



# ANNUAL REPORT **2023**





## PASTORS' LETTER

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Church family,

What a year! Thank you for walking with us through another year as a church family. It's been a year of joy and growth, loss and heartache, mission and fruitfulness. How could so much be packed into one year!?


As your pastors, we are overwhelmed with gratitude. You all are the most wonderful, loving, generous, and intentional community of people we've ever experienced. We are so thankful for your heart for the Lord, your love for each other, your sacrificial service to one another, and your constant prayers. You all have developed a great reputation in the community, as you work and serve in meaningful ways.

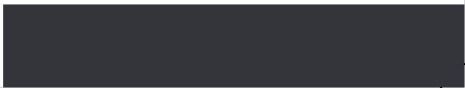
This past year, we've grown up and grown out as a church family. We gave ourselves to 'Life in the Spirit,' enjoyed a season of remarkable fruitfulness, and celebrated more growth, more baptisms and child dedications, and greater generosity than ever before. We've been able to increase our staff and volunteer teams significantly, and we've opened new community groups and Trinity Kids classrooms. In the past year, we've grown by more than 100 attendees and yet remained financially stable and organizationally healthy!

But we also experienced a great deal of transition and, most of all, grieved the loss of our friend Ben Anderson. We still mourn in the midst of great joy, and we thankfully grieve with much hope in the resurrection of our Lord.

Through all these things, the Father has blessed us with his presence and ministered to our city through us. Thank you for being a great church family. We can't wait to see all that the Lord has for us together in the years to come. We hope you enjoy this annual report and celebrate the many evidences of grace among us!

Pastor Jeremy





## WHY WE EXIST

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Trinity Community Church exists to practice the way of Jesus together for the renewal of all things. Jesus, the Son of God, came into our world to set us free from our sins and to form us into a new community together. We've been saved *from* and we've been saved *for*—for life with God, together, for the good of all those around us.

From the beginning, we've been a people marked by **Grace**. God has wildly and completely accepted us in Christ. This gracious love shouts, "The pressure's off!" and "You have nothing to prove!" We are immersed in the love of a Father who will not let us go.

This new life becomes one of **Formation**, as we are slowly reshaped into the image and likeness of Jesus. We've always been a congregation interested in going deeper—into the Scriptures, in prayer, and into life with God together.

Indeed, this means everything we do as a church happens in **Community**. When we experience God's grace and love, we want to share that with others. First, we share it with our sisters and brothers in Christ. We show love to one another through hospitality, genuine friendships, sacrificial service, and godly leadership.

Second, we also participate in God's world **Mission** by sharing his love with those outside the church. God draws us in to send us out. We have been blessed to be a blessing. We long to see his gospel of grace permeate our city as well as cities and nations at the ends of the earth.

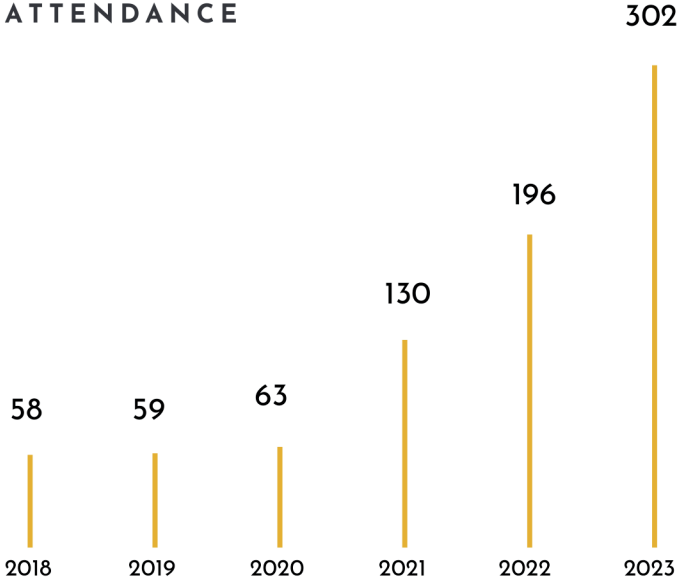
And of course, all this is God's work; our primary work is **Prayer**. We are committed to being the prayer engine of the church in Central Missouri. We're praying for God's grace to be extended to us and through us, for his Spirit to form us in his image, and for one another and for those outside the church.

These five values—grace, formation, community, mission, and prayer—hold us together and express our unique way of being and doing church. We believe practicing the way of Jesus together is the only way to see the renewal in our world that we are praying to see. And we're so glad to be doing this together!

