

LAURELWOOD

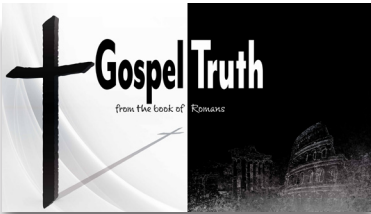
Annual Report 2019-20

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STATE OF THE CHURCH

by Pastor Mike Wilde

LOOKING BACK



It is often the case that when tough times come, it brings out the true character of people. What a blessing to see how the Laurelwood family has gone through this past year with great character and perseverance. Thank you, Laurelwood family, for your support, your service, and your sacrifice.

Two years ago, I led a series of meetings with various ministry leaders to help us better understand the role of parents as the primary disciple makers and the role of the church in supporting this. We felt so strongly that our Vision — “Disciples of Christ Making Disciples for Christ” was changed to reflect this idea of inter-generational discipleship to “Following Jesus Together”.

Pastor Luke has been intentionally raising up youth leaders who in turn direct our youth ministry. Allison DeViney, our Women's Ministry Director, is integrating our young girls into our women's ministry to make sure we are connecting with them and raising them as fully devoted followers of Christ. Our church saw the need to move a part time childrens director position to full time and the fantastic search team that brought us Coach John - who is implementing this vision. Our Men's ministry studied the role of mentoring to seek to be intentional in this important role of discipleship.

Our giving remains good and, for the tenth year in a row, we have another surplus at fiscal year's end. This is in addition to seeing a record number of boxes sent through Operation Christmas Child; 742 boxes in 2019 and that includes the cost for all the shipping, almost \$7,000! We served 27 families with a total of 52 children in 2019 in our Angel Tree Ministry. Each child received two gifts for a total of 104 gifts and 52 age appropriate Bibles. In our SafePark

Ministry, we hosted 29 guests this past year and 16 found housing. Since we started, we have had 104 guests with 32 who found housing. The Laurelwood family has been very generous in their giving to the Benevolent fund and we have helped so many, especially in this time of pandemic crisis in our nation.

Speaking of the Covid-19 virus, we had to move our worship services online and, as I write this, we have had 16 services where we have had to host it from our “studio” to your homes. Yet, our ability to do ministry has increased; not only how you have been meeting the needs of the

members with your gifts, calls, and visits, but you are being the church in your neighborhoods!

We have gained a net of 9 members over the year, actually 24 new members, but 15 have moved away or stopped attending. We even have three people who want to join the church during this pandemic!

One area of concern is that we had no baptisms in this past fiscal year. Our last baptism

was at the end of April of 2019. It will be important, as we move ahead, to continue to be diligent with our seven for heaven, not only praying for them but caring for them and nudging them one step closer to Jesus. It will be important for us, as a church, to create easy “on ramps” for people to come and see, and to create environments in our homes and lives for those that don't know Christ to come and see Him for themselves.

Thank You, Laurelwood family, for your faithfulness, your service, and your love for God and others. It is both an honor and blessing to be your pastor.



WORSHIP

by Pastor Kevin Kruse

This year, we were forced to discover a new way of doing worship and church gatherings: Live Stream services! In less than a week, we converted the Green Room into a Studio and have been improving our Live Stream services each week. We have added new gear for Live Streams (lights, cameras, interface equipment) and we have included creative elements that have been received well (congregation videos, ministry updates, interactive prayer time, etc.)



We celebrated Christmas with the theme of "First Christmas" and used a series of short videos that were first person narratives of what the first Christmas was like. It was a wonderful outreach event and an encouraging time for all. Along with the LBC Kids choir, we had over 50 people participating in this very special Christmas celebration and over 250 attend.

