

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# 2021



Hey Church Family!

As we look to the future, the best footing for the present is a thoughtful understanding of our past. I am excited to once again present our Annual Report, which I hope provides a shared view of our recent past.

2021 was an incredible year, and I am so grateful for all that God has done in and through our church to impact lives. With the opening of our new worship auditorium, we are positioned to reach & teach with excellence for many years to come! We saw many people join a life group where they can belong & become with authenticity. And our Dream Team continues to grow to love & serve with intentionality. All so that those who are far from God can be brought closer to Him.

So as you read through this report and look through these numbers, I pray we never forget that every number has a name, every name has a story, and every story matters to God. We recognize that this impact wouldn't be possible without the hundreds of individuals like you believing in the vision, giving financially, and serving each and every week.



From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU for investing your life and your resources into God's work through Life Church Buffalo. Thank you for your passion to help people know and follow Jesus step by step. I count it as an honor and blessing to be a part of this movement!

**The best is yet to come!**

Humbled and grateful,

*Pete Jankowski*

Lead Pastor

TO HELP PEOPLE  
**KNOW AND FOLLOW**  
**JESUS**  
STEP BY STEP

**REACH & TEACH**  
**BELONG & BECOME**  
**LOVE & SERVE**



**WITH EXCELLENCE**  
**WITH AUTHENTICITY**  
**WITH INTENTIONALITY**

# REACH & TEACH

# 30,197

total attendance 2021

# 43.4%

CONVERSION  
1ST TIME GUEST  
TO 2ND TIME GUEST

195

Second Time Guests

445

First Time Guests

835

EASTER  
EXPERIENCE

913

CHRISTMAS  
EXPERIENCE

# 78

new covenant  
partners in  
2021

Covenant partners commit to:

- Protect the unity of their church
- Share the responsibility of their church
- Serve the ministry of their church
- Support the testimony of their church



5,076



20,473



400

25,949 ONLINE VIEWS



# volunteer spotlight



**35** avg weekly attendees

**18** middle schoolers

**17** high schoolers



**151** avg weekly attendees

including 55 online weekly viewers

**16** KIDS SAID YES TO JESUS in 2021!



## Hunter Johnson

Volunteering in KidsLife this past year has been such a blessing. I remember the impact that my Sunday School Teachers had on me, so to be able to minister to the kids here feels super cool.

One of my favorite Sundays from serving this past year was a day that God moved in our elementary class in a big way. We were having a quiet prayer time at the end of the service. Some other leaders and myself made ourselves available to pray with the children if they needed. I was unsure if they would feel comfortable with us praying directly over them but they loved it. And even more importantly, in that time God was able to give us the words to say to help lead **12 children to accept Jesus**. They declared Jesus as the Leader of their lives and at the end of the day that's what it's all about!

with excellence  
with authenticity  
with intentionality





# BELONG & BECOME

**22** people attended Starting Point in 2021

starting  
point

A CONVERSATION  
ABOUT FAITH



**39** people took their next step & got baptized in 2021!

GrowthPath

**109** people completed Growth Path in 2021

**179**  
**DECISIONS  
FOR CHRIST**

**338** people joined a life group

*"COMMUNITY with others is where relationships are built. We grow spiritually when we connect relationally."*

*-Rich Clarkson, Life Groups Director*

**41** life groups formed



## *Life is better in community ...*

*One of the best things I've experienced as a new life group leader was witnessing someone choose to become a follower of Jesus. She was so eager to be baptized that she had another member of our small group baptize her in front of her family, small group, and a few close friends at her house.*

