



# **NEW CASTLE BIBLE CHURCH**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2021/2022**

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**NEW CASTLE**  
BIBLE CHURCH



# CELEBRATE

how God was glorified  
in 2021-2022 and let's  
prayerfully look forward to all  
that will be done  
in 2022-2023.

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



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# Growing Deeper Together in 2021-2022

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We grew deeper by learning truth together in the following ways:



**Adult Discipleship Electives**



**Women's Ministry**



**Men's Ministry**



**Rooted Student Ministry**



**Children's Ministry**



**Other Learning Opportunities**

*An intelligent heart acquires  
knowledge, and the ear of the  
wise seeks knowledge.*

**Proverbs 18:15**

# SERMON SERIES



**Behold King Jesus:  
A series in Matthew**  
Kevin Sauder (13 sermons)  
Shaun Lewis (4 sermons)  
Scott Gnuse (3 sermons)



**Philemon**  
Scott Gnuse (3 sermons)



**Key Spiritual Disciplines**  
Kevin Sauder (4 sermons)



**Favorite Psalms**  
Kevin Sauder (3 sermons)  
Shaun Lewis (1 sermon)



**More Than a  
Children's Story**  
Kevin Sauder (6 sermons)  
Scott Gnuse (2 sermons)  
Tysin Smith (1 sermon)  
Matt Miller (1 sermon)



**Building Up the Body**  
Kevin Sauder (3 sermons)



**Mini-Biblical  
Counseling Conference**  
Kevin Sauder (1 sermon)  
Ben Holman (1 sermon)



**Special Focus Sundays**  
Kevin Sauder (1 sermon)  
Scott Gnuse (1 sermon)



**Holiday Sermons**  
Kevin Sauder (2 sermons)  
Jamar Williams (1 sermon)



**Other Sermons**  
Kevin Sauder (3 sermons)  
Phil Somers (1 sermon)  
Tysin Smith (1 sermon)  
Ritch Boerckel (1 sermon)  
Scott O'Neill (1 sermon)

**474** AVERAGE  
SUNDAY MORNING  
ATTENDANCE



# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ELECTIVES

Adult Discipleship Electives on Sunday mornings provide an opportunity to grow deeper by expanding our understanding of the Bible. The following electives were offered in the last year.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE	LOCAL & GLOBAL CHURCH MATTERS	TOPICAL
Proverbs	Church Membership & Ministry	What's Next: Retirement
Daniel	Let the Nations Be Glad	What Does the Bible Say About Parenting?
Nehemiah	How to Study (and Use the Bible)	When Sinners Say I Do
LIFE SEASONS		
Young Adults - 1 Corinthians and Acts		
Women - When People are Big and God is Small		
Men - Discipleship Groups		



## MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's ministry comes alongside men to help bring them to spiritual maturity through the teaching of God's Word and sharing life together. This past year, this was done through:

**Men's Discipleship Groups:** Small groups of 3-5 men meet for Bible study, prayer, and mutual encouragement.

**Saturate Men's Breakfasts:** "What is Biblical Manhood?" and "Breakfast with John Camiola"

**Saturate Men's Evening:** "Men Growing Through Discipleship"

**Man Camp**

**Truth for Every Man Conference**



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women of all ages studied the book of Acts together, learning the powerful impact of unhindered obedience and faith.



# UNHINDERED

**4** TEACHERS

**15** TABLE LEADERS

**65** FALL PARTICIPANTS

**3** FALL ONLINE PARTICIPANTS

**72** SPRING PARTICIPANTS

**4** SPRING ONLINE PARTICIPANTS

*\*Many more studying independently online.*

Women also grew deeper through:

**REFRESH FALL 2021 EVENT - STRONGER TOGETHER**

**REFRESH SPRING 2022 EVENT - CARING TOGETHER**



Women's Bible study has been so helpful to my spiritual growth. Studying a passage by myself first and then with a group of women adds a depth and richness that I wouldn't have been able to achieve by myself.

We are able to sharpen each other as we discuss and ask questions, some women bringing more knowledge and wisdom, others gleaning from it. No matter where we are in life, everyone seems to come away encouraged.

