

Cornerstone Church

2023
**Gratitude
Report**



Letter from the Church Staff

This year the staff experienced incredible opportunities to grow in leadership. Whether that was through events like the Global Leadership Summit or going through ARMA courses to grow in biblical knowledge, in 2023 we made the effort to become more equipped to serve you, our church and our city better.

Thank you! It is because of our amazing church and your generosity that our team is constantly improving and growing.

We're extremely honored to be part of what God did in 2023 and are expectant for what will happen in 2024.

Cornerstone Church Staff



As you reflect on 2023 we hope that you will feel your soul stirred with the same echo of gratitude that we have, “what marvelous things the Lord has done.” It is difficult to look back over a year and encapsulate all of the moments, all of the stories and all of the triumphs; but, in these pages you will find celebrations of what God can do when people say “Yes.” Thank you for your continual “yes” to the work of declaring Jesus everywhere and leading believers in a life of resilient faith.

This year, as you will see, we have much to rejoice about. From the people who publicly declared Jesus in baptism, to hours served in our community and couples stepping up to be Marriage Mentors to newlyweds. There is never a singular set of steps that leads someone to a life of resilient faith. All of our entry points differ, our pain points vary and our needs are vast. It takes a multifaceted church, ready to show up at every turn to serve a diverse group of people. Thank you for being that church!

It means the world to us that we get to continue to walk out this journey together. Thank you for giving of yourself, your time and your finances to see more people meet Jesus and be strengthened in their faith journey. While you look through this Gratitude Report we pray that you are able to celebrate not only all that God did through our collective lives, but that you are also reminded of His faithfulness to you personally throughout 2023. Truly, how marvelous He is!



Pastors Phil & Meredith





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SALVATIONS



This year we increased our communion frequency as a part of building our resilient faith together.



COMMUNION

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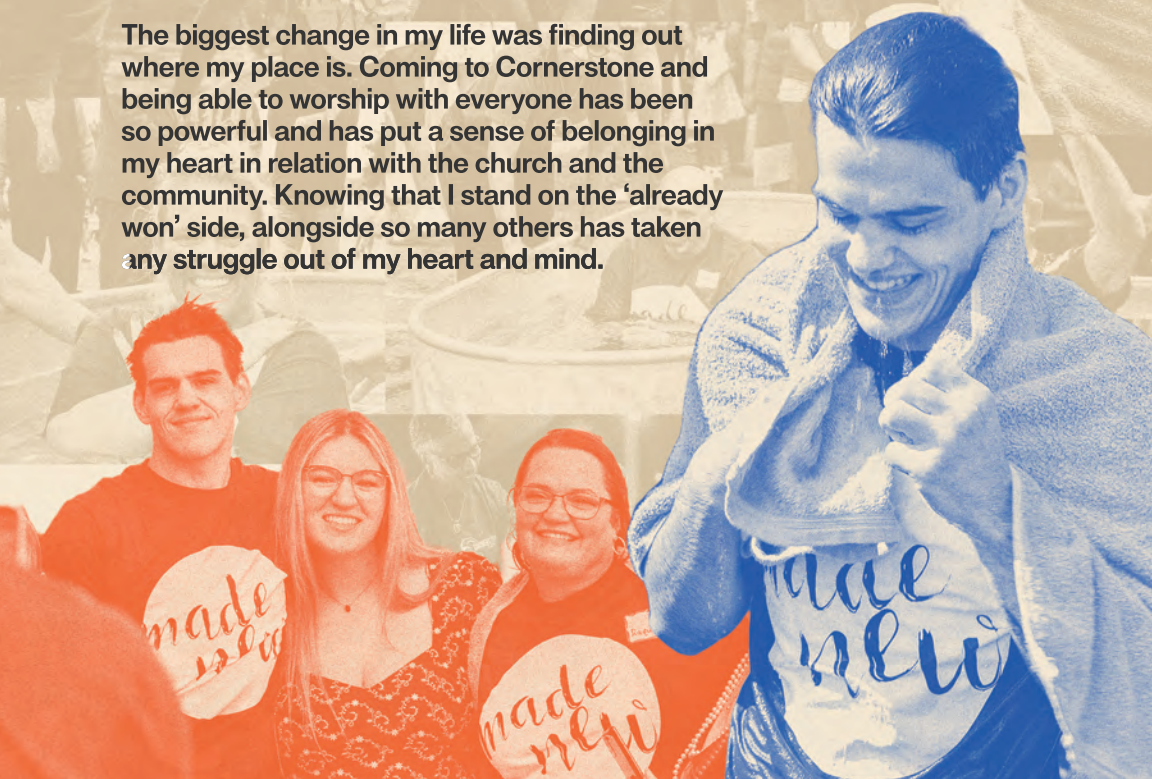
BAPTISMS

