



**Windsor
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**Annual
Yearbook**



Mission & Vision

MISSION

"WE EXIST TO PRESENT EVERYONE COMPLETE IN CHRIST"

Our mission comes from Colossians 1:28, where we are called to invest into the Christ-like maturity of others.

VISION

We carry out our mission by:

- **PROCLAIMING JESUS**

Whether it is during our worship service, a Bible study or at one of our events, we present the person of Jesus as Christ the Lord (Acts 5:42)

- **PURSUING EVERYONE**

We present God's Word to everyone and strive to shine His light in our community (Matthew 5:16)

- **PRACTICING DISCIPLESHIP**

We invest into the Christ-like maturity of others by teaching people to deny themselves, follow after Christ and commit their lives to Him. (Luke 9:23-24)

VALUES

- **BIBLE DRIVEN**
- **GOD GLORIFYING**
- **GOSPEL CENTERED**
- **CHRIST EXALTING**
- **SPIRIT EMPOWERED**
- **THE CHURCH - EKKLESIA**

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Message from Pastor Lance

Looking Back: 2023- Rebuild Mode

Coming out of the Covid Pandemic in 2023, our church, like many others, was forced into rebuild mode. Because of that, many of our goals revolved around rebuilding church attendance, leadership, ministry volunteers, staffing, etc. This was a biblical challenge for the church because Christ's will is to build His Church (Matthew 16:18). Building or rebuilding Christ's Church should always be on our front burner. Our strategy in rebuilding was rebranding and challenging the church with a new mission and vision statement. We were also vigilant in helping people who already come on our campus know who the church is and what the church does. In today's "pre-Christian" environment we can't assume people understand what a church is anymore.



2023 Highlights:

- Trained and affirmed 2 new elders and are in the process of adding 5 new deacons
- Record attendance with over 400 people for Easter Sunday and almost 300 for WCA Preschool Sunday
- Church attendance has grown by 50% since Jan. 2023
- Baptized close to 40 people and added more people to church membership than in our previous years.

Looking Ahead: 2024- Reorganize Mode

Our goal this year is to reorganize. In most local churches God has reshuffled the deck. New people means new gifting. New gifts to a church means new or renewed ministries. The task before us now is to help people identify their spiritual gifts and encourage them to be useful in building up the church body (Ephesians 4:12). Our elders met this month to identify goals for 2024 as we reorganize. We want to continue to develop our hospitality ministry, connect our leadership with our congregation, rebuild our women's ministry, develop more growth and discipleship groups, minister to more teenagers, and produce and promote more online biblical content to combat the strong wave of worldliness that fills our news feed.

2024 will be an interesting year. Since our country is already being polarized by political parties, people will be searching for a place where they can find peace and harmony. It will be incumbent upon the church to preach Christ and His glory and not get tripped up in the political distractions. We know that the government cannot save and rescue a person from sin's penalties, power and presence. We know true peace can only come from the Gospel of Peace. This year, may we meditate on and live out the Apostle Paul's final words to the Corinthian Church...

"Finally, brothers rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." - 2 Corinthians 13:11

I am as excited as ever to be your pastor this year and by His grace may I continue to direct your heart towards Jesus.

Church Leadership



Lance Wallace
Pastor Teacher



Steve Greene
Worship Pastor



Justin Willis
Next Gen Pastor



Makenna Wallace
Office Manager



JT Stadum
Business
Administrator



Jamie Greene
WCA Principal



Dawn O'Malley
WCA Preschool
Director



Anthony Rupert
Facilities

Elder Board

Shawn Dolan
Ted Green
Steve Greene
Rhett Paro
Erik Strom
Lance Wallace
Justin Willis

Deacons

John Breckenridge
Mike Brookfield
Jerry Hayes
Martin Kiff
Jim Lago
Pat Riley
Ed Tedrow

Worship Ministry

Steve Greene

Reflecting on my first year as the Worship Pastor at WCC, I'm filled with immense gratitude and joy. To say it's been amazing is truly an understatement! My family and I have been warmly embraced by this wonderful church family, and I've never felt more fulfilled in my pastoral journey than I am at this very moment. In 2023, we've witnessed God's hand at work in so many beautiful ways. One of my personal highlights was our Good Friday service, where we united with five other local churches. This powerful event not only demonstrated the strong fellowship we share with other congregations but also our collective commitment to seeing God's Church (Big "C") flourish throughout Sonoma County. It's moments like these that remind us of the broader community we're a part of, striving together to make a difference in our world.

