



RIVERSTONE



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THE STRATEGIC VISION

Riverstone 2030: Known by Our Love

By 2030, Riverstone will become a leading and loving gospel presence in our region by maximizing our resources for Kingdom impact, strengthening connections with all people, serving our local, regional, and global communities, and developing ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

Maximizing Resources

Riverstone will steward its Avon and Caledonia campuses as living testimonies of God's generosity and hospitality. Our physical spaces will be places where people encounter the love of God—through welcoming environments, life-giving programs, and open doors to the community. We will be generous with all the resources God has given to us!

Year 2 (2025-2026) Focus:

- Finalize a master plan for improving and expanding the Caledonia campus, ensuring it remains a vibrant hub for gospel-centered love and service.
- Open our spaces to the wider community through partnerships and regular events, offering tangible expressions of hospitality.
- Continue refreshing our campuses to ensure they reflect the beauty, accessibility, and welcome fitting for places where the love of God is on display.

Strengthening Connections

Riverstone will be a church where every person—whether newcomer or long-time member—feels seen, valued, and loved. We will intentionally build a culture where belonging is not just offered, but cultivated, reflecting God's heart for every individual.

Year 2 (2025-2026) Focus:

- Launch a "Connection Campaign" where every person is encouraged to join a small group or serve on a ministry team, strengthening ties of love and belonging.
- Host leadership "Meet & Greet" events, making our leaders more relationally accessible and showing that leadership at Riverstone is rooted in service and care.
- Deepen our small group ministry with more life-stage and topical groups, helping people experience Christian community marked by sincere love.

Serving Communities

Riverstone will be a visible expression of God's love in our local, regional, and global communities. Through consistent presence, genuine partnerships, and acts of service, we will model the love of Christ, showing that the gospel is good news for our neighbors too.

Year 2 (2025-2026) Focus:

- Refine and retool major community events (e.g., Live Nativity, TnT, Hop into Spring) to express God's love more clearly and winsomely.
- Participate consistently in town fairs, festivals, and public gatherings, becoming a trusted, loving presence in community life.
- Launch community-focused small groups that meet real needs, such as youth mentorship and food drives—direct expressions of the love we profess.
- Deepen strategic partnerships with local schools, businesses, and organizations to serve collaboratively in ways that reflect Christ's heart for the world.

Developing Ambassadors

The first three priorities find their fulfillment in this! Riverstone will equip every believer to embody the gospel with authenticity and compassion. In a world skeptical of Christianity, we will raise up ambassadors who don't just speak about Jesus but live like Him—known by their love for God and neighbor in everyday relationships and opportunities.

Year 2 (2025-2026) Focus:

- Launch new small groups that combine biblical learning with community service and mentorship, forming disciples who love in action, not just in word.
- Launch an internship program aimed at developing young people in the skills of ministry that will yield lifelong ministry impact.
- Offer quarterly ministry workshops to equip people in practical skills—like conflict resolution and community outreach—that demonstrate Christ's love in a broken world.
- Keep sharpening our preaching and discipleship ministries to center on sending people out in love, trained to meet real-world needs with grace.

**May we be known by our love, but may
our neighbors be overwhelmed by His!**

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Meet Our Pastors and Staff



Pastor Ben Espinoza

I'm delighted to serve as lead pastor here at Riverstone. As lead pastor, I wake up every morning thankful for the work the Lord is doing in and through our congregation. I love casting vision, preaching the gospel, building teams, and planning for an abundant future. I'm so privileged that I get to serve with so many amazing people here at Riverstone. I serve on multiple national boards, enjoy playing guitar, violin, and golf, and can't get enough time with my family!



Pastor Dan Blowers

As a Discipleship Pastor and overseer of children's ministry, I am dedicated to nurturing spiritual growth in both adults and children alike. With a love for teaching, I create engaging activities that help people better understand faith. My goal is equipping everyone with tools to build strong bonds with God and others. Through lively discipleship programs and age-suitable events, I strive to provide an environment where all can grow spiritually. What I want is to instill in kids and adults alike an undying passion for Jesus Christ and His teachings thereby leading them along their journey of faith.



