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INTRODUCTION

The past year has seen profound growth and transformation within our church community. As we stand on the precipice of a new chapter, it is with gratitude and reflection that we acknowledge the collective efforts that have propelled us forward. The milestones achieved, the bonds forged, and the spiritual flourishing witnessed throughout the past year are a testament to the resilience, dedication, and unwavering faith of our congregation. With hearts full of thanksgiving, we embark on the journey ahead, inspired by the foundation laid in the past year and fueled by the anticipation of continued growth, fellowship, and shared spiritual enrichment in the days to come.



WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

Over the past year, our ministry has grown tremendously. Weekends proved to be transformative, fostering a sense of unity and spiritual growth within our community. It was a blessing to worship together, to be inspired by Christ, and to witness the strength of our spiritual bonds. Your commitment to the community and your openness to the messages shared contribute immensely to the growth of this family.

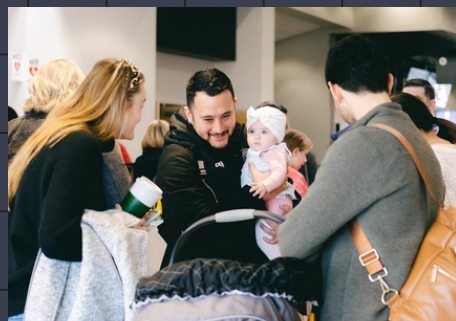
1,933

Average Weekend Attendance

18%

Growth

Thank you for being an integral part of our weekend services. We look forward to continuing this journey of fellowship together.





1,405

Member Growth in
Groups Since 2022

64

Unique Groups

CHILDREN & YOUTH



In 2023, the growth of our church's children's ministry has been truly remarkable. Throughout the year, we've witnessed a surge in attendance, with **1,403 new attendees** and **47% growth**. Moreover, we were blessed to facilitate **370 children at VBS** and over **50 kids through summer camp**. But the expansion of our children's ministry is not solely measured by the numbers but is reflected in the lives meaningfully impacted. From engaging Bible lessons to exciting activities that blend learning and play, our dedicated team of volunteers has cultivated an environment where children feel connected, valued, and excited to explore their faith. Thank you to our volunteers, parents, children, and all involved in the success of our ministry.

In addition, the youth ministry has experienced exciting growth and change. **Over 300 students** were impacted by the ministry of the gospel. We are thrilled to have met our new youth pastor, KC Kamentz, in 2023 and welcomed an all-new group of kids as they graduated from the children's ministry to VCKC Youth.



YOUNG ADULTS

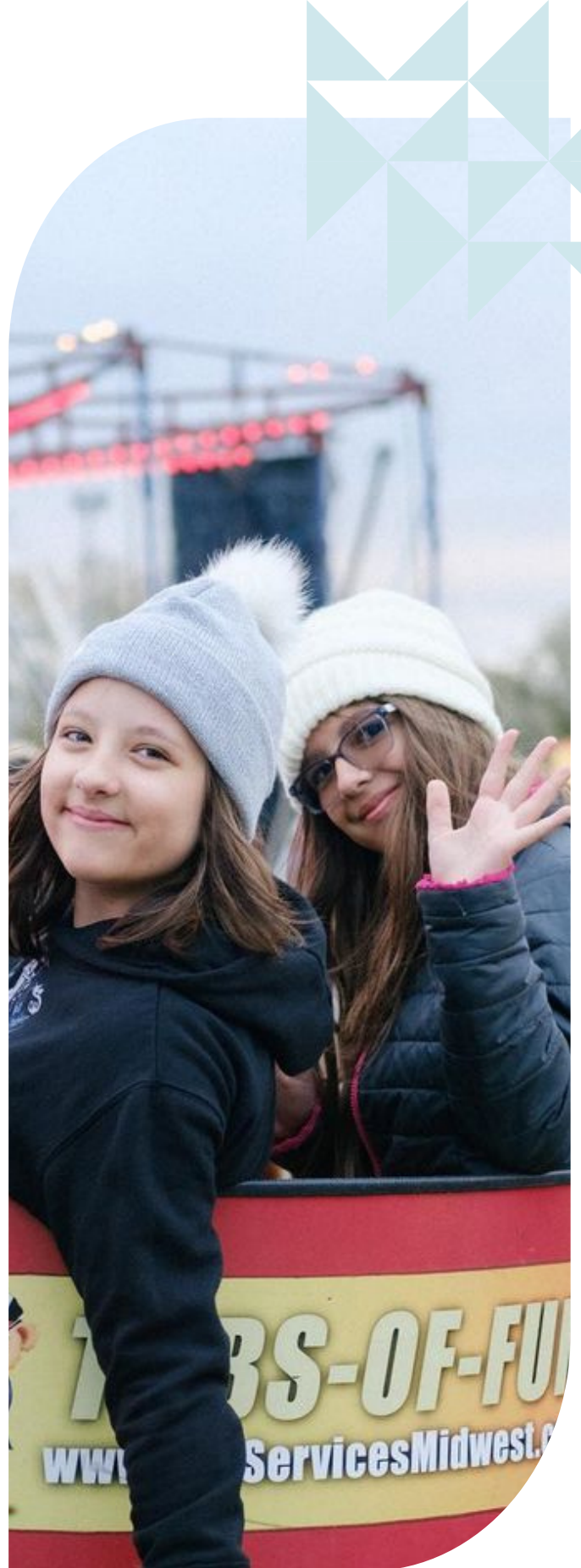
Last year saw the inception of our young adults ministry. This area filled a longstanding gap at VCKC and profoundly influenced new members who walked through our doors. Though still a young ministry, our young adults accomplished so much over six months. Whether holding services at the church, playing pickleball at The Sandbox, hosting outdoor water games, or coming together for a Thanksgiving celebration, our members found ways to build unity and strengthen relationships with God. Members formed small groups around our church-wide series to create intimate spiritual bonds. Overall, we cannot wait to see the places our young adults will go in the coming months.



