



LAURELWOOD

Annual Report 2017—2018

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STATE OF THE CHURCH

I truly love being a part of this Laurelwood family! I love this community of believers, I love the incredible friendliness, generosity and willingness to partner with God as He leads us on this incredible adventure. As you look at the annual report, take a look at the way God has worked in us and through us this past year. There is a lot to praise the Lord for and opportunities for us to grow. This past year we had four goals we were working towards.

Another carry over from last year was finishing the work in the Worship Center. This is drawing to a close and plans are in place to finish this huge project. Thank you Lisa Slater, Don Wiens and the team for staying with it and for our incredible volunteer crew that has invested countless hours in finishing up all the work that we said we would do to keep the costs down. Bob and Sue DeViney and their teams have been outstanding, thanks!

Multi-generational discipleship: Equipping the whole church to make all generations fully devoted followers of Christ. Thank you, John Weeks for heading up our Adult Christian Learning and training a team of teachers. In addition, we have formed a new team we call SHIFT, to assist parents as the primary disciple makers of their children and how the church connects to assist families, and equip ourselves to mentor, train, and hold one another accountable. This goal is on-going and we are excited about this new dimension of what we are now calling, Intergenerational discipleship. Stay tuned.

Finally, we had a Church Health Team, led by Steve and Patricia Jones, evaluate our “Inspiring Worship” minimum factor. Kevin

*“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.*

and I are already working to a better atmosphere for worshiping. We had two sermon series to help us understand the different styles and streams of worshiping God, which gave us a better appreciation of the multi-faceted jewel that worship is. We have established a feedback loop to help us better improve our worship of God each week. The move back into the Worship Center is a huge contribution to our overall worship experience. Thank you, Kevin, for your hard work here.

As we look at next year, there are some goals that the Elders and

Ministry Leaders have helped develop and are going to continue to refine and work on.

Goal 1, increase Discipleship between Generations. We want to support our parents as primary disciple makers, while providing appropriate mentors. In addition we want to increase collaboration between the different generations of ministries that we are doing. We have placed part-time assistance in our Children's and Youth Ministry programs to better implement this goal.

Goal 2, improve awareness of our church focus and functions so that we are more unified as a church and more coordinated in our efforts. We are reworking elements of our key brochure- Who we Are and What we Do, which has defined how we will do ministry at Laurelwood. We are working on the content of what we teach, our functions as a church and developing ideas for a better, visual display of our mission, vision and values as a church.

Goal 3, partner with outside outreach programs to effectively reach our community for Christ. We have implemented our SafePark Ministry and we are seeking to strengthen our partnership with Evergreen High School.

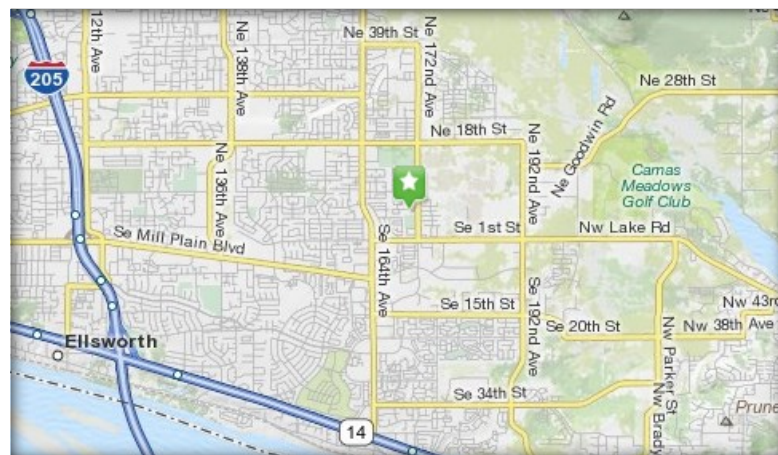
Goal 4, we want to enhance corporate worship during our Sunday services. We are looking to provide sermons, music, and worship experiences to help our people deepen in the love and worship connection with God.

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*Sunday School : 9:00 am
Fellowship: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 10:15*



LAURELWOOD YOUTH:

- This year we saw God work through our multiple camps



during the summer and winter. Our high school students explored the themes of living God's full life and also the hope and power of Jesus' resurrection. During the middle school camps, our students learned about the filters that we put on our lives

that prevent us from having true relationships with others and with God. As we camped with one another, we saw many students share about their brokenness with one another, pray to God for healing, and share testimonies of God's work in their lives.

