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# LAURELWOOD

Annual Report 2018—2019

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## STATE OF THE CHURCH

Our church exists to love engage a changing culture God, love people and make with a timeless message, 1 Chronicles 12:32. For the first disciples. So, how are we doing? In the corporate time all our Elders have been world, an annual report looks graduates of the Men's Leadership class! One of our back on the year and asks the question, "Did we get a bang Elders, fresh off his for the buck?" For churches, honeymoon, is helping us an annual report looks at the address our Minimum Factor overall spiritual health of the from the Natural Church Development survey, the question, "Did we achieve question, "Did we achieve the results of what we set out "Inspiring Worship."

We recently welcomed back our Czech Republic short Our legacy as a church has been developing and sending out young men and women into full time ministry. We recently commissioned and sent Peter Lundahl to be a youth intern at Journey Community Church even as he explores what God might have for him in the future. Currently we are working with Zack Shoote, our children's ministry assistant, as he attends Convergence at our CBNW regional offices and plans on attending Multnomah University in the fall. Sam Halstead is our youth intern and has been seeking God's leading in what He would have him do. Our own Pastor Kevin has completed an ordination process even as he attends the Convergence training. These are exciting days as we transition to the new opportunities God is showing us.

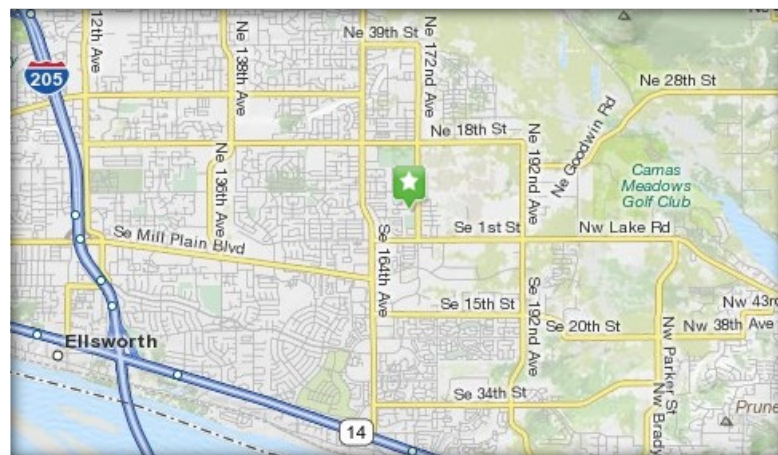
*"We proclaim Him,  
admonishing every man and  
teaching every man with all  
wisdom, so that we may  
present every man complete  
in Christ. For this purpose  
also I labor, striving according  
to His power, which mightily  
works within me,"  
Colossians 1:28,29.*

At our Annual Business meeting I used the term "Transition" to describe what has been happening this past year. As you look at our report you will notice that our average attendance and membership has decreased slightly while our finances remain very healthy and we developed a surplus again this year. Our facilities have continued to undergo much needed maintenance and improvement even as we have worked hard to fulfill our goals that we set from last year.

We are transitioning in leadership with the Elder Council bringing on some younger men to help us

term mission team and are scheduled to send out another team to Oregon this summer to partner with Hand Ministries in Lebanon. While we continue to have our SafePark ministry and opportunities to serve Evergreen High School, we are seeking to be more intentional in our witness locally.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018—2019



## JOIN US >>>

Sunday School : 9:00 am

Fellowship: 10:00 am

Worship Service: 10:15



# LAURELWOOD YOUTH:

- Every year God does amazing things through our summer camps. Our high school students wrestled with the question, “Who is on the throne of your life?” Even for the Christ followers, many of us admitted that Jesus wasn’t on the thrones of our lives as we wanted him to be and that we wanted to change that. This year was also the first time the churches in our area put on a middle school camp and a junior camp for 4th and 5th graders, both at the same time. It was so cool to watch God work in the



- lives of our youth and our elementary kids at Camp Crestview!
- There were 12 students who were baptized this year! Praise God that he moved in the hearts of those students and that they wanted to step into the waters of baptism!
- This year’s theme at youth group was “How To Read The Bible.” Many students grew in their understanding of reading Scripture through the many lessons we did this year. We also had many nights of reading the Bible together as a community and responded to God through different forms of worship!