Worship Director Dan Willistein

As the RWC worship director, I organize teams and pick out songs every week for our worship time. I'm blessed to work with an awesome group of talented volunteer musicians! My day job is a mechanical engineer/analyst, which is almost 100% computer work, so hobbies are a much-needed escape. I've been told I have too many hobbies, which seems impossible to me... Besides music, my favorites are keeping a saltwater aquarium, disc golf, pottery, and backpacking. The picture is from an Adirondack Mountains trip to Algonquin Mountain last September!



Administrator, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator Jaime Willistein

I wear a lot of hats here at Riverstone! My favorite one though has to be as youth and young adult coordinator! I LOVE digging into the Word with the wonderful students here at Riverstone and getting to know them better. Besides that, I keep the church running smoothly and the lights on! Outside of the church, I love preparing all sorts of meals from around the world for Dan and our three wonderful kids (if they happen to be home...which isn't often!). I also enjoy reading, philosophy, traveling, and laughing until I cry. I also love my large extended family which keeps me in a steady supply of babies to spoil rotten.



Church Custodian Jennifer Mattison

Jennifer is a dedicated mother and educator who finds joy in nurturing young minds both at home and in the classroom. As a homeschooling parent to her five children, she brings creativity, patience, and a passion for learning into their daily lives. Jennifer serves as an elementary art teacher at Lima Christian School, where she inspires students to express themselves through various artistic mediums. Her love for the outdoors shines through in her hobbies, as she spends her free time gardening and exploring nature with her family. Jennifer can often be found with her nose buried in a book, indulging her passion for literature and lifelong learning.



Rev. Dr. Ben Espinoza

Lead Pastor

Reflection

As I sit down to reflect on all that God has done in and through Riverstone over the past year, my heart is full of gratitude. This has been a year of transformation, deepening relationships, and discovering God's purpose for our congregation. The Lord has been so faithful, and I believe with all my heart that our best days are ahead of us!

Refreshment

One of the most visible changes we've embraced this year is our new name. What was once Avon Wesleyan Church is now Riverstone Wesleyan Church. This change was prayerfully and intentionally made to reflect the kind of church we are becoming. The name "Riverstone" symbolizes who we are—a people by the Living Water of Christ, grounded in truth, and rooted in love. It captures both the movement of the Spirit in our midst and the stability of our gospel foundation. We've noticed a clearer connection with new visitors and a fresh sense of identity as we engage with our community. Thank you for your support in this effort!

We've also taken important steps to improve and steward our physical space. From signage updates to improved hospitality areas and technology enhancements in our sanctuary, every upgrade was made with our mission in mind. These changes aren't just aesthetic—they reflect our commitment to creating a warm and welcoming environment where people can encounter Jesus, grow in their faith, and be sent to proclaim His life-giving love to everyone we know. We're continuing to think about how our space can better serve our mission and the needs of those around us.

Beyond our physical space, one of the main goals for this year was to hone our online presence. Thanks to the work of Christine Nichols, we have seen explosive growth in our social media and online presence. We will continue building on this momentum as we head into the 25-26 church year.

Refinement

This year, we also refined and recommitted to our long-term vision: Riverstone 2030: Known By Our Love. This plan serves as our north star, guiding us as we grow into a church that is marked by maximizing our resources, strengthening connections with all people, serving our communities, and developing ambassadors of Jesus Christ. We've begun aligning our ministries and leadership structures around this vision, and the early fruit has been encouraging. It reminds us that our goal isn't just growth in numbers, but transformation in character, mission, and purpose.

We're seeing evidence of God's work in our growing attendance and engagement. More people are showing up on Sundays, more families are finding a home here, and more individuals are plugging into different ministries and spiritual growth opportunities. Even more encouraging than the numbers is the depth of connection—we're seeing lives changed, friendships formed, and people stepping into new rhythms of service and spiritual growth. Financial giving has also increased this year, both in generosity and in consistency, allowing us to dream bigger and steward more boldly. THANK YOU!

Among the areas where we're seeing the most momentum is our young adult ministry. This community of emerging adults is growing in number, in faith, and in leadership. They are forming strong bonds and shaping the life of our church. It is a joy to see this generation not only participating but leading and discipling others. Their presence brings vibrancy and fresh perspective to our entire community.

