

**Mountain Lake  
Alliance Church**

**2023  
Annual  
Report**

**Love God Love People**

Lead Pastor  
2023 Annual Report

**THE VISION**  
of Mountain Lake Alliance is to be a Christ-centered, regional, and multigenerational church.

**THE MISSION**  
is to provide ministry to all ages with the intent of reaching and discipling the next generation.

**THE KEY**  
to accomplishing our mission is to  
**LOVE GOD LOVE PEOPLE**

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."  
Matthew 22:37-40

The Key to our mission is growing in our love for God and people. This last fall we took multiple weeks to learn what the love chapter had to say about love. That series was challenging and enlightening to many including myself.

**ALLIANCE**

**A** **B** **C**

**EVERYONE ATTENDS**  
Regularly attend Sunday service

**EVERYONE BELONGS**  
Belong to a group

**EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES**  
Serve with your time, talents, and resources

I believe the ABC's gives us a solid and practical way of applying the vision and mission heard at the Mountain Lake Alliance church!

I believe the tension between Grace and Truth will continually be one of our challenges that we face in 2024. Grace is from God and is based on receiving an undeserved gift unexpectedly. Truth is based on fact and reality of God's ways. Lean too heavily on grace and risk becoming lukewarm in our convictions; lean too heavily on truth and risk becoming cold like the church in Ephesus. In John 1:14 the Bible says Jesus was full of grace AND truth. Jesus did not have tension between grace and truth, instead He fully lived out both. Unfortunately, we are not Jesus who is full of grace and truth. The church, which is us, lives in this tension.

### **A Year of Growth in numbers and people**

2023 was a year that we saw many new families start to attend our church. I'm always hesitant to write about numbers because they can change like the wind. Still, I see God doing a wonderful thing in many families and this church family as a whole. I also believe we are seeing growth in our health as a church. I gage that off of new and more small groups in our adults, teens and children. I believe we are seeing people get better connected. My prayer is for those that don't feel connected at church, 2024 would be the year to join a small group, attend a life class, or volunteer in some ministry. I'm a firm believer that Sunday morning is very important, but it is just as important that one engages in other areas of the church.

### **So Many to Thank**

First, I want to thank God for the wonderful opportunity to serve as Lead Pastor of this church! Next, I want to thank my wonderful staff that makes me look way better than I am; Ricardo, Nik, Kelly, Petra, Miriam, Jessica, Tim, and Johanna. I also want to thank Colleen who was on staff for part of the year. I consider it an honor to serve with you and to have served with you! I could not do this job without you! To our Elders, I appreciate your wisdom and service! To the BOA and Trustees, thank you for all that you do. Much was accomplished in the building this year. I also want to thank the decorating team that has made so amazing changes to the building. Thank you to our wonderful Deaconess board, kitchen team, youth leaders, children's leaders, life learning teachers, small group leaders, mentors, ushers, men's bible study leaders, women's ministry, woman's Christmas party, worship team, media team, trunk or treat team, and safety team. Since this list is endless, please extend me grace for not going on. As you can see, there is so many people that make up the life of this Church! What a wonderful church!!

Finally, I want to thank my wonderful wife and children! I know that I can speak for them when I say we feel loved and appreciated!

Pastor Jeremy Oakland  
Lead Pastor

## Associate Pastor of Worship & Youth 2023 Annual Report

Hello church family! Here are some highlights of this past year 2023

### **Music Ministry**

It is such a joy for me to be able to lead worship. I always look forward to meeting on Sunday mornings and worship with you all. We are blessed to have a great team of volunteers to whom I am thankful for using their gifts and being part of the team.

With the money from the Celebration Offering, we upgraded some equipment in the sanctuary, and also now have the ability to stream. This came in handy with some funerals held there. Thank you to those who gave.

### **Youth Ministry**

Here are some highlights of Youth Ministry:

In March we took a good group of students to the IGNITE conference in Des Moines, Iowa. It was a great time of worship and learning.

In May we had the blessing of baptizing 19 kids! It was so awesome to come together and join with these students and celebrate what God is doing in their lives. Several of the families of these kids were here for that baptism service so it was great to connect with them.

