people in this role. I marvel every day how He has led me back to Eden to be a part of the vitality and life in this church. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

Determined to serve,
 Julie Scott
 Administrative and Communications Associate

Ministry Assistant / Staff Accompanist Annual Report

Even though I've been on staff at Eden for many, many years, it feels like a new Spirit and focus is energizing us. So, as a staff member, I've never been more excited to humbly serve in this body of Christ we call Eden Church.

In review of 2022, I was engaged in serving the church in the following ways:

- Providing worship music on the keyboards for Sunday morning and special worship services
- Heading up the Hospitality Team (special thanks to Haley Thornburg, Lori Ledbetter, June Ladd, Cheryl Decker, and Judy Mansfield for generously contributing delicious snacks for our table.
- Being part of the team for VBS Snacks and Funeral Dinners
- Leading the Call-out Choir as they performed at Easter and Advent
- Leading the Spice-of-Life Study Group
- Assistance with Altar decorations
- Weekly staff meetings as we envision where God is leading us, and what that looks like in our spaces and in our worship

In recognition that my staff roles went beyond just accompanist as my previous title had been, the Official Board voted to retitle my role as Ministry Assistant. I appreciate this new reflection of the ways in which I feel called to serve Eden Church. And it is indeed a privilege to assist all our ministry team members in any way that I can.

Thank you, Eden Church, for all you are, and all you are becoming. I look forward prayerfully to what 2023 has in store for us as we pursue Grace in Action!

Respectfully submitted

Diane Russell

2022 Board and Committee Reports

Board of Deacons

Jeff Hotmire (chair), Lori Ledbetter (secretary)
Jim Benfiel, Beth Cull, Cheryl Decker, Jim Decker, Jack Hallam,
Kerry Ledbetter, Andrea Prybis, Dave Prybis

Working together, with the help of God, the Deacons:

- Assisted Pastor Tammy with regular and special services
- Cared for members by visitation, prayer, sending cards, and giving Christmas bags
- Prepared and served Communion
- Made the sanctuary read for worship services
- Greeted worshippers on Sunday morning and provided ushers
- Recruited scripture readers

The Deacons would like to thank the Eden Church family for the many ways you assisted in this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Hotmire / Lori Ledbetter

Board of Trustees

It is with great sadness that this report is presented this year. The Board of Trustees lost a very dear friend and an extremely talented member, Ross Walter. Ross had served as the board secretary for many years and always prepared and presented not only our monthly minutes but also this report. We were very fortunate to serve with Ross, learn from his words of wisdom and gain experience working on projects around our campus as he made repairs or maintained our facility. Ross gladly and willingly volunteered doing whatever job needed to be done. Thank you, Ross, on behalf of Eden's membership and the Board of Trustees for a job WELL DONE.....oh, could you please give us a hint of where you might have put the door hinge pins?

The Board of Trustees for 2022 were: Phil Schink and Paul Russell, co-chairpersons, Don Parsons, Byran Weikel, Mike Edwards, Matt Dobbs and the late Ross Walter. We will welcome Jennifer Henry onto the board for 2023.

Some of the jobs completed in 2022 were:

- Re-keying all the exterior/interior door locks
- Installed sensors for water leak detection
- Installed "Pull for Police" emergency alerts
- Repaired Celebration Hall's septic system
- Installed exterior security cameras
- Installed a reverse osmosis drinking station in Celebration Hall
- Mulched the flower beds around the church
- Scheduled volunteers to mow our lawns

Submitted by: Paul Russell

2021 Ministries Annual Reports

Eden Connections Ministry - Annual Report

Eden Connections is the next step in removing barriers so that newcomers feel that Eden Church is truly a place of belonging. Not only do the Teams within Eden Connections help people feel welcomed and loved from the outset, but the structure of Eden Connections allows for easy integration so that people can serve as soon as the Spirit leads them to do so and leaders affirm and equip them for their calling.

Dave and Andrea Prybis are the ministry leaders of EC and assist the pastors with coordinating people to serve in the areas that include The Welcome Center, greeters, and ushers. The Deacons are now structurally located under the umbrella of Eden Connections assisting the pastors with worship, communion and congregational care. Other teams include, hospitality, Guest follow-up, First Impressions, and Meal Ministry. Our campus host is staff member Julie Scott, staff member Diane Russell coordinates hospitality volunteers. We are thankful for all the volunteers we have who help make our community a welcoming and vibrant community.

