



2024 Annual Report

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Opening Letter

Over the last several years we have seen a pattern of consistent growth. In 2021 we were a church of 450, we are now averaging over 1000 people in our weekly attendance and have more people regularly involved in groups than we had in the church in 3 years ago. It has been an incredible journey to see God moving and living being changed and we are honored to be a part of it. Our original idea for the Kingdom Campaign was a development of our property that didn't really account for the rapid rate of growth God is currently blessing us with. With that, we have been stepping back, and re-strategizing how to best glorify God while faithfully minister to the people He is bringing to us. While the concepts and vision of our For the Kingdom Campaign remain unchanged, what that looks like and how we are going about it have to. Instead of building a family building and then renovating our current worship center, the greater need is for a larger worship center.

We are looking to build a 1,200 seat worship center and then renovate our current worship center to become the family building we were originally looking to build. By the grace of God, this shift allows us to better care for the growth we are experiencing without increasing the overall cost of our Kingdom Campaign. We are so excited to see what God will do as we continue to follow Him. We are working on plans to: increase parking, build an office building so we can turn our offices into Children's classrooms which will allow us more space for Family Ministry while keeping all the kids under the same roof, ordering more chairs for the auditorium, and adding a 3rd service. We hope as you read this report you will be as encouraged, excited, (and maybe moved to help us by joining one of our serve teams or leading a group) as we are.



Sunday Stats

Sunday mornings are when we gather (online and in-person) to worship, serve, and learn the Word of God. It's also a time for connecting and growing together as a church family and a community. The stats below help describe our development as a community.

967

Average Weekly Attendance

767 in 2023

96

First Time Guests

181 in 2023

92

First Time Givers

68 in 2023

80

Sunday Morning Volunteers

65 in 2023

76

Committed life to Christ

37 in 2023

82

Baptized

37 in 2023

43

LiveStream
Devices viewing weekly yearly avg.

46 in 2023

57

YouTube Live
Devices viewing weekly yearly avg.

32 in 2023

1

ASL LiveStream
Devices viewing weekly yearly avg.

\$1,420,947

2024 Total Offering

\$1,362,415 in 2023

\$16,320

The Joy Project gifts for benevolence

\$21,566 in 2023

\$9,913

Costa Rica gifts for missions

\$27,993 in 2023

Special Services

495

Good Friday
In-person attendance

398 in 2023

1,544

Easter Sunday
In-person attendance

1,182 in 2023

1,607

Christmas Eve
In-person attendance

1,254 in 2023

Children's Ministry

As we look forward to the future of our church and our community, we make Children's Ministry a high priority here at CFCC. Children's Ministry goes far beyond childcare on Sunday mornings. We desire to create an atmosphere on Sunday mornings where kids experience God's great love for them.

171 **55**

New Families were welcomed by our Children's Ministry for the first time in 2024.

New Families attended on 4 or more Sundays.

33

New Volunteers

32

Average number of volunteers each week in 2024

168

Highest number of kids in nursery-5th grade on Sunday, October 27, 2024

112

Total number of volunteers in 2024

128

Average number of kids in nursery-5th grade in 2024

Kids Club 2024

Kids Club is CFCC's "kids' morning out" program, held one morning a week for 5 weeks in the summer.

111 In attendance weekly
39 Volunteers weekly



Jingle Jam

This year, we were proud to once-again present Jingle Jam - a Christmas production for the whole family. With free ticket registration, we invited the entire community to come enjoy the show.

59 Performers and volunteers
374 Total attendance



Student Ministry



UNITE

UNITE exists to prepare middle and high school students for the next step in their lives by helping them develop a real and personal relationship with Jesus. We want students to fall in love with Jesus by understanding who He is and who they are in Him. At UNITE, we also aim to create the best environments for connection between students and their leaders. Students from middle and high school gather in small groups throughout the week and on Sunday Evenings.



130

Highest Number of students at a UNITE Service

110

Average Number of students at a UNITE Service

Summersalt

46

Students at Summersalt Summer Camp at Charleston Southern University

Home Groups

61

Students in Home Groups (middle & high school)

5

Home Groups (middle & high school)



4Ten Students

44

Average # of students serving weekly at CFCC

Sports Ministry

Through our Sports Ministry, we don't just have the opportunity to connect people together through sports, we have the opportunity to minister to families we may not otherwise reach. Our Sports Ministry has been able to support, encourage, and even counsel families through struggles and hard times giving us the ability to share the Gospel through the gift of sports.