Also in May, I got the privilege to speak at the Baccalaureate service. It's cool that here in town we can be able to have this service for the graduating seniors. And it's cool to see the churches coming together to do this.

That same month we had our Senior banquet. This is a special time for the graduating seniors and their parents to come and enjoy a good meal and also hear a special message for them. This year we had Jimmy Sourile, a fellow pastor friend, come and speak to the students. It was a great night in which we celebrated 14 seniors from our church.

In the summer we had different activities like: worship night, movie night, lake day, Twins game, Valleyfair trip, DJ/Taco Night, and a Talent Show. It was great to connect with the kids in these fun activities.

We have been blessed to see all that God is doing in the youth ministry of our church! Lots of kids are coming each week both from our church, but also kids from the community that normally don't go to a church. We are blessed to have around 90 to 100 students every Wednesday! I've said it before, we are not about numbers, yet we thank God that we can minister to such a great number of students. We are also thankful for the God's provision through you, that we can be able to feed every student on Wednesday nights. This is a great blessing to them and to the families!!

Our leader team is a HUGE help and I can say that this ministry definitely could not function well without them. We have 14 adult leaders as well as 3 student leaders that help lead small

groups. But not only that, they do a great job to connect with the students and lead them to live closer to Jesus.

Our youth worship team is still going strong in spite of losing some students that graduated in May. It's been great to see some of the younger students step to take the place of the seniors that graduated and lead! I know that worship is a favorite part of many of the kids that come on Wednesday nights, and it's really encouraging to see and hear how the kids worship Jesus!!

So far this year we've had 9 kids give their life to Christ!! This is AWESOME!!! Our desire as a church and youth ministry is for kids to know and experience God's gift of salvation, so this is a great blessing!! Please pray for the newly converted and baptized students so their faith can be strong and their relationship with Jesus can be growing each and every day.

Towards the end of the year, we had a 30 passenger bus donated to the church. This has also been a huge blessing because it's being used every week to bring kids to the Wednesday night activities. Special shout out to Rosalie Dick, Audi Nickel, Tim Penner, Kay Swoboda, and Renee Toutges who make it happen to pick and drop off the kids!

We continue to see the Lord moving in mighty ways on Wednesday nights. I ask that you keep praying for our Wednesday night programs: for the kids, for the leaders and for God's presence to be with us! Without His presence, then it's all in vain!

### **Preaching**

I continue to preach occasionally. It's a blessing and a joy for me to do this.

### **Good Sam/Jail**

I continue to have visitation time to Good Sam here in town, every Thursday afternoon. I can say that the group is growing! It's a joy to be able to minister to this group.

I am still on the rotation for jail visitation. I usually go every 6 weeks. This is a great ministry led by Glen Letellier. I'm blessed to be part of this.

### **Hispanic Service**

Our Hispanic Church, "Manantial de Vida" is now meeting at 1pm on Sundays. Because of this, we get to again be part of their service from time to time and lead worship and/or preach. My wife has been also very active in leading a women's Bible study. I know this has been a blessing to the women of the church.

I continue to meet with Rafael for mentoring and guiding in the ministry. He continues with the LEAD training program. He is actually half way done. We have seen improvement in his preaching and leadership skills. Please continue to pray for him, his family and the church Manantial de Vida.

Thank you once again for the privilege to be a part of the Mountain Lake Alliance Church family. I appreciate you all and thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to serve you!!

In Christ,  
Pastor Ricardo Renteria

## Discipleship Pastor 2023 Annual Report

### **Small Groups:**

I continue to develop a small group ministry at Alliance Church. I am passionate about healthy small groups and this year saw 2 new groups added with the hopes of more starting. We currently have 15 adult small groups that meet and minister to each other throughout the year. Most groups meet twice a month to fellowship, pray, study God's Word, and encourage each other. My hope is that this ministry continues to grow with more groups added each year. In addition there are 4 small group coaches to help support, disciple, and pray for our small group leaders. Small groups ministry has its challenges but I believe it is worth it as we encourage each other to love God and love each other.

### **Discipleship/Counseling/Preaching:**

I had the privilege to preach 7 times in 2023. I enjoy the opportunity to share with the congregation and thank Pastor Jeremy for giving me the opportunity to speak. I look forward to continuing this in the year to come. I also provided pulpit supply for another area church. As I am available, I will look to help and support area churches in this way in 2024.

