

2023

Annual Report



Assembly of God
Kirksville, MO

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
KIRKSVILLE, MO

WALKING BY FAITH

A Year of New Beginnings

Wow, what a year 2023 was! God is doing amazing things in our church. I am so grateful (and yes, a little surprised) to be your pastor! it became official when members voted me in unanimously back in April. It is an awesome responsibility, But I thank God for His Spirit and for the wonderful people of this church that He has blessed me with.

We have undergone some pretty important strengthening programs in the church. We updated the Sound System in January. We implemented a church wide Bible Engagement Curriculum in September. We developed a team to explore and evaluate our facilities. We held two special town hall meetings to discuss the renovations.

We are seeing spiritual growth as well. Five people were baptized in December. Attendance in Sunday morning services are up as well. I can tell from the depth of questions and discussions in the small groups that I attend that there is a growing hunger for the things of God. And also a desire to dive deeper into His word and in relationship with Him through the Holy Spirit! We also have two people who started their Pathways Training to further their Christ-centered education; Logan Fullerton and Jamie Stephenson. It is a desire of mine to start more on the Pathway!

Another personal desire of mine when I think about the church is four parts. I want the church to be Christ-Centered, Bible-Engaged, Spirit-Empowered, and Missions-Participating. I have given more detail about these in the monthly newsletter that Bobbie produces for us. I am so thankful for Bobbie's dedicated efforts. She makes it possible for me to pastor this church by handling so much of the day-to-day.

I am also thankful for the current board members: Lois, Jason, Brice, and Matthew. They are faithful servants of this church and offer me such great support (and correction) when I need it. We are definitely all in this together for the Kingdom of God!

I very much look forward to what God has in store for His church in the coming year, as well. We will begin Phase 1 of renovations in the spring. We will send more kids to camp in the summer. We will see more baptisms. We will become more Christ-Centered, Bible-Engaged, Spirit-Empowered, and Missions-Participating.



Shawn and Angela Meintz
Lead Pastors

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Pastors Shawn and Angela

accepted the role of pastors with graceful and willing hearts. When Pastor Jeff accepted a position in Tennessee, Shawn and Angela stepped up to fill that position until we found a permanent pastor. But little did we know that God had our permanent pastor here all along in Pastor Shawn. In April, we voted unanimously to hire Shawn to be our Lead Pastor.



Pastor Shawn's Official Installation

On August 27, Pastor Shawn was officially installed as our pastor. Pastor Paul McDonald from the District came and did the installation. It was a great blessing and honor to witness such an event. It has been exciting to see Pastor Shawn grow in this new role .



The Shepherd's Staff

When Pastor Paul was passing the Shepherd Staff to Pastor Shawn, Pastor Paul explained that the staff was a symbol used to lead and guide the flock, just as Jesus - the Great Shepherd - leads us. This is a significant moment in which a pastor is presented with the Shepherd's Staff. The pastor has a great responsibility to not only his flock, but to Christ, and not to be taken lightly.

Our church continuously lifts Pastor Shawn and his family up in prayer as they lead our church.



Membership Roll

Cook, Alice
Dennis, Jason
Dennis, Joyce
Ellis, Addie
Ellis, Blytha
Ellis, Matthew
Ellis, Navarone
Ellis, Tiffany
Farwell, Mary
Farwell, Tom
Fast, Arlene
Flynn, Sandra
Fullerton, Logan

Haley, Tiffany
Helton, Lois
Kelso, Brice
Kelso, Raelynn
Lloyd, Judy
Meintz, Angela
Meintz, Shawn
Nigh, Kelli
Nigh, Toby
Robbins, Brennan
Robbins, Jenifer
Robertson, Joyce
Robie, Bobbie

Robie, Meta
Sack, Al
Shada, Linda
Stewart, Meagan
Sweet, Charlotte
Taylor, Julie
Tuttle, Bonnie
Tuttle, John
Yaukey, Justin
Yaukey, Kendra

Total Active Members: 38
Needed for Quorum: 10

Inactive Members

Darla Jaynes

2023 Financial Statement

INCOME

Checking	\$121,664.04
She Believes Women's Ministry	\$2,876.03
Benevolence	\$1,258.04
Youth	\$5.00
Royal Rangers	\$3.00
Missionettes	\$2.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$125,808.11

