# Church Report

### **MISSION**

Our mission is to seek first the Kingdom of God in all we do, to minister Christ to mankind, and to give hope and help through God's word and our deeds.

### **VISION**

The vision of The Worship Center is to be the premier church where people are saved, delivered, disciplined, equipped, and empowered to serve the church and community.

2023 Theme:

...still building



### **CORE VALUES**

#### Family Relationships

Loving relationships should permeate every aspect of church life and there is nothing more important than strong united families.

#### The Gift of Character

We intentionally empower and equip every person to minister their gifts and passion more overly character is more important than talent.

#### Sound Doctrine

A set of beliefs balanced on nonnegotiable foundational truths which shape our faith.

### Relevant Evangelism

Meet people where they are while remaining culturally sensitive without compromising Biblical standards. We effectively service our community and treat everyone with love, respect, and dignity.

#### Worship

In order to exalt Christ as the center of every aspect of our lives we believe we must do it in excellence which honors God in Spirit and in Truth.

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It is with excitement, joy, and love that I greet you. The year 2023 challenge each of us to remain charged to "Build". The building process is temperance versus time and we continued to "build" throughout 2023. I want to thank everyone for their commitment to the vision of TWC and support of me as your leader. It is with pleasure that I serve each of you and count it a privile In 2023, we accomplished much. The 2nd & 3rd phase of our "Renovation & Real Estate Capital Campaign" was completed, we exceeded our budget revenues, 15 souls were saved, 46 members were added to our families in our community, donated supplies and hot meals to nearby nursing home facilities, created new ministries to serve effectively, gifted over 200 children with Christmas toys and new winter coats and more! Together we can continue to reshape our community into kingdom. In 2024, I believe as we manifer blessings of God will manifest! your leader. It is with pleasure that I serve each of you and count it a privilege. Christmas toys and new winter coats and more! Together we can continue to



### Our Hope for a Glorious Future

Oswald Chambers, an early twentieth century Scottish evangelist who aligned with the Holiness Movement, wrote about "the unfathomable sadness of 'the might have been' as it relates to our

experiences of loss and disappointment that leaves us feeling angry, guilty, and confused. Whether our

choices have closed some doors that will never reopen or, through no fault of our own, tragedy invades our lives. We may try to suppress the painful memory, but soon discover that we can't.

Chambers further reminds us that the Lord is still active in our lives. "Never be afraid when God brings back the past," he said. "Let memory have its way. It is a minister of God with its rebuke and chastisement and

sorrow. God will turn the 'might have been' into a wonderful [place of growth].

In Old Testament days when God sent the people of Israel into exile in Babylon, He told them to serve Him in that foreign land and grow in faith until He brought them back to their home. "For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'" (Jer. 29:11).

First, notice the verse says that God knows the plans. He knows fully well what He's about to do with His people. He knows every detail of His plan. There's nothing out there that God hasn't already considered.



Second, these plans are carefully designed by God. Notice that these are God's plans. These aren't the plans of the people of Israel and these aren't Jeremiah's plans. They were extremely well-thought out. Nothing was left to chance. Third, notice that these plans are blessed. The Bible says these plans are for our welfare and not calamity. God is not scheming their demise. God is not planning for their failure or destruction. God is planning for their welfare. These are plans for their good. Who would ever want to go against God's plans for their life, and yet we do it all the time. God goes before us and behind, and He's right there beside us all the way. All we have to do is be willing to submit ourselves to His plans, rather than our own. Fourth, notice that these plans are graciously given. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Do the Israelites deserve a future at this point? No, they've been disobedient and rebellious, that's why they're in captivity. Yet, despite their rebellion, God is already making plans to bless them. God's out in front of this entire scene and He's making plans to bless His disobedient children. Fifth and finally, notice that the goal of these plans is a future and a hope. Now, in one sense the Jews were always going to have a future. It might be a future measured in minutes or days or weeks, perhaps even years. But that's not the point of this word. The future for God's

children is always great and glorious. The best is always yet to come. Why? Because God's plans always point to hope. Hope that's not uncertain, but hope that's grounded in the reality of Christ Jesus.

So, as we reflect on this most glorious and beautiful promise of hope in God's word, may we seek Him with all of our hearts. May we call upon Him. May we pray to Him. May we seek to glorify God in all that we do, knowing that He already has great and wonderful plans for us and our future with Him. God can use our deepest disappointments to nurture our faith in Him. God will turn the might have been into a wonderful culture for the future.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Throughout the year, our ministers and missionaries maintained our community efforts.

Every 3rd Saturday in the months of January through November, we gave away boxes of groceries, new household items, and clothing.

In the month of August, they partnered w/our Health & Wellness ministry to distribute backpack and school supplies along w/multiple free health screenings.

In September we honored the educators and support staff of Harris Elementary, London Bridges Day Care, and TWC during our first Education Appreciation Sunday.

Our 3rd Annual Miracles in McAlmont was a huge success as we blessed over 200 children with three or more toys and new winter coats.