Before the pandemic hit, the Worship Ministry made a huge shift to be more "peer-led" with a planning time each week by the worship team. This was a time where we looked at the scripture and the message and planned songs as a team

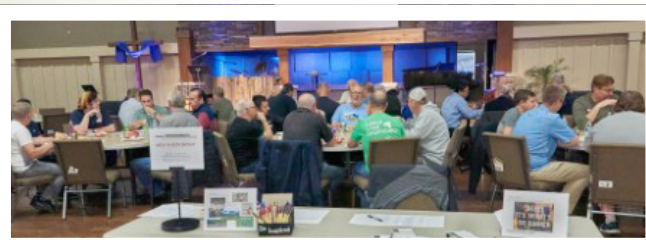
around that theme. Also, more people took a leadership role and Kevin played more backup. I look forward to when we gather again and move back to this format.



MEN

by Doug Goostree

Our first event kicking off the year was our "Men's Ascent," a Friday evening/ Saturday gathering of 35 men at Laurelwood on June 7-8. We started Friday evening with a BBQ, worship singing, and the first of 4 weekend sessions led by Dr. John Vawter. He spoke on the subject matter of the book he co-authored: "Achieving High Performance Friendship." Following lunch on Saturday, a number of the men participated in fellowship outings which included golf, hiking, and gun range shooting.



Eleven LBC men filled a cabin at Camp Tadmor with approximately 1,200 other men for the CBNW annual Men's Round-Up the weekend of September 6-8. Our main speaker was Rick McKinley, lead pastor of Imago Dei Church in Portland. Rick addressed the question: "What does it mean to be men who follow Jesus faithfully in a world that is increasingly hostile to our faith?" Worship, breakout sessions, fabulous food, and numerous outdoor activities made for an action packed weekend.

Fifteen men participated in our Men's Study lead by Doug Lundahl on Wednesday mornings and Syd Jones on Thursday evenings on the topic "mentoring and making disciples." In each session we interacted over videos covering numerous discipleship topics.

An average of 25 men joined for a men's breakfast at LBC approximately every 6 weeks throughout the year until the pandemic lockdown. Each time various speakers within our church body gave a devotional talk.



LAURELWOOD WOMEN

by Allison DeViney

Women's Ministry offered a number of activities this year to build our faith and strengthen relationships among our women. We had opportunities for our women to gather and bring their friends throughout the year with **fellowship activities like paint night, craft night, and a celebration of Asian culture.** To encourage our women spiritually we gathered together in **Bible Study throughout the year**, and even with Covid-19, have kept women connected via Zoom in two other studies.



One of the highlights of the year was "Shine"— a full day conference we held in February, with over 70 women attending. Throughout the day we were encouraged to reflect the love of Jesus in our lives so that the world would see more of Him. We were blessed with times of worship, great break-out sessions led by 15 of our own women, and times of fellowship.

Laurelwood GEMS

PROVERBS 31:10

by Katie Doel

GEMs mom's ministry started our 30th year strong with a full house of moms and kids. We had a strong emphasis on prayer and scripture as we met together. We had many well attended fellowship events and women making positive spiritual changes and growth for themselves and their families. At every meeting we had visiting moms and grew in number throughout the year. After the quarantine we did two porch deliveries to all 57 women involved in our ministry as well as online Zoom table calls and prerecorded video meetings. We finished in May as usual and are praying that we will be able to resume in August.



LAURELWOOD Seniors⁵⁵⁺

by Gloria Cline

Some of the highlights from this past year!

Stern Wheeler Cruise, June 2019

Hymn Sing, October 2019

Touring Israel through Stories, January 2020

Potluck Luncheon, September 2019

We joined with Central Bible Seniors to praise our God!

Story tellers Bob and Connie Russell and Bob and Sue DeViney presented their trip to Israel. We enjoyed an Israel type picnic prepared by Heather and helpers.

Phil Ball shared about his ministry with the National Network of Youth Ministries.

Annual Christmas Luncheon, December 2019

We were blessed by guest speaker Carley Weeks and music by Cindy Woods.