EXPENSES

District Expense/Pastors Guest Speaker	\$0.00
Expenses Guest Speakers	\$4,254.43
Secretary/Bookkeeper	\$1,821.74
Pastor Salary	\$21,387.10
Taxes - Quarterly/Payroll	\$20,135.56
Janitorial Supplies	\$4,395.84
Grounds Care	\$1,166.52
Janitorial Services	\$6,620.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$5,184.00
Utilities - Water	\$3,579.58
Utilities - Natural Gas	\$1,240.53
Utilities - Trash	\$3,191.87
Utilities - Internet	\$1,389.00
Capital Improvement Loan	\$2,784.36
Office Expense	\$4,881.58
Office Service (Contract)	\$2,825.57
Kitchen Supplies	\$564.09
Communion Supplies	\$670.17
Van Expense - Maintenance	\$67.64
Van Expense -Gas	\$1,153.35
Worship/Sound Equipment CCLI	\$0.00
Food Purchases	\$6,216.53
Missionettes	\$388.00
Royal Rangers	\$35.57
Kid's Church	\$110.95
Nursery	\$0.00
Education/Christian Literature	\$27.85
Sunday School/Small Groups	\$0.00
Sunday School Tithes	\$0.00
Youth	\$1,631.48

2023 Financial Statement

She Believes (WM's)	\$4,506.39	
Men's Ministry	\$0.00	
Gifts	\$1,116.94	
Advertising	\$170.00	
GoDaddy Website	\$269.07	
VBS	\$0.00	
Local Evangelism	\$284.52	
Connect Team	\$0.00	
Insurance (Church)	\$7,821.00	
Insurance (Worker's Comp)	\$665.68	
Insurance (Van)	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$102,967.35

TOTAL FOR 2023	\$22,840.76
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First Assembly of God Missions Annual Financial Statement 2023

INCOME

Deposits	\$9,118.14	
TOTAL INCOME:		\$9,118.14

EXPENSES

Mission Expense	\$19.38	
General Council	\$4,242.75	
NOMOAG	\$825.27	
Missions Convention	\$14.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$5,101.40

TOTAL FOR 2023:	\$4,016.74
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First Assembly of God Savings Annual Financial Statement 2023

INCOME

Starting Balance:		\$23,850.77
Deposits:	\$29.91	
TOTAL INCOME:		\$23,880.68

2024 Church Budget

	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Personnel Expenses				\$59,640.00
District Expense/Pastors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,906.68	\$0.00
Guest Speaker Expenses	\$787.38	\$1,200.00	\$4,254.43	\$1,200.00
Guest Speakers	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Sec./Bookkeeper Salary	\$10,832.18	\$21,632.00	\$21,387.10	\$24,115.00
Pastor Salary	\$33,354.46	\$27,500.00	\$20,135.56	\$28,325.00
Taxes - Quarterly/Payroll	\$1,012.94	\$1,200.00	\$4,395.84	\$4,500.00
Shawn Meintz	\$6,000.00			
Building Operations				\$32,284.00
Janitorial Supplies	\$1,196.05	\$500.00	\$1,166.52	\$1,200.00
Grounds Care	\$4,870.00	\$5,500.00	\$6,620.00	\$5,500.00
Janitorial Service	\$2,160.00	\$4,320.00	\$5,184.00	\$5,184.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$372.12	\$4,000.00	\$3,579.58	\$4,000.00
Utilities - Water	\$1,446.50	\$1,500.00	\$1,240.53	\$1,500.00
Utilities - Electricity	\$8,528.17	\$7,500.00	\$8,433.03	\$8,500.00
Utilities - Natural Gas	\$1,548.53	\$2,500.00	\$3,191.87	\$2,500.00
Utilities - Trash	\$1,194.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,389.00	\$1,100.00
Utilities - Internet	\$3,776.84	\$3,500.00	\$2,784.36	\$2,800.00
Debt Service				\$5,316.92
Capital Improvement Loan	\$6,217.92	\$5,316.92	\$4,881.58	\$5,316.92
Property & Equipment				\$5,933.09
Office Expense	\$2,864.01	\$1,200.00	\$2,825.57	\$500.00
Office Service (Contract)	\$537.23	\$564.09	\$564.09	\$564.09
Aplos (Bookkeeping)				\$1,200.00
Gusto (Payroll)				\$744.00
Postage	\$195.50	\$500.00		\$250.00
Kitchen Supplies			\$670.17	\$700.00
Communion Supplies			\$67.64	\$75.00
Van Expense - Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,153.35	\$1,000.00
Van Expense - Gas	\$55.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Worship/Sound Equipment	\$14,069.00	\$500.00	\$6,216.53	\$400.00
Supplies - Church	\$632.82	\$1,800.00	\$737.81	
Direct Ministry Costs				\$19,040.00
CCLI	\$321.00	\$321.00	\$388.00	\$340.00
Food Purchases	\$704.37	\$750.00	\$35.57	\$500.00
Missionettes	\$55.38	\$300.00	\$1,442.93	\$1,200.00
Royal Rangers			\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Kid's Church	\$129.22	\$500.00	\$122.85	\$1,200.00
Educational/Christian Literature	\$279.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Sunday School/Small Groups	\$399.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Sunday School Tithes	\$0.00	\$250.00		\$0.00