Jackie and I met with a number of individuals to encourage, disciple, counsel, and support in 2023. We are not professional counselors but we do desire to be healthy followers of Christ ourselves and look to help others to become healthy followers of Jesus through the things God has taught us.

We were able to see more than 75 people participate in our Pizza with the Pastors events and about 35 participated in our Alliance 101 classes. Both of these are important to leading people to make Alliance their home and to disciple people in helping them understand who we are and what we do.

Each week throughout the year I write small group questions that follow the sermons to help our small groups have material that points them to what is preached on Sunday. Small group questions are available on the Church Center App.

### **Neighborhood Parties:**

This past year we saw about 4 neighborhood parties. The church supported these by providing meat and buns for meals as well as tips and suggestions for the event. They are a great way for the church to love their community and get to know them. I am hopeful that more will participate in this next year.

**Adult Life learning Classes and Bible Studies:**

There were a variety of Adult Life Learning classes and Bible Studies that were taught this past year that helped disciple our people.. I am grateful for the following teachers and leaders: Bryan Barga, Wade Nelson, Jessica Oakland, Jason Penner, Glen Letellier, Sarah Gwin, Kurt Gwin, Jim Sellers, Doug Standerwick, Joy Barga, Tim Penner, Kurt Jahnke, Karin Poortvliet, Merna Swanson, Colleen Johnson, and Jordan Milbrath.

**Membership/Baptism:**

In May, 19 individuals were baptized. Pastor Ricardo and I baptized all of these individuals. We and the church body celebrated with them as they were baptized on a Wednesday evening. Prior to the service we walked these individuals through the baptism process and are excited to see each of them take this significant step in their faith. We pray they continue to grow in their understanding of who Jesus Christ is and what His death and resurrection accomplished.

**GriefShare and Care Ministry:**

I am grateful for Doug and Martha Standerwick and Calvin and Sue Rempel and their willingness to begin and lead the GriefShare ministry in 2023. Pastor Jeremy and Jessica also provide key support to this ministry and the support of its leaders. GriefShare provided weekly support and encouragement to individuals who have lost someone close to them. This care ministry met throughout 2023. I am grateful for those who have supported this ministry and have invited others to join. I hope to see it continue in 2024.

Gary Poortvliet ministered to many on a weekly bases this past year through personal visits and other connections. Gary leads our care ministry and is a great resource to our church body. I am grateful to Gary and his faithful heart to care for people that God leads him to. Many in this body and the surrounding community have been ministered to by him and I look forward to Gary continuing in this vital ministry in 2024.

**Thank You!**

My family and I would like to thank the congregation for their support and encouragement over this past year. We continually ask for your prayers as we faithfully walk out each joy and challenge as it comes this next year. I am confident that God is at work in this body called Alliance Church.

Discipleship Pastor  
Pastor Nik

## Elementary Children's Ministry 2023 Annual Report

I am incredibly thankful for the privilege of stepping into the role of Elementary Children's Director at Alliance back in May. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know the kids of Alliance Church better and have a passion for building a strong foundation of faith in our children with a love for Jesus and others. We have had an amazing year! Here are a few highlights.

**Kid's Church-** We continue to use the Orange's 252 Curriculum which is full of powerful truths and stories of the Bible while engaging them with fun and discovery. Some of the themes we have explored the last few months have been creativity, integrity, friendship and gratitude. With each month's theme we have specific activities, music, scripture, stories and videos all building into the main theme for deeper understanding.

**Life Learning-** Life Learning in children's ministry continues to be an excellent environment for deeper discipleship in a smaller group setting. This whole last year they had the opportunity to walk through the Life of Jesus and how His story impacts their lives. Each week our gifted volunteers led our kids through the word of God with various engaging activities.

**Summer Family Events-** This summer we hosted two Family Fun Nights at Lawcon Park. We had a great turn out and wonderful weather as we enjoyed food, lawn games, the playground and friends.