YOUTH'S MINISTRY

by Luke Jech

This year we made the switch from "Impact Youth Group" to "Laurelwood Youth's Ministry" as Sam and Luke trained youth to lead and run the ministry. Our high school planning team did an amazing job of planning youth groups from silly game nights, to an entire lesson series. Students have also lead activities such as games, bible studies, lessons and worship.

Every year camps are always an amazing time to watch God intensely work through our students' lives. This year we had a few firsts including our middle school summer camp moving to Camp Arrah Wanna, combining with Journey and Evergreen Bible for our High School Winter Retreat, and Luke speaking for the first time at ETM. God was so faithful to us at camps this year!



Laurelwood Youth's Ministry had to make a quick pivot to meeting online. We are so thankful for the means that the Lord has provided us as we got to continue to connect with students on YouTube and Zoom. Our planning team got creative and kept our students engaged through livestreams, video lessons, dance parties, and even a gospel illusionist. Our planning team put together a home visit day where we visited 29 homes of students, while social distancing. Thank the Lord that we have been able to minister to our students even without a building to meet at!



Hiring of new Children's Ministry Director John Rawson. The first 3-4 months were spent getting to know volunteers, church members, and of course the children, and making small tweaks to the program. Sarah and I are very happy to be part of the Laurelwood family.

The splitting of the K-5 Worship hour to K-3 and the launch of the BIG D.O.G.S. (Big Disciples of God), i.e., the 4th and 5th graders. We can do more age appropriate lessons with each age group now.

The older kids are excited to have their own group, and the younger children already can't wait to become a Big Dog (which should help with retention). The first Big Dog field trip was a huge success, with a devotion held right in the Christian

bookstore at the Mall. It is a shame the virus stopped our momentum, but we did get together for 9-10 weeks with group Zoom calls.

Leng Halstead and her team did an incredible job with Thursday Club 66 meetings. Anywhere from 40-60 kids came each night to learn about Jesus. And the virus did not stop them as they turned to Zoom meetings to end the year.

Just like the overall church has learned to do ministry in a new way with livestream, so has the children's department by going 'old school'. When the Stay at Home period started, we started doing weekly mailings to over 60 kids...every week. We have sent puzzles, stickers, Bible activity books, craft projects, etc. along with a note to the kids. Reports are the kids feel they are an important part of the church. Reports also include that some kids run to the mail box each day to see if they have received something from the church! Most importantly, Laurelwood is still ministering to it's children during the virus crisis.



ADULT CHRISTIAN LEARNING

by John Weeks

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 Deuteronomy. New teachers included Dr. Roger Trautmann in 1 & 2 Peter, and Lynn Ruark teaching the Parables this past year.

In addition to all the Discovery Series Classes Pastor Mike teaches, this past year he **added "Increasing Skill to Fulfill the Great Commission."**

Just before Easter, Dr. Laney and Dr. Weeks had to move their classes to video classes online because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you Jana Lewis and Pastor Kevin for facilitating this for us! We hope to resume classes on the campus by September, 2020, Lord willing.

We praise the Lord for the addition of Scott DeViney to our ACL Leadership Team.

CARING TEAM

by Paul Lantz

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 \$17,800 toward Benevolent Fund disbursements



by Kevin Kruse

The Small Group ministry really grew this year as more people than ever got connected to a Small Group. We now have 233 people who are currently involved in a Small Group.

During the Fall Small Group Kickoff, we had 66 people sign up who had never been in a group before. This is the most signups we have ever had during a two week kickoff. Additionally, 3 new groups formed.

In total, there are now 15 unique small groups with incredible leaders that are ministering to people in our church on a regular basis

LBC OUTREACH

by Scott DeViney

As a church, we provided significant support for 9 missionaries and organizations in fruitful service locally and around the world. With our regular missions budget, along with the special vote on use of surplus giving, we were also able to make significant contributions to missionary projects, including building projects for the Valenzuelas, Bozons and Freedom House, as well as helping the Vargheses to assist Christian day laborers affected by COVID in India.

In November, **we packed 742 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child** - the most ever!

