



# VISION GATHERING

2023



THERE'S JOY IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD  
OUR GOD IS SURELY IN THIS PLACE



*Know Jesus, Love Others, & Live Changed*

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATE

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As is this case each year, at this time, we have an opportunity to review some of the “numbers” from the previous year – numbers of dollars given to effect change in our community and around the world, numbers of hours given away for the sake of others, numbers of people who have come to know and have been changed by the transformative power of Jesus Christ. Let it not be lost on us that these “numbers” are more than simple metrics, because each one represents an amazing individual with a miraculous story being crafted by the “author and finisher of our faith”! As we have often shared here – “Every number has a name, every name has a story, and every story matters to God!”

Tonight we pause to reflect on what God has accomplished in and through our Movement Church family through a time of celebration. By sharing a handful of stories, each one a wonderful example of the values that we hold to be true and dear, we examine how *YOU* sought to live out – Life Change, Compelling Faith, Ongoing Growth, Honest Community, Selfless Service, and Extravagant Generosity. In addition, we look ahead with faith filled expectation to what God will continue to do in and through *YOU* as we embrace this mission of ensuring that the whole world might – ***Know Jesus, Love Others, and Live Changed!***

To close, and on a more personal note, I believe I speak not only for myself, but our entire team, when I simply echo the words of the Apostle Paul - *“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...”* (**–Phil. 1:3-6**). During an unbelievably difficult year of rebuilding and reordering our homes, church, and our lives, following one of the most significant natural disasters our area has even known, you **CHOSE** to live out the Gospel, to be the hands and feet of Jesus to one another and to this community!

***GOD BLESS YOU CHURCH –LET’S KEEP MOVING!!***

*Nate*



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Along with a fresh mission statement, we also introduced 6 core values that define who we are and what matters to us as a church and as individual followers of Christ! The pages that follow document the AMAZING ways in which we have witnessed these values lived out in our church family, from the very youngest to the most seasoned saint.

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- **We experience and expect Life Change!**  
*Key Passage: 2 Cor. 5:17*
  - **We have and we share Compelling Faith!**  
*Key Passages: Go & Tell - Matthew 28:18-20  
Come & See - John 1:45-46*
  - **We pursue and praise Ongoing Growth!**  
*Key Passage: -2 Pet. 3:18*
  - **We engage in and encourage Honest Community!**  
*Key Passages: Matt.18:15-17; 1 Thess. 5:14*
  - **We embody and extend Selfless Service!**  
*Key Passages: John 13:5, 12, 15; Mark 10:45*
  - **We practice and promote Extravagant Generosity!**  
*Key Passages: Prov. 11:25; Acts 4:32; 2 Cor. 8:7*





This year 123 individuals crossed over from death to life, as they said "YES!" to Jesus.

- **65** during our Sunday Morning Worship Experiences including our online campus (33 being individuals that texted New2Jesus)
- **28** children through our **Kids on the Move Sunday** ministries, Good News Clubs, & summer camps.
- **30** students in our **MVMNT Students youth ministry**.

# 123

SALVATIONS

# 15

People took a next step of

# BAPTISM



"I don't know every piece of the story...I do know my life is forever changed and I love Jesus." -**Luke D**

"Yes, I really want to get baptatized (sic)" -**Evelyn H. (Age 7)**

"I could feel Lord calling out to me, saying 'Turn away from the world, and turn to me...'" -**James H (Age 12)**

"**Baptism is a sign of something I already believe...**" -**Carson N (Age 10)**

"There is no change to my diagnosis or cure for my illness, but I am changed." -**Kyle H**

"I can't really tell others they should be baptized when I haven't been baptized!" -**Levi S (Age 12)**