Volunteers are needed in all areas of our Eden Connections Ministry to BLESS our community. We will be continuing to build our teams to sustain our success even as we grow. Eden Church values the leading of the Holy Spirit through all participants in worship regardless of their “position,” whether clergy, staff, member, or non-member. As Eden moves into the future, even now, we hope to see individuals within the surrounding community come to find that this place of worship is a place they belong, a place to experience transformation through Jesus Christ.

Like all other ministries at Eden Church, Connections is energized by the conviction that people matter to God, therefore they matter to us! These Connection Teams work to accomplish one common purpose, to help create a positive and friendly atmosphere during the worship service and other community life experiences by serving all who come, in some very practical ways and caring for our members and community as the hands and feet of Jesus. A full description of Eden Connections and team leaders is available through Pastor Tammy or Julie Scott.

Prepared by
Pastor Tammy Hallam
February 2023

Spark Annual Report

Eden Spark is a youth group for elementary-aged children and their families that meets once per month, usually on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30pm to 7pm. The Spark Family Night includes a meal, Bible lesson, games, crafts and other activities, with the goal of helping kids to grow closer to God, and build trusting relationships with church family. Families are encouraged to participate in events together.

This year has been a year of growth for the Spark youth group, as volunteers continued having one in person event with families per month, usually at Eden Church, or outdoors at a home nearby. Spark meets on the third Thursday of each month on Zoom for an interactive Bible lesson, games, and a time for

sharing. Some of the kids in our Spark Zoom have been meeting together since the start of the pandemic. The goal of Spark is to help kids to grow spiritually and develop a close relationship with God, as their families are helped to grow spiritually as well. Spark volunteers had the opportunity to outreach to 20 children or more at each in-person meeting.

The Spark in-person meetings allowed children to learn about God and share in fun activities together with their families and church family indoors and outdoors. It is a blessing to watch kids grow in their faith and understanding of God. It has been a joy this year to watch some of our children beginning to attend worship on Sunday mornings, in addition to attending Spark or tutoring. Prayers are appreciated for our Spark youth and their families in 2023.

Blessings,
Barb Broyles

Tutoring/Mentoring Outreach Ministry Annual Report

The 2022 year has been an exciting year of rapid growth with outreach to families in the area community. The Eden Tutoring Outreach meets on Monday evenings at Eden Church from 5:30pm to 6:30pm for grades K through 12. We do have a few students who are tutored an hour earlier from 4:30pm -5:30pm in math to receive more intensive help. Eden Tutoring has grown from having just a few youth when we resumed in November of 2021, after the pandemic restrictions were lifted, to currently tutoring 19 youth regularly. A few are helped by Michael Shaffer with math through Zoom tutoring on an additional day each week.

Each Monday, our tutors try to make learning fun, and provide an environment that is encouraging and supportive to the kids, as they do their homework and engage in educational activities. We provided a snack during tutoring for the kids each week in 2022 but will be reaching out with a meal for kids and volunteers in 2023, during the times when we offer additional youth ministries before and after tutoring, including Eden Praise Kids music ministry and a basketball outreach for youth.

The Eden Tutoring Outreach has been blessed with amazing volunteers who have loving and caring hearts for youth and are strong spiritual mentors for them and their families. Eden Tutoring provides an opportunity to connect with parents, as well as youth, as volunteers work with their children. We currently have 10 tutors and no subs for our regular weekly tutors and have several children who do best with one-to-one help. There is a pressing need for more tutors and subs, as the goal of this ministry is to build relationships with youth, and this is best accomplished by keeping volunteer tutors and youth, either one-to-one, or a low student to volunteer ratio. There are volunteers gifted to tutor with more difficult high school level subjects, so anyone considering volunteering can be matched with a student in a grade level that is comfortable for them.

Many of the youth who attend tutoring are attending more and more ministries at Eden Church, and are learning about God, and growing closer to their Eden Church family. Prayers are deeply appreciated for our Eden Tutoring volunteers, and the youth and families who are coming through the doors each Monday. If you are interested in outreaching to families through helping as a regular tutor or sub, please contact Barb Broyles at 765-744-8375.

In Christ,
Barb Broyles

On Course Disc Golf Annual Report

The disc golf discs that have been purchased for On Course ministries have been used several times in 2022 for youth outings at Frank Merry Park on their disc golf course, and at the Del Com Disc Golf course behind Eaton Elementary School. The discs have been used frequently at Spark and ESU combined outdoor events as well. Having a membership at Frank Merry Park for Eden Church, and being able to use the grounds and disc golf course there, (between Eaton and Dunkirk), allowed our youth ministries to be able to provide a beautiful, uncrowded outdoor venue to give our Spark and ESU youth opportunities to connect with one another, and with volunteers in a rustic change of scenery that is peaceful and relaxing. The youth often open up and share as they participate in an event there together.

