



ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023



WILDWOOD
CHURCH

Letter from Pastor David

Once again, we celebrate another year of God's faithfulness. We are humbled by the same God doing many of the same things in different people and different circumstances. This past year, the gospel was proclaimed clearly and consistently to kids, students, and adults. More community groups were established. Bible studies thrived by looking at different books of the Bible and bringing in new people. We have even more people leading in significant roles. And our finances remain healthy with more people giving.

Sunday mornings are alive and active. Over the past year, we've opened up God's Word in sermon series on Psalms and Hosea, as well as through topical series on living as a sent people to a broken world, the Apostles Creed as a foundational distillation of our faith, recognizing the Spirit's role in fighting urges and embracing longings, and a church wide series considering our status as BEloved.

As I think back on last year, a theme emerges. Same God- new people. God is using the people of Wildwood. I get the privilege of hearing stories of how you help by mentoring those who are young, assisting those who are in need, comforting those who are hurt, visiting those who are sick, rejoicing with those who are elated and seeking to do all of it again. You have, once again, been generous with your time, talent, and treasure. It really is a joy to do this with you.

This time next year, I suspect we will be talking about how we can serve the same God in new places with new people! For now, take a moment to read over this brief report and reflect on how God has been faithful.

Blessings,

David McNeely

Moving Hearts

Celebrating God as we Grow into Worshippers

Over the last year, we have continued to offer our church family dynamic weekly worship services. Our goal, as ever, is to provide our family with environments which foster encounters with Jesus. We've been especially excited as we're still hearing stories of people coming back to in-person gatherings, some for the first time since 2020. Our worship team has grown in size, depth, community, and passion as we continue to use and develop our gifts for the glory of God and the edification of our people.

2022-2023 Highlights

- Women's Ministry worshiped together in early December for their annual Quiet Night.
- 2022 rounded out as we celebrated the birth of Jesus with 3 Christmas Eve services.
- Wildwood kicked off 2023 with Night of Worship: Hymnody and History.
- We worshiped together for six powerful Holy Week services.
- 7 new musicians and singers were welcomed to our team.

Hopes for the Future

- Continuing to develop and train our Wildwood Students musicians.
- Expanding our repertoire of worship elements of the historic church.
- Training our leaders and teams to respond to the movement of the Spirit in the Sunday services.



Caring Deeply

Loving Each Other as we Live Together

The purpose of caring deeply is accomplished most effectively as the whole body of the church ministers to the needs of those within the church and outside of our church community. The majority of caring deeply takes place through the fellowship of community groups, Sunday school classes, and relationships within the life of our church family. In addition, the Shepherdesses, the Deacon's Mercy Team, our Prayer Team, and Our Father's Storehouse provide care and support to those in need. Wildwood has responded to those in need and has sought diligently to meet spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. We seek to come alongside individuals and families during their times of illness, loss, and ongoing health or personal issues. Many have been comforted and expressed thanks for the prayers, cards, visits, calls, and encouragement given to them.

2022-2023 Highlights

- Visits have been made to members in their homes, hospital rooms, rehab facilities, and assisted living apartments.
- Pastoral visits and Communion have been given to those unable to attend Sunday services as well as those nearing the end of life.
- Counseling has been provided for those dealing with difficult circumstances. Funerals have been arranged and conducted at Wildwood Church, chapels, and grave sides.
- Handwritten notes/cards were sent to many to encourage and remind them that they matter to God and matter to us.
- Every week, our team prays for those in need. Phone calls are also made to support and care for many who have dealt with difficult life issues.
- We held a Thank you Luncheon to honor Wildwood's caregivers. Curt Cloninger from Perimeter Church was our special speaker.

Hopes for the Future

- We hope to continue to hear stories of compassion and help for others in the coming year.
- We want to continue to identify and be made aware of caregiving opportunities and needs in our Wildwood family.

Making Disciples

Pursuing Jesus by Honing Our Habits

We continue to offer more opportunities to help our congregation grow in their walk with Jesus in three categories: classes, seminars, and resources. This past year, we had Core Classes, Bible Studies, and Sunday School Classes on a range of topics, and we pioneered Summer Book Clubs to meet throughout the week. We presented seminars on difficult topics for adults and others specifically for women. Resources to grow are growing in both size and organization through our library, Make Disciples podcast, resource table, and Wildwood Church section on RightNow Media.

Fellowship is an important part of our discipleship philosophy. Over the past year, we've hosted three Men's Breakfasts, Bunco Nights, and cookie decorating classes.

You can watch our previous seminars and see what's coming up by visiting wildwoodtlh.com/seminars or by scanning the QR code.