- Through prayer and worship nights during youth group, God spoke to our students and our students shared testimonies in front of the whole group! It was amazing to see them be vulnerable in front of the whole group as they shared about what God did in their lives, or asked

for prayer for their current situations.

- Our partnership with Evergreen High School continued this year as we donated needed items, sorted clothes, and served at their Unified Dance. Luke also got the chance to tutor weekly for students after school.
- Through the search committee process, Luke was officially voted in as the new youth director!



LAURELWOOD WOMEN:



- Throughout 2017-2018, we have had the average of 35 women attending Tuesday morning Bible Study and 15 at the evening study. Throughout the year, we've had studies on: The life of David, The Promises of God, Gideon, Discerning the Voice of God, and the book of James. In addition to studying, the women have been encouraged through sharing and prayer for each other.
- April 20-22 we had 49 women attend our annual Women's Retreat at Falls Creek. We heard from Speaker, Shelley Cramm

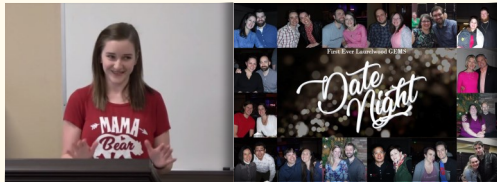
author of "God's Word for Gardeners Bible", who spoke on being Beautifully Rooted. The Laurelwood Women enjoyed a special time of fellowship together!

GEMS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Successfully transitioned from MOPS to GEMS
- As a community, we gathered around two moms with very special needs for support: a very complicated pregnancy with twins, a mom diagnosed with cancer. Both received prayer and

practical support from our community of women.

- Members (~50) learned actionable tips, hints, and other helpful information from insightful, godly speakers, including our own Rachel Draper.
- The First Ever GEMS Date Night was a success! Blessing 25 couples and bringing in several of the husbands of our GEMS members.



Greg & Heidi Carlson



Dwight & Beckie Johnson



Doug & Dee Valenzuela



George & Molly Varghese



Al & Autumn Ray



Dave & Connie Patty

Our MISSIONARIES



Tracy & Leng Halstead



Bill & Bobbie Trenckmann



David & Catherine Love

Treasurer's Report:

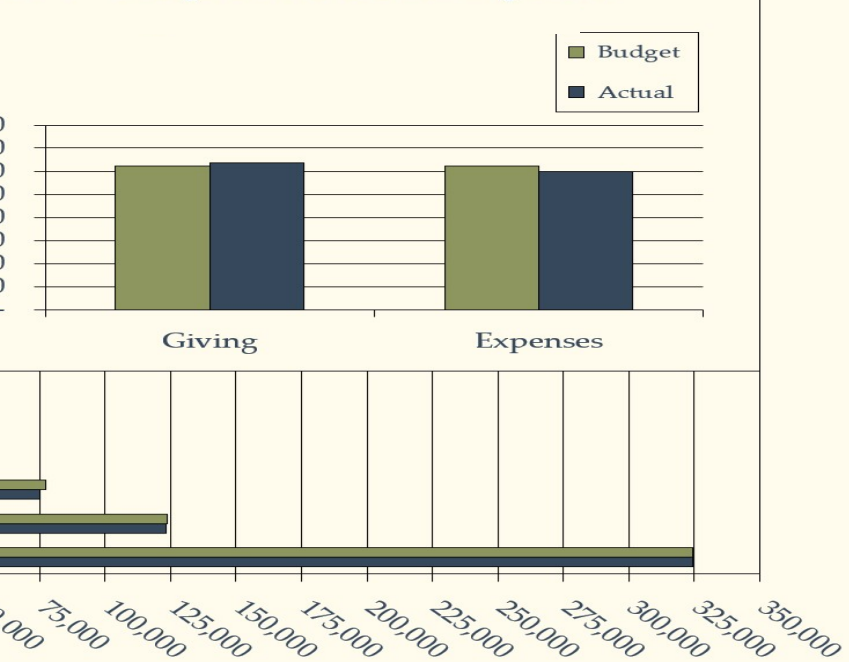
by the congregation and responsible spending by ministry leaders and has been instrumental in helping us move forward with the worship center restoration. This last year saw the near completion of the restoring and improving our worship center and the beginning of mortgage payments to Columbia Credit Union. 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. Let's continue to pray for God's guidance on how to use our time, talents and treasures to make more disciples in our community and around the world.