"...if I'm still breathing, God's work in me is not done." -**Jason C**

**Vision (March 2021) To Date: 317 Salvations and 89 Baptisms**



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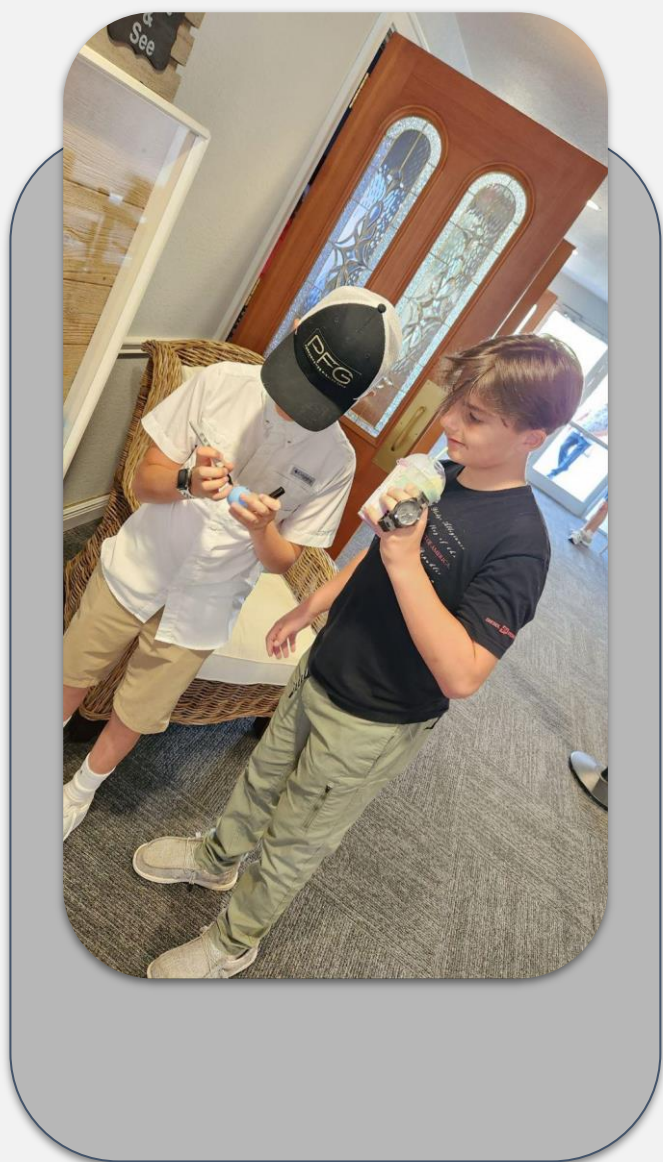
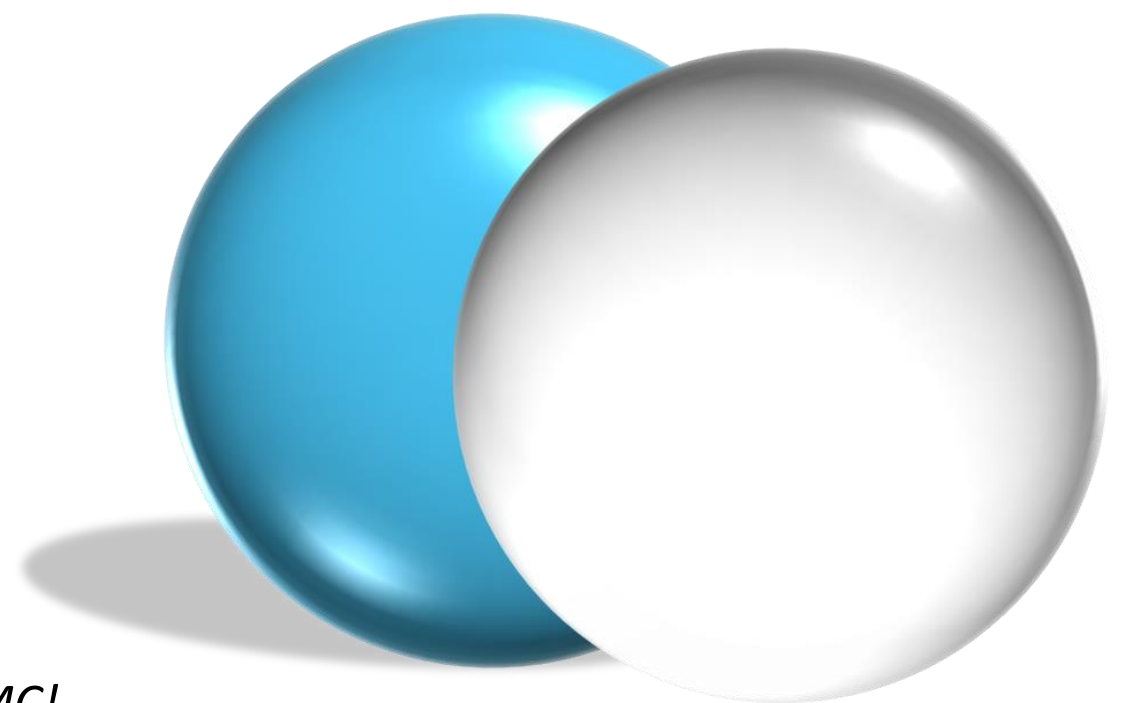
In 2023, each of you chose to embody a “Compelling Faith.” One that has compelled you to **GO & TELL** and has compelled others to **COME & SEE**.