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**Karen Garman**

*Women's Bible Study Participant*



***I have enjoyed youth group so much that I have started bringing my friend who has never gone to church before. In youth group, I have learned how to pray for others.***

***My leaders have told us that when we say we will pray for a person, we should just pray for the person right there. Our leaders do a good job of encouraging us, listening to us, and providing good advice.***

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***Sofie Leman***

*Rooted Ministry Student*

## **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 learned:

<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>BIBLE BOOKS STUDIED</b>
Psalms of Ascent	Psalms 120-134
The Parting Promises of Jesus Lift Our Troubled Souls	John 13-17
The Gospel of Mark	Mark
A Biblical Understanding of Suicide	Selected Scriptures
Prayer	Selected Scriptures

They also grew deeper through biblical teaching and in their relationships through:

- Ice Camp
- Ascend Camp
- First Fridays
- Summer Studies at Westwood Park

## 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 - 6th grade were taught a unified curriculum of the Old Testament prophets and the Life of Christ.

### Children's Church

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

Truth Force VBS taught kids how to spy out evidence of God in the past, His fingerprints in the present, and His promises for the future.

*The Children's Ministry has been a huge blessing helping our girls transition and make new friends. They are learning so much about the Bible, God, and themselves. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into Sunday School, Awana, and the nursery.*

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**Melanie Long**

Children's Ministry Parent





We grew deeper loving one another in our relationships by:

## SHARING & CELEBRATING TOGETHER

**14** BAPTISMS

**9** ROOTED STUDENTS BAPTIZED

Sofie Leman | Lincoln Rassi | Wyatt Medlin | Norah Scroggs  
Rebekah Hewitt | Alison Krall | Natalie Otto  
Daniel Opperman | Dillon Opperman

**5** ADULTS BAPTIZED

Courtney Robinson | Sam Magarity | Steve Bottorff  
Andy Hiles | Tyler Hubert

**4** PARENT/CHILD DEDICATIONS

**6** COMMUNIONS

**4** DEDICATED HOURS OF PRAYER  
DURING QUARTERLY PRAYER

**3** CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

**33** NEW MEMBERS

**20** LIFE GROUPS CURRENTLY MEETING



## 80th ANNIVERSARY

We celebrated New Castle Bible Church's 80th Anniversary together. On that day, the new heritage wall celebrating our history was unveiled. The wall is located in the South Classroom.

## WORSHIPPING TOGETHER THROUGH MUSIC

**5** AVG. NUMBER OF SONGS WE SING EACH SUNDAY

**12** NEW SONGS INTRODUCED

# TOP 10

	SONG	TIMES SUNG
1	<b>Christ Our Hope in Life and Death</b>	7
2	<b>Oh How Good It Is</b>	5
3	<b>In Christ Alone</b>	5
4	<b>All Creatures of Our God and King</b>	4
5	<b>All Hail the Power of Jesus Name</b>	4
6	<b>Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed</b>	4
7	<b>All I Have is Christ</b>	4
8	<b>Glorious Christ</b>	4
9	<b>Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love</b>	4
10	<b>Reformation Song</b>	4

We grew deeper by serving God together:

## SERVING TOGETHER

### ELDER LEADERSHIP TEAMS

#### **CARE & DISCIPLESHIP**

**Scott Gnuse\***  
**Denny Schlappi**  
Ben Holman  
Matt Miller  
Joe Beeney

#### **WORSHIP MINISTRY**

**Kevin Sauder\***  
Tysin Smith  
Kurt Iwankovitsch  
Kevin Garman  
Connie Johnson

#### **STUDENT & CHILDREN**

**Scott Gnuse\***  
**Scott Krause**  
Craig Delagrange  
Sharon Carey  
Melanie Burge

#### **OUTREACH**

**Kyle Krall\***  
**Kevin Sauder**  
Kris Kampas  
Justin Delagrange

#### **PERSONNEL**

**Chad Leman\***  
**Kevin Sauder**  
**Brent Pflederer**  
Rob Huschen  
Lisa Willmert

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Mike Rassi\***  
**Tysin Smith**  
Kris Mettelmann  
Tom Felix  
Lisa Willmert

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



After years of prayerful searching, **Tysin Smith** became our new Associate Pastor of Music and Worship. Thanks, Lord!



**Seth Schwarzendruber** was sent to seminary with our continued support.



Successfully helped transition **Shaun Lewis** out of his ministry position when he expressed a desire for a change. Thanks for serving the congregation well, Shaun!