We now have seen surpluses of general fund giving over spending for the last 7 years! This reflects both generous giving

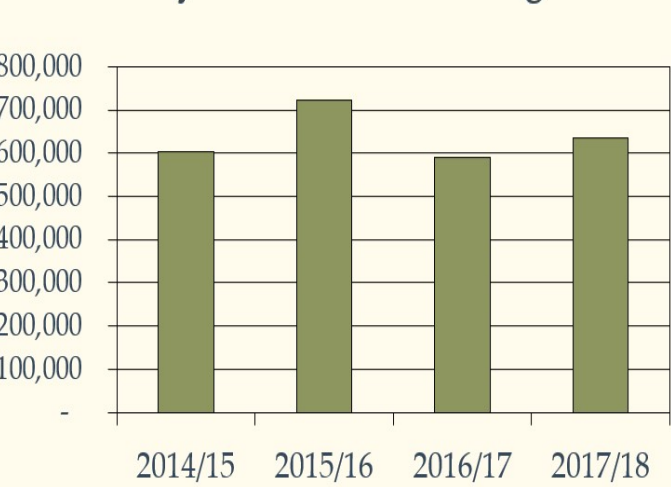
LBC - Giving vs Actual Summary



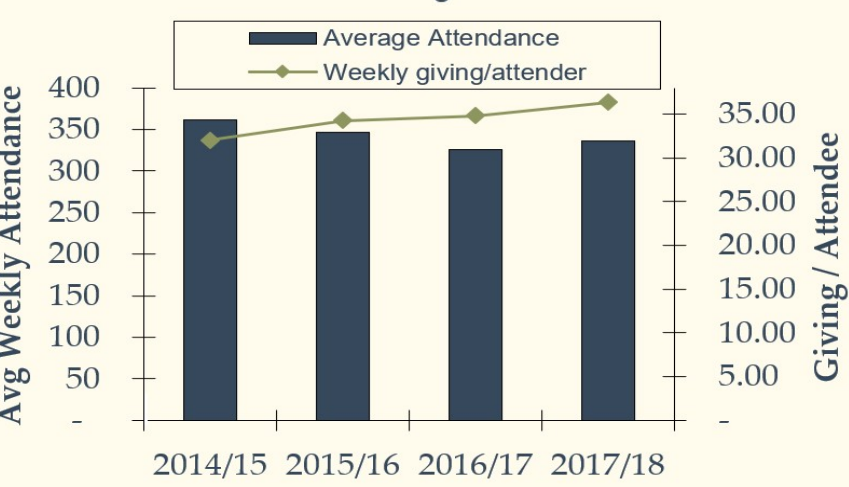
LBC - Budgeted vs. Actual Expenses



LBC - Yearly General Fund Giving



LBC - Attendance and Giving Stats



General Fund	
Budget	Actual
Giving	622,598 635,384
Expenses	622,598 597,720
Surplus/(Deficit)	- 37,664

Annual Giving Summary		
	05/30/18	05/30/17
General Fund	628,371	586,665
Missions	6,751	7,248
Capital Campaign	185,094	222,091
Facility Improvement	11,192	-
Benevolent Fund	18,091	17,575
Short Term Missions	200	38,743
Other Designated	19,245	20,513
	\$868,944	\$892,835

Cash Summary		
	05/31/18	05/31/17
General Fund	183,214	142,500
Capital Campaign	64,445	326,507
Facility Improvement Fund	25,938	20,000
Designated Funds	22,879	14,256
Total Cash	296,476	503,263

Sunday School:



- Praise the Lord for a year that provided 4 nice class rooms for adults at 9:00 am Sundays in our remodeled facility. Many teachers who worked hard to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry deserve recognition and thanks.
- Another highlight of the year was the 150 people who attended a Saturday Seminar called the Epicenter Conference, and another 50 at another seminar "Free to Disagree Agreeably."
- The class on the book of Revelation filled up so that sign-ups had to be closed. The book of Revelation will be taught again in Fall 2018 for any who wish to come.

LBC Outreach:



- Dave & Connie Patty oversaw the most fruitful year in the history of Josiah Venture with over 1,800 professions of faith. They are now in 14 countries in eastern Europe, with hundreds of camps and events including sharing the gospel in over 90 schools with their Exit Tour ministry.
- Al & Autumn Ray trained 60 new coach couples and served 113 couples with marriage coaching. This last year, they partnered with Josiah Venture to train 10 missionary couples for marriage coaching.
- Bill & Bobbie Trenckmann used their decades of successful experience in discipling youth to provide in-depth training and support to 15 youth leaders from 7 different churches.
- Doug & Dee Valenzuela saw the first baptisms in their new church in Melito and have now begun training their 3rd generation of church leaders.
- Tracy & Leng Halstead hosted the Christian Youth in Action training with 20 5-Day clubs that reached 500 kids with 40 professions of faith in just one week - in addition to thousands reached through clubs, camps and fair ministries throughout the year.