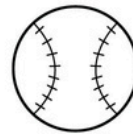
1,033 Participant spots filled

152 Coaching spots filled



Basketball

Players 223
Coaches 29



Spring Baseball

Players 433
Coaches 42



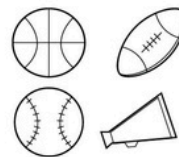
Fall Baseball

Players 230
Coaches 24



Flag Football

Players 89
Coaches 13



Sports, Dance, & Cheer Camps

Kids 463

Outreach

“We exist for the purpose of reaching and growing people across the street and around the world in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”



The Joy Project **\$16,320.36**

This special giving opportunity each Christmas season helps local families, supports the local schools, and supports our ministry partners. **100%** of our Joy giving goes back into the community to help and encourage those in need.

Operation Christmas Child **658**

Our church packed 658 boxes and collected 1,938 boxes from our area. Every packed box for OCC also gets a Bible. Every area that receives these boxes agrees to host a VBS. So for every box we send out, we aren't just helping meet the felt needs of an impoverished area, we're sharing the Gospel.

A Day of Hope **350**

350 household bags were filled and then given out at A Day of Hope. **208** kids from **98** families were served, and **61** prayer requests were prayed over.

Partnership with Local Schools

Local Schools **10**

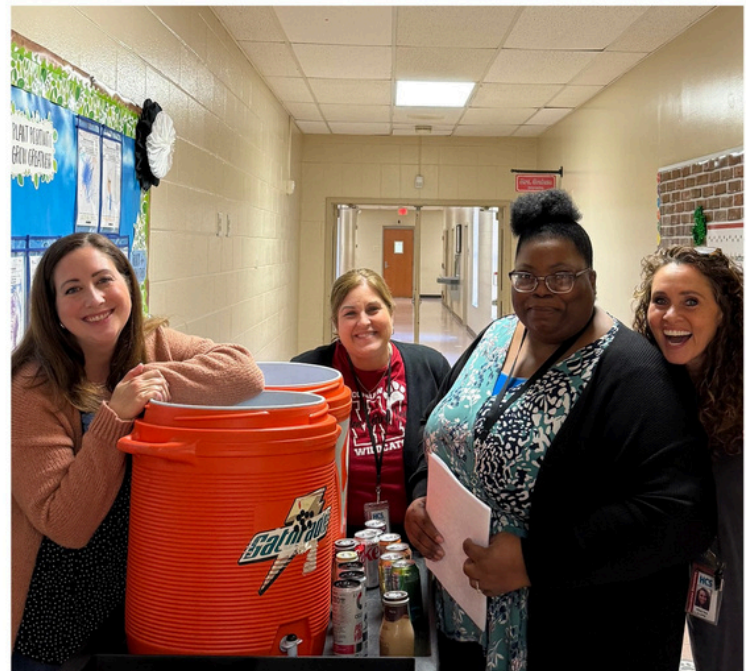
For Teacher/Staff Appreciation, CFCC delivered snacks, treats, and refreshments for ten local schools. CFCC Family Ministry also partnered with the local elementary schools to support their Angel Tree families at Christmas.



Costa Rica Partnership

Mission Team Members **64**

We were able to send three teams to Iglesia Mejores Días, our partner church in Nambi, Costa Rica. Our goal is to support them through prayer, partnership, and by sending multiple teams to Nambi each year to connect, serve, and build a bond that grows both communities for the advancement of the Gospel.



Guest Services

Guest Services is a group of first impression volunteers dedicated to guiding and serving families as they arrive for Sunday services. This ministry creates a welcoming atmosphere, helping ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for every guest. It also provides an opportunity for church families to plug in, serve, and be the hands and feet of Jesus on Sundays. This year we successfully added two new teams: The Brew Crew and Parking Lot Team, expanding our capacity to enhance the guest experience.



65

Total Volunteers in Guest Services

Groups

46

Groups meeting regularly in 2024

544

People within groups in 2024

5

New Groups launched in 2024



2025 Budget

Below is a synopsis of the 2025 budget. In maintaining complete transparency, if you would like clarification on any part of the budget, you can schedule an in-person meeting by contacting the church office (843) 903-1558.