## STAFF

### **Ministry Leader Team**

Kevin Sauder – Senior Pastor  
Scott Gnuse – Associate Pastor Student Ministries  
\*Tysin Smith – Associate Pastor Music & Worship  
\*Ben Holman – Biblical Counseling Director  
Sharon Carey – Children’s Ministry Director  
\*Melanie Burge – Current After School Director  
\*Josie Salmon – New After School Director  
Lisa Willmert – Office Manager  
Tom Felix – Facilities Director  
Connie Johnson – Communications Director

## SUPPORT STAFF

\*Jamar Williams – Outreach Pastoral Intern  
\*David Marus – Children & Family Pastoral Intern  
Lori Faughn – Administrative Assistant  
Jackie Thompson – Administrative Assistant  
Joy Koch – Administrative Assistant  
\*Ann Knobloch – Care & Discipleship Administrative Assistant  
\*Carrie Knott – Children & Student Administrative Assistant  
Calan Munao – Communications Administrative Assistant  
\*Abby Sauder – Videography Intern  
Jessica Birkey – Custodian  
Colton Myers – Custodian  
\*Denise Ellis – Custodian  
Andy Goehl – Maintenance Assistant  
\*Daniel Opperman – Maintenance Assistant  
\*Dillon Opperman – Maintenance Assistant

## AFTER SCHOOL STAFF

\*Colton Myers  
\*Kayla Beeney  
\*Kelly Ireland-Smith  
\*Pam Opperman  
\*Ginger Knowles  
\*Tina Sutter  
\*Denise Ellis

\*Hired this past year



***I really can't explain how this internship has blessed me and changed my walk with the Lord. I wouldn't trade it for the world. The church family shows me so much love. I'm learning how to love and help them.***

***The pastors and elders challenge me to grow and I learn so much from them. I love it here. I get to wake up and do what I love every day.***

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**Jamar Williams**

Outreach Pastoral Intern



New Castle Bible Church Staff

**All Elders-in-Development and Deacons-in-Development continue to be mentored, trained, and supported.**



Elders & Elders-in-Development  
Not pictured: Kyle Krall, Chad Leman, Mike Rassi

Below, you will find areas of ministry where we served together. There's always room for more faithful workers in God's kingdom. Discover where you can share your strengths, passions and gifts.

**MUSIC**

**CHILDREN**

**STUDENT**

**YOUNG ADULT**

**MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS**

**MEN'S EVENTS**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**WOMEN'S REFRESH EVENTS**

**PHASE 4**

**WELCOME DESK**

**USHERS/GREETERS**

**SAFETY**

**COFFEE**

**CAFE**

**A/V**

**LIBRARY**

**FACILITIES**

**SEWING MINISTRY**

**NURSING HOME**

**DESIGN TEAM**

## **Have you seen the new Event and Ministry Opportunity Wall?**

Located in the North Commons, you can find information about events as well as discover areas where you may use your talents and gifts to serve.



A group of people, including men and women of various ages, are walking on a sidewalk. They are dressed in casual to semi-formal attire, such as jackets, sweaters, and a patterned skirt. The background shows a building with large windows and trees, suggesting an outdoor setting like a church campus or a community center.

# Reaching Farther Together in 2021-2022

We reached farther through our 2021-2022 focus, “Loving Our Community,” by:

## PRAYING TOGETHER

“Praying 26:18” is a 9-week prayer initiative we shared together that helped each of us pray and live out Acts 26:18,

*‘...to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’*

We each prayed for an unbeliever for three weeks, prayed for spiritual conversation opportunities for three weeks, and prayed for gospel conversation opportunities for three weeks.

## MACKINAW RELATIONSHIPS

New Castle Bible Church’s elders continued to strengthen our relationship with Mackinaw’s town leaders, the police department and the Dee-Mack school administrators. The elders have attended meetings and have provided chaplain services to the police department.



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Mackinaw relationships along with our 2020 Mackinaw and Deer Creek Listening Campaigns led to discovering the need for a community After School Program for the Dee-Mack community.

Our church family prayed, and miraculously within a matter of months, New Castle Bible Church launched an After School Program that now blesses 26 families and ministers to 38 children!

God cleared every obstacle including the needed transportation for the students to attend. The Dee-Mack school district directly transports the kids by bus from school to our own parking lot. Thanks, Lord!