Playing disc golf in the woods, especially, seems to be a team building and cooperative event for kids, as they encounter the challenges of throwing their discs through trees, and helping and encouraging one another. There are plans to continue disc golf events in 2023 at Frank Merry, Del Com Disc Golf Course, and possibly other locations. Volunteers often see that activities like disc golf help kids to connect with volunteers and communicate as they relax. Prayers that Eden Church can continue reaching out to youth and families in the area community in ways that make it easy for families connect, as we move out beyond the walls of the church.

Blessings,
Barb Broyles

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

Eden Women

This year Eden Women has met monthly on the third Sunday of the month at 3:00. We have studied A Woman God's Spirit Can Guide by Alice Mathews and Do you Love Me? by Debbie Swindoll. We usually have 3-4 ladies attend. We make around 55 greeting cards for Brickyard Muncie Healthcare each month. We would love to have more ladies attend.

Contact Karen Parsons (765) 730-0223 for more information.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle meets on Monday evenings weekly. We have 6 ladies who regularly attend. We have studied Ten Men of the Bible: How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World by Max Lucado this year. We enjoy a time of fellowship. We have room for more ladies to join us as we start 2023 studying Ephesians.

Contact Karen Parsons (765)-730-0223 for more information.

Mending the Soul

For 2022, there were two sessions of mending the soul. The first session was in the spring and had four participants and two facilitators. From that class, one of the participants then became a facilitator. The second session was held in the fall and had six participants (and two facilitators) and a wait list for the next session!!! Most interesting about this group is that most of the participants were not members of Eden, and at least two people who “applied” saw the sign in the church yard and called to inquire about the class.

This was a great group and we had great success. One woman realized her past relationship was not good for her and made the decision to not go back to the relationship. Another woman realized that her current relationship was abusive and vowed to remedy that. And another brave woman was able to share her past with her current partner with great success because of the skills she learned in class and with the confidence she gained in herself. We hope to raise up another facilitator out of that class as well.

The Mending the Soul program is not just about getting people with abusive past or traumatic experiences together. It's about learning how to communicate and react, and most importantly, realize that we are children of God and we deserve to be treated with kindness, love, and respect. And if we are not, we have the power to change that. Not only do the participants get the tools they need to work through their struggles, but the facilitators benefit as well. The facilitators are also survivors and have gone through the class, so they know exactly what the women are going through when taking the class. The facilitators also learn from the women. We can all learn from hearing someone's story. Eden currently has three facilitators, with hopes of adding a fourth soon. The next session I believe will be in the summer or fall.

Jennifer Henry
Mending the Soul Facilitator

DivorceCare Annual Report

Our DivorceCare small group has been meeting on Thursday nights in The Living Room. At the beginning of this year we did not have any new participants so we began the 8-week study, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. We finished this study on February 23rd after taking several breaks to go back into the DivorceCare material for a new young man who came into the group seeking guidance and healing from an unexpected divorce he was experiencing. This group has been a place of encouragement and spiritual growth and we celebrate this periodically with going to dinner together. We will be taking a break from our regular meetings this spring but will continue to meet for dinner periodically. I am thankful we can provide this support for people experiencing separation and divorce.

Debbie Huston
DivorceCare Team Leader

Body & Soul Wholeness and Health Ministry Annual Report

In the fall of 2023, Pastor Tammy and Terri Carter launched the new Body & Soul ministry. The purpose of this ministry is to cultivate community, provide spiritual encouragement all in the context of fitness classes for all ages. Participation continues to grow and we continue to assess the needs of our community for any additional classes we may want to start. The classes are drawing many people who are new to our campus and give opportunities for connection, conversations and even individual prayer at times. I have included the information below to share the details of the implementation of this ministry.

Body & Soul - A Health and Wellness Ministry of Eden Church

In Him we live and move and have our being - Acts 17:28

Introduction to Body & Soul Ministry

Body & Soul is designed to promote wellness and a healthy lifestyle in a safe, God-focused atmosphere by offering a variety of exercise classes that are fun, provide spiritual encouragement and create community.

Mission Statement:

To improve the health and wellness of the members of our church and community through a program that improves the physical fitness of our members, the practice of healthy living, as well as inviting people to experience their EPIC journey with God.