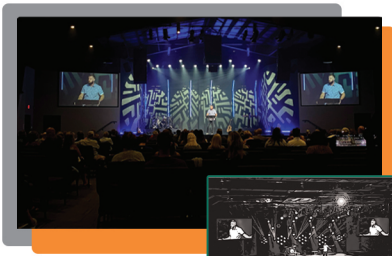
*-Allie Jacobs*



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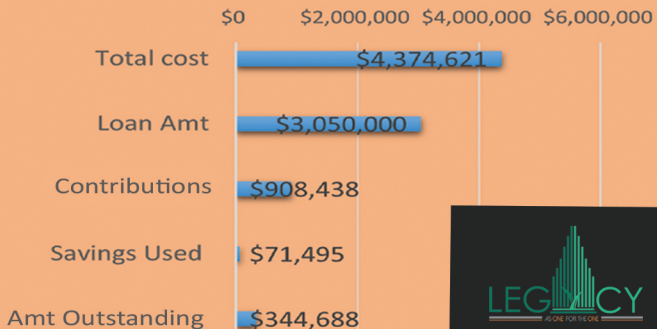


When a *vision* becomes *reality* ...



In 2019, we embarked on a journey to **make more** room for people at every stage of belief ...  
 and the Lord has **provided** through your generous giving to make that dream a **reality!**

## Legacy Campaign



# Grand Opening

10.10.21



# 760

people stepped onto the grounds of our brand new and updated campus!



YOU purchased

# 600

chicken dinners for our community!







# LOVE & SERVE

*Serve & Day*  
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**35** projects  
**962** volunteer positions  
**2504** hours served



# Christmas Wonderland



My family and I wanted to give a big thank you to the whole church staff and everyone that helped make Christmas magical. My daughter cried because she had so much fun last night. She didn't want to leave. We greatly appreciate all the help and support we received yesterday. You opened our hearts and we wanted to thank you by attending a church service as a family for the 1st time together on the 19th. :) We are looking forward to the service you have planned for that day. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all. -M.W.



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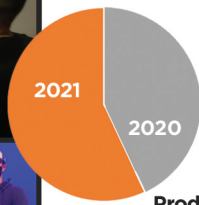


*Dream Team*  
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new dream team members  
**87**

### NEW TEAMS

- Prayer
- Info Booth



Production Team

**32%**

Increase





## TOTAL INCOME 2021

# \$1,277,042

General Offering \$1,155,009  
Designated Offerings \$ 122,033

# 33%

## INCREASE FROM 2020

## SAVINGS

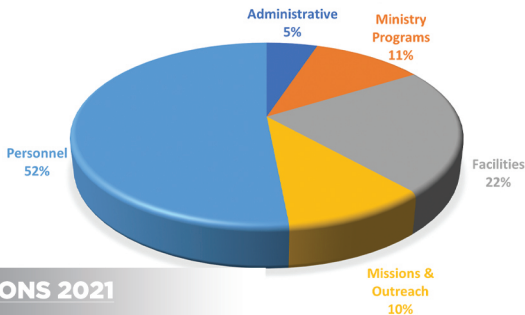
Reserves & Legacy  
Expansion: \$124,888

Missions & Outreach  
Reserves: \$ 69,674

## TOTAL EXPENSES 2021

# \$1,246,036

## BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES



## TOTAL GIVEN TO MISSIONS 2021

# \$121,970

# 11%

given to missions  
from tithes



## MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY LIFE CHURCH BUFFALO

HBI	Carol McCleod Ministries
mPact Churches	Buffalo City Mission
Tri-County Food Pantry	Dream Haiti
8 Days of Hope	PATH
Sisters of Hope Found.	Compass Care
West Seneca Food Bank	
Vertical Chapel (disaster relief)	
Rebecca Rose Recovery Center	
Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy	
Northgate at River Rock	



# WE ENVISION A LOCAL CHURCH OF



joyfully make room for



gather as one each **week**  
proclaim the Good News



belong in small group **community**  
and authentically live it



love their world with intention  
that those far from God



CHRIST FOLLOWERS WHO:

people at every stage of belief

**W**ant to experience God and  
His love in the most excellent way

**W**ant a **community** to grow their faith  
and love out together in real time

**W**ant **intentional, creative outreach** so  
that His love may be brought closer to Him.





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