Brody's Story

While working at a restaurant, Mary, a fellow coworker mentioned Cornerstone to me. She took me under her wing within the church and helped me with any questions I had to better understand Christ and strengthen my relationship with him.

After attending for a while I felt so filled with the spirit that I wanted my family to experience this as well so I invited my mom to church. My mother then developed her own relationship with Christ and wanted to declare Jesus publicly. That was right around the same time where I was thinking of getting baptized and I felt God in it just by seeing how both of us wanted to do this together.

The biggest change in my life was finding out where my place is. Coming to Cornerstone and being able to worship with everyone has been so powerful and has put a sense of belonging in my heart in relation with the church and the community. Knowing that I stand on the 'already won' side, alongside so many others has taken any struggle out of my heart and mind.



**30,459 SUNDAY
LIVE VIEWS**

**60,906
SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS/
SUBSCRIBERS**

Most Viewed Message

Message Title: Barriers to Jesus

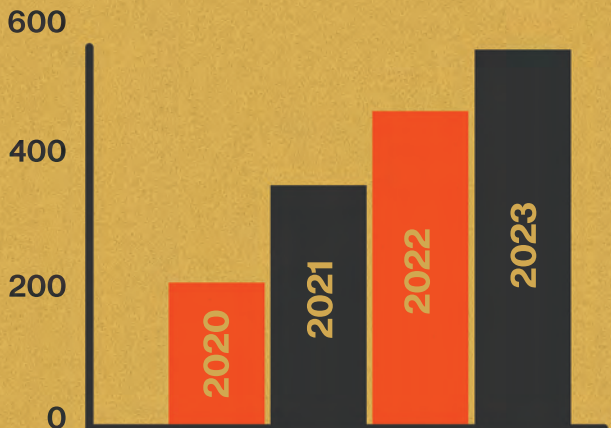
Growth Track

263 people attended
and got connected

**9 COUNTRIES
REACHED**

**2452 PODCAST
STREAMS**

**AVERAGE
WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE**



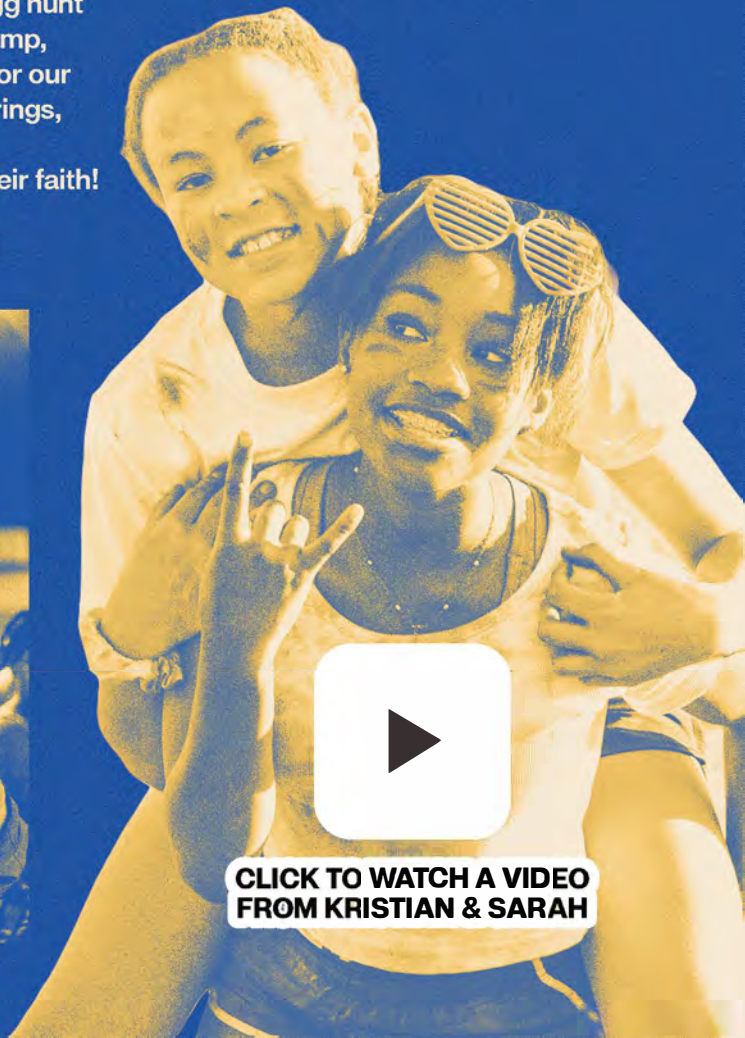
NEXT GEN

UNIQUE
ATTENDEES

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In 2023 Memories were made, friendships were formed, & most importantly we encountered Jesus. This year our kids and youth were challenged to step up into their God given purpose and identity. We saw so many new families encounter Jesus. Whether that was through our egg hunt experience, summer camp, internships, life groups or our Sunday morning gatherings, this next generation is becoming resilient in their faith!

-Kristian & Sarah



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FROM KRISTIAN & SARAH**

PASTORAL CARE

215 FAMILIES SERVED THROUGH PASTORAL CARE.

222 HRS. OF COUNSELING AND 1:1 MINISTRY.

Rachael & Josh's Story

Marriage counseling before marriage genuinely helped prepare us for the unknowns of uniting two completely different lives. SYMBIS+ became a great resource in the process of building a strong marriage that could endure all sort of challenges. In addition to this, it also showed us how to be dedicated toward one another and our relationship.