Body & Soul Classes Overview

Terri Carter, ACE Certified Instructor

- Body Flow – Thursdays 5:45-6:45 pm - This class is a combination of Tai Chi, Yoga and Pilates. The class flows through a complete body workout and flexibility training. You will come away feeling like you worked hard and stretched your body out as well. This class comes to you

by an instructor who is certified through the Les Mills organization. Les Mills is a leader in the fitness industry whose goal is to “help people fall in love with fitness so they want to work out.

- **Cardio/Strength Intervals – Saturdays 9 am -** This class is a combination of Cardiorespiratory intervals and Strength intervals. The class focuses on short bursts of high-intensity cardio, strength, balance and flexibility exercises. All working together to help you improve or maintain the ability to do activities of daily living (ADL)! There will be sweating involved so bring your towel, water and of course a smile! You will be glad you came!
- **Active Older Adult – Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 -** This class is a combination of standing and sitting exercises. The class focuses on all the elements important for an older adult to stay independent, vibrant, healthy, and happy! The class is made up of a combination of cardio, strength, flexibility, functionality, agility, and balance, all done in a group setting that is safe, welcoming, and encouraging.

Pastor Tammy Hallam, MDiv, RHYI, Instructor

- **Holy Yoga - Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 pm -** Come and be rejuvenated! Holy Yoga is designed to provide students with an opportunity to connect with God, information on the benefits of yoga, Holy Yoga philosophy, breath work, instruction of the primary poses along with scripture meditation. There is no prior experience of you needed

What to bring to classes: exercise/yoga mat, light weights, small towel or blanket, yoga strap and block is optional. For more info contact your instructors.

RSVP if possible, by texting your instructor if attending. This will help us gauge interest in providing these new classes.

Terri Carter Bio:

Born and raised in Ashtabula, Ohio, I Moved to Muncie in 1989 with my husband Brian. I have loved being active from a very young age. Playing in our front yard, roller skating, doing group exercise classes, riding my bicycle around the perimeter of the United States, running, and then teaching group exercise classes at the local YMCA's in Muncie and Yorktown. I have taught many different types of classes in the 15 years at the YMCA. Some include, Cycling, Strength, Cardio, HIIT, Silver Sneakers, Active Older Adult, BodyFlow, Stretching, Live Strong, a Cancer survivors class. The Lord is leading me in other adventures now and one of those is my getting certified as Group Fitness Instructor from ACE (American Council on Exercise). My journey with Jesus has been an exciting, and adventurous one. I love the Lord with all my heart, mind and soul and I pray to bring the love of Jesus to everyone I come in contact with through the classes I teach through Eden Body & Soul!

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Pastor Tammy Hallam Bio:

Pastor Tammy is an ordained pastor with the Evangelical Covenant Church. She received her Master of Divinity through Phoenix Seminary and training in Spiritual Direction from North Park Seminary in Chicago. She has served for over twenty years as a pastor in local churches in Arizona and now in Indiana with a focus on spiritual formation, leadership development and community transformation. Her passion is to walk alongside others in their journey towards understanding God's desire to know and love them and how they can respond to that love and live a God-inspired life. One way she loves to do this is through her certification as a registered Holy Yoga instructor.

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Sunday Study Groups Annual Reports

Sharing Life Sunday Study Group Annual Report

The Sharing Life Sunday Study Group met in the Living Room throughout the year on Sunday mornings. We enjoyed getting together to share about and pray for life's ups and downs, and the various ways we were able to see God through those circumstances. We studied each week's Renew during our time together on Sunday mornings, and found that it was a great way to focus our attention to the time we set aside for worshipping God together during the worship service. We also brought meals to ESU a couple times throughout the year.

In Christ,
Matt Thornburg

Friends in Faith Annual Report

We were once again led by Michael Shaffer during the year. The class continues to meet in person in the church basement with an average attendance of 10 over 47 Sundays. The class also meets by Zoom at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Please feel welcome to attend whichever fits your needs.

Michael led us through the study of Genesis which included reading about Jacob and his family. The year also included joining in a church-wide study entitled *No Strings-Untangling Your Hearts Attachment to Money*. We ended the year discussing God's promise to King David that one of his descendants would be King forever. As we start 2023 Michael introduced a new series, *Discovering the Gospel in Every Book of the Bible*.

Friends in Faith continued to support Friends of Hope (child sponsorship) on a monthly basis. In addition, special contributions were made to Christmas gifts for local families, Staff gifts, Secret Families and Habitat for Humanity.

As we begin the new year it is once again hopeful the class continues to grow in size and faith throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Decker, Class President

Homebuilders Annual Report

We had an attendance of about 12 for most of the year.

Pat Thompson took over for December.

We had a special series for Easter. The rest of the year we studied Genesis.

Ken Wilkinson