



NEW CASTLE
BIBLE CHURCH

Annual Report

2022/2023



**New Castle Bible Church
exists to glorify God by growing
deeper and reaching farther.**

**Celebrate how God worked through
New Castle Bible Church throughout 2022 and 2023 and
let's prayerfully look forward to all that will be done in
2023 and 2024.**

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Growing Deeper Together in 2022-2023

All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

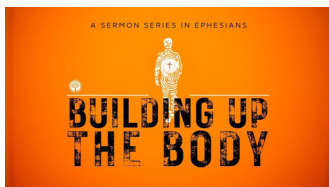
2 Timothy 3:16-17



Average
Sunday Morning
Attendance

481

Sermon Series



Building Up the Body Ephesians

Kevin Sauder (14 sermons)
Tysin Smith (4 sermons)
Scott Gnuse (3 sermons)
Josh Gerber (3 sermons)
Phil Somers (1 sermon)



Indestructible Joy Philippians

Josh Gerber (5 sermons)
Scott Gnuse (5 sermons)
Tysin Smith (3 sermons)
Phil Somers (1 sermon)



Non-Series Sermons

Scott Gnuse (2 sermons)
Josh Gerber (1 sermon)
Phil Somers (1 sermon)
Daniel Bennett (2 sermons)
Phil Underhile (1 sermon)
Jay Lennington (1 sermon)
Ritch Boerckel (1 sermon)



Holiday Sermons

Kevin Sauder (2 sermons)
Scott Gnuse (1 sermon)
Kris Mettelmann (1 sermon)
Ben Holman (1 sermon)



International Day of Prayer

Kevin Sauder (1 sermon)

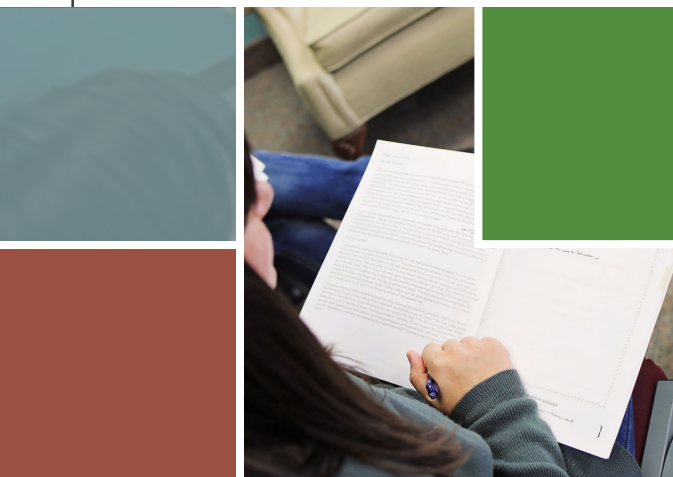


Adult Discipleship Electives & Equipping Classes

Adult Discipleship Electives on Sunday mornings provided an opportunity to grow deeper, expanding our understanding of the Bible. The elective opportunities varied from studying books of the Bible to topical matters.

In April, Equipping Classes began in place of Adult Discipleship Electives. These 12-week foundational classes focus on equipping each believer with the tools needed to understand biblical truth, serve with joy, and share Jesus with confidence. All those who complete the series of nine classes will be celebrated at a special graduation dinner and be presented with a certificate.

The elders, who are teaching the Equipping Classes, are mentoring other men, readying them to teach future classes.





Adult Discipleship Electives Offered June 2022 - March 2023

- **When Sinners Say I Do** (Darin and Jane Hoffmire)
- **How to Study and Use the Bible** (Ben Holman and Shaun Lewis)
- **Nehemiah: Partnering with God** (Denny Schlappi)
- **1 Corinthians (for Young Adults)** (Kurt Iwankovitsch)
- **Prayer** (Dave Calhoun)
- **Untangling Emotions (for Women)** (Cristi Lewis, Amanda Mettelmann, Ann Knobeloch)
- **Acts (for Young Adults)** (Kurt Iwankovitsch)
- **World Religions and Philosophies** (Kris Mettelmann)
- **Church Membership and Ministry** (Kevin Sauder, Scott Krause, Teresa Krause)
- **Introduction to Biblical One Anothering** (Josh Gerber)
- **Lessons from the Upper Room** (Tysin Smith)
- **Church Membership and Ministry** (Chad Leman and Mike Rassi)
- **All Church Adult Discipleship Elective 3-Part Series: The Generosity Project** (Mike Rassi and Kris Mettelmann)



Equipping Classes began April 2023

- **God, Creation, and the Bible** (Josh Gerber and Tysin Smith)
- **Defending the Faith** (Kris Mettelmann)
- **God's Family, God's Way** (Ben Holman and Denny Schlappi)
- **Church Membership and Ministry** (Chad Leman and Mike Rassi)

Women's Ministry



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women discovered a faith that is steadfast and unwavering, increasing their joy of salvation, and building confidence in the Lord's ability to use them. In the fall, the study focused on Colossians and in the spring, Esther.

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TEACHERS

19

TABLE LEADERS

97

FALL PARTICIPANTS

101

SPRING PARTICIPANTS

12

ONLINE

23

ONLINE

REFRESH EVENTS FOR WOMEN

Refresh Fall 2022 Event – Worshipping Together

Women came together for a special evening filled with sweet fellowship, beautiful music, and uplifting praise. Many of our New Castle musicians shared their talents and all were blessed through worship together.

Refresh Spring 2023 Event – Better Together

Jenn Hubert offered fresh reminders about what friendship means, and why we're better together. It was an evening of friendly conversation, dinner, icebreaker games, and great music.

