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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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AT NEW LIFE CHURCH, WE

FOLLOW JESUS

GROW TOGETHER

SERVE ONE ANOTHER

LIVE ON MISSION

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Happy New Year, New Life Church!

At the beginning of each year, we take time to reflect on the previous year and celebrate everything God has done in and through the people and ministries of New Life Church. We publish this report to highlight how mightily God is moving. You'll see financials, attendance, and other numbers that go into the organizational side of our church, but most importantly, you'll see that this report represents souls! Whether it's dollars spent, people served, decisions made, or bodies in seats, everything here represents opportunities for people to encounter the life-giving message of Jesus. Thank you for partnering with us in 2023! Your support is vital in sustaining the programs, services, and outreach opportunities God has for our church. We are looking with great anticipation toward all He is calling us to in 2024!

When God called Michelle and I to plant New Life Church over 23 years ago, He gave us vision for a Church that would reach the state of Arkansas for His Glory! A church whose head is Jesus, whose help is the Holy Spirit, and whose focus is the Great Commission. This is my prayer for our church.

I'm so grateful that 23 years later, He is still pouring out fresh vision for our church! I recently shared with our NLC campuses across the state about the importance of pursuing God's "plan A" for our lives because there is no plan B. I've been compelled to call us to action in four crucial areas. As a church and as individuals, we are called to follow Jesus, grow together, serve one another, and live on mission. Our mission is to reach our friends and family with the life-giving message of Jesus, to see them become fully devoted followers of Christ. Everything we do at New Life Church is informed by this calling.

Thank you for your continued support and investment in NLC as we continue to reach the Arkansas God Sees and beyond! All Glory to God!



Pastor Rick Bezet



THE ARKANSAS GOD SEES

We believe the Word of God is sacred and unchanging.

We believe in the value of a soul.

We believe the presence of God changes everything.

We believe we should be authentic and grow in our walk with God.

We believe in life-giving relationships.

We believe that bringing our best honors God and inspires people.

We believe the Church is stronger when everyone serves.

CAMPUSES



14,414

TOTAL AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Each weekend, we gather to worship the Lord together. We honor Him and walk in obedience as we prioritize this time spent in godly community. Weekend services are an opportunity to Praise our Holy God, hear from His Word and connect with one another. The numbers reported in this section reflect weekend service attendance, but more importantly, they represent opportunities for encounters with the life-giving message of Jesus!

15.4% INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE
FOR ALL OF NEW LIFE CHURCH

AVERAGE CAMPUS ATTENDANCE

317

Beebe

1,480

Cabot

232

Clarksville

1,937

Conway

159

Conway Español

389

Downtown Little Rock

733

Fayetteville

798

Fort Smith

1,988

Greater Little Rock

720

Greenbier

828

Heber Springs

986

Hot Springs

32

Mayflower

258

Pine Bluff

1,129

Russellville

1,309

Saline County

480

Searcy

640

West Little Rock

1,071

TOTAL LIFE GROUPS & SERVE TEAMS

Life Groups are the heart and soul of our church. Life Groups provide the perfect platform for our members to connect with each other, discover their purpose, and find support in their spiritual journey. These groups aren't just gatherings; they're a place where we experience genuine relationships, share triumphs and challenges, and grow in our faith together.

OVER **10,000** PEOPLE ARE ACTIVE
IN LIFE GROUPS & SERVE TEAMS
ACROSS THE STATE

LIFE GROUPS & SERVE TEAMS

35

Beebe

92

Cabot

22

Clarksville

109

Conway

10

Conway Español

31

Downtown Little Rock

61

Fayetteville

46

Fort Smith

129

Greater Little Rock

55

Greenbrier

100

Heber Springs

70

Hot Springs

3

Mayflower

41

Pine Bluff

64

Russellville

111

Saline County

29

Searcy

63

West Little Rock

Life Groups are the heartbeat of New Life. James 5:16 says, "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." We believe that community is vital to building trust and friendship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and Life Groups are how we help accomplish this.

Listed here are the number of Life Groups and Serve Teams at each of our New Life campuses.

BAPTISMS

BEEBE	32
CABOT	158
CLARKSVILLE	18
CONWAY	127
CONWAY ESPAÑOL	14
DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK	7
FAYETTEVILLE	62
FORT SMITH	49
GREATER LITTLE ROCK	184
GREENBRIER	103
HEBER SPRINGS	84
HOT SPRINGS	70
MAYFLOWER	7
PINE BLUFF	45
RUSSELLVILLE	80
SALINE COUNTY	101
SEARCY	31
WEST LITTLE ROCK	37



1,209

TOTAL
BAPTISMS

And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name. Acts 22:16

Baptism is an external expression of deep change in our hearts. This commitment is an important step in our relationship with God. As we step in, we declare that we have found hope outside of this world. As we come up out of the water, we leave behind our old lives in exchange for a new one. We have a fresh start.