2024 Church Budget

				\$1,524.00
Outreach Expense	\$210.00	\$300.00	\$170.00	\$500.00
Advertising	\$323.88	\$324.00	\$269.07	\$324.00
GoDaddy Website	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
VBS	\$362.24		\$284.52	\$200.00
Local Evangelism				\$500.00
Connect Team				
High Hope Christmas	\$851.49		\$357.69	
Missions				\$11,925.00
General Council Offering	\$9,741.26		\$10,080.00	\$10,080.00
NOMOAG Offering			\$780.00	\$845.00
Missions Banquet				\$1,000.00
Expansion				
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Annual	\$131,811.36	\$105,678.01	\$134,454.33	\$135,663.01

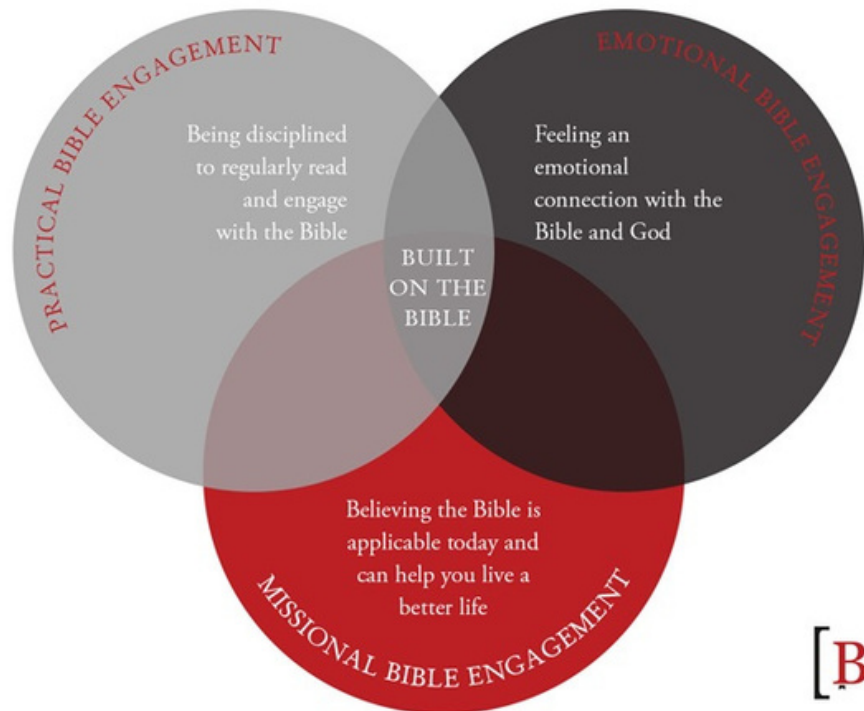
Bible Engagement Project

2023 BROUGHT US EVEN DEEPER INTO GOD'S WORD!

In September, all of our discipleship classes and small groups started the Bible Engagement Project. The BEP comes with an app so you can read your daily devotions ANYWHERE!