"I so appreciated my small group time with discussions about the text with women of all ages and from different walks of life that provided so many different perspectives. I know I have gained new Christian women friends! I am grateful for the time the leaders took to prepare such well-presented large group lessons! Even though God's name is never mentioned in Esther, one of the best lessons was that God IS ALWAYS PRESENT even if we do not see Him clearly in our circumstances. Such a good reminder as I reflect on how God has guided me through life and was always there in the good and the difficult circumstances."

Susan Budnik

Men's Ministry

Approximately 30 men meet monthly for breakfast at the Goodfield building where they hear a testimony and enjoy time with friends.

A Men's Bible Study was offered in the fall at the Goodfield Building on Wednesday mornings.





Young Adult Ministry

YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP NIGHTS

Young adult musicians from New Castle and our partner churches led worship, offering praise to our great God.

June 2022 Worship Night - Participants not only worshipped together but also enjoyed getting to know one another over ice cream from the Kamaela's Kreamery truck that was available in the parking lot.

February 2023 Worship Night - This evening was "A Night with Psalms: Worshipping Our Unchanging God". Young adults lifted their voices to glorify God. They also enjoyed cookies and hot drinks as they got to know one another.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

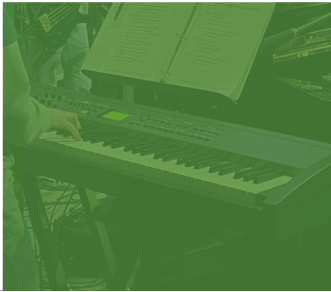
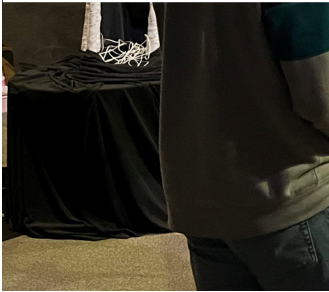
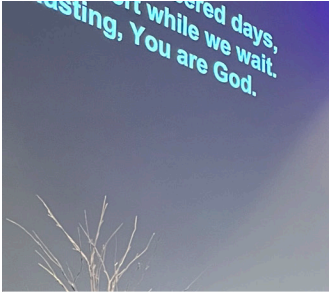
This Bible Study, facilitated by Josh and Courtney Robinson, meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month in the Intersection Building or at one of the participant's homes. Young adults study and pray together while building relationships with other believers in the same phase of life.

WEEKLY BREAKFAST

Each Sunday, 9:00-9:30am, Loren and Joanne Kennell host a breakfast in the Intersection Fireside Room where young adults gather for a bite to eat and time to get to know one another better.

THIRD SUNDAY LUNCH

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, following the 10:45 service, the young adults go out and enjoy a delicious lunch and lively conversation.



Rooted Student Ministries

(Jr. High & High School)

Rooted students are disciplined so the gospel takes root in their lives, establishing mature disciples with a strong faith and effective witness. This past year, they grew deeper through:

| EVENT | BIBLE BOOKS OR THEME | ATTENDANCE |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| Sunday School | Gospel of Mark | Average attendance unknown |
| Summer Study | How to Belong to God's Body (Baptism, Communion & Membership) | Average attendance unknown |
| Wednesday Nights | Encounters with Jesus | 66 students 18 leaders |
| Winter Camp (Camp Joy in Whitewater, WI) | Finding Joy | 63 students 16 leaders |
| Ascend Camp (Lake Williamson in Carlinville, IL) | Walk Worthy | 64 students 10 leaders |
| First Fridays | Various Themes | Average attendance unknown |

FUN FACTS FROM THE YEAR

- Traveled to San Francisco to help in the mission of GO Partners, Gabby and Mateo Alzate.
- Developed our own Winter Camp at Camp Joy in Whitewater, WI.
- Increased the number of Rooted leaders.
- Established a Rooted worship team.
- Enjoyed a new resource/welcome area of the Intersection.
- Celebrated seniors through a Graduation Celebration with graduate displays, lunch, and students sharing their Rooted highlights and future plans.
- The congregation showed their love by sharing care packages with those who went to Ascend Camp and Winter Camp.



"Through Rooted Student Ministries, I have grown in my faith, developed meaningful relationships, and I have gained a better understanding of what I want to do after I graduate. After going on the San Francisco mission trip in 2022, I think that I want to be a missionary. I am very grateful for the opportunities I have been given through Rooted. I thank God for molding me into who I am today, and I pray that He continues to mold me into His desire for my life."

Madi Jenkins

Children's Ministry

Hundreds of children learned God's Word through the gifted teaching of those who love and serve the youngest among us through:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children preschool through 6th grade are taught chronologically through the Bible. Our children finished up the New Testament at the end of 2022, then returned to Genesis at the beginning of 2023.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Castle Kids Children's Church expanded on the lessons learned in Sunday School in a compelling way with fun activities.

AWANA

Children built friendships, learned the Bible, and got to know God better.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Zoomerang - Returning to the Value of Life" taught kids the wonder and value of God's amazing creation. Like a boomerang, Zoomerang VBS helped return kids to the truth of who they are and why every life is wonderfully made. VBS was conducted at NCBC one week and at the Goodfield building the following week.

JOY CLUB FOR KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

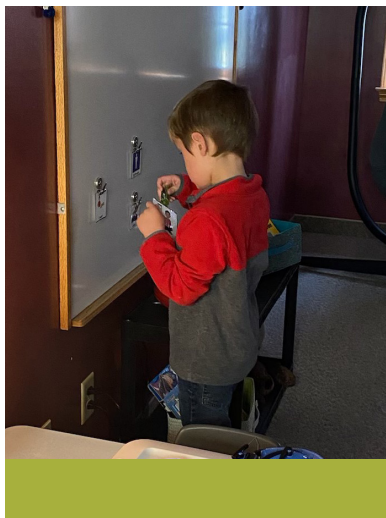
Dedicated helpers provided the extra assistance and attention needed so kids with special needs were able to participate in the various children's ministries.