**131-**

*The number of white ping pong balls you have placed since November of 2022, representing intentional faith conversations. These are 131 individuals we are praying will come to know Christ – some of whom HAVE since you first wrote their names.*

**188 -**

*The number of blue ping pong balls with the signatures of those YOU have personally invited to “come and see” all that God is doing at MC!*



- This year also saw our First Impressions team hand out **198** first time guest bags from November 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023!
- MVMNT Students saw **125** first time guests this year!
- This year we have **32** people serving on our Good News Club teams, sharing the gospel in 2 Charlotte County Schools. We began with 3 team members in 1 school in the spring of 2022!
- **264** people have texted “NewtoMC” Vision To Date!

**Vision To Date: 309 white ping pong balls, 447 blue ping pong balls and 556 first time guest bags!**



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*In 2023, an average of 674 individuals each week engage with us through our worship experiences at our physical location on Midway Blvd.*

# 674

*"Every number has a name, every name has a story, every story matters to God"*

*At our Online Campus, an average of 219 people join us LIVE each Sunday for our weekend worship experience.*



However, as we have mentioned many times, GROWTH is not measured solely by the number of people who participate in a worship gathering, but instead by observing the transformative work that takes place in EACH & EVERY individual's life!

- While encouraging growth in the children they serve, 18 Kids on the Move team members were themselves disciplined into deeper relationships with Jesus and increased commitments to service.

**(Vision To Date 70 team members!)**

- In MVMNT Students, 60% of students participated in and 12 completed the "Spiritual Development Program" which includes daily quiet times, scripture memory, and acts of selfless service.

**(Vision To Date: 38 students have completed the "Spiritual Development Program"!)**

- In our Discover Movement and Discover Serve classes we saw 88 and 62 participants respectively, who sought to know more about us and the God we love and serve! **(Vision To**

**Date: 229 participated in Discover Movement and 177 in Discover Serving.)**



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Honest Community is about doing life TOGETHER, learning from and with one another, and simply being there for each other!



# ***Doing Life Together!***

- In 2023, there have been 17 active small groups, in spite of losing the use of the majority of our adult ministry meeting spaces to hurricane damage. Through small groups, Bible studies, and organic friendships - you have eaten together, gutted homes, cleaned yard debris, tarped roofs, processed grief, studied Scripture, and simply loved one another.
- We celebrate the **117** students who, through 14 different small groups, regularly view Wednesday nights as a chance to engage in honest community with friends who are navigating the challenges of growing up in this age. They scroll social media together, they laugh together, and they pray with and for one another.
- Through Parent Commissioning, 10 families stepped up to a year long commitment to intentionally connect with & pray for parents choosing to “bring [their children] up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.”