As a church, we will continue to focus on the meeting the needs of the people in our community!



# Kingdom KIDS

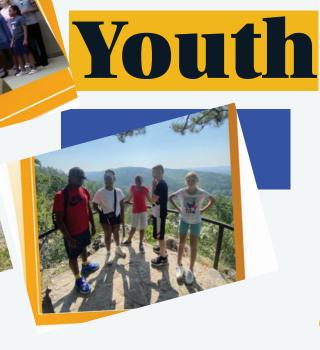






TWC Kingdom Kids had a great year. We were blessed with 8 additional children this year and we are super excited about the growth. We held our 3rd Annuel Summer Camp with our theme: LEGO and Trust God!. We learned how to depend on God and trust Him through all of life's situations. After the camp, the kids had a fun in the sun. The kids enjoyed a giant water slide, cotton candy, and snow cones.

Kingdom Kids also participated in our First Candlelight Service since Covid! As they marched in singing, they certainly let their lights shine. Throughout the year Children's Church is held every 2nd and 3rd Sundays and Sunshine Band 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays for training, fellowship and worship. We are thrilled about our Kingdom Kids becoming!



## Women's Jepartment









The womens department is a very intricate part of TWC. Prayer & Bible Band, YWCC, CWC, BPFW, Sunshine Band, Missionaries Circle, and Ladies Sinday School supply many opportunities for individual growth. Young Women Christian Counsel (YWCC), thrived with the active participation of 35 dedicated members. Throughout the year, they successfully organized two impactful events purposefully designed to align with God's plan for each individual, as we collectively strive to build our lives by His divine guidance.

The Business & Professional Womens Federation hosted a "Branding & Marketing Symposium" on 7/18/23 at 7pm. The guest speaker was Mr. Myron Jackson, of the Design Group in Little Rock AR. There were approximately 40 TWC business owners in attendance. It was well received and proved to be a successful event given the feedback from attendees. Annual Women's Weekend was phenomenal. Dr. Lawanne Grant ministered an empowering word for the Builder's Brunch and Women's Annual Day!

Men's
Ministry

In 2023, the Deacons and Brotherhood Ministries were able to complete multiple events in our strive to grow and make good men better. We had several Men Locker Room sessions, we conducted our Annual Super Bowl fellowship, two Church wide cleanups, College Football fellowship, and served our local community during Kingdom Giveaway.

Our Annual Men's Conference was a weekend to remember, we walked a mile together, had a serious discussion about men's issues, lead worship, and was blessed to hear a powerful word from Pastor John Smith entitled "Man, Marriage & Ministry!" With the help of God, the Deacon and Brotherhood ministries are determined to stay dedicated, sharpened, and ready for the tasks assigned in the future.







### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

# Single's Ministry



For 2023, the Singles Ministry continued to build through bible study sessions and fellowships. During the summer, they hosted a Singles Conference that gave tools to conquer soul-ties and ended the year with an exciting Christmas dinner outing in downtown Little Rock!





### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Marriage

Our marriage ministry continued to build strong married couples in 2023. They begin the year with a Valentine's Couples night in February. Fun & fellowship was on the agenda for couple's game night along w/meaningful discussion.

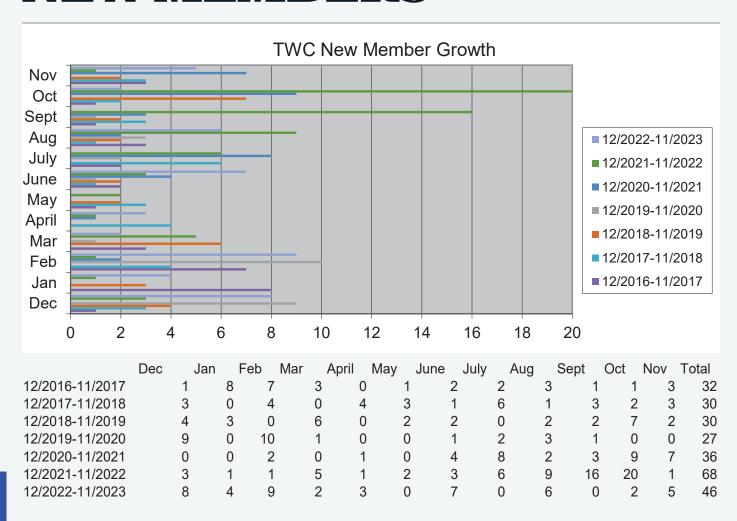
A marriage workshop was offered to give information in the areas of strengthening bonds and improving communication God's way and they ended the year with a Marriage Retreat in Branson, MO!