Let's celebrate the individuals who have made this decision!



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TORNADO RELIEF

VOLUNTEERS

2,300+

On March 31, devastating tornadoes ripped through Central Arkansas, taking out homes and businesses and leaving many without shelter and essential supplies. New Life Church was ready and jumped into action, providing meals, labor, and spiritual support to several communities across the state. We were able to be the hands and feet of Jesus, showing His love to a hurting community.

MEALS SERVED

20,752

MAN HOURS

11,705+



The devastation was great but the servant's heart to help the hurting was greater. Our people lived their commitment out each day with love and a sense of urgency. They kept coming until the needs subsided. Each day, my prayer was, "God, give us stamina, give us patience, and give us the people to fill the needs." Our God provided this in our people. They demonstrated in service the value of a soul. They worked tirelessly with compassion in their hearts. No task was too big or too hard.

I am so proud of our people. I am thankful to our God for sparing so many lives, but most of all, I know that God has changed so many to be tuned in to Him.

Thank you, New Life Church, for going after "the one."

- DEAN FAGALY

TESTIMONY

On March 31, 2023, at 2:31pm, my family experienced something you never can quite prepare for. By the grace of God, my children and I were home, huddled in our bathtub as an F3 tornado ripped down our street. In a matter of seconds, our beautiful neighborhood, known for its mature trees, looked like an absolute disaster area—unrecognizable and disorienting for every resident. I remember walking out of the bathroom and seeing my home destroyed, but thanking God for His ever evident hand over us, keeping us completely safe. Within minutes, my husband and our pastor, Harry Bates, were banging at our front door to bring us to safety. There was nothing safe about that environment.

I will never forget how within the hour, I started to see red SERVE shirts flood the area. There were people from my Life Group at my driveway starting to pack and pull my belongings out of my house, men with chainsaws clearing debris, and others who were running to our neighbors' homes to assist them. As I walked down my cherished street the next morning, the devastation was completely overwhelming. I cried uncontrollably as I saw my pastors and church family coming towards me, having already been at my home working long before I had arrived. They held us, hugged us, and did the hard work of walking with us through an experience that could have crushed us. Within one day, our home was packed up and put in storage. The church stayed by our side, not for days, but for weeks and months as we slowly recovered and restored. Over the course of months, so many were the actual hands and feet of God's love for our community. We saw God's tangible faithfulness through the church at large, running into the mess, the hurt, the hard, and lifting up the name of Jesus, carrying His hope in every interaction. We are forever grateful for our church family and the way we experienced God's love through it all.

- KRISTEN SIDES



2023
MISSION TRIPS



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"Then Jesus came close to them and said, 'All the authority of the universe has been given to Me. Now go in My authority and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age.'"
-Matthew 28:18-20

New Life Church is dedicated to loving and meeting the practical needs in our communities, while also focusing on evangelism, church planting, and training on a worldwide scale. With the Great Commission at the forefront, we strive to bring the hope of Jesus to others, from our neighborhoods to the nations, in different circumstances, socioeconomic statuses, and lifestyles.

Outlined here is a snapshot of what missions at New Life Church looked like in 2023.

31

MISSION TRIPS

558

PEOPLE WHO WENT
ON MISSION TRIPS

\$1,125,073

GIVEN IN 2023 TO
MISSION TRIPS

Alabama, Alaska, Costa Rica,
Cuba, District of Columbia,
Guatemala, Israel, Kenya, Peru

MISSION TRIP
LOCATIONS

CITYSERVE

APPROXIMATELY **224,785** PEOPLE IMPACTED IN 2023

APPROXIMATELY **8,774** VOLUNTEERS SERVED **35,096** HOURS

THIS YEAR, THERE WERE **710** SALVATION EXPERIENCES
AND A TOTAL OF **778** BAPTISMS

A TOTAL OF **7,960** DIAPERS WERE DISTRIBUTED THIS YEAR,
EQUALING TO ABOUT **660** PER MONTH

OVER **1,296** BEDS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN 2023,
EQUALING AROUND **108** BEDS PER MONTH

CITY SERVE

PROVIDED OVER **\$1.7M** TO
COMMUNITIES AFFECTED
BY TORNADOS



HOLIDAY OUTREACH

New Life is committed to serving the community year-round, but the Holiday season provides a special opportunity to show the love of Jesus to under-resourced families across the state.