Salaries & Benefits

\$668,052 Salaries & Benefits for all church staff

Campus Operating Expenses

\$316,100 Includes utilities & maintenance/operations of facilities and grounds

Leadership & Staff Development

\$5,500 Spiritual, personal, and professional development for leadership

Neighbors & Nations (Outreach)

\$46,850 Local and global outreach and benevolence

Worship Arts Ministry

\$11,400 Music, instruments, audio equipment and repairs

Family Ministry

\$8,300 Programs and events specifically for the entire family

Childrens Ministry

\$17,875 Kids World and Kids World Jr. (nursery through elementary)

Groups Ministry

\$15,500 Materials and childcare for Groups Ministry

Youth Ministry

\$22,000 Resources and opportunities for middle and high school students

In Touch / Leadership

\$8,500 Sunday hospitality, church connection events, & leadership investment

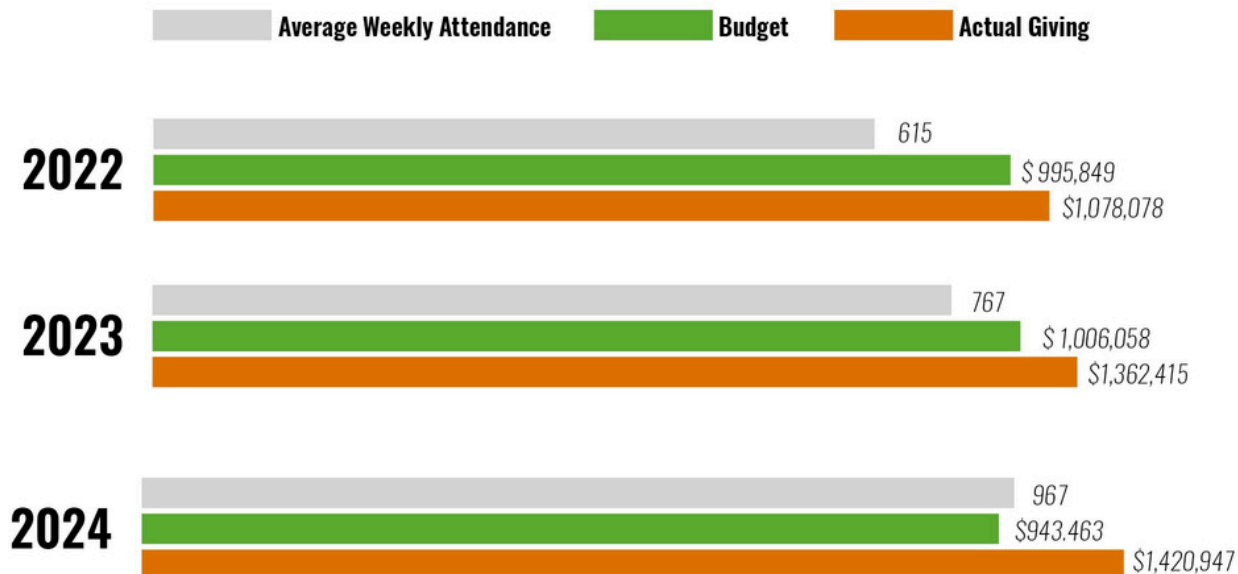
Creative Arts Ministry

\$23,700 Technology along with digital and printed media

Sports Ministry

\$10,000 Facility and grounds expenses along with outreach programming resources

2025 Total Budget: \$1,153,777



FOR THE KINGDOM

Not everyone who needs the Gospel is ready to walk through the doors of a church and hear it. We desire to be a place that helps minister to people where they are and allows us to share Jesus in the process. Our plan is to build out our campus to maximize these opportunities. Originally, our focus was building spaces to serve different areas of ministry. Due to the growth God has been blessing us with, how we are approaching some of these spaces has changed. Our plan is to build a new, 1,200 seat Worship Center, renovate our current worship building to make an expanded and improved Family Ministry Center--which will also house our new Student Center and additional adult classrooms/meeting spaces. Our existing Student Center building will be renovated to house our Freedom Center (for meeting people's emotional and mental needs), and Outreach Center (for meeting their physical and practical needs). We plan to build a new sports building, and a residence.

The estimated total completion of the project is \$15 million. Our plan is to approach this journey in milestones. The first mile-marker is estimated to be completed at \$4.5-5 million.



Closing Letter

It is difficult to express the awe we all share at what God is doing. What we are seeing we aren't striving for. We don't market, promote, or advertise. We just try to be faithful to the best of our ability. What we are seeing, is not our brilliance or hard work. It is certainly not to our credit (though we have an amazing team, leaders, and volunteers), this is all God. We never get tired of seeing Him work. Our prayer is that, if you are here, you find your place in connecting, serving, and engaging in the mission of Jesus for the glory of Jesus along with us.