FUN FACTS FROM THE YEAR

- 187 children and volunteers participated in VBS at NCBC.
- A sensory room was created for the Joy Club.
- Volunteers were added to strengthen our Joy Club.
- The Mackinaw government leaders invited us to conduct a 1Way Kidz Children's Program throughout the month of July.
- We were blessed by the efforts of children's ministry intern, David Marus, over the summer of 2022.
- First Wednesday Dinners were hosted the first Wednesday of each month during the AWANA/Rooted ministry year to ease the transition from work/school to Wednesday night ministries.

WHAT DOES JOY CLUB MEAN TO US?



My son Jason is 5 years-old and is diagnosed with Autism level 2. He has a lot of sensory needs, requires supportive assistance, and communicates with total communication (his AAC device, sign language, and beginning speech.)

When Jason was first diagnosed, our world became small, and I felt like we were pushed to the bottom of a hole with no light in sight. God provided a way for resources and

therapy, but socially our world grew smaller. Before JOY Club, it had been nearly 4 years since I was able to go to service. My faith was always with me. It was the only thing that kept me going in my darkest hours. Having the ability to sit through a service, or Sunday school has restored my sense of community and helped my journey as a Christian woman, finding JOY in this crazy thing called life. JOY in Autism, JOY in the people and gifts that God so uniquely gives us all.

Jason has also found his JOY. Joy Club was his first introduction to socialization beyond a therapy room. He is learning about Jesus and developing social skills. He loves to pray before every meal! I picked him up from Sunday school today, my once uncomfortable and overwhelmed boy is now so at ease.

We now have a village, something I never thought we would have. JOY Club has been able to connect us to resources outside of church, celebrates our successes, and has really helped us find JOY in life. Thank you!

~ Rebecca Watts

Life Groups

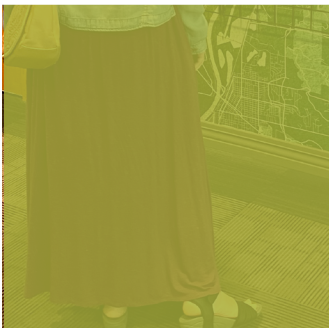
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LIFE
GROUPS

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LEADER
TRAININGS

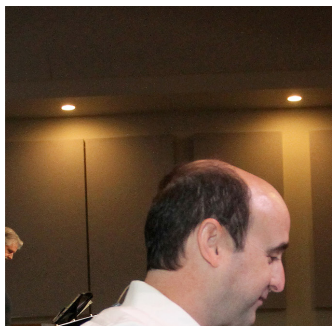


FUN FACT:

A new Life Group wall was installed in the North Commons. There you will find information about open Life Groups and the ability to sign-up for a group on the provided iPad.



Sharing & Celebrating Together



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NEW MEMBERS

Tyler & Kara Nafziger, AJ & Josie Salmon, Natalie Shay, Mike & Brenda Shay, Mike & Jennifer Humphries, Bob & Linda Cooper, Maddie Galbraith, Sera Galbraith, Pam Koh, Wendell & Karel Anliker, Kyle & Marie Collins

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COMMUNIONS



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DEDICATED HOURS OF PRAYER DURING QUARTERLY PRAYER

7

BAPTISMS

Lila Wassi, Kevin Jenkins, Cheri Jenkins, Olivia Felix*, Leah Hewitt*, Madi Jenkins*, Charlotte Tanner*

**Rooted Students*

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

1

YEAR-LONG F-260 BIBLE READING INITIATIVE

19

CURRENT LIFE GROUPS

Worshipping Together Through Music

5 // Average number of songs we sing each Sunday

8 // Number of songs introduced in 2022-2023

TOP 10 SONGS

| |
|-----------------------------------|
| O Great God |
| Oh How Good it Is |
| Saved My Soul |
| Christ Our Hope in Life and Death |
| How Great (Psalm 145) |
| In Christ Alone |
| His Mercy is More |
| Never Cease to Praise |
| Nothing But the Blood |
| Behold Our God |

TIMES SUNG

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"Yesterday's Easter music was amazing! The choir added so much depth to the songs...the selection of songs was awesome! I particularly loved the 4th song... not sure the name, but the chorus we sang HE IS!!!" (Note: Song, "He is Worthy") "Of course, it probably helped that so many extra people attended the early service too!"

Pam Yarnall

Serving Together

ELDER LEADERSHIP TEAMS

CARE & DISCIPLESHIP

Josh Gerber*
Scott Gnuse
Tysin Smith
Ben Holman

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Tysin Smith*
Scott Gnuse
Kevin Garman
Connie Johnson
Gabe Birkey

STUDENT & CHILDREN

Scott Gnuse*
Josh Gerber
Sharon Carey
Josie Salmon
Kelly Rhoades

OUTREACH

Kyle Krall*
Scott Krause
Kris Kampas
Justin Delagrange
Justin Smith

PERSONNEL

Chad Leman*
Brent Pflederer
Rob Huschen
Lisa Willmert

STEWARDSHIP

Mike Rassi*
Kris Mettelmann
Lisa Willmert
Harry Willmert
Tom Goehl

* Team Chairman // Bold = Elder // Green = Deacon
Purple = Elder-in-Development // Blue = Deacon-in-Development