The year also brought unforgettable experiences through our connection with Windsor Christian Academy. Our Back to School Sunday and Preschool Sunday services saw the highest attendance, second only to Easter Sunday. These special days provided us with wonderful opportunities to welcome new families and celebrate our shared journey of faith and learning. However, beyond these large gatherings, there's an unmatched beauty in our weekly Sunday services. Every week, I am privileged to lead our congregation in lifting our voices in praise, creating a space for both individual and corporate worship. These moments, where we connect with God through worship, are the heartbeats of our church. They're reminders of the daily blessings we receive and the constant presence of God in our lives. I look forward with excitement to what the future holds for us at WCC, as we continue to grow together in faith, community, and love.



Highlights from 2023:

- Man Camp (joint worship team w/ Redemption Hill and Santa Rosa Bible Church)
- Good Friday and Easter Sunday
- WCA Baptism Chapel (led worship w/ 20 jr. high students & 14 students were baptized)
- Back to School Sunday & Preschool Sunday
- Christmas Eve Service

Kids' Ministry

Justin Willis

This year in the Kids' Ministry, we've had a blast equipping the kids of WCC to better know three things: how to place their faith and trust in Jesus, who God is, how God wants them to live. Every Sunday morning, Kids' Church happens during the service, a safe and exciting place for babies all the way through to 5th graders to come and fall in love with the gospel through great lessons, Bible songs, and even games that tie into that morning's topic. We started the year off in the book of Daniel and made it all the way through the gospels, kicking off 2024 by beginning the book of Acts. Every Wednesday, we have our Kids' Night, where we started the year in James, did a survey of the Old Testament, did a series on 1 Timothy 3:1-3, and finished in 1 John. And over the summer, our Twist & Turns VBS invited kids from all over Windsor to hear a clear presentation of the gospel over a week of fun singing, crafts, games, and more. This year has been a great year of growth for the Kids' Ministry, seeing more kids in attendance in every environment, from Kids' Church, VBS, and especially Kids' Night. Our goals as 2024 begins is to continue to grow and equip the kids to have not only a knowledge of God, but a heart of faith that relies solely on God for salvation.



Youth Ministry

Justin Willis



This year, the Youth Ministry started and ended with our January Winter Camps, both of which were a blast. Winter Camp a great time of fellowship for the kids, a time to get away from their usual routine, play games, and spend a weekend focused on God. Our Sunday night, Youth Group has also been a time of growth for the students, seeing a leadership team form in the Youth Group as we started a student lead worship band mid way through the year. We started the year off teaching a series on “Christ from Beginning to End”, spent time in the summer at the Dolan’s house (with a terrific pool for the students) talking to the guys and girls separately about gender specific topics, and concluded the year with the epistles of John. Also over the summer, we took several of the students on a missions trip to Lake Almanor, where we put on a VBS for a local church. This year we also tried to have more events for the students, such as taking them to Scanida or our Turkey Bowl, to help build community! Our goal as 2024 begins is to continue to see growth in our student ministries, from a continued development of leadership to each student’s spiritual growth.



Men's Ministry

This past year has been exciting and rewarding for men at Windsor Christian. In February of 2023, we had our annual Man Camp weekend. Along with a special speaker, there were multiple activities for the men to get involved in. The weekend was shared with a couple of other churches, and gave the men an opportunity to interact with Christian men not only from their own church, but other local Bible believing churches.