Reaching Out

As we look to the future, we're excited to deepen our discipleship and outreach efforts. Pastor Dan Blowers and Jaime Willistein will be leading us in developing clearer, more intentional pathways for spiritual formation—so that no one at Riverstone is unsure of how to take their next step with Jesus. Whether someone is just beginning their faith journey or has followed Christ for decades, we want everyone to grow, serve, and multiply their faith in others.

We also look forward to piloting a new internship program designed to equip emerging leaders for ministry in the church and beyond. Our hope is to become a place where young people sense a calling, receive training, and are launched into lifelong service. This vision is closely tied to our identity as an intergenerational church and our desire to develop ambassadors of Jesus Christ. It starts with young folks catching a vision and participating in God's work.

More than ever, we feel called to be a church that reaches our region with the life-giving love of Jesus. Our mission field is right here—among our homes, neighborhoods, and places of work. Every ministry, every event, every conversation is an opportunity to embody Christ's love and invite others into His Kingdom.

I want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your faithfulness, your encouragement, and your love. Thank you for showing up, giving generously, serving sacrificially, and believing with us that God has amazing things planned for this congregation. I am honored to serve as your lead pastor, and I believe the road ahead is full of promise. Let's keep moving forward together, helping more people find and follow Jesus. May our communities know us by our love, but may they be overwhelmed by His!

Pastor Dan Blowers

Discipleship Pastor

This has been an exciting year filled with growth and change! Our Children's Ministry has welcomed new families, and we're seeing steady growth as more children join us. This past fall, we transitioned our midweek programming to Friday nights; however, we discovered that returning to Wednesday evenings worked better for more families.

We also refreshed our large main room, painting it to reflect our new Riverstone theme. Over the summer, we plan to update and decorate the remaining rooms to carry the theme throughout our space. In addition, we converted the old baptismal—which had become a health hazard due to groundwater leakage—into a ball pit for the kids.

Jake Farrell and Susan Crist have faithfully continued their year-long commitments to serving in the ministry. We also appointed Jaime Willistein as our new Teen and Young Adult Leader. I have been developing lesson plans that align with Pastor Ben's sermon series, and Jaime has been creating complementary lessons for the teen and young adult ministries.

Our Equip classes on Sunday mornings have been well attended, and we're preparing additional teachers to join us next year. I've outlined a nine-month Discipleship Journey schedule, with plans to offer classes during both morning services.

Small groups have taken on a new, organic feel this year. Several groups have started naturally, providing opportunities for people to connect personally, grow spiritually, and support one another through different life stages and circumstances. These include a Divorce Care group, a Prayer group, and a Discipleship-focused group, as well as groups for Young Adults, Young Women, and a Wednesday night sermon discussion group. We are actively strategizing how to expand and support even more groups in the coming year.

Our church events were again a blessing this year. Although attendance was slightly down at both the Live Nativity and Hop Into Spring events—largely due to poor weather—Trunk or Treat continues to be a strong outreach, providing a safe, fun environment for children in our community. Pastor Ben has also initiated plans for a new late-summer event aimed at supporting local families with school supplies.

I would like to personally thank all who have supported these ministries—our teachers, small group leaders, event volunteers, and nursery workers. I also want to thank those who pray faithfully for our church family. Your prayers have been powerful and deeply appreciated.

In His Service,
Pastor B



Rooted by the River

A Journey of Discipleship

"They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit in each season. Their leaves never wither and they prosper in all they do."

-Psalm 1:3

Rooted by the River: A Journey of Discipleship is an 8-month discipleship plan developed for Riverstone Church to guide individuals on a steady path of spiritual growth, formation, and purpose. Inspired by Psalm 1:3, this journey invites participants to become like trees planted by the water—deeply rooted, fruitful, and spiritually resilient.

The plan consists of weekly lessons, grouped into different themes that explore foundational Christian truths, develop spiritual disciplines, clarify identity in Christ, and equip believers to live out their faith within the church and in the world. Each week focuses on a key biblical topic and Scripture, with discussion questions and personal application to help participants grow in both knowledge and practice.

Each weekly lesson includes open-ended discussion questions to prompt reflection and action. These questions ask participants to consider how Scripture applies to their lives and challenge them to live out their faith.