**BUILT ON
THE BIBLE:**
THREE DOMAINS
OF INFLUENCE



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BAPTISMS

This year also brought 5 new baptisms! It was awesome to see Evelyn Castro, Addie Ellis, Wesley Johnson, John Ratliff, and Julie Taylor show everyone that “that old has passed away and the new has come,” 2 Corinthians 5:17.



LEFT IT IN
THE WATER





Youth Camp

The youth had a blast at camp this year. Leaders Logan Fullerton and Bless Napo was able to go this year to be a help to Shawn and Angela.

Current Vision: "to help students develop a Christian worldview that creates a generation of Biblically literate students who follow Jesus with their whole being."

NextGen Youth

Youth Ministry

2023 was a great year for the teens in our church. We have a core group of four youth that come on Wednesday nights. We do songs and have a Bible Engagement Project lesson from the Word of God. Logan Fullerton has stepped in to help Shawn and Angela teach and disciple the students and her assistance is greatly appreciated.

In the Spring of 2023, Angela took two girls to the Called Retreat where they were able to hear how best to reach their school for Christ and were gifted NLT Fire Bibles.

At camp this Summer, the students were able to encounter God with other youth from across North Missouri. God was able to move in the students' lives and rekindle a desire to grow closer to Him.



Team Pink

College/Career

College/Career Ministry

This Bible study meets on Monday nights at the home of Shawn and Angela. the group connects with anywhere from 5-12 young adults each week. They've completed studies presented by Francis Chan and others on specific books of the Bible.

This group of young adults reached out to the Truman students in the Fall during the student welcome. They were able to talk and connect with about 250 students that night. A gift card game and popsicles were shared with the people who stopped by the table, as well as, information about the church. Thank you Meagan, Evelyn, and Logan for reaching out to our community.



Truman Student Welcom

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Sunday Morning Kids Ministry



Children's Church

Children's Church is offered to children ages 4-12. On a typical Sunday we serve anywhere from 5-15 kids. Angela is currently working with this age group and is assisted by our middle school girls. We have also worked to collect more information about the students who come through our doors. We have paperwork for first time visitors, as well as, paperwork for our regular attenders to complete. It gives us permission to use student images on our social media sites and publications. It also lets us know about the student's needs and contact information.

We have worked to provide a quality curriculum for the students. In following with our vision of giving kids a great foundation of biblical knowledge and a biblical worldview we are using the Bible Engagement Project lessons for kids in the Listen series. Each week, there is a game, a Bible story, an application lesson, and a time of worship and prayer.

For the majority of the year, the second Sunday of the month was our BGMC Sunday. The kids collected monies for missionaries and also heard about a country where the Word of God is being spread by the missionaries we support.



Kid's Camp

In 2023, we were able to take three girls and three boys to Kids Camp. This year (2024), we are once again planning to take a group to Kids Camp. They are offering a half week or full week option. We are deciding at the moment which option would be for our students.

Nursery

We have a team of volunteers who are ready to serve, play, read, and pray with our littlest kids. Thank you to Denita, Jenifer, Kelli, Lois, Raelynn, Addie Kennedy, Kendra, and Carli. Your service is appreciated.

There is a schedule that is followed in the nursery that provides these students with a time of play, a time of snack, a time of Bible story, and coloring time. We continue to use a check-in and check-out procedure that should make parents feel more comfortable using the service we provide. Upon entering the nursery, parents are given a sticker that shares pertinent information about the parent, child, and the child's needs for that time period. This keeps the children safe and nursery workers informed. Our nursery staff are ready to serve families who walk through our doors. In the last year, our youngest members have moved up to the Pre-K programs, so this service has not been utilized as frequently as it has in the past. But we are excited about the addition of new children in our faith community!

Current Vision: "to help kids develop a Christian worldview that creates a generation of Biblically literate kids who follow Jesus with their whole being."

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Sunday Morning Kids Ministry



GLOW HUNT 2023

We worked to plan activities around Easter – the Glow Hunt and an invitation outreach to families that our children know – and plan to run that again this year.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children worked on and performed a Christmas program under the direction of Angela.