**Vacation Bible School-** This last summer we held our annual VBS July 9th-12th. Our theme was *Ready, Set, Move! Follow Jesus Here, There and Everywhere*. This was our second year using Orange curriculum VBS and the kids loved it! The kids started with a free meal and went into an opening large group ice breaker. We had large group time together where we had a team game, worship and a bible story. The kids then went through three rotations of crafts, games and small groups. During the week we had two special guests. The Gideons came and shared and gave each child a New Testament and John and Cindy Gardiner came and shared about Camp Grace. Our average attendance was around 80 kids with over 100 registered for the week! We also had an amazing group of volunteers who did a wonderful job shining the light and love of Jesus to these kids. It was truly beautiful to watch our church body serving and pouring out that week.

**EPIC Kids-** This year I made quite a few changes to our Wednesday night kid's program. Formerly J-Walkers, we started a new curriculum called the *Gospel Project*. When deciding on a curriculum I felt that this Wednesday night group of kids really needed to learn about the basic bible stories as well as continually hear about the gospel as many of the kids that attend do not have a church family. This curriculum checked both of those boxes and I have been so pleased with all that we have learned so far this year! Each unit we have a main question that the kids memorize such as "Why did God create



everything?" "God created everything for His Glory and for our good." We also have a key verse that we learn relating to this main question. We started with Genesis 1:1 and have been working through each story ending with Abraham at Christmas. Because we started a new curriculum I felt like a new name and theme would be nice to tie everything together. Hence the new name EPIC Kids- 'Establishing Purpose In Christ' with the theme verse being Jeremiah 29:11. Each age group has a team name such as KinderClimbers and 1st Ascenders where they compete for points for their mountain man to climb a mountain. First groups to reach the top gets the prize! We also started serving a meal before club starts which has been a wonderful time of connection for the kids. As they finish eating, they can either play 4 square, go to the craft table or the origami table. We then go into large group time where we have worship, hear the Bible story, have a 'Questions from Kids' video that relates to the story and end with group prayer. They then go into rotations of games and small group time. We average around 60 kids each night with over 80 registered. The leaders for EPIC have been so wonderful with their dedication to weekly sharing the love of Jesus and His hope to these kids!

**Christmas Program-** On December 17th, the children of Alliance ages 2 years old through 5th grade participated in *The Hope of Christmas* program during second service. This program walked through the classic nativity story starting from Genesis 1:1 through John the Baptist declaring Jesus as our coming savior. There was a bell choir, Christmas carols, solos and the kid's memorized scripture for this special time of celebrating Jesus' birth!

It has been such a blessing to be a part of these ministries and serving alongside with so many wonderful believers! Thank you church family for all your support to myself and my family this last year!

Johanna Ruby  
Elementary Children's Director

## Early Childhood Ministry 2023 Annual Report

It is my privilege to share what this year has looked like in Early Childhood Ministry! It has been a wonderful year of growth, changes, and fun.

Here are some highlights from the past year:

Nursery - I am incredibly grateful for the roughly 35 volunteers who give their time to care for these little ones. After adding an additional Early Childhood room last year, the volunteer to child ratios have been much better, allowing for volunteers to spend individual time with each child.

Toddler Room - During second service the 2- and 3-year-olds spend time in our Toddler room where we have a variety of activities, coloring pages, toys, and books. Each Sunday children are able to watch a video lesson and do a corresponding coloring page afterwards while they are cared for by a few of our 16 volunteers.

Preschool Room - During second service the 4- and 5-year-olds spend time in our Preschool room. A big highlight for the Preschoolers is putting on our video lesson and then dancing along to each month's theme song. These videos are accessible to families at home as well. We also provide an opportunity to practice the memory verse at home and earn a prize. The children have loved this new addition.

Life Learning - During first service there are two Early Childhood Life Learning classes. 2&3 year olds are together and 4&5 year olds (but not yet in Kindergarten) are in a different room. The 2&3 year olds learn a new Bible story each week and do a corresponding craft. The 4&5 year olds use the HeartShaper curriculum. This curriculum uniquely rotates the content so that children continue to learn new material and Bible verses throughout their time in Early Childhood. I am always in awe of the Life Learning volunteers' dedication to serve these little ones each week.

Indoor Playtime - Roughly once a month the church gym is open for children and parents. This is a time for children to run off their energy, but also a time for parents to connect.