# WHERE WE'VE BEEN

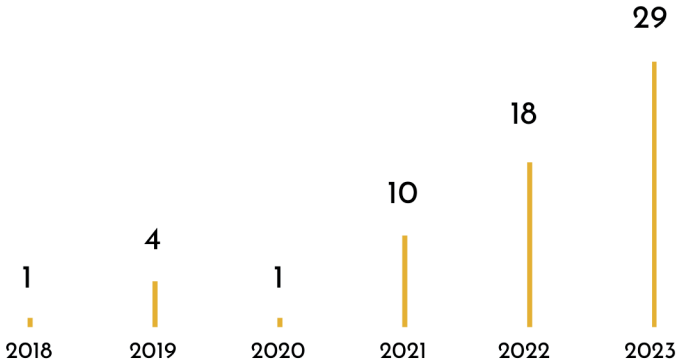
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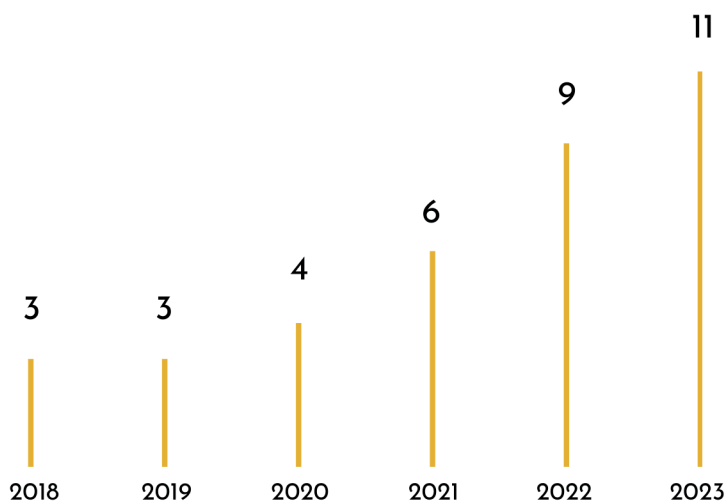


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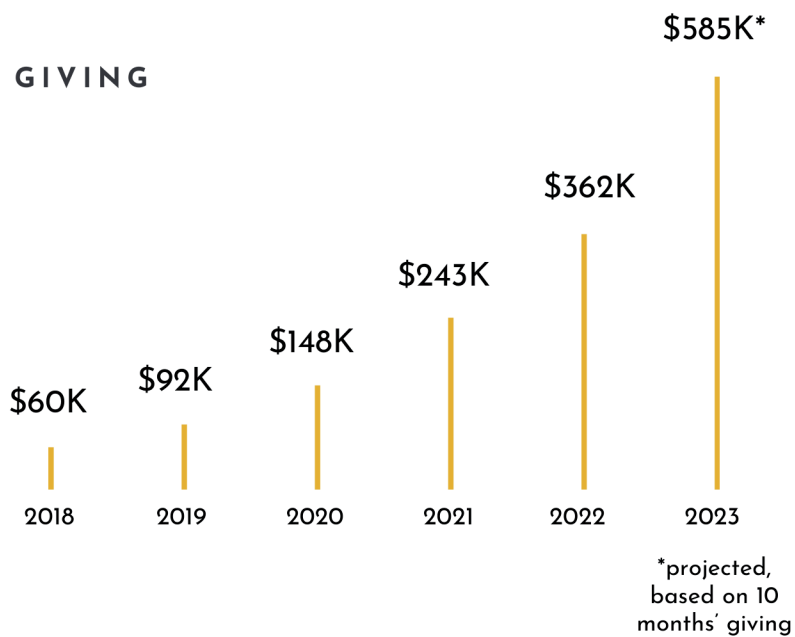
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## COMMUNITY GROUPS



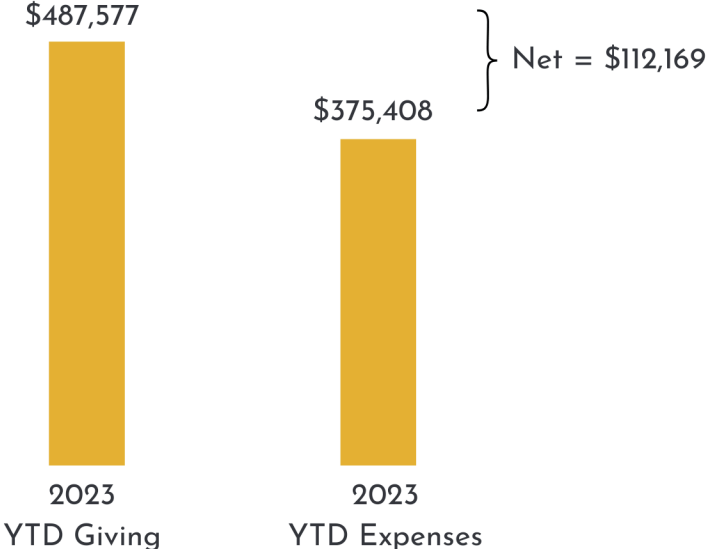
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# WHERE WE'RE AT

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## Financial Report



Current Cash Reserve  
\$336,691  
As of November 15, 2023





## WHERE WE'RE GOING

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More than six years into our life as a church (and five years into our Sunday gatherings), we have witnessed a lot of growth and innumerable mercies of God. What could be next?