STAFF

Ministry Leader Team

Scott Gnuse, Associate Pastor, Student Ministries

*Josh Gerber, Associate Pastor, Care and Discipleship

Tysin Smith, Associate Pastor, Music and Worship

Ben Holman, Biblical Counseling Director

Lisa Willmert, Office Manager

Connie Johnson, Communications Director

Sharon Carey, Children's Ministries Director

Josie Salmon, After School Program Director

SUPPORT STAFF

Jamar Williams, Pastoral Intern

Abby Sauder, Videography Intern

Lori Faughn, Administrative Assistant

Jackie Thompson, Administrative Assistant

Calan Munao, Communications Administrative Assistant

Carrie Knott, Children & Student Ministries Administrative Asst

Ann Knobloch, Care & Discipleship Administrative Assistant

*Noël Munds, Custodian

*Madi Jenkins, Custodian

Denise Ellis, Custodian

Andy Goehl, Maintenance Assistant

Daniel Opperman, Maintenance Assistant

Dillon Opperman, Maintenance Assistant

Joy Koch, Administrative Assistant Sub

AFTER SCHOOL STAFF

*Julie Haensel, After School Program Staff

*Matt Holcomb, After School Program Staff

*Pam Koh, After School Program Staff

*Teresa Lawson, After School Program Staff

*Gail Mayo, After School Program Staff

Pam Opperman, After School Program Staff

*Ana Riegenbach, After School Program Staff

*Dan Sutter, After School Program Staff

Tina Sutter, After School Program Staff

Jamar Williams, After School Program Staff

*Miles Wuthrich, After School Program Staff

Kelly Ireland-Smith, After School Program Staff Sub

**New this fiscal year*



Jared Baergen served as our Goodfield Outreach Director for several months before deciding the role wasn't the best fit for him, and he and his family moved back to WI. We enjoyed getting to know the Baergen's in the brief time they were at New Castle and appreciated his efforts in getting our Goodfield ministry off the ground.



Tom Felix served as our Facility Director for 3 years, and our interim Worship Leader for 8 ½ years. We are so grateful for Tom's humble and faithful service to our church. The Felix family is much loved at New Castle, and we pray for God's blessings on them as they seek to serve elsewhere.



Kevin Sauder served as our Senior Pastor for the past 7 ½ years. His pastoral leadership strengthened our church in remarkable ways – through teaching God's Word faithfully, developing pastors, elders, and deacons, and reaching into our local communities to shine the light of Christ. It has certainly been a joy to have the Sauder family serve and love our people with their gifts of hospitality and encouragement. New Castle enjoyed sound, biblical teaching throughout Kevin's tenure, and we are grateful. Sadly, the elders along with Kevin recognized he no longer maintained the biblical qualifications necessary for the position and reached the difficult decision to remove him from his pastoral and elder role in February. We acknowledge what a difficult season this has been for our church and are trusting that these trials will prove the genuineness of our faith – 1 Peter 1:6-7.

**CONFERENCES
ATTENDED BY
STAFF**

**CHURCH
COMMUNICATIONS
CONFERENCE**

Connie Johnson

**ROOTED
WINTER CAMP**

Lisa Willmert
Scott Gnuse
Josie Salmon
Jamar Williams
Calan Munao

ENGAGE CONFERENCE

Connie Johnson

ASCEND CAMP

Scott Gnuse
Josie Salmon
Jamar Williams
Calan Munao

**SOVEREIGN GRACE'S
WORSHIP GOD
CONFERENCE**

Tysin Smith


**SHEPHERD'S
CONFERENCE**

Scott Gnuse


**FAITH BIBLICAL
COUNSELING
TRAINING CONFERENCE**

Josh Gerber
Lisa Willmert
Ann Knobeloch


FUN FACTS FROM THE YEAR




The elders held their annual retreat in Morton at the 360 Yield Training Center in late August. Pastor Jay Lennington from Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, CA taught and sharpened the team on the biblical qualities of an elder, and God-fearing spiritual leadership. Time was spent in prayers of thanksgiving for the ways that God has continued to bless the people and ministries at New Castle. Great food and fellowship, as well, made for an enjoyable day and time well spent. Thanks to all the hands that contributed.



We had the privilege of witnessing the ordination of Kris Mettelmann to Elder.



Hired Josh Gerber as our Associate Pastor of Care & Discipleship.



Five men have accepted the invitation to enter the Deacon-in-Development process.

Serving Together Through the Following Ministries

- Children
- Student
- Young Adult
- Seniors
- Men
- Women
- Welcome Desk
- Ushers/Greeters
- Coffee
- Safety
- Café
- Music
- Audio/Visual
- Facilities
- Design Team
- Sewing Ministry
- Nursing Home
- Biblical Counseling
- Photography
- IT



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Dedicated Work Days
in the past year where we
worked together to improve
the facilities that God
provided us.

Reaching Farther in 2022-2023

You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

3 John: 6-8



After School Program

The After School Program serves children and families in the Dee-Mack school district in grades K-8. Kids are lovingly cared for in a safe environment. They enjoy playtime, snacks, homework help, and a short devotion from “New City Catechism”.

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|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 22 FAMILIES | 33 STUDENTS | 4 STAFF PRESENT DAILY |
| 6 STAFF PRESENT 1-3 DAYS PER WEEK | 5 REGULAR TUTORS | 2 SUBSTITUTES |



FUN FACT:

A new vehicle was purchased for the After School Program and is available for other ministries to use as well.