**Melanie Burge**, our current After School Program Director, helped build this program from the ground up. We are so thankful for her hard work and the love she has for these families. Melanie's family will be moving to Mississippi at the end of the school year to be closer to her husband's home base where he serves as a pilot. Thanks, Lord for using Melanie in such a vital role this past year.



**Josie Salmon** will be serving as our new After School Program Director upon Melanie's departure. Josie has been part of the After School Program staff since the beginning of the program and is currently shadowing Melanie. She will officially begin this position on June 6th. Thanks, Lord for continuing to provide for our needs!

**26** FAMILIES

**38** CHILDREN

**7** WEEKLY STAFF

**2** SUBSTITUTES

**5** TUTORS

**4** ADDITIONAL TUTORS WHEN NEEDED

**9** FAMILIES ON WAITING LIST



## GOODFIELD COMMUNITY

God provided New Castle Bible Church with a church building in Goodfield where we continue to reach out to the community with the love of Jesus through:

- Bible Studies
- Door-to-door evangelism
- Prayer walks
- Water/Snack table for Town-wide Garage Sales

A group of volunteers from New Castle Bible Church spruced up the property to make it more inviting to the community.

Please join us as we continue to pray for an Outreach Director to help grow the ministry in Goodfield.

*“We have nothing but praise for the After School Program at NCBC! From the Bible lessons and fun games to tutoring and friends, the teachers have created a warm, welcoming space to care for our girls after school. We are so appreciative of the program’s organization and flexibility and wish to share our sincere gratitude to the leadership and congregation at NCBC for this opportunity!”*

**Kristi Cumbow**

After School Program Parent



## NEW CASTLE BIBLE CHURCH FACILITIES

We desire to show our love by opening up our facilities to be used by the community.

This past year, our facilities have been used for Scout meetings and events, music recitals and camps, celebrations, conferences, homeschool groups, prayer groups, school events, FCA meetings, and more!

Our community even enjoys fishing in our pond and various groups have used our grounds for campouts.

The parsonage is currently being used to house a missionary family while on home assignment from Turkey.

Currently, a new action team is being formed to help steward the use of our facilities and help fulfill our desire to increase use among the community.

*“On behalf of the parents, teachers, and students of CIBAD, I would like to thank you and your church family for the generous use of your church facilities during the summer and fall of 2021. We have been blessed tremendously by your hospitality throughout the years and want you to know that you are greatly appreciated. The stated goal of the National Christian Forensics and Communication Association is “to challenge and equip ambassadors for Christ to communicate truth with integrity and grace.” Our workshops, camps, and classes are designed with this goal in mind. Thank you for allowing us the space and opportunity to help train our young people with the communication skills necessary for reaching their world with God’s truth. May the Lord continue to bless the ministry of New Castle Bible Church.”*



**CIBAD meeting in the Intersection**

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**Cindy Springer**

Central Illinois Born Again  
Defenders (CIBAD) Leader

## 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.

New Castle Bible Church hosted a Biblical Counseling Mini-Conference, training our congregation to become a church of biblical counselors on October 24, 2021.

As a congregation, we learned “What Makes Biblical Counseling Biblical” and how to become “A Community of Counselors”. Everyone had a choice of the following breakout sessions during the 9:30-10:30 hour:

- Walking Together on the Path of Grief
- Emotional Abuse: Is it? What is It? What Can I Do?
- Biblical Counseling Through Daily Life
- Guys, Gals, and God’s Good Design
- Overview of the Biblical Counseling Ministry at NCBC

Several Biblical Counseling Training Lunches were offered throughout the year as well.

# 32

People from New Castle Bible Church attended the Virtual Biblical Counseling Training Conference streamed from Faith Church in Lafayette, IN. This is the largest group from New Castle that has assembled for the conference!