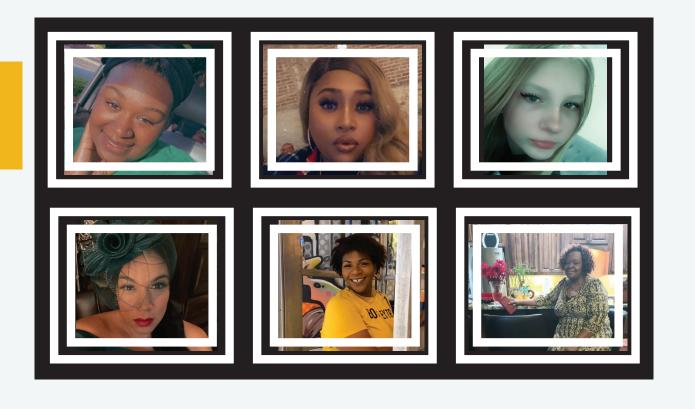




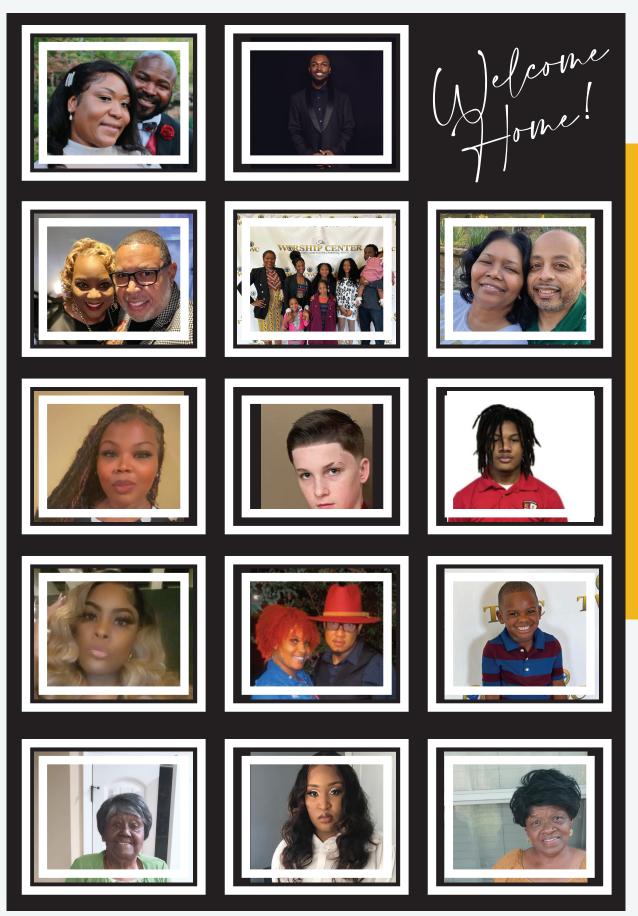


### **NEW MEMBERS**





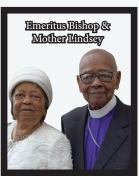
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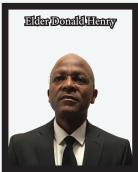


# ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT STAFF

















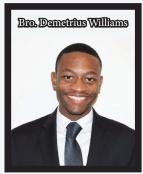




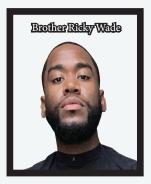






















# BUDGET





Revenues				Exp	enses
\$414,045					1,009
TWC 2024 Proposed Budget					
Revenues:			Expenses:		
Tithes & Offerings	\$	348,182	Administration	\$	186,678
Departmental Ministries:			Operations	\$	10,000
Mission/Lent	\$	6,000	Guest Speakers	\$	7,500
Sunday School	\$	20,000	Gift	\$	32,500
Men	\$	3,000	Mortgage Payment	\$	70,824
Women	\$	6,000	Utilities	\$	16,500
Youth/YAM	\$	1,000	Property Insurance	\$	15,000
Children	\$	1,000	Telephone/Internet	\$	2,100
Marriage	\$	2,500	Property Maintenance/Equipment	\$	6,000
Music	\$	700	P.O. Box/Postage	\$	450
SUB TOTAL:	\$	40,200	Literature	\$	1,200
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Credential Holders/COGIC Reports	\$	1,800	Advertising	\$	2,000
Pentecost	\$	2,000	COGIC Reports/Credential Holders	\$	4,500
Good Shepherd	\$	1,000	Beautification	\$	500
Harvest (Giving Tuesday)	\$	30,000	Payroll Taxes	\$	11,000
TOTAL:	\$	423,182	Payroll Services	\$	2,500
Carryover 2023	\$	5,000	Retirement	\$	6,000
GRAND TOTAL:	\$	428,182	COGIC Insurance	\$	1,000
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			Good Shepherd	\$	1,000
			T-shirts	\$	500
			Property Tax	\$	30
			Scholarship	\$	1,000
			Miscellaneous Gifts	\$	3,300
			Departmental Ministries:	•	-,
			Hospitality/Benevolence	\$	7,000
			Missions/Outreach	\$	10,000
			Health & Wellness	\$	600
			Children	\$	2,000
			Singles/Married	\$	4,000
			Youth/YAM	\$	1,500
			Media/Music	\$	7,000
			Counseling	\$	1,000
			Sub-Total	\$	33,100
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