VBS - Preschoolers were thrilled to be able to attend VBS this year. Johanna oversees this event and I assist. For more information on this please see the Elementary Annual Report.

Trunk or Treat - A highlight of my year has become Trunk or Treat. This year was our 4th Annual event and as always it was a great time to connect with our community! Again, this year we made a large semi-circle in our parking lot with the 15 trunks that participated. Families enter by the carport, make their way around the circle of trunks,

take a ride on the hay wagon, and enjoy a hot dog, popcorn, and hot chocolate. There were also games available for children to play as well as a bounce house and balloon animals. We again estimate about 300 children in attendance this year!

Pow Wow Booth - Children's Ministry again provided a bounce house and "mom's room" at Pow Wow. This is a wonderful chance to get to know members of our community! The "mom's rooms" is for any moms at Pow Wow who needed a safe and clean place to change or feed their babies. We received a lot of great feedback and hope to provide this booth again at Pow Wow this next summer.

Christmas Program - The Toddlers and Preschoolers were able to participate in the Christmas Program again this year. The 2&3 year olds sang 'Away in a Manger' and the 4&5 year olds sang 'Angels We Have Heard on High'. They were also able to join in with the Elementary children for the closing song. The children enjoyed all of the times we practiced together before the big day and did a wonderful job sharing these songs with the congregation!

Child Dedication - Again this year we had two child dedications with roughly 5 families having children dedicated each time. This is a joyous day to be a part of! We are thrilled at the number of young families in our church congregation who are choosing to dedicate their children to the Lord!

It has been an honor to serve our church family again this year as the Early Childhood Director. I have a passion for young children and their families, and am incredibly thankful to be able to use this passion at Mountain Lake Alliance Church.

Sincerely,  
Petra Montagne, Early Childhood Director

## Elder Board 2023 Annual Report

The Elders are responsible for spiritual oversight and governance of the church. As Elders we are focused primarily on Vision or Ends; how we believe God is calling us to change the world, for whom, and at what cost. We spend a part of every meeting discussing our vision as a church, the unique problems or situations we are facing, the opportunities and resources God has given us, prioritizing our resources to those ends, and praying for these needs, opportunities, and for guidance and provision, as well as praying for specific people and needs within our body.

The Elder Board is chaired by our Lead Pastor, and is responsible for Vision, while our Lead Pastor, through his staff, is responsible for Mission, or Means of accomplishing that Vision, and therefore is responsible for all church programs and ministries. The Board of Administration is responsible for Mission as it pertains to buildings, grounds and finances.

This was Pastor Jeremy's third year as our lead pastor, and chairman of the Elder Board. It has been a privilege to serve with Pastor Jeremy as he intuitively keeps the main thing the main thing... loving God and loving people, in his preaching and teaching. I continue to appreciate his sharing of the preaching with Pastors Ricardo and Nik, and I had an opportunity to preach as well again this year. Pastor Jeremy allowed me as Head Elder to close out the series he was doing on I Corinthians 13, Loving God and Loving People.

Attendance increased again over the past year to an average near the end of the year of over 450 people, many of which are young families with children. We desire to reach and minister to people of all ages, but appreciate Pastor Jeremy and his staffs' increased emphasis on reaching and discipling the next generation. The youth ministry continued to grow with as many as 125 students on Wednesday nights, and as many as 75 elementary aged children in the new Epic Kids Program. We are encouraged that on Wednesday nights our church reflects the diversity in our community.

We appreciate Pastor Ricardo and Miriam and his team, and Petra and Johanna and their team, and all they are doing to minister to kids in our community. We also appreciate all the volunteers who have made it possible to feed kids each Wednesday evening before Youth Group and Epic Kids ministries begin. We also appreciate all you have utilized the church bus to pick up kids who need rides to the church to participate in these ministries. We also appreciate Pastor Nik, his ministry to people, oversight of life learning, and the growth and depth he is working toward with the small group ministry in our church.