The Men's Breakfasts usually takes place the first Saturday of every month and feeds the men both physically and spiritually. Good food and enlightening testimonies have been rewarding to all who attend. There are also 3 different opportunities throughout the week to be part of a Growth Group/ Bible Study: Pastor Lance and Chris Ule each lead a group on Wednesday nights and Rhett Paro leads a men's morning group.

Women's Ministry

Our Women's Bible Studies on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings have been a special time of diving into God's Word. We also have a Women's Prayer Group every Thursday morning. For you ladies who didn't plug into to one of these groups in 2023, we encourage you to join one of these groups.

Last year, our ladies got together to plan the Spring Tea and the Gal's Game Night. Both events were well received and requests have been made for more events. Looking ahead to 2024, we would like to form a Women's Ministry Leadership Team to plan for fun events for our ladies.

Adult Groups

This year a growth group/ Bible study was started for adults, it takes place every Sunday Morning at 9:45. The class finished the Book of Daniel, and is now half way through 1 John. Ted Green leads the class and has had co-teaching from Larry Lefor and Richard Amantite.



Windsor Christian Academy

Daren Briare

“If I’m being 100 percent honest I didn’t think I would ever be giving you an update on Windsor Christian Academy, especially given the personal journey I have had since I started working here part time as a maintenance worker... I would have said you’re crazy. As you all know GOD works in mysterious ways and many times I’m not even sure what His ultimate plan is. One thing I have learned working at WCA since 2012 is that even though things change over time, the mission never changes “To train students in the Christian way of life and to provide students an excellent education”.

God has blessed WCA with 200 students this year to be able to teach and minister to. We hired 2 new teachers this year Michelle Smith in 3rd grade and Kristen Smith in 2nd grade. What a blessing they have been to our school. Recently Miss Tembrock was also hired to replace Jamie Greene as our new 6th grade teacher.

On that note, Jamie Greene was hired as Principal this month, which is our biggest change here at WCA. As Jamie steps in, it’s only right to properly acknowledge and thank Tad Theiss for his tireless efforts in leading WCA over the past 27 years. Mrs. Greene who has worked at WCA for 13 years in positions such as computer teacher, office manager, and 6th Grade teacher, will now be leading WCA as our Principal. Mrs. Greene’s love for Jesus, our school and its students, staff and families has us all very excited to see the next chapter that will be written here at WCA.

WCA also had another great Jog-A-Thon this year that saw the school raise a record amount of \$70,000. AMAZING!! Some of proceeds from the event will be used for classroom teachers, as well as getting new benches for the courtyard and playground. With the funds we also purchased a few more basketball hoops that will be put up in the playground area. The funds are also going to ongoing security upgrades such as cameras around the facility.

Thank you all for your prayers directed toward the valuable ministry of WCA in our community. We have been in existence for 43 years now, and we are looking forward to serving our Lord for many years to come.



WCA Preschool

Dawn O'Malley

The Preschool has 85 students enrolled this year with 14 staff members. I was able to add an Assistant Director, Laurie Brogden to the staff this year. This has taken some of the day-to-day tasks off my plate. I celebrated my 20th year at WCA Preschool this year. One of my new hires this year is Ashley Swanson, she was one of my WCA students many years ago.

We have several families who have started attending WCC and are seeking to get involved and learn more about the WCC family.

We had 31 children come to church in December to sing during the church service. This is a great way to introduce our families to church as well as the church family to see the ministry of the preschool.

Public School has expanded their TK program this year to include 3-5 year olds. I would love you to join me in prayer as to how this will affect the preschool going forward.



Chapel Ball

Kevin O'Malley

Our '22-'23 season of Chapel Ball had 160 kids, which was the most we have ever had and was the maximum number of players we thought we could accommodate. This season, those 160 spots were filled in 24 hours of going live with the sign-ups! After a discussion with the church and school leadership, we found a way to accommodate another 40 kids. So this season, we have a record 200 kids playing in Chapel Ball!

These are kids from Kindergarten to 6th grade. Saturdays are filled with basketballs games from 8:30am to 6:30pm, easily more than 400 people come through the gym on Saturdays. Our basketball focus is to introduce them to the game, have fun, and learn fundamental skills and knowledge at an age appropriate level. At a minimum we pray with the kids before each game, but we could definitely do more introduce these kids and families to Christ.



