

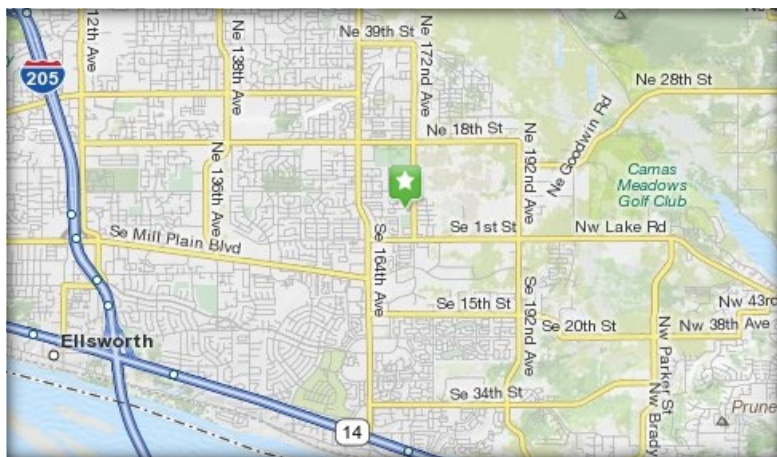


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# Annual Report

## 2016-2017



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REAL LIFE  
WITH GOD

WALK in Him  
Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so  
Colossians 2:6

"AWAKEN"  
CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR

MEN  
& Women  
Together in Ministry



## State Of The Church

### Pastor Mike Wilde

As I write this we have already received our temporary occupancy permit! Thank You, Jesus! Two years after vacating Fischer Hall we have returned and it looks better than ever. Of course, most of the work done is covered up by the refurbished walls and floors but the building is more stable now than it's ever been and so is our church family! While repairing and restoring Fischer Hall was one of our goals this past year, so was multi-generational discipleship and evangelism. I shared our "bookmark" prayer requests for this rebuilding process and it seems appropriate again to use this to highlight what God has done in and through us this past year.

**Unity-** Pray that our church will remain united as we face the challenges of repairing and renovating Fischer Hall. You really get to know people when you put them together in a confined space over a long period of time. What we experienced these past two years is a genuine unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, Ephesians 5:3. As Pastor Kevin has mentioned already, there were many of our new family members who have only worshiped in our Fellowship building. With such restrictions put on us I believe we became closer to each other than ever.

**Wisdom-** God's wisdom and direction for the Elders, Site Development team, Finance team, Lisa Slater, our structural engineer, and H&A Construction as they work together to make key decisions, coordinate with the County, and deal with the permit process.

I can't speak highly enough of all the men and women who sacrificially gave of their time, talents and abilities to work through all the necessary steps to complete this project and do the work of ministry. While repairing and restoring Fischer Hall we were doing the work of ministry together.

**Flexibility-** That our pastors, staff, ministry leaders, and the body will be able to adapt schedules, events, and the needs of the church family to continue the current work of ministry within the limitations of our facilities.

We flexed to accommodate all of our ministries in half the space for another year. In addition, there was a long season where we had to vacate the fellowship hall as well...and still reached out both locally and globally with the good

news of Jesus Christ. Worship, mission trip, outreach events, and discipleship were taking place simultaneously with Moment frames, remediating our floor, painting, tiling and the hundred other things going on in Fischer Hall.

**Creativity-** To use our time, talent, and treasures effectively for His kingdom purposes. To discover new opportunities to partner with God, to meet current and future needs, and do ministry more creatively.

Both young adults and our youth were huge players in helping us think and act creatively this past year to be effective in doing the work of ministry.

*"We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me," Colossians 1:28,29.*

effective in doing the work of ministry. The Elders, Pastors and staff were instrumental in helping affirm and enact new ways of doing ministry together. Multi-generational discipleship was put into action as we conducted our Love and Respect class, Men's and NextGen leadership classes, Women's mentoring, Bible studies, and a host of other ministries that allowed us to put our faith into action through the whole age spectrum.

**Stewardship-** Pray for the Finance Team as they seek God's unexpected provisions,

determine what is appropriate for this undertaking, and help all of us give sacrificially.