*“I would like to share how much Biblical Counseling has helped me in my time of need.*

*To just give a brief back story, my dad committed suicide and I was having a hard time dealing with it. I knew God was the only one who could help me, but I just didn’t know how at the time. I tried to read the Bible and pray on my own, but it wasn’t enough, it was like my mind was in a fog.*

*With the help of Ann and Season they prayed for me, fed me God’s Word that uplifted me, and guided me along my journey. I truly believe that God has worked through these ladies to help me find my way back to Him. They held me accountable for my homework and readings that helped me during my trial. I have grown to be more reliant on God and have grown closer to Him during all of this.*

*I have to say that I am in a much better place in my life and I am blessed to have new friends and sisters-in-Christ. Don’t get me wrong, I still get sad from time to time but God has shown me time and time again that He is with me.*

*Thank you all so much for providing this service to the community. I feel that I would have been in the dark place longer if it wasn’t for the guidance that was provided.”*

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**Marie D.**

*Biblical Counseling Participant*

# DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

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



## WEBSITE

MOST WATCHED SERMONS	DATE PREACHED
The Drama of Redemption	3/14/22
Listening for Life	1/2/22
Because You Prayed	1/9/22
Blessed to Bless	12/29/21
The End is Coming	6/20/21

“Welcome to New Castle Bible Church” is the most watched video on our website in the past year.

A new feature has been added to our website for those interested in visiting our church. On the I’m New page, a “Plan Your Visit” form may be accessed which will put the person in contact with someone from our Hospitality Team. The team member will share information about the service, help pre-register kids if needed, set up a time to meet the visitor at the door, provide them with a welcome bag with gifts and information about NCBC, show them around, and sit with them during the service.

# SOCIAL MEDIA



**Facebook** allows us to reach people in a unique way. Several groups have been created which allows for greater visibility of posts and more effective communication.

Facebook Groups:

- Congregation Group
- Women’s Bible Study Group
- Children’s Ministry Group
- Young Adults Group



**Instagram** has a renewed vision and focus with verse graphics to share in our stories and pictures of our events.



**YouTube** and Facebook Live allows our Sunday morning services to be streamed all around the world.



**Pinterest** is beginning to be populated with New Castle Bible Church’s solid biblical teaching.



**Twitter’s** vision and focus will be reviewed in the coming year.

*\*Rooted Student Ministry hosts its own Facebook page as well as Instagram profile.*

MEDIA	FOLLOWERS
Facebook	880
Instagram	148
Twitter	62
Pinterest	148
YouTube	300
Vimeo	45

# 32,192

Individuals reached by our Facebook posts this past year.



”  
 You are never safer than when you are trusting in our good and sovereign King Jesus.  
*Pastor Kevin Sauder*  
 ”

One of our most popular Facebook posts in the last year.



***NCBC's Online Women's Bible Study not only helped me stay connected to God's Word but also to godly women when in-person meetings were not possible for me. I appreciated the convenience of being able to watch the teachings online at a day and time that was most convenient for my week's schedule. The online Bible study option has been an absolute blessing in my life!***

**Melanie Nemtusiak**  
 Online Bible Study Participant

### NEW APP & CHILD CHECK-IN

This past year brought added safety and effectiveness to our children's ministries with the launch of our Church Center app and our new child check-in system. Both work seamlessly with our new church management software.



### DIGITAL ROAD SIGN

As people drive by, the new digital road sign reaches our local community with service and event information along with Bible verses.

## HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME MINISTRY

We have seen a full return of our homebound and nursing home ministry which includes:

- Discipleship and Bible studies
- Fellowship
- Phone calls
- Writing letters and cards
- In-person visits
- A Sunday service is conducted a couple times a year at Hopedale Nursing Home with a time of singing and teaching
- Helping with various needs

# ROOTED STUDENTS

Our Rooted students invited and welcomed new friends to:

EVENT	AVG. ATTENDANCE
Summer Studies at Westwood Park	A LOT
First Friday Events	75
Weekly Bible Studies	80-85
Ascend Camp	74
Ice Camp	73

You loved our students and those from the community who attended Ice Camp and Ascend Camp by providing “Care Packages.” You filled these boxes with favorite treats and words of encouragement.



# REACHING OUT GLOBALLY

Our relationships with our Global Outreach (GO) Partners continue to be strengthened in the following ways:

- **You connected and learned** more about our GO Partners and their ministries during the Adult Discipleship Elective, “Let the Nations Be Glad”. Many of our GO Partners joined us live online or in-person to provide updates and insight into their work and needs.
- **You welcomed** the Camiola’s and the Alzate’s when they visited New Castle Bible Church. The San Francisco Mission Trip student team, who will be traveling to help with the Alzate’s ministries in July 2022, had the opportunity to connect with the Alzate’s over lunch.
- **Thanks to your willingness** to be Jesus’ hands and feet to our faithful GO Partners, we have been able to expand our GO Partner Care Teams. These teams come alongside our GO Partners to encourage them and help communicate their needs to the church. To ensure all of our GO Partners are well-cared for, more volunteers are needed.
- **The GO Care Team for K&H** traveled to Topaz to work alongside and encourage these partners in their ministry.