Pat Riley

Care Ministries

It has been a blessing for both Bonnie and I to be used in His Service this past year and to be able to encourage some of the body of Christ, in various manners, specifically through phone calls and coffees and visitations.

Bonnie and I make phone calls during the week to our members, new attenders and recent visitors and contacts for encouragement and who have possibly missed a service or have been ill and in recovery from recent surgery and not able to attend weekly events at WCC. Bonnie meets for coffee weekly with many ladies from our church to encourage them in their walk with the Lord and spiritual guidance and prayer.

Through the Care Ministry, we also oversee the Prayer Groups and provide rides when needed to those recovering from surgery or hampered in their mobility. We also stay in touch and provide rides for those who are residing in an "assisted living" arrangement or similar. Bonnie and I are also involved with the Benevolent Fund which offers temporary financial support to individuals that have made requests to WCC.

2023 Highlight: Seeing God's people being faithful in their fellowship and prayer every week.

Homeless Outreach

Pat Riley

We have been blessed in 2023, bringing glory to the Lord, by both encouraging and demonstrating God's love to our "invisible neighbors." This was accomplished through both the Nomadic Shelter Events at WCC and at the RGM Chapel Services.

Nomadic Shelter Events

We schedule the 4th Friday of the month during the winter months to temporarily house 20+ guests. The program offers flexibility to offer love, hope, a warm safe place to sleep for the night along with a meal. The guests range from old to young, men and women and occasionally children. Church volunteers are welcome to assist in setting up tables and chairs, bring food, and participate with dinner. It is a blessing to those in attendance to sit with guests and get to know them and their stories. The evening consists of a time of prayer, a devotional, dinner, and cleanup. Additionally, the Redwood Gospel Mission provides 2 chaperones to oversee and stay with the guests overnight.

Special Thanks to our amazing volunteers for making this ministry happen: Carol Bengston, Jim Harrison, Jerry Hayes, David Herrin, David Jaramillo, Needa Nickell, Sarah Pratt, Bonnie Riley, & Jill Wallace



RGM Chapel Services

WCC provides a speaker and worship leader for the evening Chapel Services on the 4th Sunday of the month. Services are held at the Men's Facility (6th Street, Santa Rosa) in the RGM Chapel. There is usually a crowd of 20-40 men and women joining in the worship service consisting of music and a message. Following the service a meal is provided to those in attendance by RGM. Pastor Lance Wallace and members of WCC have participated in these Chapel services, given personal testimonies, and shared a message of the Gospel hope in Christ. Music has been provided by Steve Greene, Andrew Gallagher and Richard Armantite.

As we look forward to 2024, we invite you, our WCC Family and friends to participate in either of these programs.

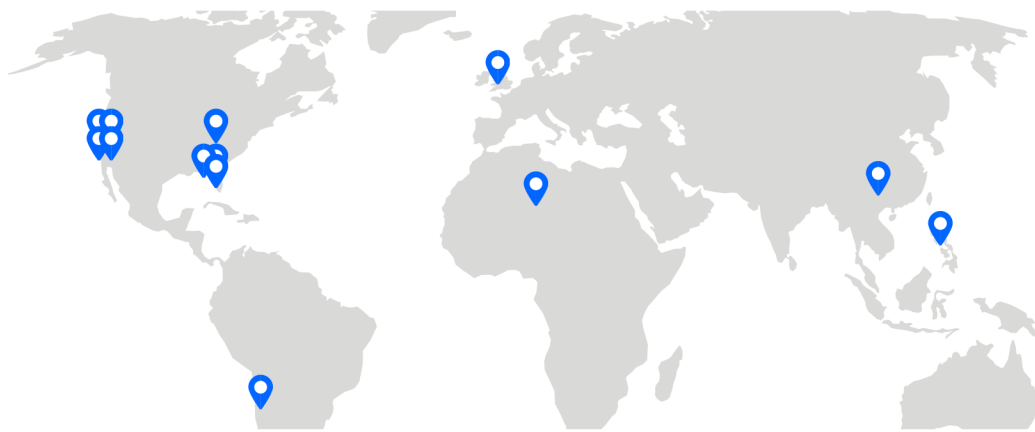
2023 was a year of transitions for several of our missionaries as we joined them in prayer for God's leading. The types of ministries are very diverse and clear evidence of our God's love for the lost. It is an honor to support 14 missionaries/families and organizations representing us worldwide. Matthew 19, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations..." for WCC means Windsor, Sonoma County, California, USA, South America, Europe, Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Additionally, several of these outreaches incorporate training, translations, and support globally.