In total, this journey is designed to cultivate biblical understanding, encourage lasting transformation, and equip believers to be disciple-makers themselves. Rooted by the River reflects Riverstone Church's commitment to growing strong, Spirit-led followers of Christ who flourish in every season of life.

- Deepened biblical understanding and personal relationship with Jesus
- Consistent spiritual practices established
- Greater connection within the body of Christ
- Empowerment for personal witness and disciple-making
- A church culture of ongoing spiritual growth and multiplication

Key Outcomes



RIVERSTONE

Local Church Conference Ministry Heads and Ballot

Ballot

Elected by the LCC

Local Board of Administration

Members at large:

Christine Falke (26)

Nominations:

Elect Four

(3 - 2 year terms, 1 - 1 year term)

Vicky Britton

Steve Kocher

Heidi Prentice

Bob Reynolds

Elaine Shengulette

Allen Willistein

Treasurer

Joseph Yanda

LBA Secretary

Kevin Mattison

Assistant Treasurer

Sally Jacobs

Conference Delegates

Elect two:

Andy Prentice

Heidi Prentice

Alternate_____

Elected by the Local Board of Administration

Women's Ministry Director

Rhonda Lefever and Sandy Merrill

Men's Ministry Director

Micah Crist

Fellowship Events Director

Stephanie Bartlett

Facilities Team Director

Andy Prentice

Connections Team Directors

Rob and Kelly Fromberger

Classics Directors

Linda Penniston

Audio Visual Director

Kevin Mattison

Interfaith Representative

Geri Brewer

Church Librarian

Susan Crist

Missions Director

Andy Britton

Care Team Director

Chris Lauffer

Communion Steward

Virginia Rogers

Tellers

Christine Falke

Sue Herring

Rhonda Lefever

Sandy Merrill

Carol Nusbickel

Laurie Wolf

Elaine Shengulette

Samantha Phillips

Ministry Reports



Connections Team



The Connection's Team continues to supply greeters for Sunday morning services to welcome members and guests before and after services, hand out bulletins, welcome gifts, as well as complete the attendance sheet for both services and all Sunday School classes. The Team has had an opportunity to participate, along with the rest of our congregation, in the April 6th Celebration of the Church's continued growth with the name change to Riverstone Wesleyan! The Connection Team has also welcome 3 new members to our Connection Team!

As always, we welcome anyone who would like to be a friendly face to our brothers and sisters on Sunday mornings as they come to worship. It is a great way to strengthen friendships, and make new ones!

Rob and Kelly Fromberger

Classics



Once again the Classics Ministry has been led with a team approach. We enjoy planning the programs together and each leader has an area of responsibility. We have averaged about 12 in attendance and as always would like to have more. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 11:30am with lunch, some fun, singing, a devotional and good fellowship. During the summer months we met at Four Corners instead of at AWC.

A few highlights of the year: in July we had a picnic at Four Corners, in September we went on a delightful Erie Canal boat cruise with a picnic afterward, in November we celebrated Thanksgiving with a ham dinner and in December celebrated with a Christmas party and gift exchange. In February, we watched "I Heard the Bells" after lunch and in March, we made a trip to The Maple Tree Inn.

The Classics Ministry strives to provide the senior members of our congregation with a sense of belonging and a chance to share with others about our lives. The goal for the coming year is to build upon our common love for the Lord and to foster friendship, love and caring for each other.

Working together in service for Christ,

Carol Nusbickel
Virginia Rogers
Laurie Wolf

Missions

With heartfelt gratitude, we celebrate the faithful giving of our congregation, which has empowered us to fulfill the church's calling to serve locally, regionally, and globally. Guided by Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth," we have continued to support several of our dedicated missionaries and embraced new, impactful opportunities.

Through your faithful giving, we are able to share love and support both at home, across our nation, and abroad. We continually seek to understand and embrace the opportunities available to us. Our goal is not only to offer relief to those who are hurting and support for the "hands and feet" of our mission, but also to invest in leading others to Christ, long-term care and discipleship.

Riverstone has forged a strong bond with Impacto Ministry through our short-term mission teams. During these trips, team members have experienced the profound importance of developing relationships and recognizing that we all need love, fellowship, and support as we navigate our unique paths in life. The consistent investment of time and energy into the children, youth, adults and elderly of San Juan and San Pedro has endeared our congregation to the families in the Lake Atitlan area.