Praise God. Our pledges and giving exceeded our initial goal of \$1.5 million because of your sacrificial giving. Thank you! We are trusting that God will help us with the remaining \$200,00 to complete this project.

**Spiritual and Numerical Growth-** That God would use this opportunity for us to trust Him more, grow deeper in our faith, and as a result, see many come to faith in Christ.

While our overall attendance numbers declined some this year, we did see many people make first time decisions for Christ. We had children accepting Christ at VBS, the Harvest Carnival and Club 66. We saw many adults make decisions of faith at some of our memorial and worship services.

This was a challenging year with lots of deadlines, demands and difficulties that the church not only exceeded but thrived. Thank You, Jesus and thank you to the Laurelwood family.





# IMPACT: Youth Ministry

- Camps and retreats are always a highlight at IMPACT!
  - ◊ At ETV, we saw 24 students sign up, 8 of which were first time campers! Our theme was “Home” and Greg Goostree and Mindy Eldredge lead us through a great week of thinking about the troubles we can face at home and the Heavenly home that awaits those who are adopted into God’s family!
  - ◊ Drew Berryessa was our speaker at Dunes last summer and he did a fantastic job of opening our students up to talking about some heavy discussions using the theme of “Star Wars: The Force is Awkward.” It was amazing week where our students really got to be honest with their counselors and have great discussions about life and faith.
  - ◊ The weather didn’t cooperate for us to be a part of the regularly scheduled Camp Jonah this winter, so we found another week when we had the camp all to ourselves! It was a great weekend of games, exploring caves and worship while our chapel times centered on the theme of “Trade Up.” Trade up your insecurity for self-worth. Trade up the bad so that you can experience the good. Trade up the good so you can experience the great. And trade up the comfortable for the unexplainable.
  - ◊ With Spring Thaw being cancelled, we were also on our own for our HS Spring Retreat! We loaded up a couple of vans and headed to the beach! We explored the parables of the hidden treasure & the fine pearls (Matthew 13:44-46), the large catch of fish (Matthew 13:47-50) and the city on a hill (Matthew 5:14-16) while making a few strategic stops along the beach that illustrated the parables’ meanings.
- Luke Jech graduated from the Convergence Program through CB Northwest in January, completing the 3-year program designed to train him for ministry in the local church.
- Over the past year, we’ve had several opportunities to serve our community, specifically at Evergreen High School. We’ve gathered items for the young moms and their babies that are part of the Grads Program at Evergreen and have received several heartfelt thank you letters from them. We made some great connections playing basketball with the students at lunch time on Mondays as well. Last fall, we hosted a couple of BBQ’s for both boys’ and girls’ sports teams while also making sure to invite students who might not have dinner available to them due to their circumstances. At one BBQ we handed out nearly 150 hot dogs!



## Men’s Ministry

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”  
Proverbs 27:17



- 8 men attended Men's Roundup-Great time of fellowship, food, and great teaching by Gus Bess on effective prayer from James 5:16.
- 15 regularly attend the "Quest for Authentic Manhood" bible study on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings.
- 25 plus attended each of the different Men's breakfasts throughout the year.

## young ADULTS

- Connected the Young Adults and Boomers+ ministries together through a special brunch
- Grew closer together through rest and devotion time during our retreat
- Maintained group health and love for each other through God-given opportunities
- Equipped group members with practical skills through our Life Skills series