During the last 12 months, it was a privilege to host many of our missionaries. These visits provide an opportunity to hear from them and to encourage these dear ones face-to-face. We were pleased it included a visit from our newest missionaries in Granada, Spain. Their focus is on recovery, counseling, music, prison and homeless ministries.

For 2024 we pray that God will continue to lead us in how to best meet the needs of our missionaries around the world. The types of obstacles they face are numerous and intense, but God is greater and we are honored to be participants in His working in our world. To Him be all glory!

Our Missionaries

- Mike & June Bradley- England
- Ace & Sarah Gentner- Spain
- Jim & Coletta Morsey- Chile
- Mountain Jewels Ranch- CA
- John & Sarah Freiberg- South East Asia
- Redwood Gospel Mission- Santa Rosa
- Iglesia Vida (Spanish Church)- Windsor
- Jim & Jan Geisler- Muslim World
- Grant & Jennifer Gilman- Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Mark & Dawn Merial- Raceline Ministry
- Bridges Pregnancy Counseling- Santa Rosa, CA
- David & Adriana Petro- Missionary Training & Philippines
- Mike & Dianne Hartman- Ethnos 360 Headquarters
- Swante & Linda Lindquist- Missionary Support



Financial Report

JT Stadum

Monthly Giving Graph

The Blue line shows our budgeted monthly giving receipts during 2023, green bars show actual giving received. Giving in 2023 did not meet our budgeted goals and as discussed at our August budget meeting with the church, we ended July well under our 2023 budget. Thankfully, our reserve fund has been blessed by funds from the ERC tax credit and we were able to operate financially without interruption. Due to these circumstances, we revisited our budget, reduced some of our expenses and expected giving for our 2024 budget, seen in the blue line dip from July to August. Giving has seen a slight increase in average monthly giving over recent months, but still isn't keeping up with our budget.



Dec 2023 YTD

Seen in the Dec YTD numbers. We will continue to need your support but it is such a blessing to see God's hand at work in our church. I would like to highlight a few exciting developments that have occurred on campus that could not happen without your support of our church and school family: Campus wide security camera system, new basketball hoops coming to blacktop area, new Gaga ball pits, sound and tech improvements in the sanctuary thanks to Steve Greene's expertise, new refrigerator(s) in our kitchen, new campus wide signage, new courtyard and playground benches coming soon, among many other fixes, upgrades, and improvements thanks to the hard work of our staff and your generous support through both your time and money.

WCC YTD Results	
Total YTD Income Budget:	\$ 288,250.00
Total YTD Income Actual:	298,993.00
Total YTD Income Variance:	10,743.00
Total YTD Expense Budget:	\$ 285,540.00
Total YTD Expense Actual:	298,506.00
Total YTD Expense Variance:	(12,966.00)
Net: YTD Budget:	\$ 2,710.00
YTD Actual:	487.00

Praise God for your generosity at the end of 2023! December was a huge success and has set us back on track with our budget as we begin 2024. Our goals for the upcoming year would be to continue to see our membership, and subsequently our giving, increase so that we can operate along with, and potentially in excess of, our budget. We have a great staff here and are very excited for the times ahead but we can only go as far as the Lord guides us based on our finances. Thank you for being a part of the Windsor Christian family, we are excited for the 2024 year ahead!