Please know that our small body here at Riverstone is seen as a sister church and is greatly loved by the lake people of Guatemala. This connection is a beautiful testament to the power of faith, community, and the shared journey of service and spiritual growth. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we continue to make a meaningful impact.

This year, we maintained our quarterly support for:

- The Georges
- The Picketts
- Impacto Ministry
- Inspire Wesleyan

Additionally, through special support and funds from our Christmas and Easter offerings, we were able to bless the following:

Special Support:

- Pushpyar Lakra - Hope Beyond Today
- Tyler Reynolds - 3-month mission trip to Turkey

Easter Offering:

- Local: Back-to-School Assistance for children in need
- Regional: Kentucky Flood Relief
- Global: Global Partners WM06-1275 | Widows and Orphans Outreach

Christmas Offering:

- Local: Kevin and Cindy Austin - Local Missionary Training
- Regional: New Heart Church
- Global: Emmanuel Wesleyan Bible College, Eswatini, Africa

We are excited for the opportunities the new year will bring and look forward to supporting Pushpyar Lakra full-time with quarterly support for 2025-2026. If you have ideas about new missions to support, desire to join the missions board, and/or would

like more information on any of the mission ministries we currently support, please let us know. A special thank you to the Missions Board for your unwavering help this past year.

Sincerely, Andy

2024-2025 Missions Board Membership
Chairman - Andy B Vice Chair - Mark R
Treasurer - Rich F Secretary - Tyler R
Members - Laurie W, Geri B, Sandy M, and Jake F

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

**“What shall I do then with Jesus who is called the Christ?”
(Matthew 27:22) This is the most important question that has
ever been asked. It is also the question you must ask yourself.”
-Billy Graham**

A New Perspective

In August 2024, I stepped into the role of Youth and Young Adult Coordinator after spending the previous year volunteering. As a mom and homeschool teacher/tutor for over 15 years, I’ve spent countless hours in deep conversations with kids about life, faith, and culture. And if there’s one thing I’ve learned, it’s this: if we want young people who’ve grown up in the church to truly own their faith, we need to challenge them to think.

This year, that’s exactly what we’ve set out to do.

We’ve gone back to the basics—asking big, often difficult questions and creating space for honest conversations. In the fall, we took a retreat to Camp Hickory Hill, where I encouraged students to wrestle with Scripture, lean into their doubts, and engage deeply with what they believe. In today’s culture, where even the most fundamental truths are being questioned, it’s more important than ever to help students explore what’s real—and to walk alongside them humbly as they search for answers.

Throughout the year in Sunday School, we journeyed through the Old Testament, tracing the story from the fall of man all the way to the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The questions these students asked were thoughtful—and sometimes tough enough to send me home for some serious research before I could respond well!

But the results have been powerful. We’re building a culture where students feel safe to ask hard questions, where they’re forming strong connections with each other, and—most importantly—where they’re turning to God’s Word for truth. Their faith is becoming personal, rooted, and real.



Young Adult

We’re excited to celebrate the launch of our Young Adult Ministry, which has taken off thanks to the leadership and passion of Malachi Crist and Jaidyn Mattison. By empowering them to lead small groups, we’ve seen incredible growth—not just in numbers, but in connection and community. This group has become a place where young adults are building each other up, diving deeper into their faith, and showing what it means to support one another through life’s ups and downs. It’s been amazing to watch this ministry come to life!

In the coming year, expect to see more growth in our programs, an increased commitment to developing our Young Adults, and a focus on outreach and service.

Serving with you,
Jaime Willistein

Women's Ministry



Over the past year, the Ladies Ministry has joyfully gathered for a variety of events that fostered fellowship, fun, and spiritual connection. From a warm coffee hour in June to a cozy fall campfire in October, each gathering provided an opportunity to grow closer as a community. Highlights included a lively game night with pizza in July, an adventurous kayaking trip on Canadice Lake, and a peaceful hiking and picnic day at Mendon Ponds Park. The welcome fellowship for Hannah in August was especially heartwarming, as over 30 women came together to bless her with thoughtful gifts and shared desserts. Creative spirits were nurtured during two craft nights—one in September with Sarah Morgan and another in March with Jenn Mattison—offering moments of inspiration and connection. Throughout the year, whether through shared meals, outdoor fun, or creative projects, the Ladies Ministry cultivated a welcoming space where relationships could flourish and faith could deepen.