Greg & Heidi Carlson  
Josiah Venture, Poland



Dwight & Beckie Johnson  
World Venture, Taiwan



Doug & Dee Valenzuela  
World Venture, Italy



George & Molly Varghese  
Timothy Ministry, India



Al & Autumn Ray  
MarriageTeam, Vancouver WA



Dave & Connie Patty  
Josiah Venture, Czech Republic

# our missionaries



Tracy & Leng Halstead  
CEF, Vancouver WA



Bill & Bobbie Trenckmann  
Josiah Venture, Romania



David & Catherine Love  
World Venture, Germany



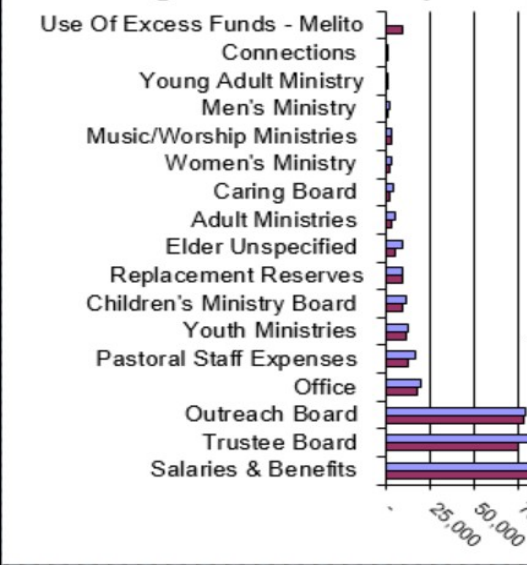
# Treasurer's Report

We now have seen surpluses of general fund giving over spending for the last 6 years. This reflects both generous giving by the congregation as well as responsible spending by ministry leaders, and has been instrumental in allowing us to help fund both our own building project as well as help our sister church in Melito with their project. This last year saw the bulk of the work and expense for restoring and improving our worship center. At this point we are looking to be close (but not over) our approved budget of \$1.725 million. We are excited to see how God will use this to further his Kingdom! Through God's blessing, the attendees and members of Laurelwood gifted almost \$900,000 toward the General Fund, Missions, our Building Project, and Benevolent Fund. The main difference in giving from the previous period was due to last year being a 14 month period as we moved to a May 31 fiscal year end to better accommodate ministry planning. Let's continue to pray for God's guidance on how to make more disciples in our community and around the world.

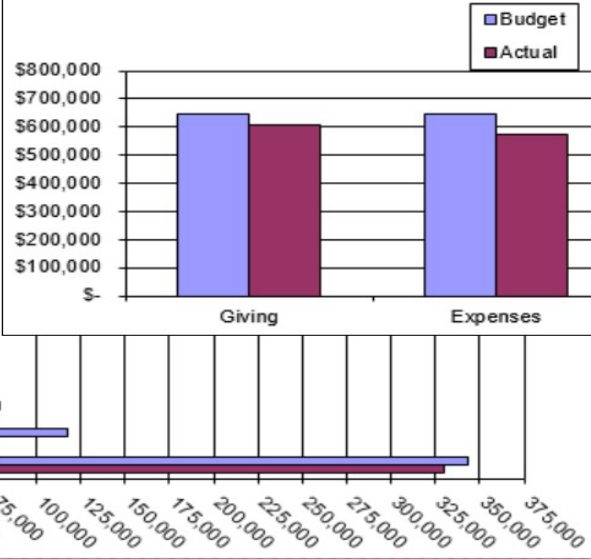
General Fund		
	Budget	Actual
Giving	\$ 644,428	604,405
Expenses	644,428	576,149
Surplus/(Deficit) *	-	28,256

\*2016 approved General Fund contribution of \$10,000 to Melito Church Project in 2016/17 actuals. Not reflected here was a congregational approved transfer of \$50,000 General Funds to Building Fund.