The Elders working together with the Board of Administration completed a renovation of the Sanctuary portion of the building. This included new windows, a new look in the front of the sanctuary, new floor coverings, and opening the wall at the back of the sanctuary to accommodate overflow when needed. The sound was upgraded as well. We appreciate

how multipurpose our facility has become with the entire building being utilized on Wednesday evenings. We appreciate how well Tim Rahn has been taking care of the building and the grounds and are grateful for him. We also continue to appreciate Gary Poortvliet and his visitation ministry.

We appreciate the generosity of this congregation in giving financially to support the ministry here, and all of you who cheerfully volunteer in ministering to others. It has been a blessing to serve in this congregation. We appreciate Jessica as well and the ways she supports Pastor Jeremy in his ministry, and her own ministry to people and serving in the worship ministry. Kelly has done an awesome job in keeping everything and everyone organized and introducing new ways to communicate and meet needs within the body. We are truly blessed.

Elders provided prayer, mentoring and benevolence to a number of persons and families in our church this past year, as well as facilitating the cup of water ministry, that assists with the needs of people in our community who are not a part of our church. We as an Elder Board consider it a privilege to serve the body in this way. We sense God's calling, and rely on His guidance and provision, in facilitating the building up of the body in the faith, and the goal to reach maturity in Christ. Our Lay Elders this year included: Bryan Barga, Ken Kramer, Mike Pearson, Kurt Jahnke, Jason Espenson, and Jordan Milbrath. Their commitment to Christ and leadership in our body is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted - Bryan Barga - Head Elder

*"Our Vision is to be a community of healthy followers of Jesus Christ who are impacting our community, region and world for His Glory. We accomplish this vision when we intentionally connect people in four ways: with God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), with His Word (The Bible), with Each Other (the Body of Christ), and with the World (our Neighbors)."*

**Board of Administration**  
**2023 Annual Report**

The Board of Administration members are Pastor Jeremy Oakland, Pastor Ricardo Renteria, Bryan Barga, Steve Syverson, Norman Holmen, Audi Nickel, Jim Johnson, Marty Espenson and Michael Christophel.

The board met bi-monthly to discuss and conduct business of the church.

Tim Rahn came on as facilities manager.

We worked with a remodeling team for the Sanctuary.

We've discussed plans for painting the parsonage and also are working toward the remodel of the kitchen, hallways, and coffee areas. We also plan to add on a storage room.

Michael Christophel, Acting Secretary

**Deaconess Board**  
**2023 Annual Report**

The purpose of the Deaconess Board is to serve our congregation. It is our desire to help care for the body of Christ here at Mountain Lake Alliance. This past year's activities included:

- Attending planning meetings
- Managing the prayer chain. Thank you to those who partnered with us in prayer for those in need.
- Preparing for communion when it is part of the service.
- Sending cards to those who were ill, hospitalized, or needed a word of encouragement.
- Encouraging our recent high school graduates by sending them a care package in the fall.
- Setting up meals for families who have a need. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to prepare and deliver a meal to a family.
- Praying for the families in our church and the missionaries we support.
- Sending memorials for funerals.

In His Name and for His Glory!

Paula Christophel  
Brenda Harder  
Mary Jefferson  
Deb Johnson  
Marta Junker  
Kelly Nelson  
Laura Penner  
Sue Rempel

**Trustees**  
**2023 Annual Report**

The Trustees had a busy year as they led the renovation of the Sanctuary. That project included rebuilding the stage, skim-coating the walls, removing ceiling tiles under the balcony and hallway, sheet rocking, painting, putting in new carpet, replacing old windows and railing, etc.

Along with additional small tasks, they also removed the steps that led to the old baptistry to add more space behind the sanctuary and for safety reasons.

Submitted by  
Michael Christophel



**Women's Ministry**  
**2023 Annual Report**

The Women's Ministry Team members are Tammi Samuelson, Alicia Schwanke, Patty Espenson, Alisa Nickel, Heather VanDyke, and Heather Rahn.

In January, Merna Swanson led a Bible study. She used "Psalm 23" by Jennifer Rothschild as the guide for the ladies that gathered weekly.

In March, we held "Belong"; a women's event with The Gathering. There were about 200 ladies in attendance. The event was held at The Gathering. Our speaker was Emily Alexander. The worship was led by Jessica Oakland and Johanna Ruby. We had good feedback from the ladies that attended the event.