Having seen the benefits of our marriage from SYMBIS+, we embraced the idea of being Marriage Mentors within the program. It was a privilege to share our experiences and equip others with the tools we learned from the program. Being able to mentor other married couples and share benefits like SYMBIS is a privilege, and giving back to the church and our members is a true blessing.

Benevolence: 162 hrs.



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YOUVERSION

In 2023, we achieved a significant milestone by beginning our partnership with YouVersion Bible app. Currently, our two live devotionals, "Strong as a Mother" and our 7-Day "New Believers" guide (both available in English and Spanish) have reached over 12,000 people. We've heard from people around the globe expressing their heartfelt gratitude for the timing, impact and encouragement they have experienced from going through a devotional made available by you. Thank You! This collaboration with YouVersion is instrumental in fulfilling our mission of **DECLARING JESUS EVERYWHERE.**



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PRAYER

114 Hours spent in corporate prayer.



MEN

We believe that men are worshipers, leaders, courageous and transparent, who find home in community. This year the men of our church gather in small and big spaces to build each other up and declare Jesus and live resilient lives.



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FROM PS. PHIL

OUTREACH + VOLUNTEERING

Patrice's Story

I started volunteering at Cornerstone because I loved seeing how the church had compassion for people in the community. One of my first experiences volunteering was helping in kids ministry with wrapping Christmas gifts. That experience from two years ago, really got me thinking about becoming part of the Crew. I stepped out of my comfort zone and started making more connections in the church, eventually I became one of the Volunteer Outreach Coordinators and I have loved every moment of it! I have made connections with people inside and out of the church. From calling volunteers to helping with a GoLocal project or giving a hug and smile for that Grandma who came for our Angel Tree Event, I'm humbled to serve God's People in any way I can.