EVENTS

2023 was an ambitious year for events. Whether they were moments of worship, fellowship, or outreach, they have united us in a shared purpose and ignited a spirit of enthusiasm and connection that resonates throughout our congregation. We love seeing every one of your faces as we impact the community. Below are a few of the biggest highlights from the past year.

- Back 2 School Bash
- Christmas Outreach
- Drive-in Movies/Santa Photos
- Easter celebrations
- Exodus Conference
- Family Fun & Fireworks
- Girls Night Out
- Marriage Retreat
- Oklahoma Missions Trip
- Vacation Bible School
- Vision Night
- Worship & Baptisms
- Young Adults Outreach
- Santa Photos

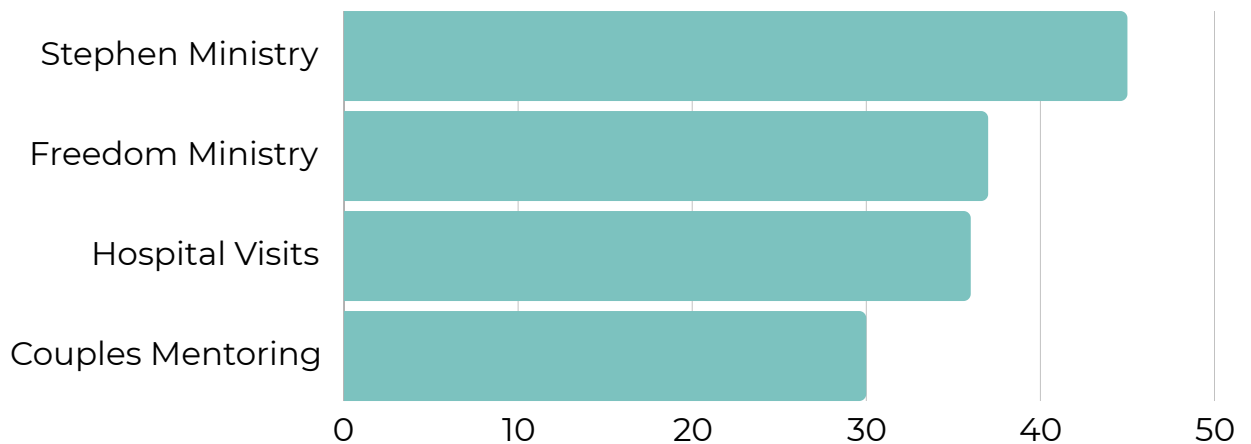




CARE MINISTRY



As we reflect upon our care for the year, Romans 12:10 reminds us of our calling, “Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.” Our mission is to help those from all backgrounds and meet individual needs. Moreover, we desire to maintain the positive health of those we meet mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. We strive to uphold a hospitable environment of excellence and inclusivity. As Pastor Greg always says, we want to be “that church with those people.”