Christ
our Saviour
is Born



NextGen

Wednesday Night Kid's Programs

ROYAL RANGERS

Matthew Ellis, Toby Nigh, and Brice Kelso have worked to establish a Royal Rangers program on Wednesday nights. Royal Rangers is an activity-based, small-group ministry for boys and young men. They have been working through the curriculum and providing the boys with a variety of activities - games, Bible story, application, crafts, snacks, etc. Right now our groups focus on boys in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Currently they with anywhere from 2-12 boys. Thank you for serving Matt, Toby, and Brice.

MISSIONETTES

Prims and Stars are activity-based small-group ministries for girls. The girls spend four weeks studying a topic like creation, cooking, community, or Bible. There is a time of praying, lessons, and an activity. Typically this program serves between 5-15 girls.

Tiffany Ellis and Raelynn Kelso work with these girls. Your time, energy, and efforts are greatly appreciated.



BACK-2-SCHOOL BASH

In 2023, we hosted a Back to School Night in August. We were able to bless about 40 that night with dinner, games, a Bible lesson, and school supplies to send off with them. Thank you for your generosity in giving to our students.

Halloween Town 2023 Outreach



Pastor Appreciation October 22, 2023

We are blessed to have Pastor Shawn be our shepherd. We are all learning and growing as a unified church.



Maintenance and Facilities Team

Led by Pastor Shawn, the Facilities Team was formed to evaluate the structure/building situations with the Fellowship Hall. Members Brennan Robbins, Tiffany Ellis, Mary Farwell, and the Board have come up with a great plan for the upcoming renovations. The new, white roof will cost \$20,400 and will be done as soon as there's a break in the weather. The ceiling will also be repaneled. Any mold and rot will be replaced. This will be done in the main area and all the upstairs.

The upstairs carpet will then be removed and the floor fixed. They plan to take out a couple of walls in the youth room. Paneling and paint will also be done on the walls. Next step will be the floors. It's exciting to see what is going to happen and what God has planned!

Worship/Sound Team

The worship team ran smoothly in 2023. We got the new sound system installed in January, and it's amazing. Thank you church family for your generosity in supplying that! It is awesome to have new people step in and help to lead services.

Thank you to Logan and Rabbi, Charlotte and Brenda for filling in when needed. We appreciate our band members: Shawn, Jackson, Matthew, Addie, Rick, and Jason for faithfully serving. What a blessing to the church you are!

Angela has been doing a great job leading us in worship since Shawn has started preaching. We've seen the Spirit move in our services which is exactly what we need.

Thank you also to Brennan, Jenifer, Meagan, Brice and Al for always making sure the music slides and sound is working. We couldn't do it without you!

Al Sack prefers to work behind the scenes when it comes to keeping the maintenance up in the church. He's been extremely helpful taking care of any leaks, minor handyman stuff, and whatever Bobbie needs help with! Al always keeps us up to fire code and makes sure everything is working and going smoothly around the church. We appreciate you Al!

Connection Groups

Sunday Morning
9:30 a.m.

Pastor Shawn's Sunday morning small group started off doing deep dives into biblical understandings using David Platt's, "Secret Church," outlines. They transitioned in September to be an enrichment group for the Bible Engagement Project. We have great discussions and get deep into the Bible every Sunday morning!

In Jason's class they have anywhere from 5-12 attendees. They enjoy the participation from the group as they dive into God's word each week through the lessons.

1st & 3rd
Sunday Evening
6:00 p.m.

The Meintz connection group has anywhere from 8-20 people showing up. We enjoy food and fellowship. We've been reading entire books of the New Testament aloud together and having incredible discussions. If you are not part of a small group, join one or start one up! The Dennis connection group has around 6 people that attend each group. We enjoy food and fellowship. We discuss a different topic each week and as on Sunday mornings, we really enjoy the feedback and thoughts of others. It's a great time of fellowship.

She Believes **IN REVIEW** Women's Ministry

In 2023 we had our first annual women's event, that was made possible 100% through fundraising. There were almost 100 in attendance, many of whom don't attend church and some non-believers.

Some of us went to a District Women's Conference, did Secret Sister, had a great Christmas party, and hosted the 6th annual High Hope Christmas party. We are currently discussing what our 2024 year will look like and pray it becomes our best year yet.



2023 NOMO Women's Retreat



She Believes Fellowship at Thousand Hills



She Believes Fellowship at the Historical Society



Christmas Party



High Hope Christmas Party



Shine Event