“We feel so blessed and grateful that New Castle offers this Christ-centered service to families in our community. It’s wonderful knowing that when our son is not with us after school, he’s in a safe environment with people who care about his best interest.”
Cristy Hasty

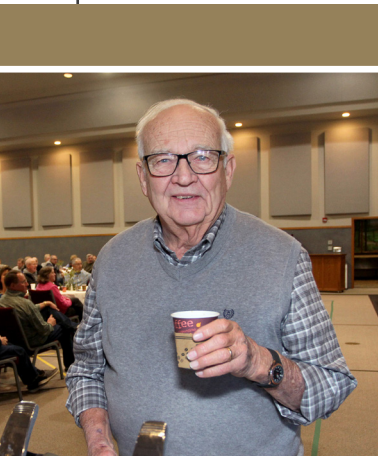


Phase 4 Senior Ministry

The Phase 4 ministry impacts those who have entered a valuable stage of life. With decades of life experience and accumulated knowledge, they have great potential to aid the work and ministry of the church. Many have learned to trust God through the ups and downs of life. The purpose of Phase 4, based on 1 Peter 4:10, is “To glorify God by using our unique gifts, abilities, and availability to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s grace.”

In 2022-2023, our events focused on missions, community outreach, and intergenerational fellowship.

| MONTH | EVENT/INITIATIVE |
|--------------------------|--|
| November 2022 & May 2023 | Hosted the Mackinaw Community Young at Heart Group for lunch and a program |
| December 2023 | Rooted students hosted Christmas dinner and fellowship |
| March 2023 | Hosted a church-wide Love Packages campaign where two truckloads of Christian resources were collected for distribution around the world |
| March 2023 | Hosted a breakfast and invited the Rooted Students to participate |



FUN FACTS FROM THE YEAR

- Phase 4 has become the largest demographic at New Castle in recent years.
- Nearly every ministry at New Castle is aided in some way by a Phase 4 senior.

Facilities

God has blessed New Castle Bible Church with a beautiful campus that is not only used as a meeting place for our church family but a resource that is a blessing to individuals of our congregation as well as the community.

In the past year, the New Castle campus was used in the following ways:

Main Building

- Violin recitals
- VBS
- Heart of Illinois Music Camp
- Red Cross Blood Drive
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- Biblical Counseling
- Theater class
- Central Illinois Born Again Defenders (speech & debate)
- Women's Bible Study
- AWANA
- Scout's Blue and Gold Banquet
- Biblical Counseling Conference
- Weddings
- Funerals
- Wedding and Baby Showers
- RHMA Family Day

Intersection

- Scout meetings
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes board meetings
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes Bible Study
- Life Groups
- Biblical Counseling
- Family Reunions and gatherings
- After School Program
- Moody Bro Retreat
- American Heritage Girl's campout
- Mary and Martha simulcast
- Wedding receptions
- Rooted Student Ministries
- CNH volleyball practice
- Biblical Counseling Conference Rally
- Graduation celebrations

Goodfield Building

- Wednesday Night Bible Study
- VBS
- Men's Bible Study
- Christmas Hymn Sign
- Men's Breakfast



Parsonage

We were privileged to house a couple of our GO Partners while on a home visit.

- 1/29/22 to 8/29/22 – Names redacted to preserve safety of our GO Partner.
- 8/29/22 – Mid-December - Dustan and Becka King

Campus Updates

The Design Team worked tirelessly to execute the vision of the elders to update the décor to reflect New Castle Bible Church's mission, vision, and our love for each other and the world. Thanks to the Design Team and many volunteers, here are just a few of the updates in the last year:

- North entrance
- Mission statement wall
- Living Out Our Mission wall
- Life Group wall
- Intersection welcome desk replacement with media counter and stools along with a built-in resource center for parents and students
- Baptistry update
- Office hall verse artwork
- Updated furniture in the North Commons
- Rearranged furniture in the Intersection Fireside Room and Café to enhance ministry conversations

FUN FACTS FROM THE YEAR

A Facilities Action Team has been created but is still a work in progress as we seek out more members.

New parking lot entrance signs, courtesy parking signs, and handicap signs were installed to help provide direction for everyone entering our facilities.

A new sound booth was installed.

"We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the use of your facility for our son's wedding on July 23rd. We were very blessed by your graciousness in allowing us to 'make ourselves at home'. Your facilities are beautiful and suited our needs perfectly - thank you so much! I know there was a time investment on your part as well in allowing us to use your building, both beforehand and afterward - thank you."

Steve and Julie Nofsinger

Biblical Counseling

New Castle Bible Church continues to offer biblical counseling to anyone within our church and those in our surrounding communities. The Lord has been gracious to provide the people needed to serve as needs present themselves. However, we desire to add more counselors and advocates to continue to grow this vital ministry.

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| ~49 | 26 | 31 |
| COUNSELEES | COUNSELORS/ ADVOCATES | BIBLICAL COUNSELING TRAINING CONFERENCE ATTENDEES |

We are thankful for the following people who attended the Biblical Counseling Training Conference in 2023:

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| • Vern Blackford | • Matt Miller |
| • Steph Gudeman | • Steve Bottorff |
| • Darrell Gudeman | • Julie Hewitt |
| • Mark Hutchison | • Kelly Hopping |
| • Madi Jenkins | • Norman Knobloch |
| • Gina Lynxwiler | • Sean Lawson |
| • Rodney Lynxwiler | • Ana Riggenschach |
| • Loren Miller | • Lewis Riggenschach |
| • Noël Munds | • Lisa Willmert |
| • Joanne Kennell | • Scott Krause |
| • Loren Kennell | • Teresa Krause |
| • Melanie Long | • Kayla Beeney |
| • Paul Wildermuth | • Nancy Goehl |
| • Josh Gerber | • Ann Knobloch |
| • Christine Miller | • Deb Mountjoy |

"I truly appreciate everything you have not only done for me, but also (name redacted). He is a new man. I am SO THANKFUL to you..."