Greg & Heidi Carlson



Dwight & Beckie Johnson



Doug & Dee Valenzuela

# LAURELWOOD WOMEN:



- In November Women’s Ministry partnered with Western Seminary hosting Revive, a leadership training for women in ministry. There were over a hundred women in attendance, with approximately 15 from Laurelwood.
- We had a great Women’s Retreat in April with 54 women attending. We heard from Rhonda DiGenova, a former Laurelwood MOPS mom, share on the topic of Living as a New Creation in Christ. This was a fun time of learning and fellowship.
- We also continued in offering Bible Studies on Tuesday mornings and evenings and had one session on Thursday evening. We are so thankful for our faithful Bible Study teachers!
- Three times this year we offered the opportunity for women to gather in the church kitchen to make freezer meals for those in the church body that are in need of a meal. Twenty-four women helped in preparing over 36 meals. In addition to these meals, over 100 fresh meals were delivered to Laurelwood families.



## GEMS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Successfully transitioned from MOPS to GEMS
- 55 women participating: 9 mentor moms, 44 moms (7 table leaders) from 15 area churches (and some un-churched).
- Timely, engaging, biblical teaching and tips from Seminary professors, local professionals, and our own mentor moms.
- Successful transfer of leadership from Crista Hagan to Katie Doel and a full steering team for GEMS 2019-20.
- Connecting previously un-churched women to our church community with hope for these women to join us at LBC on Sundays with their families.



Bill & Bobbie  
Trenckmann



Phil Ball



Al & Autumn  
Ray



Dave & Connie  
Patty

# Our MISSIONARIES



Tracy & Leng Halstead



George & Molly Varghese

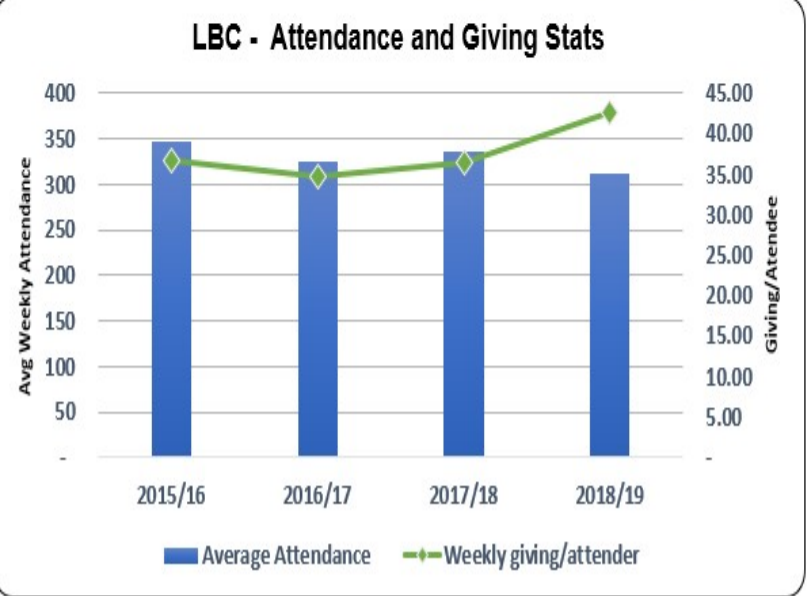
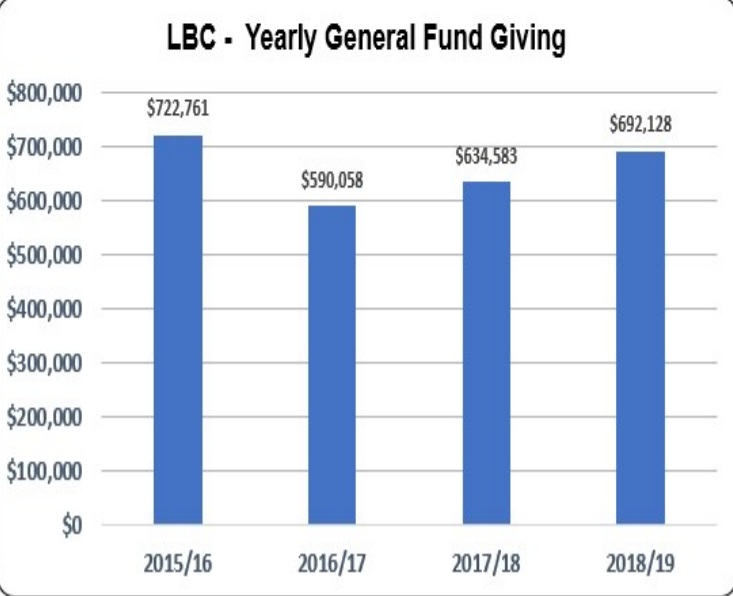
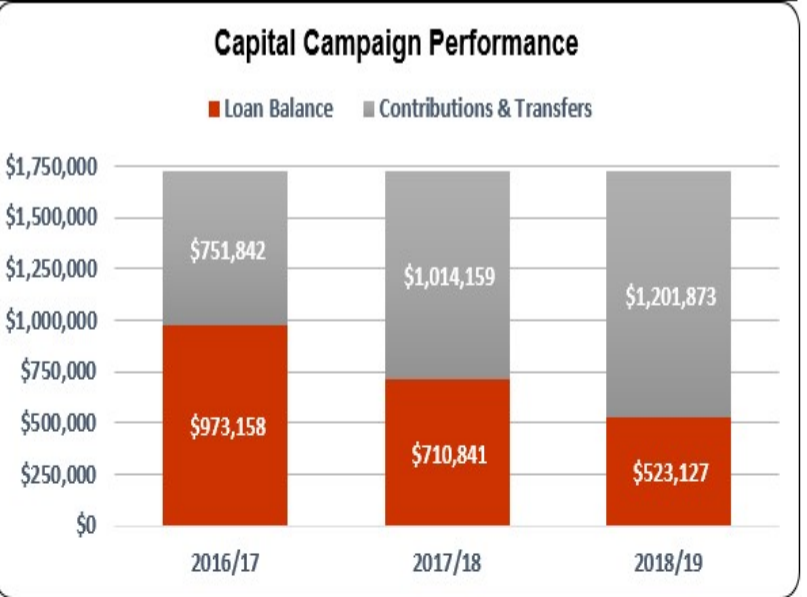
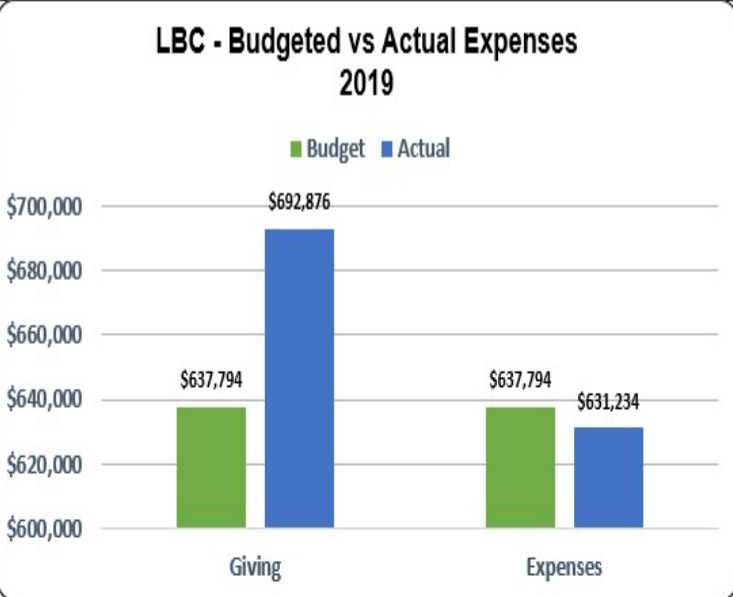