In December, **we provided gifts for 52 children from 27 families as part of the Angel Tree ministry.**

Our Safepark ministry has now served over 100 families since we began participating in 2017, with 32 families transitioning to permanent housing!



MISSIONARIES



Petr & Lauren Bozon
Josian Venture in Czech Republic
Manages Josiah Venture's event and training centers in the Czech Republic



George & Molly Varghese
Timothy Ministries in India
Itinerant teaching, preaching and evangelism throughout India



Tracy & Leng Halstead
Child Evangelism Fellowship in Vancouver
Reaching children with the gospel through clubs, camps and events as the Clark County directors



Bill & Bobbie Trenckmann
Faith & Learning International in Orofino, ID
Training and discipling lay youth leaders in rural churches



Al & Autumn Ray
Marriage Team in Vancouver
Training coaches and connecting couples with Christian marriage coaching



Dave & Connie Patty
Josiah Venture in Czech Republic
Leading over 320 staff in 14 countries of eastern Europe as founders and directors of the ministry



Phil Ball
National Network of Youth Ministries
Regional coordinator for engagement and training to connect and resource youth ministry



Doug & Dee Valenzuela
World Venture in Naples, Italy
Overseeing two churches (in Arzano & Melito neighborhoods) and leading evangelistic events



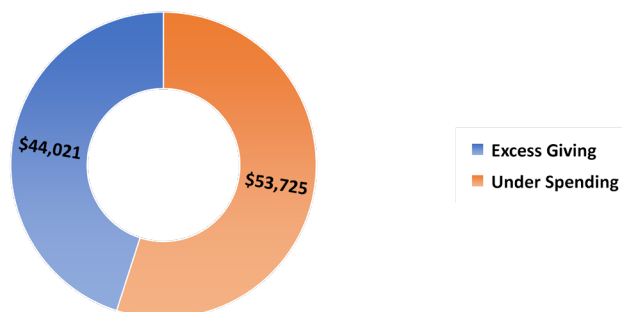
Freedom House Ministries
Located in Vancouver
Christ-centered recovery program for men who want freedom from addictions

TREASURER'S REPORT

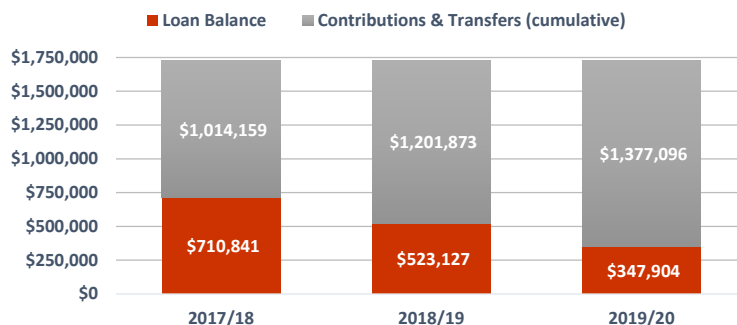
by Gibran Braithwaite

We have again ended the year with a surplus of giving in excess of our expenses! This reflects both generous giving by the congregation as well as responsible spending by ministry leaders. Despite not being able to meet physically since March, giving has remained consistent. Generous giving has allowed us to provide additional support to our missionary partners while continuing to aggressively pay down our mortgage despite the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 us continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom on how to make more disciples in our community and around the world.