Rhonda LaFever

Care Team



The Care Team Ministry was formed in Fall of 2003. The purpose was to facilitate serving the needs of a growing congregation. We are thankful to all those who willingly serve when there is a need. Money is donated in a designated envelope for this specific ministry. As our Pastors hear of a need, it is given to the Care Team to carry out the ministry using volunteers. In the past year we have purchased flowers and plants for funerals. If the Care Team is aware of a medical situation, we will put together gift bags and organize a meal train. Gift cards are also given to help with various needs.

Again, we are very grateful to the congregation for the support they provide and the volunteers who give their time to serve in this ministry. We frequently provide transportation to Dr. appointments, grocery shopping, and miscellaneous other needs.

Meals: 25

Gift bags: 6

Gift Cards: 2

Flowers & plants for funerals: 2

Transportation for medical appointments: 15

Transportation for grocery shopping: approximately 20

If there is a need in your family, please contact one of our Pastors to determine how the Care Team might be able to serve. It is through the love, prayer, and support of the church that these services are made possible.

Chris Lauffer

Men's Ministry



This past year has been a strong and encouraging start for the Men's Ministry under its new leadership. It's been a blessing to witness a great group of men who consistently show up not just for events, but for each other—offering support, encouragement, and genuine brotherhood in every season of life. From game nights and fellowship gatherings to our "Targets and Teamwork" event, each gathering has served as a meaningful opportunity to connect, grow, and strengthen our walk with Christ together. It's been exciting to see the momentum building, and I'm filled with anticipation for what's ahead. As we look to expand the variety of our events, I'm hopeful this will serve as a way to reach even more men and help them find their place within the life of the church.

Micah Crist



Library

The church library continues to minister to our church body. Items are checked out and returned throughout the year. This year I spruced up the shelf labels and rearranged the sections in order to use the space wisely. I continue to look over the shelves and add donations and discard books as needed.

Susan Crist

Worship



This past year has flown by, and it's been an honor to serve alongside so many talented musicians and ministry partners. We've made some exciting upgrades to our worship ministry—most notably installing powerful new main speakers in the sanctuary with help from Kevin Mattison, Micah Crist, Rich Falke, and Jake Morgan. The old system was long overdue for replacement, and the new setup not only sounds great but is built to serve us well into the future. We even removed an old, unused subwoofer—less clutter, better sound!

At the core of it all, our mission remains the same: to create meaningful, Spirit-led worship each week. We continue using Planning Center to organize and select songs, and we're committed to keeping our music fresh and relevant. This year, I've loved watching team members step up, grow in confidence, and lead worship—giving me the chance to step back and cheer them on. That growth is what it's all about.

Huge thanks to every single person who has served faithfully on the worship and AV teams. You've helped create something truly special. Let's keep building on this momentum and worshipping with joy and purpose!

Facilities Team



During this past church year it has been a pleasure to serve on the Facilities Team here at Riverstone Wesleyan. I would like to thank our team members-- Elaine Shengulette, Al Willistein, Jake Morgan, Rich Falke, Bruce Burdick for their dedicated service and hard work in the care and maintenance of Riverstone's facilities on the main campus and at the 4-Corners property. We would also like to invite anyone in the congregation who might be interested in serving on this team in the coming year to talk with any of us about getting involved. Many hands make light work!

Some of the projects that we have worked on this year include:

- Renovation of the church foyer with new lights, fresh paint, new signage and Al's custom build sliding door on the large classroom.
- More finishing touches on the AV sound room upstairs....if you haven't seen it, go take a look sometime!
- A major clean-out of 40+ year old junk from the church, filling a large roll off dumpster.
- Pass through window installed from the kitchen at 4-Corners.
- Contrast painting of the back and front walls of the sanctuary.
- Numerous repair and maintenance projects throughout the year. I would like to specifically thank Jake and Al for this.