Harvesters Attendees

People Served From the Food Pantry

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



Our church continually seeks new ways to meet the needs of our community. The Apostle Paul reminds us to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:13). At VCKC, we partner with global ministries to impact people's lives locally and worldwide. Here are the local ministries we support:

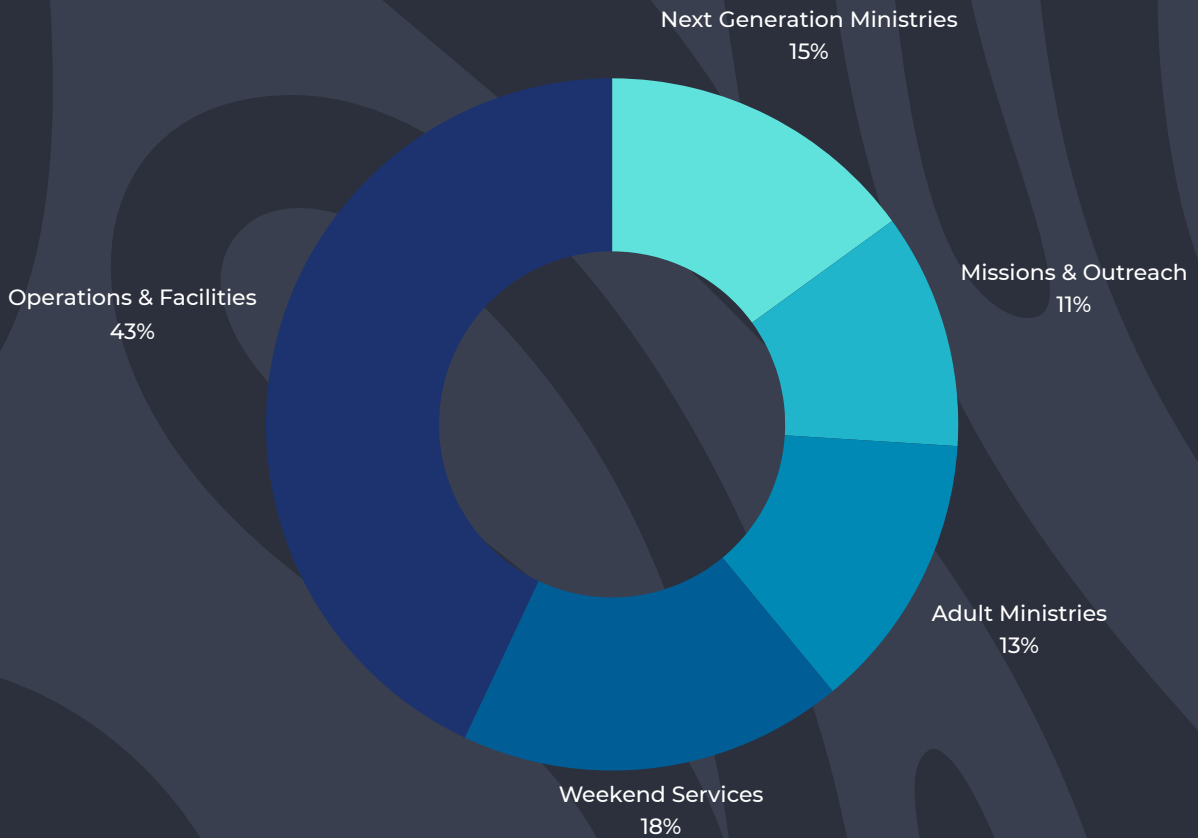
- Avant
- Called to Greatness
- City Union Mission
- Convoy of Hope
- Dream Center
- Harvesters
- Hillcrest
- Lonesome Dove Ranch
- Parkville Women's Clinic
- Rachel House
- Synergy Services
- Wickliffe School

106 BAPTISMS IN 2023



FINANCIAL

Total Donations	14,463
Total Donors	1,480
New Donors	432
Recurring Donors	192





CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS



This Christmas season, we saw so many new faces as we meditated on the powerful story of Christ's birth. Following His teachings of service, we connected with the community to provide drive-in movies, Santa photos, gift donations, and many other holiday offerings. Here are some significant moments of the Christmas season.

4,218

CHRISTMAS EVE ATTENDEES

29%

CHRISTMAS EVE
ATTENDEES GROWTH

192

SANTA PHOTOS

274

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
ATTENDEES

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook Followers	7,500
Instagram Followers	2,059
YouTube Subscribers	2,224
New Followers	1,412
Total	11,783