David & Catherine Love

# Treasurer's Report:

by the congregation as well as responsible spending by ministry leaders. Due to our surpluses we were able to pursue additional projects in our Trustee and Worship Ministries as well as aggressively pay down our mortgage loan. 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. Let's continue to pray for God's guidance on how 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 8 years! This reflects both generous giving



Annual Giving Summary			
	5/31/19	5/31/18	
General Fund	\$686,232	\$628,371	
Missions	\$5,899	\$6,751	
Capital Campaign	\$148,051	\$185,094	
Facility Improvement	\$1,233	\$11,192	
Benevolent Fund	\$22,986	\$18,091	
Short Term Missions	\$19,779	\$200	
Other Designated	\$7,792	\$19,245	
	\$891,972	\$868,944	

Cash Summary			
	5/31/19	5/31/18	
General Fund	\$192,230	\$183,214	
Capital Campain	\$50,036	\$64,445	
Facilities Improvement Fund	\$15,838	\$25,938	
Designated Funds	\$20,436	\$22,879	
Total Cash	\$278,540	\$296,476	

# Sunday School:



- Praise the Lord for a year that provided as many as 5 different classes for adults at 9:00 am Sundays. Many teachers who worked hard to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry deserve recognition and thanks.
- Dr. J. Carl Laney taught Genesis 1-12 for us and Pastor Mike finished Genesis. New teachers Alec Paul and Bard Hebard helped us out during this past year.
- Another highlight of the year was the 90 people who attended a Saturday Seminar called "Making Sense in a Senseless World." Many thanks to the office support, Steve Lantz, and the kitchen crew.