LBC Clerk Report:

- Total active membership as of June 1, 2016: 262
- Total active membership as of May 31, 2017: 271
- Gains: By statement of faith: 28
- Losses: By death: 2, By moving/attending elsewhere: 17
- Baptism: 11



Caring Team:

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

- Body Life: wedding, receptions, memorial services
- Worship Service: communions & baptisms
- Fellowship: social events, special meals, hospital visits
- Mercy: Marital & financial aid and coaching
- The Laurelwood Family supported its own by contributing over \$18,000 toward Benevolent Fund disbursements

Disciples of Christ Making Disciples For Christ

- This year we have been greatly blessed with over 100 volunteer workers, who dedicate time and heart, ministering God's Word, to the children of Laurelwood.
- 5 children were baptized this past year in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 9 children prayed to receive Jesus Christ, at VBS, the Laurelwood picnic, and during Sunday morning programs.
- VBS was a great success with 160 children attending, and 60 volunteers serving
- Club 66 was a terrific program yet again, we were at full capacity all year.



LAURELWOOD KIDS:



LBC YOUNG ADULTS:

- Former members, Ryan and Shelly Mellmer, are now the Young Adult ministry leaders at Harvest Community Church in Hillsboro.
- The group has experienced growth by integrating some of last year's graduated seniors, new young Laurelwood attenders, and other friends outside of Laurelwood.
- The launch of the Empowered worship nights has been a great success by bringing local young adult ministries together.



ELDERS:

- Finished repairing Worship Center
- Generous response to paying mortgage
- Bringing Luke, Zack, & Samuel on staff

- Finishing the year with a surplus
- Finishing the budget review
- SafePark implemented



FACILITY:

- Finished the tile in the worship center
- We finished all the class rooms before September
- We put in the gate

for better security for our property and safe park.

- We remodeled room 17 for more shelf space



LBC WORSHIP:



- This year marks our first full year being back in the Worship Center. Many A/V upgrades and enhancements were made throughout this year including better stage lighting, in-ear monitors for everyone on stage, better sound for the Fellowship Hall and entry way, and improved video integration.



- We celebrated Christmas with our "Family Christmas" service and had our first ever LBC Family Band. Additionally, 3 families shared their Christmas traditions and along with the LBC Kids choir, we had over 50 people participating in this very special Christmas celebration.



- Laurelwood took part in a number of significant community events, including a Clark County Worship Night, a Compassion Experience Trailer along with a Compassion Sunday, and the SafePark Ministry.

LBC MEN:



- 12 Laurelwood men gathered at CampTadmor, OR for the CBNW Men's Roundup the weekend of Sept. 8-10, 2017. The main speaker was John Lynch of Trueface Ministries. John taught the 1,500 men in attendance on the book of Ecclesiastes. In addition to the 5 main teaching sessions, various break out classes were taught throughout the weekend. Great fellowship, awesome worship, unbelievable food and outside recreation as well, made it a must-do adventure for men desiring to grow together spiritually in the Lord.
- 25 men participated in the men's studies led by Doug Lundahl and Syd Jones on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings, respectively. This last September through early spring we went through year 2 of Robert Lewis' Authentic Manhood series "Winning at Work and Home". Doug and Syd also led us through a recap of John Lynch's Men's Roundup study on Ecclesiastes to round out our study year extending through May.
- Laurelwood Men gathered for periodic breakfasts throughout the year on Saturday mornings where as many as 33 attended at one time. The guys enjoy these occasional times of informal fellowship together.



SMALL GROUPS:

- Small Groups continue to be an important way for those in our church to grow and get connected as 172 people are currently involved in a Small Group.
- During the Fall Small Group Kickoff, 31 people signed up for Small Groups including 27 that had never been in a Small Group before.
- 2 new Small Groups Leaders formed 2 new groups during the Fall Kickoff, bringing the total number of small groups to 10 unique groups.



LBC SENIORS:

We continued to meet throughout the year with the purpose of providing opportunities for LBC 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 from this past year have been:

- Bob and Connie Russell presenting the Marques islands
- Combined youth and seniors
- Combined young adults and seniors events