Before Thanksgiving, we have ThankServing! Volunteers donate, gather, organize, pack, and distribute Thanksgiving meals for families in our communities. Our distribution teams take time to talk about Jesus and pray with each recipient. It is a special time of loving and serving together.

Christmas Mall is an incredible yearly event across the state! Each campus sets up a free store for families to come and choose toys for their kids. Volunteers give, donate toys, and serve for weeks preparing this special opportunity for families in our communities. Teams of helpers connect and pray with each family. CityServe, Toys 4 Tots, and many local community partners all assist in this venture, providing thousands of toys for kids!

THANKSERVING

1,553

Families Served

925

Volunteers

6,186

TOTAL MEALS
SERVED

CHRISTMAS MALL

2,074

Families Served

2,104

Volunteers

5,145

Children Helped

15,000+

TOTAL TOYS
AND BIKES
GIVEN

WOMAN CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

2,800+

Every year, Woman Conference is a highlight for the ladies in our church, and this year was no exception. The heart of this year's conference was to help every woman fix their eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith! Our guest speaker, Oneka McClellan, reminded us of the beauty of God's promises and the importance of surrounding ourselves with like-minded community. There was powerful worship, life change, and lots of fun!

121 TOTAL DECISIONS FOR CHRIST | \$10,001.59 RAISED FOR OUTREACH



MEN'S NIGHT ATTENDANCE

1,000+

On October 17, men from across the state gathered at the Conway campus for a time of worship and a word. Pastor Rick had a message that cut to the heart of every man in the room. He challenged us to love God more than we love sin! Lives were impacted and we believe that many individuals, marriages, and families are walking in health and freedom because of the decisions that were made that night.



CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENTS

2,233

TOTAL VBS
ATTENDANCE

344

TOTAL KID LIFE
CAMP ATTENDANCE

497

TOTAL COLLIDE CAMP
YOUTH ATTENDANCE

159

TOTAL COLLIDE CAMP
MIDDLE ATTENDANCE



COLLIDE CONFERENCE

DURING THE CONFERENCE
SESSIONS, AN OVERWHELMING
NUMBER OF STUDENTS RESPONDED,
MORE THAN WE COULD COUNT.

THIS YEAR, **1,313**
STUDENTS ATTENDED
COLLIDE CONFERENCE

EASTER ATTENDANCE

BEEBE	635
CABOT	3,551
CLARKSVILLE	445
CONWAY	5,039
CONWAY ESPAÑOL	149
DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK	872
FAYETTEVILLE	1,572
FORT SMITH	1,873
GREATER LITTLE ROCK	5,917
GREENBRIER	1,606
HEBER SPRINGS	2,072
HOT SPRINGS	2,183
MAYFLOWER	67
PINE BLUFF	407
RUSSELLVILLE	2,204
SALINE COUNTY	3,414
SEARCY	1,036
WEST LITTLE ROCK	1,770

34,812

TOTAL
ATTENDANCE

This year, we began our Easter weekends with a Good Friday service, where we observed the sacrifice made by Jesus, taking the sin of the world upon His shoulders and dying in our place. It was a powerful time of worship, reflection, and communion. Then, we followed with our traditional Easter services that celebrated the resurrection of our Lord; the moment that completed the perfect exchange of death for life!

"The essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man."

- John Stott, The Cross of Christ

CANDLELIGHT ATTENDANCE

BEEBE	572
CABOT	2,996
CLARKSVILLE	387
CONWAY	5,552
CONWAY ESPAÑOL	329
DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK	501
FAYETTEVILLE	918
FORT SMITH	1,279
GREATER LITTLE ROCK	5,749
GREENBRIER	1,388
HEBER SPRINGS	1,569
HOT SPRINGS	1,567
MAYFLOWER	44
PINE BLUFF	546
RUSSELLVILLE	1,909
SALINE COUNTY	3,278
SEARCY	899
WEST LITTLE ROCK	1,283

30,766

TOTAL
ATTENDANCE

*The people walking in darkness have
seen a great light; on those living in
the land of deep darkness light has
dawned. - Isaiah 9:2*



CHURCH FINANCIALS

TOTAL TITHES

\$28,830,789

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- 2 Corinthians 9:7*

TOTAL TITHES & OFFERING

\$37,823,758

Every tithe and offering that is given to New Life Church is carefully budgeted with vision in mind. We operate with integrity to steward our resources well.

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$32,526,047

We are blessed to have the resources to help in serious tragedy at a moment's notice. Because of the financial generosity of our church family, New Life continues to be a trusted organization in Arkansas.

TOTAL GIVEN TO MISSIONS

\$4,443,933

WHILE THE VISION OF NEW LIFE CHURCH
MAY CONTINUE TO EXPAND, OUR MISSION
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