-Counselee

"I love my journey with Jesus from (name redacted). I have grown so much and have a lot more peace."

-Counselee



Digital Ministry

God has provided the ability to reach our local community and around the world through our digital communications. Currently, New Castle Bible Church provides biblical content on YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook, Instagram, and our website.

WEBSITE

| MOST WATCHED SERMONS | MESSENGER | DATE PREACHED |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| The Necessity of God's Word | Kevin Sauder | 1/1/2023 |
| To the Praise of His Glory (Pt 3) | Kevin Sauder | 6/5/2022 |
| You are Loved! | Phil Somers | 2/19/2023 |
| Wartime Praying | Josh Gerber | 1/15/2023 |
| Spiritual Warfare (Pt 2) | Josh Gerber | 1/8/2023 |
| Suffering: Obstacle or Opportunity | Josh Gerber | 2/26/2023 |
| To the Praise of His Glory (Pt 2) | Tysin Smith | 5/29/2022 |
| Whatever is True | Scott Gnuse | 1/22/2023 |
| That You May Know | Scott Gnuse | 6/12/2022 |
| Together for the Gospel | Scott Gnuse | 2/12/2023 |

Countries with top unique viewers of our teaching videos besides the USA:

- Germany
- Ecuador
- Ireland
- Philippines
- UK



SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook allows us to reach people in our congregation, in our community, and around the world. New Castle Bible Church and Rooted Student Ministries both have a main page presence. In addition, several Facebook groups are available, providing greater visibility of posts and more effective communication.

1,028 Followers

69,459 People Reached (116% increase over 2021/2022)

Instagram provides an opportunity to tell the story of a loving God as well as an encouraging church family with the world through pictures. The New Castle Bible Church Instagram page shares short sermon video snippets, verse graphics, and event photos.

211 Followers

22,993 People Reached

Facebook Main Pages

New Castle Bible Church
Rooted Student Ministries

Facebook Groups

Congregation Group
Women's Bible Study Group
Children's Ministry Group
Young Adult Group

YouTube and Facebook Live

allows our Sunday morning services to be streamed all around the world.

334 Followers

14,836 People Reached

GroupMe is the preferred platform our Young Adult group uses for their own communications.

FUN FACTS FROM THE YEAR

The Women's Bible Study Group allows anyone, no matter their geographic location, to be involved in current or past Women's Bible Studies. Users can access "guides" and work their way through a study at their own pace. Teaching videos are provided for each week of each study.

Amanda King, a GO Partner in Ecuador, was able to join this past year's Women's Bible Study through the Women's Bible Study Facebook group and the weekly live video discussion.

Reaching Farther Globally

You helped New Castle Bible Church support:

6

Sent GO Partners

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Supported GO Partners

Through your generosity:

\$92,600

Designated to
GO Partners and
GO Organizations from
the Budget

\$120,785

Given by the
Congregation
Above the Budget

Generosity Through Special Giving and Designations

| DATE | GO PARTNER OR NEED | AMOUNT GIVEN |
|---------|---|--------------|
| 6/2022 | Peoria Rescue Mission Father's Day | \$250 |
| 7/2022 | Phil & Cindy Underhile Exit Offering | \$2,178 |
| 8/2022 | Camp Nathanael Flood Relief | \$5,609 |
| 8/2022 | K&H Exit Offering | \$5,128 |
| 11/2022 | Dustan & Becka King Car | \$19,600 |
| 11/2022 | Ukrainian Resettlement Ministry Exit Offering | \$12,132 |
| 11/2022 | Hurricane Ian Relief | \$6,867 |
| 3/2023 | Syria/Turkey Earthquake Exit Offering | \$5,639 |
| 3/2023 | Suro Church Bathroom Exit Offering | \$2,500 |
| 3/2023 | Mike Hanson Exit Offering | \$870 |
| 3/2023 | Living Alternatives Exit Offering | \$2,040 |
| 5/2023 | Esther House Mother's Day Gift | \$250 |

GO Organizations

New Castle Bible Church supports several organizations who serve the needs of people locally and around the world. You participated in the following:



You gave 1,000 trick-or-treaters Story Maker gospel craft bracelets!



You provided 161 children with shoebox gifts!



During Phase 4 Senior Ministry Love Packages campaign, you donated your Bibles and other Christian literature to be sent to Christian workers throughout the world to be used for ministry.



You participated in HopeWalk and their fundraising banquet.



Eight people participated in The Walk and raised over \$2500. You also participated in their fundraising banquet.



You participated in their fundraising banquet, auction, and golf outing.



Many Bible studies, meetings, and events take place at New Castle Bible Church.



You helped us host pastors and their families during RHMA Family Day by providing lunch, working in the kitchen, and helping with childcare.



You attended the BCM "Creativity in Counseling: Examples of the Scriptures Applied" class that was held at NCBC. You also participated in an exit offering when GO Partner, Mike Hanson, visited. Those who attended the Biblical Counseling Training Conference shared a recap lunch and heard more from Mike.

New Castle Bible Church GO Grant

New Castle Bible Church awarded a \$10,000 grant to GO Partner, Scott Krause, to purchase Bibles and resources to help coaches and athletes grow their relationship with Jesus and His church.

AWANA Children Generosity

Each year, the children raise and give money to support a different GO Partner or special ministry. This year, our AWANA kids raised \$5,150.26 for GO Partners, John and Missy Camiola's ministry at Grace Gardens in Nigeria.