**You helped New Castle Bible Church support:**

**6** SENT GO PARTNERS

**8** SUPPORTED GO PARTNERS

**Through your generosity:**

**\$96,100** DESIGNATED TO GO PARTNERS AND GO ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE BUDGET

**\$32,570** GIVEN BY THE CONGREGATION ABOVE THE BUDGET

# GO ORGANIZATIONS

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



You gave away 1,460 'The Story' booklets to trick-or-treaters on Halloween!



You provided 241 shoebox gifts!



You donated your Bibles and other Christian literature to be sent to Christian workers throughout the world to be used for ministry during Phase 4's Senior Ministry Love Packages campaign.



You participated in HopeWalk and their fundraising banquet.



You participated in The Walk and their fundraising banquet. This ministry was highlighted during Sanctity of Life Sunday.



You participated in the fundraising banquet, concert, and golf outing.



This ministry was highlighted on Compassion Sunday and many of you sponsored children in need.



Many Bible studies, meetings, and events take place at New Castle Bible Church. You also participated in their fundraising banquet.



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

## NEW CASTLE BIBLE CHURCH GO GRANT

New Castle Bible Church awarded \$10,000 in grants to two of our GO Partners to further their ministry.

Salem4Youth, where Shane Knapp serves, received \$6,500 to equip the staff with biblical counseling training.

Peoria Rescue Ministries received \$3,500 for furnishing the 1212 Community House apartments.

## GENEROSITY THROUGH SPECIAL GIVING & DESIGNATIONS

GIFT	AMOUNT
Honduras Church Roof Special Offering	\$7,436
Louisiana Community Bible Church Hurricane Relief Special Offering	\$7,481
GO Partner Alzate Exit Offering	\$4,661
GO Partner Camiola Exit Offering	\$6,251
Living Alternatives Exit Offering	\$2,225
Living Alternatives The Walk Sponsorship	\$500
Esther House Mother's Day Gift	\$250
Peoria Rescue Mission Father's Day Gift	\$250
Tazewell County Health Department Bumps2Babies Gift	\$300

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our Awana kids raise and give money each year to support a different GO Partner or special ministry? This year the kids raised money to offset medical costs for a little girl named Victoria, who was born with serious physical needs. Her parents, Pedro and Jenny Grefa, serve alongside our GO Partners, Al and Connie McElheran in Ecuador.





# Growing Deeper and Reaching Farther in 2022-2023

2022-2023 CONGREGATION AND MINISTRY FOCUS

## BUILDING UP THE BODY



### 2022 - 2023 FOCUS

The 2022-2023 fiscal year begins with a sermon series dedicated to “Building Up the Body”. We will open our Bibles to Ephesians and discover how God has designed the church to love, serve, and disciple one another. We’ll gain rich insights and practical truths as we take a closer look at Paul’s letter to the Ephesians and apply the principles found in this rich book throughout the coming year and beyond.

Throughout the year, we will grow in our understanding of meaningful church membership and why it’s vital to spiritual growth.



## NEW CASTLE BIBLE CHURCH VBS - July 11-14

Children in our church and surrounding communities will grow deeper and build relationships with peers and adults through VBS here at New Castle Bible Church.

## GOODFIELD VBS July 18-21

Led by David Marus, our Children and Family Pastoral Intern, Vacation Bible School (VBS), will be offered to the Goodfield community at the Goodfield building.

## ROOTED STUDENT TRIPS

Ascend Summer Camp - June 25-29

San Francisco Mission Trip - July 23-30

Winter Camp - January 13-15, 2023

Students will deepen their faith and relationships at Ascend Summer Camp as well as their own Winter Retreat in Wisconsin.

Rooted students will also have the opportunity to grow their faith while helping GO Partners Gabby and Mateo Alzate minister in San Francisco.