2022-2023 Highlights

- Eight Summer Book Clubs (a new initiative) met throughout Summer 2022.
- The Summer Seminar Series covered difficult topics like Creation & Evolution, God & Evil, and The Bible as God's Word.
- Our Church-Wide Bible studies on wisdom literature (Proverbs and Psalms) led to a collection of Psalms authored by the Wildwood congregation.
- Seasons 5 and 6 of the Make Disciples Podcast discussed Church History to Help, a post-Roe culture, and prayer.
- We continued to develop community with new fellowship activities for men and women.

Hopes for the Future

- We will continue to study God's Word with Bible Studies on Matthew and Revelation.
- We will begin a new cycle of Core Classes with opportunities to study Christian Story (fall) and Christian Belief (Spring).
- We will continue to develop resources with new seasons of the Make Disciples Podcast, a digitally accessible library, and suggested readings.
- We will offer opportunities for fellowship and growth tailored for men and women.

Check out all of our
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and groups by visiting
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code.



Serve Freely

Showing God's Love by Blessing the Community

Wildwood continues to build grassroots efforts and join existing ministry partners to find creative ways to use our gifts, talents, passions, and resources to serve the Gospel inside and outside the church.

2022-2023 Highlights

- As a Church: Many of our ministries offered opportunities to serve freely, both inside and outside of the church.
- At the Local level: We hosted Family Festivals at the NCC to provide opportunities to serve and as outreach to our community. We launched a new ministry called Safe Families to minister to vulnerable children in our community. We continued to minister locally both through church ministries, like OFS, and para-church ministries like, CAT (Christians Against Trafficking), Mentors Heart, AWPC, Campus Ministries, Making Miracles Group Home, Good Samaritan Network, Ministry at the Capitol and more!
- Globally: This past year, we've had teams serving the Navajo Nation, England, Ukraine, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Zambia, Panama, Guatemala and Uganda. We've heard from some of our missionaries who have visited us in person to share in our Sunday services. We continue to be engaged in Disaster Relief opportunities and our Global 6K. This year, we hosted World Vision's Chosen, where 103 children in Zambia now have sponsors right here in our faith family!

Hopes for the Future

- Our hope in Serve Freely is that everyone in our faith family would embrace and live out: every member a minister by discovering their spiritual gifts and getting involved in meaningful service.
- Every ministry in our church would offer Gospel-centered opportunities to serve freely through existing and new initiatives.
- We want to see the world through the eyes of Christ and expand our partnerships and opportunities to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

2022-2023 Mission Trips





We continue to help kids grow into mature and equipped followers of Jesus who live with gospel purpose.

We are intentionally investing in the next generation by caring deeply, serving freely, moving hearts and making disciples. Our team of leaders is passionate about sharing the wild and free love of Christ with all of our babies through 5th graders. As we point them to Jesus, we trust He will reveal Himself to each and every one of us.



2022-2023 Highlights

- Club 45 Summer Bible study was a time of study, growth, and fun. Our weekly meetings in June were a unique opportunity for boys and girls to learn Biblical truths that apply specifically to them.
- Skate into Summer was a night of caring deeply for our Wildwood kids and their friends. We skated the night away and enjoyed treats and pizza to kick off the summer.
- Operation Christmas Child Pack Night is a highly anticipated night of serving freely. What a joy it is to see our kids spend an entire night excitedly packing hundreds of shoeboxes. This global focused night is an opportunity for our kids to prepare and pray over boxes that will go far and wide to share the love of Jesus.

Hopes for the Future

- Wildwood KIDS is always praying that we will grow kids into kingdom builders on mission in school, sports, the arts, and everywhere for Jesus!
- Wildwood KIDS loves when kids' hearts come alive to the best book ever written, The Bible. We continue to help them understand His love for them through the redemptive story of the Bible. Our hope is that they grow in their knowledge of His word through our teaching.



Building bridges for our Middle School, High School, and College students to see Jesus in a clearer light, so they can move forward in their faith.

In Student Ministry, we aim to be deeply involved in the spiritual well-being of our students. We create an environment that's welcoming to first-time guests and the community while keeping a sense of safety and comfortability for returning students. Whether it's on Wednesday nights weekly or at special events throughout the year, students of all ages will find a place in the ministry where they can draw closer to the Lord.

2022-2023 Highlights

- Middle and High School Camps
- Passion Conference
- Summer Missions Trips
- Middle School CMX Movie Nights

Hopes for the Future

- We are always looking for additional volunteers (college-aged students or parents) interested in serving with our middle or high schoolers.
- We are always praying for student(s) who don't know Jesus to come to faith. We also pray for the students who know Jesus to continue to be steadfast in their walk with the Lord.



Facilities & Operations

We want to be good stewards of our facilities.

In the last year, we updated the Sanctuary, Finance Office, and Main Street and remodeled the front restrooms.

