

HELPING PEOPLE
FIND AND FOLLOW
JESUS CHRIST
HERE AND AROUND
THE WORLD.

2023-2024
Annual Report



BRIDGE
CHURCH



A Note From Josh

The Bridge Church has been a portable church since 2001...over twenty years of God's faithfulness through the faithful people who call The Bridge Church home. Since being a part of this church family in 2020, I've seen that faithfulness continue to grow. I am so thankful to be a part of what God is doing in and through our church!

This past year was a specifically impactful year for us as a church. We've broken ground on our new campus on N. River Road and hope to be in before the end of this year. We've seen amazing next steps taken, as shown on the upcoming page, including record attendance during our Sunday services. These numbers are important because they represent people who have experienced Jesus and are growing in their faith! Praise God for all that He is doing in the life of our church!

As we look ahead to this coming year, I am incredibly excited about the continued opportunity for us all to help more people find and follow Jesus Christ, both here and around the world. Luke 10:2 reminds us that the harvest is plentiful. As we look ahead to our new campus, it isn't the finish line, but a new opportunity to make a greater difference in our community and world for the gospel. In fact, once we are on our new campus we will have even more opportunities to "send out workers into His harvest," and that includes every one of us. Some of God's greatest miracles are ahead of us. More kids, students, and adults being saved and transformed by Jesus Christ. I am praying for you and grateful to serve and partner with you for the glory of God.

Josh Robinson, Lead Teaching Pastor



742

GIVING UNITS
(HOUSEHOLDS GIVING)

1,227

**AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE**
(34% GROWTH SINCE LAST YEAR)



609

PEOPLE SERVING



129

PEOPLE BAPTIZED

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740

PEOPLE IN GROUPS
(34% GROWTH SINCE LAST YEAR)

72 GROUPS
(30 ADDED THIS YEAR)



583

**KIDS & STUDENTS
ENGAGED**



GLOBAL AND LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

Africans Reaching Africa AFRICA

Ballew, Joel South America Mission COLOMBIA

Better Together Venice, Florida

Church Missions Network Africa

Cleckner, Steve Priority1 Foundation Venice, Florida

Gil, Shelby 180 House Venice, Florida

Haman, Greg & Sierra Agape Flights CARIBBEAN

Happy Hearts Ministry Venice, Florida

Henderson, Phil & Elin Ethnos 360 MOZAMBIQUE

Larsen, Beth Greater Europe Mission CZECH REPUBLIC

Mission India INDIA

Mudd, Jay Village Point Church Horizon West, Florida

Pregnancy Solutions Venice, Florida

Rebro, Craig & Brenda Sinani SOUTH AFRICA

Ring, Rodney Fellowship of Christian Athletes Venice, Florida

Rooftops Avant Ministries SPAIN/MOROCCO

Rubio, Neff & Alyssa Commission to Every Nation MEXICO

Sanchez, Ricky & Karen YWAM THAILAND

Schroth, Brian Priority 1 Foundation Venice, Florida

Suwak, Sarah Englewood Young Life Englewood, Florida

The Twig Venice, Florida

White, Steve 21C International AFRICA

Financial Update

I am continually amazed at the incredible work that God is doing within our congregation. The past year has been filled with moments of transformation as more individuals have made the life-changing decision to follow Jesus, worship faithfully, connect relationally, live generously, and engage wholeheartedly in our mission to spread the love of Christ both locally and globally. It is truly a privilege to be on this journey with you.

I am eager to share some exciting news regarding our financial standing. Through the unwavering generosity of our members, we have seen remarkable blessings. In the 2023 fiscal year, our total operating income surpassed a record \$3.4 million. This abundance of resources has empowered us to advance our mission in incredible ways.

Furthermore, I am humbled by the overwhelming support we have received for the new campus on N. River Road. So many have graciously given above and beyond, demonstrating their commitment to the vision God has entrusted to us. This extraordinary outpouring of generosity will enable us to continue expanding our reach, touching more lives, and bringing more souls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

In the pages ahead, you will see our budget for 2024. I invite you to join me in prayerful reflection and thanksgiving for God's provision and guidance. Thank you for your steadfast commitment to The Bridge Church and its mission. May we continue to walk united in our dedication to sharing the love of Jesus with a world in need.

With gratitude and blessings,

Allen Smith, Executive Pastor

2024 BUDGET

Expenses

Administration **\$442,742**

Office supplies, office furniture & equipment, cleaning & kitchen supplies, shipping & postage, equipment leasing, elder & deacon expenses, online giving fees, bank fees, subscriptions, mortgage interest payments

Church-Wide Expenses

Easter, Christmas, church-wide special events, Coffee bar expenses

Salaries, Wages & Benefits **\$971,697**

Ministerial staff salaries, housing allowance, support staff, payroll taxes, benefit compensation

Staff/Volunteer Related Expenses **\$62,200**

Leadership development, continuing education, professional expense, mileage reimbursement, workers compensation insurance, background screenings, staff appreciation, volunteer appreciation, volunteer equipment & supplies

Contract & Professional Fees **\$64,700**

Payroll service fees, data management system fees, contract labor, security, cleaning & lawn care services

Occupancy **\$144,597**

Rent, utilities, building improvements & repairs, liability insurance

Media, IT & Design Expenses **\$69,450**

Production & design, IT services, software, web & app hosting, texting platform, tech & equipment, media licensing, server

Printing & Marketing **\$22,000**

Outside printing services, marketing, digital publications, mailers

Vehicle Expenses **\$3,750**

Fuel, vehicle insurance, repairs & maintenance, registrations

2024 BUDGET

Expenses (cont.)

Worship Ministry **\$32,300**

Worship facility technology & equipment, leadership development, music & licensing, sermon enhancements, worship team appreciation, honorariums

Children's Ministry (General) **\$50,000**

MEGA Camp, leadership development, tech & equipment

Little Bridge (Nursery/Preschool)

Curriculum, supplies/materials, snacks, parent/child dedication

Kidz World (K-5th Grade)

Curriculum, supplies/materials, Camp KidJam, events

Student Ministry (Grades 6-12) **\$20,500**

Events, camps, retreats, curriculum, leadership development, weekly program, middle bridge, food/snacks

Discipleship Ministries (General) **\$20,600**

Small group curriculum & expenses, childcare, marriage ministry supplies & events

Men's Ministry

Men's events, Radical Mentoring & retreat

Care Ministry **\$9,000**

Hospitality, Communion supplies, baptism supplies, teacher appreciation, senior ministry events & expenses, curriculum, leadership development

Women's Ministry **\$15,500**

Supplies & curriculum, leadership development, Flourish mentoring program & retreat

Connections **\$8,650**

First-time guests, Starting Point, Growth Path, assessments

2024 BUDGET

Expenses (cont.)

Missions (15.5% of Approved Budget Before Mortgage Interest Payments)

Global Outreach (13%)	\$209,514
Local Outreach (.5%)	\$8,058
Starfish/Benevolence Ministry (1%)	\$16,116
Crisis Counseling (1%)	\$16,116
Total Budget	\$2,187,490
Average Weekly Need	\$42,067





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