# LBC OUTREACH:



- As a church, we supported 10 missionaries and organizations in fruitful service locally and around the world. Of these, 8 of them were serving members of Laurelwood before God sent them into full time ministry.
- In November, we packed 690 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child - the most we've ever done!
- And in December, we delivered gifts to 47 children from 24 families with Angel Tree.
- 31 people from Laurelwood participated in short-term missions locally and in foreign countries (in addition to Steve & Patricia's trips with Compassion International).
- For the first time EVER, I got the annual report in by the due date!

# LBC CLERK REPORT:

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| Total active membership as of June 1, 2018: | 271 |
| Total active membership as of May 31, 2019: | 243 |
| Gains by statement of faith:                | 9   |
| Losses by death:                            | 2   |
| Losses by moving/attending elsewhere:       | 35  |
| Baptisms:                                   | 22  |



# 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 \$17,300 toward Benevolent Fund disbursements

Disciples of Christ Making Disciples For Christ

# LAURELWOOD KIDS:

- In August we did our “Shipwrecked” themed VBS, reaching out to 160 kids and over 40 volunteers. We decided for our VBS to be more minimalistic in decorations, and that paid off well in allowing volunteers to not spend their entire Sunday decorating, yet still having an amazing set up that we were able to share with East Park, Liberty Bible, and Vancouver Church.



During the week, students were able to raise over \$500 for “His Heart Foundation,” a local Christian-based Counseling organization.

- In September we started small groups in our K-5th room. Twelve volunteers each serve twice a month to be small group leaders for different age ranges. This has built a tight community between the students and staff alike, and has drastically changed the way we see and do children’s ministry.

- In October our Harvest Carnival brought in over 300 people



from the community. Some revitalized Carnival games, a live band, a video game after-party, and even a Karaoke Room made the night unforgettable and continues to be a tradition that is successful in outreach year after year.



# WORSHIP:

- This year the Worship Ministry completed several major projects that have been on the “back burner”: An organized storage room for sound gear, a Green Room for gathering before and after service, new wireless microphones and wireless in-ear monitors, and new stage lighting.



- We celebrated Christmas with the theme of “It’s Christmas” and again had a LBC Family Band, and this year a Family Choir. Additionally, 3 families shared what is special to them about Christmas. Along with the LBC Kids choir, we had over 50 people participating in this very special Christmas celebration.

- We have spent this year focusing particularly on areas of “Increase” for the Worship Ministry (Increase musical excellence; Increase relational community; Increase congregational expectation). As part of that goal of Increase we have done a lot more team building activities, such as our first ever Worship Ministry Bowling Night!



# FACILITY:

- Removed moss from roofs & curbs
- More signage
- Rain water modifications around worship center
- Installed baseboards in ushers closet

- Electrical work, add & replace plugs, new outlets for TV’s and coffee makers
- HVAC contract
- Restripe parking lots
- Replace East & West ministry center doors
- Replace railing on walkway for modules

# MEN:

- Eleven Laurelwood men gathered at Camp Tadmor, Oregon with approximately 1,200 other men for the CBNW annual Men’s Round-Up the weekend of Sept. 7-9, 2018. Our main speaker was Matt Mikalotos who does evangelism, training and outreach in Portland, OR, focusing on the Millennial generation, influencers in the city, and the poor. Matt opened with the “shocking” statement that Jesus does not want us to follow the rules. He wants us to follow Him and be transformed so we don’t need the rules. His four sessions over the weekend focused on what it really



means to follow Jesus as He intends for us to do as laid out in His teachings in the Scriptures. Wonderful worship music and singing, other breakout teaching sessions, recreational activities, and as usual great food and fellowship made for a terrific time for our participating men.

- Seventeen 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 “The Great Adventure .”
- In August the Men’s and Women’s Ministries co-sponsored LBC’s annual church picnic as the guys cooked the hotdogs and hamburgers for approximately 200 attendees and set-up and tore down the tables and chairs.
- An average of 25 Laurelwood men gathered approximately every 6 weeks throughout the year on Saturday mornings for breakfast at the church for fellowship and devotional talks.



# SMALL GROUPS:

- Small Groups continue to be an important way for those in our church to grow and get connected as 168 people are currently involved in a Small Group.
- During the Fall Small Group Kickoff, 28 people signed up for Small Groups including 16 that had never been in a Small Group before.
- In total, there are 10 unique small groups with incredible leaders that are ministering to people on our church on a regular basis.

# 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:*

- Christmas Luncheon featuring Freedom House
- Combined senior retreat with Central Bible in Portland
- The annual picnic and garden tour at Larry and Karen Plitt's home

# YOUNG ADULTS:

- Brought in a lot of new people entering this new stage of adulthood
- Successfully “rebooted” the group with a big change of people.
- Lucy is now helping alongside Joshua as a leader