2022-2023 Highlights

- The Sanctuary got a makeover with new carpet and paint.
- We put new carpet in Mainstreet and redid two workrooms there thanks to Katie and Caroline.
- We painted and carpeted the Finance Office.
- We renovated and redid the front restrooms.





Hopes for the Future

- We hope to add new sanctuary chairs at some point.
- We want to further update our foyer and coffee areas.





The Northside Community Center has become an activity hub for our community.

The center is used by a variety of cultures in our community and is the mixing pot we hoped it would become. On Saturdays, during the school year, NCC sees over a thousand people on our recreation fields. Many of them stop by the pavilion concession stand, run by volunteers, to enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs.

2022-2023 Highlights

- Saturdays are typically full of activity as NCC has become the place for baby and bridal showers, birthday parties, gender reveal parties, graduation parties, and community banquets.
- The local pickleball community has made NCC a hub of activity every morning and many evenings, with a typical week having over 100 players.
- Two beach volleyball courts serve as the home courts for Chiles High School and training courts for Seminole High Performance Beach Volleyball.
- The center is home to Acts Academy, where they have classes five days a week during the school year.
- Red Hills Church and the Pentacosts of Capital City are two churches that meet at NCC every Sunday.
- This past year, Christ Classical Academy and Community Christian School utilized NCC for various activities and programs, including a school play and volleyball and basketball programs.

Hopes for the Future

- In 2023 and 2024, NCC's campus will be expanded with additional stormwater ponds, parking, and a drive creating a loop to accommodate future expansion of Wildwood Preschool and Wildwood Church.
- Additionally, our community resources will be expanded to provide outdoor pickleball courts and a multipurpose pavilion, which will provide more service opportunities for our congregation.



From a financial viewpoint, the center has become self-supporting by covering operating expenses. In 2022, NCC's revenue was \$285,012 and operating costs were \$266,588.

In the first half of 2023, NCC is already running a surplus of over \$29,000 and on track to transfer back \$40,000+ back to Wildwood Church by December 2023.

Financial Report

Thank you for your continued faithful giving to the ministries of Wildwood Church!

The Bylaws of Wildwood Church state that the Board of Deacons shall elect from ordained Deacons two or more members to serve as the Finance Team and that the Finance Team shall be entrusted the funds for the operations of the church. Additionally, the Corporation Treasurer, elected annually, serves on the Finance Team.

The current members of the Finance Team are listed below. After their name it is noted whether they are an Elder (E), Deacon (D), Former Deacon (FD) or Corporation Treasurer (T).

- Ben Brown (E)
- Bob Burton (FD/E/T)
- Jad Dowdy (D)
- Rob Jessee (D)
- Matt Sapp (D)
- Ralph Sharp (FD)
- Roger Sessions (D)
- Ed Witter (FD)
- Danny Wright (D)

Year in Review

Total giving to Wildwood in 2022/2023 was \$2,695,102: General Fund giving totaled \$2,344,111, and designated giving was \$350,991. The graphics below compares financial giving over the past two fiscal years.



Wildwood had 540 donors during the 2021/2022 fiscal year. The average annual contribution by donor family was \$4,692.



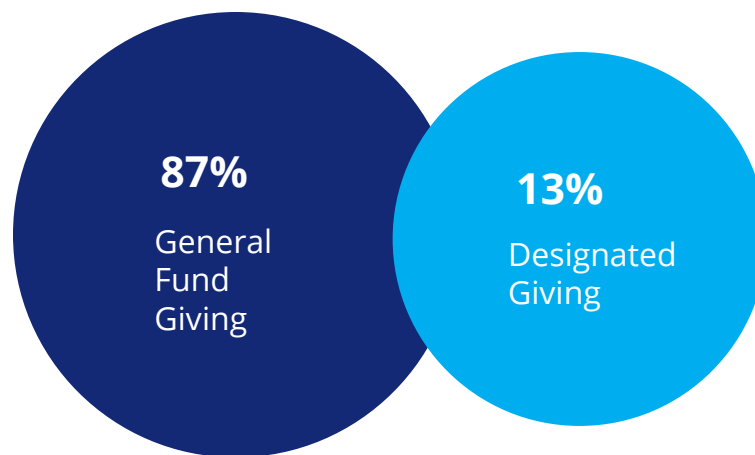
Wildwood had 553 donors during the 2022/2023 fiscal year. The average annual contribution by donor family was \$4,198.



Designated Giving

General Fund giving meets the everyday needs of ministries of the church: salaries, operations, debt servicing, and ministry costs. Designated gifts fund non-allocated ministries of the church.