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

New Castle Bible Church hosted a full-service focus for International Day of Prayer. Our worship and message centered on those being persecuted for their faith. During the 9:30am hour, the entire congregation gathered to pray. Elements included reports from GO Partner's, K&H, J&E, A&J, and John & Missy Camiola. We had the privilege of lifting up each of their specific requests and challenges in prayer.





Rooted Student Mission Trip to San Francisco

New Castle Bible Church sent 25 students and leaders to help with the ministries of GO Partners, Gabby and Mateo Alzate in the San Francisco Tenderloin District. Throughout the week, after a daily devotional, worship, and prayer, the team participated in the following:

Hot Chocolate Ministry - The team offered hot chocolate to those living on the streets. Many conversations began with this simple gesture along with the opportunity to pray with them.

Prayer Walks - Conducted throughout the Tenderloin, the needs of the impoverished families, homeless people, drug addicts, and mentally ill were lifted up to the Lord. Prayer walks were also conducted in the areas where tech companies are moving in with the hope of pushing out the current population.

Ellis Room by YWAM - The students and leaders served and interacted with Tenderloin residents who use the Ellis Room to hang out, get coffee, play games, take showers, and use the restroom.

Food Pantry - The team had the privilege of handing out groceries to whoever was in need.

Sack Lunch Ministry - The team walked the Tenderloin streets, handing out sack lunches and eating lunch with the homeless.

Dance Ministry - Some of the team had the opportunity to join in the dance class that Because Justice Matters hosts.

Encouraging Gabby and Mateo - They opened their home to the team for supper where testimonies were given and prayer was shared.

Mackinaw Relationships

We were blessed with invitations from the Mackinaw town leaders to get involved in several community events.



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Food Drives were conducted that benefited the Mackinaw community through Hope Baptist's Food Pantry.

1Way Kidz for the Mackinaw Community

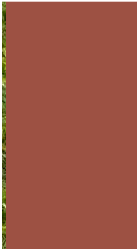
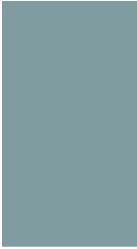
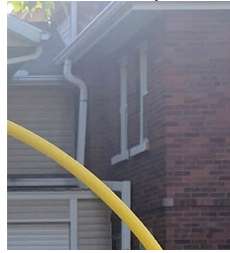
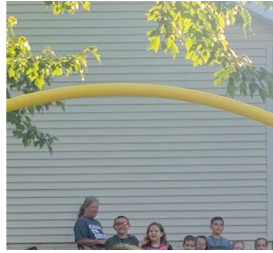
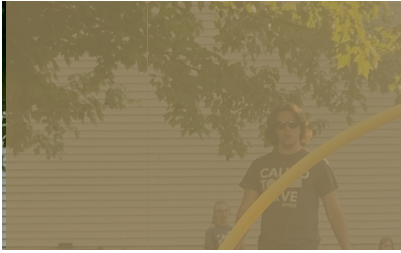
The town of Mackinaw approached NCBC with an idea to provide a kid's program at the Mackinaw Community Center in the summer of 2022. Pastoral Interns, David Marus and Jamar Williams, jumped at the chance and quickly assembled a team of volunteers and worked closely with the village staff to execute this idea. Much of July was spent providing a safe place for the kids of Mackinaw to come and enjoy games, crafts, and Bible stories. The team even ended each day, serving the children lunch. This opportunity allowed our church to reach into our community and share the love of Christ with these children and their parents.

Mackinaw Food Tent

The Mack-a-Fest leaders invited NCBC to host a night in the food tent. Volunteers grilled meat and served sides to people attending Mack-a-Fest. We enjoyed interacting with friends in the community.

Mackinaw Worship in the Park

We invited the community to gather at Veterans Park for a worship service. Although rainy, we crowded into the pavilion for a time of music, praise, and reflection on God's truths. We enjoyed meeting new friends and greeting familiar faces from Mackinaw.



Other Reaching Farther Opportunities

Halloween Outreach

Justin and Amy Smith took over the Halloween outreach ministry in 2022 and did an amazing job! Justin created New Castle Bible Church logo lights and a New Castle Bible Church glow-in-the-dark logo tablecloth for our Halloween outreach resource tables. Between Justin's ingenuity and Amy's eye for decorating, all the resources were taken! Thanks, Lord!

The following is what you used to spread the gospel to your trick-or-treaters:

1,000

**Story Maker
bracelet crafts**

900

Gospel tracts

446

**Silicon gospel
bracelets**

Scout Sunday

New Castle Bible Church charters the Boy Scouts of Mackinaw. Each year, we invite the scouts and their families for Scout Sunday. We have the opportunity to lovingly interact with the scouts as they assist our ushers.

Goodfield Building

- Bible Study - New Castle Bible Church hosted a study of Colossians for the Goodfield community.
- VBS - We had the honor of hosting VBS for the kids in Goodfield the week after our main campus VBS. Thanks to the efforts of faithful volunteers, it was a great week of reaching into the community and sharing the love of Christ.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

Those experiencing the pain of losing a loved one and facing the holidays gathered for encouragement from the Bible and support from one another.

Homebound and Nursing Home Ministry

- Loving volunteers visited residents regularly.
- New Castle showed their love to the Hopedale Nursing Home staff by providing them with Christmas treats.

2 Minute Drill

Every Sunday, we are challenged to use the first two minutes following each service to strike up a conversation with someone we have not met yet. This simple gesture makes others feel welcomed and valued. This often drives their decision to return.

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invitation postcards have been sent to people moving into the areas surrounding New Castle Bible Church between November 2022 through April 2023.