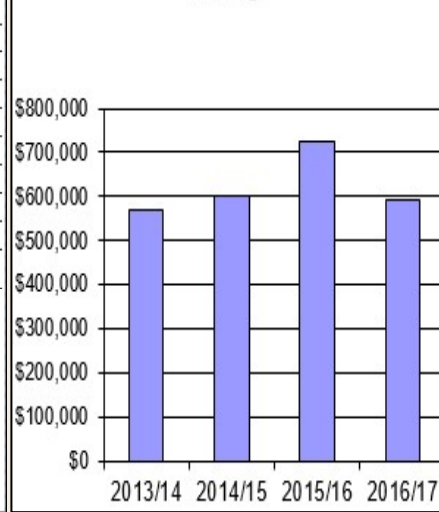
LBC - Budgeted vs. Actual Expenses



LBC - Giving vs Actual Summary



LBC - Yearly General Fund Giving



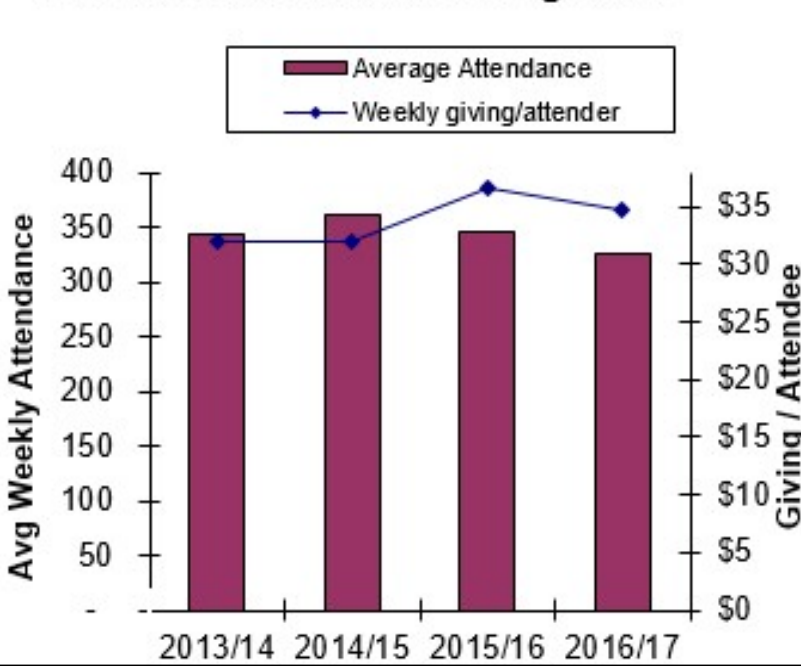
Annual Giving Summary

	05/30/17	05/31/16
General Fund	586,665	712,798
Missions	7,248	9,642
Capital Campaign	222,091	320,264
Facility Improvement	-	900
Benevolent Fund	17,575	19,021
Short Term Missions	38,743	8,804
Other Designated	23,489	20,513
	\$895,811	\$1,091,942

Cash Summary

	05/31/17	05/31/16
General Fund	142,500	174,130
Capital Campaign	326,507	352,678
Facility Improvement Fund	20,000	10,000
Designated Funds	14,256	23,409
Total Cash	503,263	560,217

LBC - Attendance and Giving Stats



# Sunday School



Praise the Lord for a smooth transition of leadership from Jerry Matte to John Weeks during this past year. We formed the ACL Leader Team that met twice: Paul Lantz, John Weeks, Don Wiens, Mike Wilde. A brochure about the new Deeper Life Series was printed and distributed, and the Discovery Classes and Deeper Life Classes have been scheduled through 2018. A new ACL Coordination Team was formed and met May 7. Attendance during the 9:00 am hour has steadily increased, and we anticipate another good year.

# Outreach Ministry

- We were excited to send 43 people on 9 short term mission trips over the last year (not including the Jones' globe-trotting work with Compassion). We also had our church's first-ever participation in Summer in the USA ministry to host unreached Basque students. And we praised God with the Halsteads as they and some of our own youth had 2,629 contacts and prayed with 146 kids throughout the summer during 5-Day Clubs, camps and the County fair.
- Our missionaries had many accomplishments that we were able to pray for and praise God for during the year. For example, the Pattys oversaw Josiah Venture's most fruitful year of ministry ever - the gospel shared with over 39,000 people face to face and directly seeing 1,656 put their faith in Christ. We also prayed for the Trenckmanns and Carlsons as they successfully transitioned from serving with Josiah Venture in Romania and Poland to serving in the Pacific Northwest in ministries focused on equipping lay leaders in young adult and youth ministries.



# Clerk Report

New members:	4	Losses:	
Baptisms:	0	By removal	0
Active members March 2014:	289	By death	4
Active members March 2015:	262	By transfer to inactive	0
Gains:		By moving/attending elsewhere	27
By statement of faith	4		

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS ENDURES

# Caring Team

Caring Team members touched every aspect of Body Life by ministering through the celebrations of:

- Life (weddings/receptions/ memorial services)
- Worship (communions/baptisms)
- Fellowship (social events/special meals/ hospital visits)
- Mercy ( marital and financial aid and counsel)
- The Laurelwood Family supported its own by contributing over \$22,000 toward Benevolent Fund disbursements.