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Jesus continually modeled, throughout the Gospels, what it looks like to give ourselves away, thinking less of self and more of others as we seek to serve. Thank you for following His example this year!



**24,882**

**Vision to Date: 57,817 Hours**

*This number represents the hours you all gave to sharing the gospel, meetings needs, making yourselves available to become the hands of feet of Jesus to this church family and to our community!*

- Many of you gave yourselves away as small group leaders – teaching the timeless truths of God’s word and providing a safe space for the hurting.
- Some spent a ridiculous number of hours studying music, rehearsing, creating slides, or dialing in sound systems so that we could come together and worship!
- Scores of individuals, families, and small groups came together to help those who needed immediate relief following Hurricane Ian.
- Some served that much needed cup of coffee, offered a warm smile to those entering the building, or kept a watchful eye on things as we gathered.
- Still others chose to lead and love our students and children as an expression of service.

And STUDENTS – WOW, you guys showed up serving literally everywhere!

- As a church you welcomed the challenge of getting OUTSIDE of the church walls and into our community with **2,137** hours serving with our impact partners!



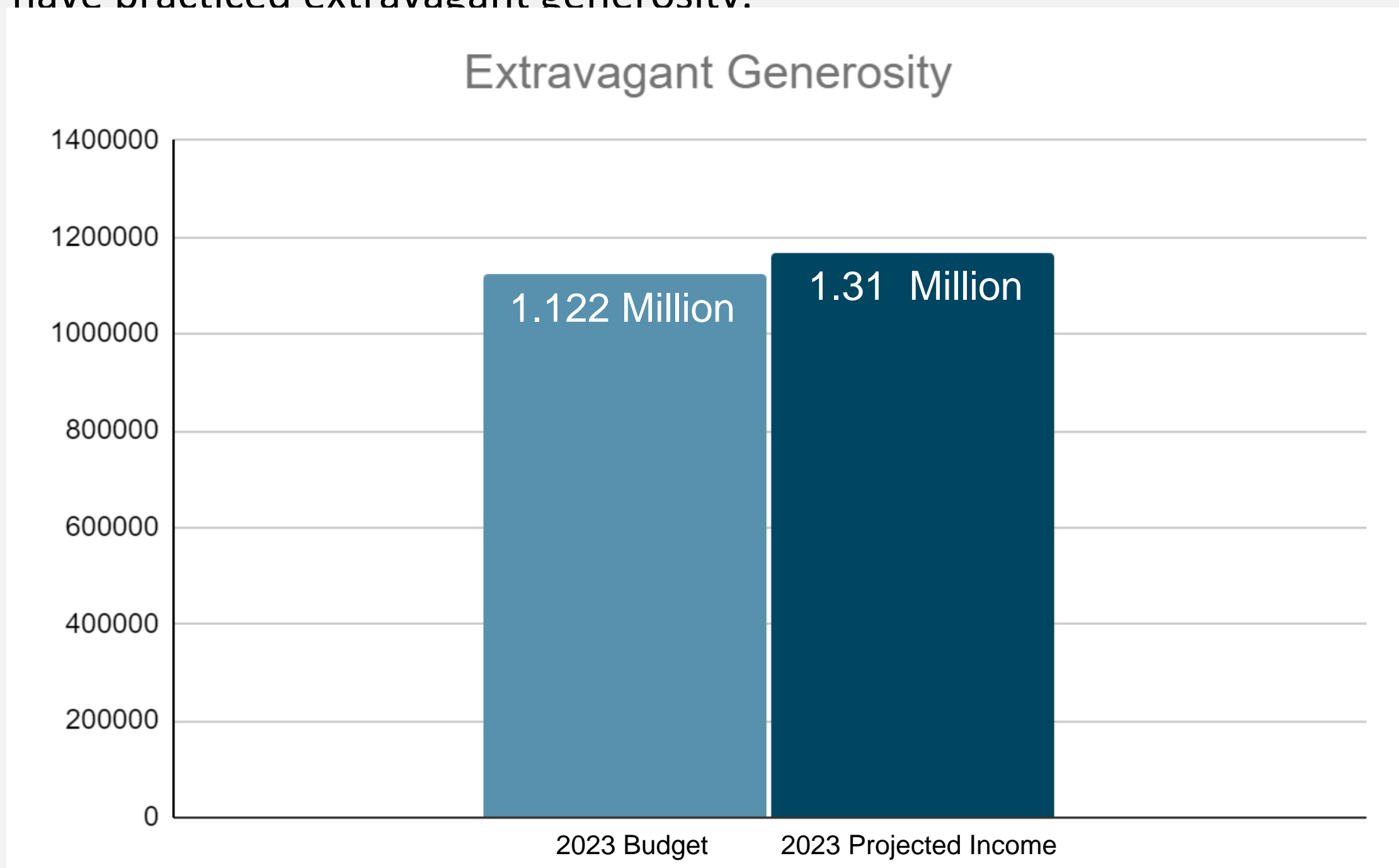
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In speaking to the church at Corinth, Paul wishes for them that they would, “excel also in this gracious act of giving.” What a powerful prayer! This year YOU ALL have excelled in this very area – you have practiced extravagant generosity.