## **YOUNG ADULTS**

Young Adults share an Adult Discipleship Elective and a Life Group dedicated to their season of life. They enjoy social gatherings on the second Sunday of each month and also host worship nights, inviting young adults from our partner churches. More events are being planned for the coming year.

## **LEADERSHIP**

Prayerfully, new elders will be ordained and new deacons will be installed as God makes their readiness evident to all. The elders will also seek to invite one or two new men into our elder-in-development process.

As a congregation, we will continue to strengthen our understanding and practice of biblical deacons at NCBC.

Our elders will continue to encourage our church staff by managing and strengthening care and provision with more competitive salaries and benefits.

Ministry opportunities along with seminary education support will continue to be provided to Jamar Williams, Pastoral Intern, and Seth Swartzendruber as they are discipled by the elders.

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

Our music and audio/video ministries seek to add instruments, vocalists, and tech-savvy people to increase our joy and quality of these ministries.

The ushers wish to become even more hospitable by adding women to their team.

In Children's Ministry, a strong connection with the church body is desired, providing growing awareness of the value, joy, and opportunities available.

The Joy Club, a ministry for children living with special needs, is also looking to expand.

The Rooted Student Praise and Worship Team will continue to be developed and strengthened.

## **EFFECTIVENESS**

Training through various scenarios and receiving first-aid training will sharpen the Safety Team's responses.

You will see improvement in our Sunday morning technology operation with the addition of a raised platform in the back of the Family Center. This will help minimize distractions between the congregation and the A/V Team, help the sound booth operator hear the acoustics better, and provide space for our video team.

You will also notice our campus buildings being updated with gospel messaging and some new décor. This will complete last year's vision to make our church more welcoming while making our mission and values clear to all.

## **HOSPITALITY**

We seek to strengthen our hospitality and welcoming culture at all public gatherings. Our visitors will feel our warm hospitality at our Welcome Desk under the new leadership of Darin & Jane Hoffmire and Steve & Lisa Galbraith. We are currently updating our philosophy of this vital ministry. Please be praying for the work of this ministry to bear fruit.

## **GO PARTNERS**

In the coming year, we desire to continue discipling and supporting all of our GO Partners.

We look forward to seeing how God may allow us to best partner with Cameron Dobbins and King's Cross Church as they begin a new church plant.

We will have the privilege of encouraging and helping refresh some of our GO Partners while they are on home assignment. Currently, Dustan and Becka King and K&H are scheduled to be here for part of the year.

In addition, we will work toward strengthening our relationship with Humberto Gustavo's church in Ecuador as they continue to minister to the Waorani tribe.

Prayerfully, we will petition God in our desire to add a new strategic GO Partner.

## Worship Service in Mackinaw's Park July 17

We look forward with anticipation, to serving the Mackinaw Community with a Sunday morning worship service following Mack-a-Fest on July 17th.



# Praying for 2022-2023



Thanks, Lord for our ministries returning to normal following the Covid 19 disruption.



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.



Give us a right understanding of church membership and its importance. Raise up more faithful members at New Castle Bible Church.



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



Grow the reach of our teaching ministries for your glory. Whether it's through translation in spanish and/or sign language or through proclamation ministries involving internet, radio, or TV.



Help us to rediscover the importance of church body life and the use of our spiritual gifts as part of our personal sanctification and the sanctification of others.



Continue your favor on the After School Program. Provide a smooth transition for the director position, work in the children's hearts who come so they will come to know You as Lord, and provide continued provision of the staff.



Raise up more disciple-makers in our church who love children, teenagers, and those with special needs and give them a desire to serve them.



Grant us Your favor on our music ministry as we continue to transition under Pastor Tysin's new shepherding and expand our music and tech team.



Grant us favor in finding the right man to become our Associate Pastor of Care and Discipleship and the right man for the new position of Outreach Director in Goodfield.



Stir our hearts to become more involved in our evangelism and outreach ministries



We ask you to lead us to and open the hearts of the right men to become elders-in-development and the right people to become deacons-in-development.



Transform and stir the hearts of our students who will minister to the vulnerable in San Francisco this July. Save the souls of our lost teens who will attend our Bible studies this next school year.



Strengthen the relationships between our GO Partners and those of us in the congregation.



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.



Provide wisdom to the elders as they make decisions regarding how to spend Your money for Your Kingdom.



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