As always, we would also like to thank the many people of the Riverstone family that have helped us at work days, special projects and tent set up/take down this year. God has blessed us richly with our two properties and we endeavor to be good stewards of them.

Andy Prentice

Broadcast/AV Ministry



Online Ministry | Live Broadcast

The 2024 year was a roller-coaster of a year. There were times of severe frustration with our live stream, making us wonder if it was even worth doing, as we were having so many issues with the video feed as well as the audio. However, God came through, and we were able to get things moving in the right direction again with the help of new software and many man-hours of problem-solving. We again have a fully functional live stream (most Sundays at least).

We Moved!

At this time last year, I reported that the upstairs tech room “construction” had been finished and was ready for paint. Thanks to the hard work of Elaine Shengulette and Pastor B, we got a fresh layer of paint, but not before Pastor B installed new carpets! After that, Micah Crist, Dan Willistein, and I spent some time removing the old audio cabling and were able to replace it with a new digital cable that will give us another 30+ years of great audio. This was necessary to get the audio feed upstairs to our new space. A huge thank you to everyone above for making these things happen, as I know all of this was A LOT of work, and I would not have been able to do this alone. We are now in our new space and have a lot more room for the things that are necessary to make for a great worship experience on Sunday mornings.



2024 was the year of large equipment failures as well. You may have also noticed the two very new, very large main speakers hanging above your heads up front. After our big move, we had a serious issue with two of our main speakers in the worship center. These were replaced with scalable speakers that would work well if/when we move to a new church building, as we need to be sure that when these things are replaced, they will work for many years to come.



This was the same scenario with our failing projector. Many times, you may have noticed the presentation screen going dark; this was due to a communication issue with our new, more modern equipment and our old, dated equipment. We were forced to update the main projector this year as well. Thanks to the ladder skills of Jake Morgan and Micah Crist, the three of us were able to get the new projector installed without much issue. It got sketchy at times, but at least no one fell...Thank you, Jake and Micah, for your much-needed help getting this project finished!

Remember that old wooden box that was hanging from the top of the arches in the front of the worship center. That was an old relic of a subwoofer, and Dan Willistein was able to get that removed from the ceiling as well. All-in-all, 2024 was an amazing year for the Tech Ministry at Riverstone. We are so blessed to have a church body that not only understands the needs in this ministry but also appreciates and encourages us to continue to advance! We thank you all for making what we do possible!

Training and More Techs

Who's interested in working on the Tech Team?! We are always in need of more people willing and able to learn. If you're interested, talk to Kevin Mattison, and we can come up with a plan. Once we get an interested group, we can plan a Saturday training for everyone to start the learning process.

As always, HUGE thank yous to my volunteers, Micah Crist, and Rich Falke, as well as our teenage groupies who hang out with us upstairs. You still make it fun to lead!!

Kevin Mattison

Riverstone by the Numbers

Average Weekly
Attendance:



200

Easter Sunday attendance: 240

4 Known
Conversions

Small Groups:



6 Baptisms

12 Missions Supported!



Songs Sung:

146

Most popular:
This I Believe

Meals Provided by
the Care Team:

more
than 24

Outreach Event Attendance

Trunk or Treat:

600

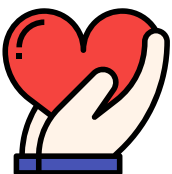


Live Nativity:

1500

Service Camp Families Helped:

5



4 Corners Reservations:

14

18



Riverstone Financials

2024-2025 Review

Giving + Income

General Offerings Received - \$332,338

Budgeted - \$325,000

Easter + Christmas Offerings - \$14,056

Budgeted - \$13,000

Missions Offerings - \$3639

Budgeted - \$9000

Other Offerings - \$2,320

Interest Income - \$25,316

Giving + Income Total - \$377,698

**Budget - \$353,902 (Including \$6,902
released from restriction)**

Expenses - Actual : \$361,260 / Budgeted: \$353,902

Expenditures include funds released from Board
Restricted Funds to cover the cost of
depreciation/upgrades