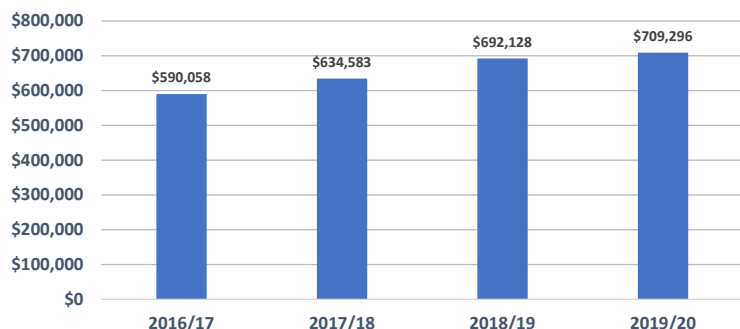
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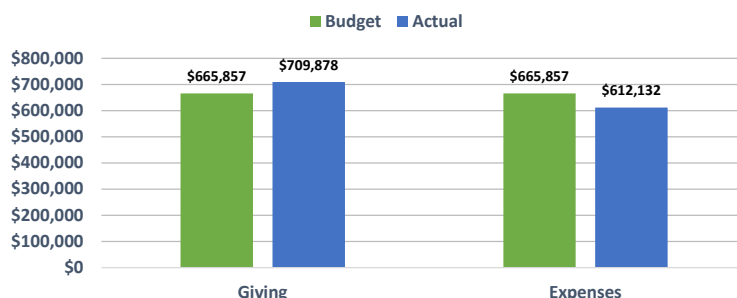
Capital Campaign



Trend in General Fund Giving



Budgeted vs Actual Expenses 2020



Cash Summary

	5/31/20	5/31/19
General Fund	\$220,646	\$192,230
Capital Campaign	\$15,575	\$50,036
Facilities Improvement Fund	\$37,672	\$15,838
Designated Funds	\$73,512	\$20,436
Total Cash	\$347,405	\$278,540

Annual Giving Summary

	5/31/20	5/31/19
General Fund	\$706,296	\$692,131
Capital Campaign	\$103,339	\$148,051
Facility Improvement	\$0	\$1,233
Benevolent Fund	\$28,030	\$22,986
Short Term Missions	\$1,980	\$19,779
Other Designated	\$13,706	\$7,792
	\$853,351	\$891,972

FACILITY

by John Crawford

Thank you to all of those who volunteer each week to care for and improve our facilities! Here are some of the completed projects.

- Completed the upgrades to the deck on the modules, which were required by the building inspector
- Painted the Youth Room
- Striping in the Worship Center
- Painted the office, classrooms, hall and bathrooms in the Ministry Center
- Installed TVs in the classrooms in the Ministry Center

LBC CLERK REPORT

by Jeannette Goostree

Total active membership as of June 1, 2019:	243
Total active membership as of May 31, 2020:	252
Gains by statement of faith:	24
Losses by death:	1
Losses by moving/attending elsewhere:	14
Baptisms:	0

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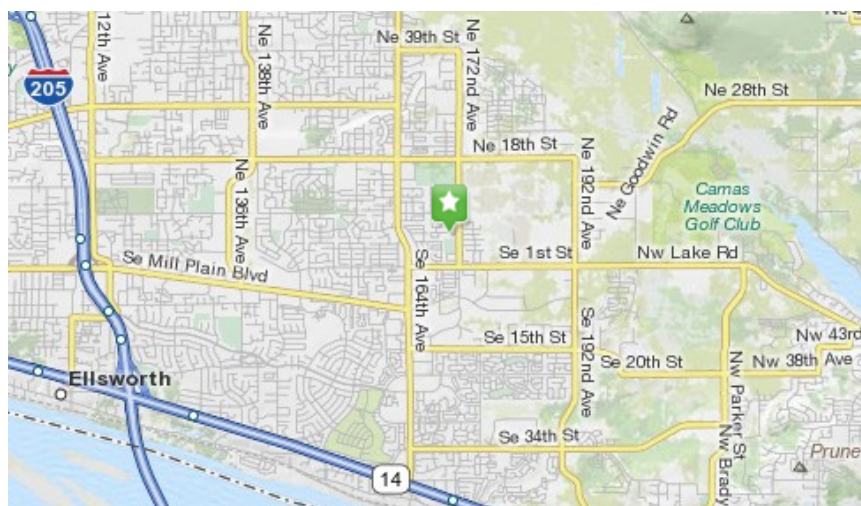
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Join us for Worship every Sunday @ 10:15
(check our website for in-person or online meeting details)