During the summer we offered three "Fellowship by the Fire" events. These were held at three different locations; Colleen Johnson, Heather Rahn, and Alisa Nickel houses. There were about 15 -20 ladies that gathered each time. We sang a few songs, had a devotional, snacks, and visited.

We had a kickoff event on a Sunday morning in September. This was held between the two services to introduce the women's ministry team, to kick off the fall, and to share future events with the ladies. There were about 40 or so ladies that joined us.

In October, we offered a Make and Take event held at Tammi Samuelson's shop. About 15 ladies attended to make a leaf bowl and hear Alicia Schwanke share her testimony. Also, in October and November, Jessica Oakland lead a Bible study on Monday mornings and evenings for 6 weeks with about 40 women attending. The study was "Finding I Am" by Lysa Terkeurst.

We held on second annual "Jingle and Mingle" in December with about 180 ladies attending. Miriam Renteria was our speaker with daughters, Abi and Cristy, performing a special song. Karen Stoesz, Heidi Jahnke, and Lori Golvinghorst provided music for us. All the ladies that we spoke to enjoyed the evening of festivities.

Once a month throughout the year, Karen Poortvliet has led "Let's Have Coffee". There are usually 8-12 ladies that gather together for prayer and a great time of fellowship.

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Beg. Balance      Receipts      Disbursements      Ending Balance

## MISSION FUND

Alliance Missions		\$87,084.97	\$73,784.97	
Dave & Wendy Briggs		\$13,448.00	\$15,848.00	
Operation Mobilization			\$150.00	
Ride by Faith		\$1,500.00	\$3,900.00	
Royce & Julie Flaming		\$2,400.00	\$4,800.00	
Mountain Lake Christian		\$4,651.00	\$4,651.00	
Josh & Jaclyn Blanchard		\$550.00	\$2,950.00	
Shean & Neissa Gallahar			\$2,400.00	
SC YFC			\$1,200.00	
Other Missions		\$7,622.00	\$7,572.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$0.00	\$117,255.97	\$117,255.97	\$0.00

<b>BUILDING FUND</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$10,522.06	\$23,853.72	\$19,255.59	\$15,120.19

<b>BENEVOLENT FUND</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$0.00	\$30,944.86	\$9,717.00	\$21,227.86

<b>DESIGNATED FUND</b>				
	(Net fund)	\$227,420.35	\$154,551.19	
Celebration Offering		\$37,384.57	\$67,125.88	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$224,570.97	\$264,804.92	\$221,677.07	\$267,698.82

## GENERAL FUND

Salaries			\$281,621.16	
Employee Benefits			\$143,700.39	
Prof. Expense Reimburst			\$14,791.88	
Payroll Taxes			\$10,991.15	
Multi Cultural Ministry			\$7,560.04	
Professional Fees			\$2,703.99	
Telephone			\$4,180.33	
Maintenance			\$7,757.27	
Other Church Programs			\$3,179.39	
Property Insurance & tax			\$12,784.50	
Music			\$3,365.50	
Conference/Retreats			\$10,318.03	
CMA-NC District			\$30,331.62	
Big Sandy Camp			\$1,299.00	
Camp Scholarships			\$1,080.00	
Mission Conference			\$2,067.02	
Deaconesses			\$1,447.90	
Children's Ministry			\$23,339.02	
Youth Ministry			\$23,829.69	
Women's Ministry			\$6,256.27	
Adult Ministry			\$1,586.62	
Food/Kitchen supply			\$2,384.71	
Transportation			\$3,903.76	
Utilities			\$24,402.55	
Office Supplies			\$5,077.35	
Ministry Resources/Outreach			\$2,142.63	
Visiting Speaker/Groups NET			\$1,108.58	
Deorating/Flowers			\$2,131.27	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$44,176.02	\$653,803.57	\$635,341.62	\$62,637.97

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$279,269.05	\$1,090,663.04	\$1,003,247.25	\$366,684.84
			<b>Checking</b>	= \$146,861.55
			<b>Savings</b>	= \$155,130.39
			<b>Alliance Develop Fund</b>	= \$57,294.10
			<b>Ministry Works Account</b>	= \$7,398.80