Financial Plan

	24/25 Budget	25/26 Proposed Budget
Giving Assumptions	\$353,901	\$365,229
Campus Care and Utilities	\$23,132	\$24,650
Church Office	\$11,660	\$9,784
Wesleyan Denomination Support	\$32,500	\$34,200
Operating Insurances	\$7,438	\$8,353
Payroll, Salaries, FICA/Pension	\$212,871	\$217,713.50
Missions	\$36,750	\$36,500
Community Life and Hospitality	\$6,000	\$7,978.75
Worship and Creative Arts	\$6,050	\$5,550
Student Ministry	\$4,500	\$5,500
Live Nativity	\$5,000	\$5,000
Kids Ministry	\$4,000	\$4,500
Small Group and Adult Sunday School	\$2,500	\$3,500
Local Outreach	\$1,500	\$2,000

2024-25 Total Budget - \$353,901

2025-26 Total Budget - \$365,229

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Financial Plan Highlights

What happened in FY24-25?

We ended the 24-25 fiscal year just about on target. We brought in more financial gifts than we anticipated, praise God! Thank YOU for your generosity in helping us live into our mission. We also had some unanticipated expenses which we were able to take care of through your remarkable giving.

The key framework of the 25-26 financial plan is to invest in accordance with our 2030 vision, particularly in the area of discipleship across the ages. We have had to rebalance some giving assumptions as well, but are anticipating increased giving. Some ministry lines will remain flat, but flexible depending on ministry needs, and others lines are increased to accommodate planned initiatives and activities. Much more could be said about each expense line, and more information is available upon request.

What is new for 25 - 26?

This past year, the local board of administration needed to release funds to pay for depreciation and other unanticipated expenses (new projector and speakers, gravel for the Caledonia campus, and other updated equipment). We praise for the Lord for our ability to maintain flexibility for Kingdom work. We look forward to seeing how the Lord will bless us as we move forward!

Continued Flexibility for Kingdom Work!

**Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights....**

JAMES 1:17



RIVERSTONE CHURCH

Membership List - 2025

Adams, Sean	Kocher, Steve	Vanderworker, Susan
Bartlett, Jerome	Kocher, Tammy	Walck, Audrey
Bartlett, Stephanie	Mattison, Jennifer	Weaver, Mary
Blowers, Dan	Mattison, Kevin	Weaver, Wendy
Brandes, Laura (Offen)	McNeil, Dale	Willistein, Allen
Brewer, Geraldine	McNeil, Patricia	Willistein, Daniel
Britton, Andy	Merrill, Sandy	Willistein, Debbie
Britton, Vicky	Murphy, Belinda	Willistein, Jaime
Burdick, Bruce	Murphy, John	Wolf, Ed
Burdick, Gail	Nusbickel, Carol	Wolf, Laurie
Clements, Carol	Nusbickel, Dave	Wong, George
Crist, Ethan	Nusbickel, Eric	Yanda, Dorothy Ann
Curtis, Laura	Nusbickel, Jennifer	Yanda, Joseph
Curtis, Scott	Parker, Patricia	Young, Matthew
Davis, Reva	Penniston, Linda	
Espinoza, Benjamin	Phillips, Samantha	
Espinoza, Hannah	Prentice, Andrew	
Faisst, Charles, Jr	Prentice, Caroline	
Faisst, Margaret	Prentice, Heidi	
Faisst, Shirley	Reiman, D. Mark	
Falke, Richard	Reiman, Sarah	
Falke, Christine	Reynolds, Daniel	
Farrell, Jake	Reynolds, Denice	
Hawkins, Heather	Reynolds, Gloria	
Hawkins, Nathaniel	Reynolds, Robert	
Hawkins, Sebastian	Roides, Debbie	
Hazelton, Beverly	Roides, Scott	
Hazelton, H. Charles	Roloson, Darlene	
Hoff, Sam	Roman, Ted	
Hopper, Allan	Schunk, Chrissy	
Hopper, Aneita	Schunk, Gracie	
Horr, Barb	Schunk, Stephan	
Houseman, Mary	Schlenger, Brendan	
Howard, Charles	Schlenger, Sarah	
Howard, Diane	Shengulette, Elaine	
Jacobs, Sally	Stoddard, Heather	
Kerchoff, Jane	Stroud, Travis	
Kilpatrick, Cythnia	Tucci, Chris	
Kilpatrick, Sim		