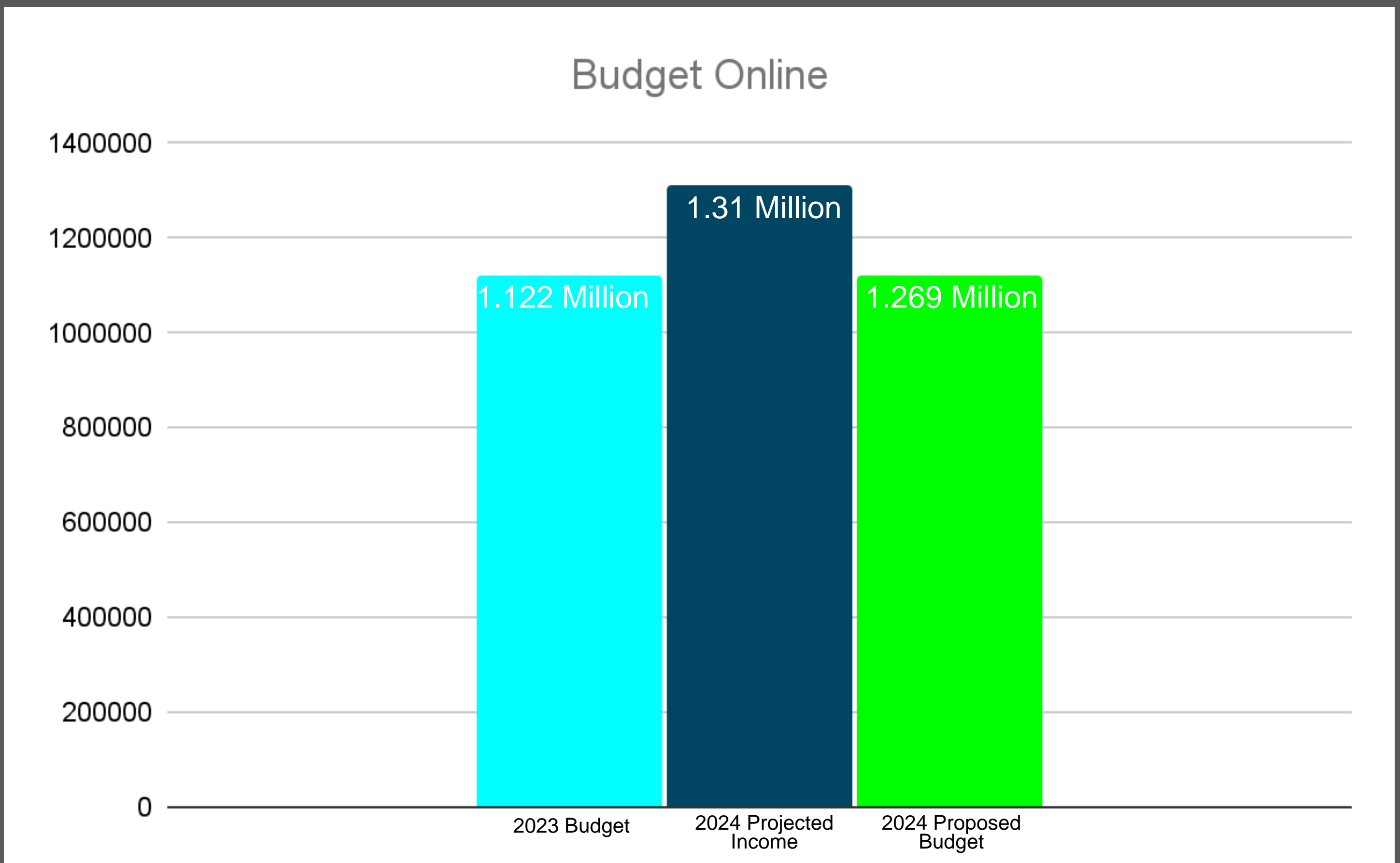
- You gave to CM&A initiatives: \$127,286 to the Great Commission Fund (missions), \$9,622 to the Church Multiplication Fund, \$15,000 to Project Reimagine, and \$120,000 to the District Operating Fund.
- You donated \$35,176 so children and youth could go to camp or LIFE Conference.
- You provided \$71,223 in Benevolence support to our local community.
- You gave \$67,044 to our Impact Partners, not including material donations.
- Your total Christmas Gift totaled \$50,654 for domestic and international projects.
- Extravagant Generosity made a way for 317 people to respond to the gospel!
- Your giving allowed us to love on families who lost loved ones this year as our teams hosted funerals and memorials.