\$85,000
2,441 Hrs.
1091 Vol.



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FROM TRACY**



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

As a part of our outreach efforts in 2023, you made space available for groups like Power & Love, Night to Shine, Keep Watch, Professional Skills Institute, and Toledo Prays.

Your generosity with our facility allows for the furthering of their mission as we work together for a stronger community.



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Every week we gather together for about 2 hours in a Sunday Worship Service. Outside of that there are another 166 hours each week where we continue to live out our faith. In 2023 we saw more people connected together and growing in their relationship with Jesus and each other through opportunities in the 166.

Social Night

200 People



Encounter Nights

624 People

Good Friday Vibes

209 People

Life Groups

253 People in Life Groups
21 Active Life Groups



FACILITY UPDATES

Alongside the many things God did in and through the church this year, because of your giving we were also able to upgrade our main facility to ensure we're providing the best experience for current and new attendees. Whether that was in form of new HVAC units, a new parking lot or a recording studio, our goal is to always bring a spirit of excellence to everything that we do.



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FROM HARIDA

A Letter From The Board

Greetings Cornerstone Church Family,

It is our pleasure to send you our third letter since this board came into existence to support Pastors Phil and Meredith Ryburn through the provision of guidance and counsel, and to serve church members with an opportunity to share your voice. It is our continued pleasure to serve our church in this capacity.

The board's operating verse is **Proverbs 11:14 – Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors, there is safety.** Current Board members include Michelle Banks, Taylor Burciaga, Vuncia Council, Jason Daniels, Christina Kanagaratnam, Rick Kerger, Savannah Marten, and Kefa Otiso. The board is pleased to welcome several new members who have taken the place of others who have transitioned out to other responsibilities after the expiry of their 2-year commitment. We thank Terry Niefer, Jane Meyer, Dr Kim Butler, Toni Gordon, and Bill Herzog for completing their terms and serving with such faithfulness.

As in the past 2 years, the board has continued to meet on a regular schedule. We are pleased with the continued growth of the church in this post-COVID-19 period. Regular attendance, giving, baptisms, salvations, and new memberships are all trending up. Praise God! We urge you to continue doing your part in keeping our church vibrant in declaring Jesus everywhere.

Consider what the rhythms of your faith are right now. Could you invite someone new to Cornerstone in 2024? If you have not been baptized, get baptized. Get involved. Pray without ceasing. Let's all help to declare Jesus everywhere, in line with this command from our Lord and Savior: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

If you want to contact the board on any matter pertaining to the church or simply just want to touch base with us, please feel free to reach us through the contact form available here: <https://cornerstone.church/board-of-advisors>. You can also email us directly at board@cornerstone.church. All communications with the Board are confidential.

Board of Advisors

A LETTER FROM PHIL & MEREDITH

It is our hope and prayer that as you have turned through the pages of this Gratitude Report, that your faith has been stirred and you have been reminded of some of what God did in 2023. We say some, knowing there "...are so many other things Jesus did. If they were all written down, each of them, one by one, we can't imagine a world big enough to hold such a library of books." (John 21:25 MSG).

This past year has been another reminder of the goodness and faithfulness of God. A year of open doors, of new opportunities, celebrations and loss, mountains and valleys. Throughout it all, our faith in Him has been made more resilient.

Thank you for continuing to lean in and be available to the calling that God has placed on your life. Our heart for our church is to be a strong collective community made of mature individual believers walking out what God has given us to do. When you are living in purpose, our church is stronger and healthier!

Thank you for your continued faithfulness. And thank you to the 213 individuals who joined the giving community and gave for the first time in 2023. It's an exciting thing to see you declaring Jesus over everything and taking this bold step in your faith. As the church continues to move forward, we are seeing more fruit, more impact, and more harvest. Your giving paves the way for all of this.

As we write these words, we are already excited about what next year's Gratitude Report will hold. Thank you for choosing to be a part of the story that God is writing here!

Blessings!



Meredith P. Ryan

Phil

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