As our vision statement shows, our first task is to “follow.” We’re not primarily leading with vision as much as we are following Jesus through prayer and dependence on him. As a result, we don’t lay out grand plans and set strategies and key metrics. We seek the Father’s face for his will for us as a people, and follow him with happy obedience as he leads us further than we could ever imagine.

How do we sense the Lord leading us together? In the year ahead, we are hoping and praying to see greater depth in the gospel and intimacy with God. We’re praying that we’d grow more bold in sharing our faith and more fruitful in celebrating baptisms. We’re praying for more growth in attendance, community groups, and kids & student ministries.

Specifically, we sense the Lord leading us into greater stability as a church family. We’re not primarily concerned with growing larger or multiplying in this season. We sense the need to put down roots and be more stable as a congregation and organization. To that end, we’ve been saving funds and seeking the Lord’s will for a longterm ministry base, from which we can plant churches, start a nonprofit mercy ministry, and send missionaries out into all the nations. We hope you’re as excited as we are, and we ask you again to commit all this to prayer. The Lord is faithful!

# MISSION PARTNERS

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**MY LIFE CLINIC**  
Pregnancy services & support



**CITY OF REFUGE**  
Refugee support & care



**K-LIFE**  
Student ministries



**STUMO**  
Austin & Haley McGaugh





## PERSPECTIVES

Elizabeth Clark



## CENTRAL ASIA

Michael & Julie



## CHURCH PLANTING

Identity Church, Daytona FL;  
Harbor Network



## SPAIN

Stephen & Ashley; Brian &  
Kassie



# WHERE YOU BELONG

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## GATHER

Our Sunday gatherings are our primary place for us to connect with one another, be shaped by God's word, and sing and pray together. We encourage you to make these Sunday gatherings a priority in your life and schedule. We're also so thankful for all those who serve with our worship, setup, hospitality, and sound teams!

## BELONG

But Sunday gatherings are only half the church! We're not a church with groups; we're a church of groups. With eleven community groups across town, we hope to see you get connected into a smaller body of believers who can care for you, encourage you, and challenge you into greater Christlikeness. We're so thankful for our community group leaders!

## SERVE

Jesus himself, King of the universe, didn't come to be served but to serve. In the same way, serving is part of how we practice the way of Jesus together. We are so thankful for our Trinity Kids servants, more than 70 volunteers who serve our children and families monthly. We're thankful for our new Student ministry leaders for providing a fun space for our growing students. And we're thankful for those who serve on our mercy, world missions, and womens ministry teams.

## GIVE

The whole church thrives as everyone participates, and we have been so blessed by your generous giving each and every year. There's no mature spiritual formation without a Christlike relationship to money. Our growth in staff, groups, and stability has been due to your generosity! We encourage you to continue giving faithfully, so that the church can continue to thrive and reach our community—and beyond. If you haven't done so yet, we encourage you to set up regular giving at [trinitymo.org/give](http://trinitymo.org/give).



# RENEWAL FUND

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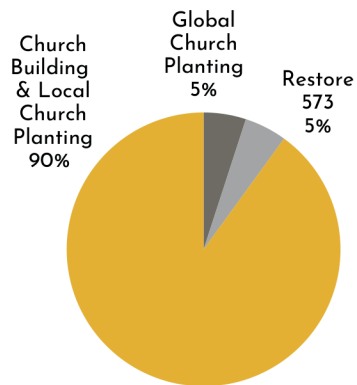
As we've grown as a church, we see the need to be prayerful and intentional with our funds and future plans. We sense that we will likely need a more permanent facility before focusing on church planting—although that's in our long-term plans. In this season, we want to offer an opportunity to give above your regular tithes to create a financial reserve for our future needs.

We don't anticipate leaving CFS any time soon; we're actively pursuing to renew our lease for several more years. But as CFS is seeing significant growth (and we are too), they may not be able to rent to us forever. In the event that we couldn't meet there much longer, it becomes increasingly difficult to relocate a larger congregation.

The Renewal Fund is not a full campaign; it's a savings account to give us a good foundation for future growth. We envision the need to purchase, renovate, or build a facility in the next five years, and having a portion of the funds already on hand will help us stay focused on ministry. If we wait to intentionally build savings, we run the risk of needing to focus on an intense season of fundraising down the line.

Our Renewal Fund is focused on Trinity's future growth (church building and local church planting) but also includes a minimum of ten percent funding to establish Serve 573, a nonprofit mercy ministry, as well as a global church planting ministry. We anticipate formally starting these two ministries in the next five years also.

What exactly do we anticipate in the next 5-7 years? We're praying for continued sustainable growth. Of course, we're not a strategy-led church; we're a prayer-led church. In prayer, we believe God has put in our hearts the desire to reach people locally, plant churches around Central Missouri, meet the practical needs of our community, and equip church planters and missionaries to go out across the country and to the nations. This Renewal Fund is a great next step in seeing all this happen!



You can read more and find ways to contribute to the Renewal Fund at [trinitymo.org/renewalfund](http://trinitymo.org/renewalfund).



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