"Our family came back a second time - and we are still here 9 years later because of the amazing welcome we received on our very first visit here."

- Season Tanner



Growing Deeper & Reaching Farther in 2023-2024

*Many are the plans in the mind of a man,
but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.*

Proverbs 19:21



2023-2024 Focus

We will continue to reinforce and deepen the work begun in 2022-2023 of “Building Up the Body” through focused growth on “Strengthening the Body” in 2023-2024.

We will help each other grow in our relationship with God and with each other. We are all called to be a part of this body, and it is our privilege to listen, help one another find answers, walk through life’s difficulties together, and serve alongside each other with loving and gentle spirits. By doing this, we can continue to build a strong foundation that will lead us to spiritual maturity and growth. Let us come together in unity to achieve this goal and make sure that we are all connected as one body in Christ.

In the following pages, you will find some of the ways New Castle Bible Church’s ministries plan to “Strengthen the Body” in the coming year. More will be shared as ministries finalize upcoming plans. However, as a church family we must prayerfully submit these plans to God and trust Him to “establish our steps”.

2023-2024
CONGREGATION AND MINISTRY FOCUS

Strengthening **THE BODY**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS

Children from New Castle Bible Church and surrounding communities will grow deeper and build relationships with peers and adults through VBS.

New Castle Bible Church Vacation Bible School

July 10-13, 2023

1Way Kidz

We hope to provide 1Way Kidz again this summer to the Mackinaw community through the leadership of Children and Family Ministry Intern, Alanna Kennell. It is our desire to continue to build on this outreach opportunity as God allows and provides. Dates TBD.

After School Program

A new playground will be installed for the use of the After School Program. Outside of After School Program hours, the playground will be available for other ministries and individuals to use.

ROOTED STUDENT TRIPS

Students will deepen their faith and relationships at Ascend Summer Camp (for high school), an inaugural Jr. High Retreat, and Winter Camp for all students.

Ascend Camp, June 24-28, 2023

Lake Williamson (Carlinville, IL)

Junior High Retreat, July 21-22, 2023,
Cottonwood Creek Farm (Elmwood, IL)

Winter Camp, January 12-14, 2024,
Camp Joy (Whitewater, WI)

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults can expect this ministry to continue working towards providing opportunities for faithful friends to grow in their walk with Christ together while supporting one another through life's challenges.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Refresh

This event offered in the fall and spring provides an evening of sweet conversation, worship, and encouragement with friends of all ages.

Fall 2023 Refresh - November 3

Spring 2024 Refresh - TBD

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women of New Castle along with women in the community will gather to grow deeper through studying God's Word together.

Fall 2023 Women's Bible Study in 1 Peter

Tuesdays, September 5 - November 7, 6:45-8:15pm

Wednesdays, September 6 - November 8, 9:00-10:30am

Spring 2024 Women's Bible Study in Psalms

Tuesdays, January 16 - March 19, 6:45-8:15pm

Wednesdays, January 17 - March 20, 9:00-10:30am



MEN'S MINISTRY

The existing men's ministry will be strengthened, and we will be working toward providing more opportunities beginning in September. More information will be shared as plans are finalized.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

- It is our privilege to work with GO Partners throughout the world. In the coming year, J&E serving in West Asia will become our newest GO Partner. Their names have been redacted to preserve their safety.
- Worship in the Park will take place at Veterans Park in Mackinaw on Sunday, July 16th.

BIBLICAL COUNSELING

- A fall conference is being planned that will focus on suffering well.
- A GriefShare group will begin in September which will provide a deep level of care to those who are grieving.
- Freedom Group will begin in September. This is a 13-session small group experience that provides help, hope, and healing for those seeking freedom from stubborn strongholds.
- More training sessions are being planned for current and new biblical counselors.

LIFE GROUPS

In the coming year we hope to add more groups, strengthen existing groups through training and a common vision, and reach farther into neighborhood communities.

CAMPUS

- Our desire is to hire a Facilities Director in the coming year.
- New carpet will be installed in the Family Center and improvements will be made to other parts of the facilities.
- It's been a blessing inviting the community to use our campus in various ways. We view this as a ministry and hope to open our doors to many more opportunities in the coming year.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME MINISTRY

- In June, we will begin conducting periodic worship services at Hopedale Nursing Home.
- We desire to continue expanding this ministry to help support those facing challenges of being homebound or confined to a nursing home.



Praying for 2023-2024

Thanks, Lord for all the ways You showed Yourself faithful to us in 2022-2023.

To God be the glory as we grow deeper and reach farther in Your gospel.

Give us a stronger faith and deeper dependence on You.

Empower the preaching and teaching ministries of our church with Your Spirit and may all teaching bear lasting and contagious fruit.

Raise up more disciple-makers in our church who love children and those with special needs and give them a desire to serve them. Transition us from a “surviving” mentality to a thriving ministry full of committed, loving volunteers.

Grant your favor as the young adult life group begins meeting once again. Thank you for raising up adult couples to help the Young Adult Ministry. Provide wisdom and creativity through the discussions for future ministry plans. Grant them ministry growth and help them to maintain their identity in the process. Ease the transition for those exiting the high school ministry and entering the young adult ministry.

Transform the hearts of the men and women who take part in Bible studies and events. Provide wisdom in the planning and Your provision for volunteers and resources needed.

Unleash the ministry potential of those over the age of 55 and share their wisdom and talents in whatever capacity You desire.

Thanks, Lord, for the congregation’s continued generous giving throughout the past year, and we pray for that to continue in the year to come.

Strengthen the relationships within our church body. Bring forgiveness where needed and grant us unity.

Provide wisdom to the elders as they lead and make decisions for the church.



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