World Missions	\$188,728
Local Missions	\$45,258
Deacon's Fund	\$37,466
Building Bridges	\$22,805
Student Ministry	\$20,981
Kids Ministry	\$8,957
Northside Stage	\$7,803
Special Gift	\$6,100
Facilities Use	\$5,830
Preschool	\$4,889
Other	<u>\$2,174</u>
TOTAL DESIGNATED GIVING	\$350,991



Missions Giving

Designated Giving for World Missions

Hopetstreet	\$125,894
Crates for Ukraine	\$31,624
Panama	\$14,043
Costa Rica	\$8,340
World - Unallocated	\$5,602
Operation Christmas Child	\$2,096
Nicaragua	<u>\$1,130</u>
TOTAL	\$188,728

General Fund allocated for World Missions

Missionary Support (19)	\$91,433
Nonrecurring Support	<u>\$39,607</u>
TOTAL	\$131,040

TOTAL WORLD MISSIONS **\$319,768**

Designated Giving for Local Missions

Our Father's Storehouse	\$38,333
Disaster Relief	\$2,007
Shepherdess Ministry	\$1,900
A Women's Pregnancy Center	\$1,888
Local Missions - Unallocated	\$770
Women in the Church	\$260
Safe Families	<u>\$100</u>
TOTAL	\$45,258

General Fund allocated for Local Missions

Our Partners (15)	\$66,800
Nonrecurring	<u>\$8,704</u>
TOTAL	\$75,504

TOTAL LOCAL MISSIONS **\$120,762**

Fiscal Year-end Results

For June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023

\$143,429

Our General Fund giving fell short of our budgeted needs by \$143,429.

99.5%

Our spending was slightly less than our budget at 99.5%.

\$131,652


Our actual expenses were \$131,652 greater than General Fund giving, so this amount was covered by our General Fund Reserves.

	Jun 22 - May 23	Budget	\$Over Budget	% of Budget
Income	\$2,344,110.88	\$2,487,540.00	-\$143,429.1	94.23%
Expense				
FACILITY OPERATIONS	\$132,741.26	\$136,200.00	-\$3,458.74	97.46%
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	\$5,896.43	\$7,200.00	-\$1,303.57	81.9%
COMMUNICATIONS	\$9,509.67	\$24,120.00	-\$14,610.33	39.43%
CONNECT & SERVE	\$234,403.00	\$233,904.00	\$499.00	100.21%
CARE DEEPLY	\$2,276.88	\$5,016.00	-\$2,739.12	45.39%
MAKE DISCIPLES	\$18,220.85	\$22,596.00	-\$4,375.15	80.64%
DEBT/RESERVE FUNDING	\$349,967.55	\$330,000.00	\$19,967.55	106.05%
MINISTRY OPERATIONS	\$173,928.16	\$177,120.00	-\$3,191.84	98.2 %
Non-budgeted Expense	\$21,501.82			
KID'S MINISTRY	\$58,428.72	\$73,896.00	-\$15,467.28	79.07%
CAMP ALL AMERICAN	\$24,267.03	\$30,000.00	-\$5,732.97	80.89%
STUDENT MINISTRY	\$60,368.92	\$52,800.00	\$7,568.92	114.34%
WORSHIP & MUSIC	\$29,949.20	\$34,740.00	-\$4,790.80	86.21%
AUDIO / VISUAL	\$16,189.79	\$14,148.00	\$2,041.79	114.43%
PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$1,338,114.09	\$1,345,800.00	-\$7,685.91	99.43%
Total Expense	\$2,475,763.37	\$2,487,540.00	-\$11,776.63	99.53%
Net Income	-\$131,652.49			

General Fund Budget

For June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024

Budget Category	Budget Detail	Total Budget
Facility Operations		\$134,362
Ministry Operations (includes Insurance, Information Systems and Administration)		\$189,324
Debt Service and Reserve Funding		
Debt Service	\$318,000	
Capital Reserve	\$12,000	
Total Debt and Reserve Funding		\$330,000
Denomination Support		\$13,200
Salaries and Benefits		\$1,383,354
Caring Deeply and Making Disciples (includes Congregational Care, Men's and Women's ministries)		\$29,520
Connect & Serve Ministries		
Our Community	\$12,000	
Our Partners	\$75,504	
Our Seminary Students	\$9,360	
Our World	\$131,040	
Total Connect & Serve Ministries		\$227,904
Kid's Ministry		
Nursery	\$35,220	
K-5th Grade	\$33,480	
Total Kid's Ministry		\$68,700
Student Ministry		\$49,488
Worship, Music and A/V		\$52,008
GRAND TOTAL OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET		\$2,477,860



**Wildwood
Church exists
to glorify God
and fulfill His
local and global
purposes.**

**Our vision is to
make mature
and equipped
followers of Jesus
who live with
gospel purpose.**

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