Vision To Date: \$496,005



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In 2022 we voted to approve a budget of 1.122 million. As noted on the previous page as well as the above graphic, we anticipate closing the year 2023, with your continued faithful giving, at 1.31 million.

With that in mind your board has recommended a 2024 budget totaling 1.269 million. Doing so would mean that we have assigned 96% of the expected income for 2024.

What about what is left? **EXPANSION – MULTIPLICATION – OPPORTUNITY!**





It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to present a report outlining the activities and measures taken in order to submit names to fill various roles at Movement Church. Via congregational submission and internal discussion, the committee arrived upon candidates to be considered for service on the Governing Board of Movement Church. These individuals were then contacted to gauge interest and invited to prayerfully participate in an extensive vetting process. The individuals whose names were submitted are phenomenal leaders and dedicated Christ followers. Current life circumstances and time constraints compelled two of the candidates to decline at this time.

## The candidates include:



**Mark Fanstill**

Governing Board Candidate



**Mark Hamsher**

Candidate for GB Vice Chair

We would like to extend a special “Thank You” to Ed Eyster who will be rotating off of our board after having served 2 three year terms.



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1. We will celebrate 1,000 people making the first-time decision to follow Jesus, with 500 of them making that life-changing decision public through Water Baptism.
1. We will come alongside 1,500 people on personal discipleship journey as they come to know God more intimately and connect with others deeply.
1. We will make room for the tens of thousands of individuals in our community who have no church home by planting three new campuses - two site locations, and one online.
1. We will initiate and foster relationships with 15 Vision Impact Partners whose goal is to affect change in our local community & beyond.
1. We will equip and encourage 1,000 individuals to invest over 260,000 hours serving Movement Church and our Vision Impact Partners.
1. We will update and expand our existing location and explore future opportunities to accommodate the increasing number of individuals and families who take part in our worship experiences.
1. We will send 200 individuals on their first international short-term mission trip.
1. We will equip and encourage every partner to, "Go and Tell," actively and consistently sharing their own compelling faith story with another person every year.
1. We will challenge every partner to invite at least one other individual to, "Come and See," experiencing Movement Church every year.
10. We will foster a spirit of extravagant generosity by investing \$1,000,000 into partnerships and impact efforts in our community and our world.



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