Disciples of Christ Making Disciples for Christ



# Children's Ministry



- Children's ministry is blessed to have so many faithful volunteers loving our kids and teaching them about Jesus every Sunday morning, for the harvest carnival, VBS, and club 66. Praise God!
- VBS was life changing with 160 kids attending. 3 decisions were made for Christ, and hundreds of seeds were sown/watered! The children raised more than \$350 to bless kids in Baja California, Mexico with a ball pit and therapy equipment.
- The harvest carnival was a success with 2 new games introduced and more than 300 people in attendance. 8 children made decisions for Christ!
- Club 66 enrollment was full again this year with 70 kids attending weekly. 3 names have been written in the Book of Life so far this year!



# Women's Ministry

## WOW

- During the 2016-2017 season the Word of God was studied by sixty-seven women through four different studies. We were blessed to have five women step up this year to be our facilitators; Pauline Nordlund, Connie Russell, Belinda Smith, Katie Doel and Mary Dombrow.

## MOPS

- This year in MOPS, 26 leaders worked together to serve and encourage 58 moms, who together represent more than 120 children! Our group represents 21 Vancouver-area churches and includes 9 unchurched women.
- In addition to fantastic professional development (via the speakers & discussions), we really saw God work through our women as they enjoyed fellowship with one another. We know that this year MOPS has strengthened the faith of our moms and as a result of our Easter craft (Resurrection Eggs) we know we have had one child accept Christ.
- We are excited for the new direction our group is taking; when it became clear that the MOPS International ministry was no longer moving in a direction that corresponds with the Laurelwood statement of faith and purpose for ministering to



moms, we successfully communicated the situation to church leaders and, by God's leading and grace, developed a new name and mission statement for our ministry to moms here at Laurelwood.

## SHOWERS:

- LBC ladies have showered many of our women this past year in honor of new babies and weddings. We were able to celebrate 5 new to Laurelwood babies and 3 brides and even our first couples shower. We've begun blessing moms who are expecting new babies, that have received showers in the past with a small gift. Our showers are a wonderful time of fellowship and we are seeing more and more women and new faces attend.

## MENTORING:

- This year Women's Ministries has been privileged to host two ten week Sunday School classes; one on the subject of Mentoring with Elizabeth Hightower and another entitled "How to Help a Friend" taught by Carley Weeks. Our women have taken the information to heart and therefore, we currently have more than 30 women and girls in mentoring relationships.

# Worship Ministry

- A major transition took place when we moved back into the Worship Center and had our first service in there. Hundreds of hours were spent preparing the room for the new stage lights and sound system. A HUGE thanks to the many people who volunteered their time and talents to get the room ready for services.
- Many special services took place during the year including a Young Adult Sunday, Boomer Sunday, Youth Sunday, Christmas, Easter, etc. But perhaps the biggest highlight was our first Sunday in the new Worship Center when 3 of the former Laurelwood Pastors joined Pastor Mike to dedicate the Worship Center to the Lord
- The relationships and community in our Worship Teams continues to be a highlight. This year, 4 more members were added to the "10 year club" (those who have been on Worship Team for 10 years or more). This brings our total to 9 out of the 32 team members have been involved for at least 10 years.



## Boomers Plus: Senior's Ministry

We continued to meet throughout the year with the purpose of providing opportunities for Laurelwood's seniors to establish and deepen relationships with one another, as well as to be an encouragement to them & help them recognize & use the gifts & talents God has given them for service to further His Kingdom. Some of the highlights of this past year have been:

- July summer picnic
- Freedom House connection
- Young Adults events
- Jr & High School connection

# Small Groups

- Small Groups continue to be an important way for those in our church to grow and get connected as 228 people are currently involved in a Small Group
- During the Fall Small Group Kickoff, 61 people signed up for Small Groups including 36 that had never been in a Small Group before.
- 2 new Small Groups were formed during the Fall Kickoff, bringing the total number of small groups to 16 unique groups.



# Facilities

- From a facility standpoint, the biggest (and most obvious) thing we did this year was complete the Worship Center and move back in!
- Over 50 people helped in some capacity in the new Worship Center, whether it was sheet rocking, painting, tiling, cleaning, landscaping, moving things, hanging panels, working on A/V equipment, installing items, etc.
- An estimated 2,386 volunteer hours was spent working on the new Worship Center, which saved the church approximately \$50,000

