

JOURNEY
Community Church

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ANNUAL

REPORT



THE WHAT AND WHY

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So why are we publishing an annual report?

A few reasons, actually! An annual report is a fantastic way for us to recap what we have done in the past year, which allows us to be transparent and gives you a reason to keep investing in us! We want everyone to know what programs we've done, how many lives we've impacted, and where exactly our money is going so you can be more informed for our annual stewardship campaign.

And we have done A LOT this year so far. Not only did we finally finish our merging process and officially launch Journey Community Church, but we've added addition programs to serve and welcome our community, upgraded various aspects of our building, invested in our future, and grown our membership. Hopefully you are excited about everything that follows as I am!

Rev. Brian Carr

WHO WE ARE

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MISSION

Walking with Christ; Serving our Community

VISION

Growing our Church; Growing our Faith;
Growing our Impact

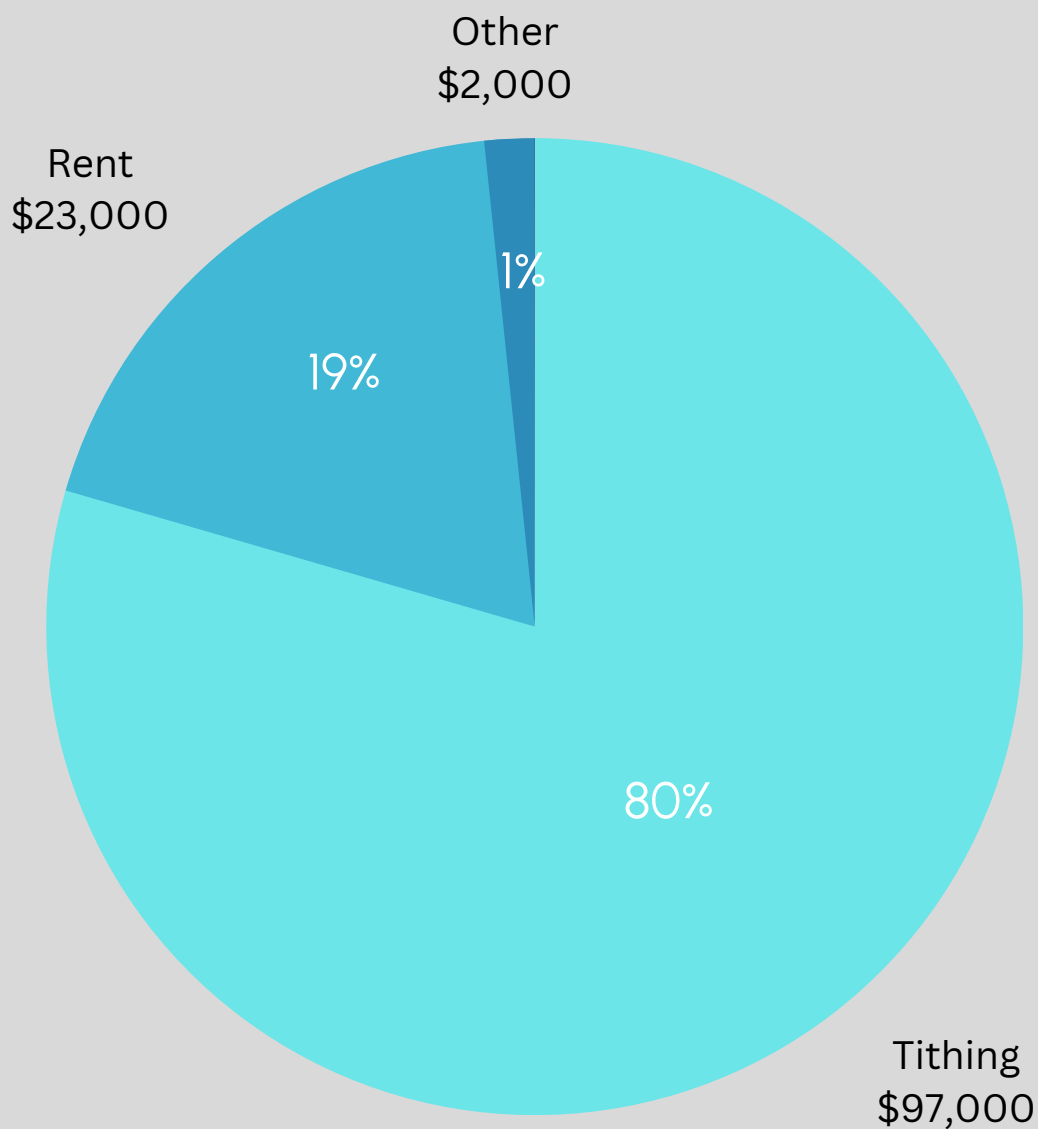
VALUES

Faithfulness, Acceptance, Respect, Authenticity,
Compassion, Growth

WHERE IS OUR MONEY FROM?

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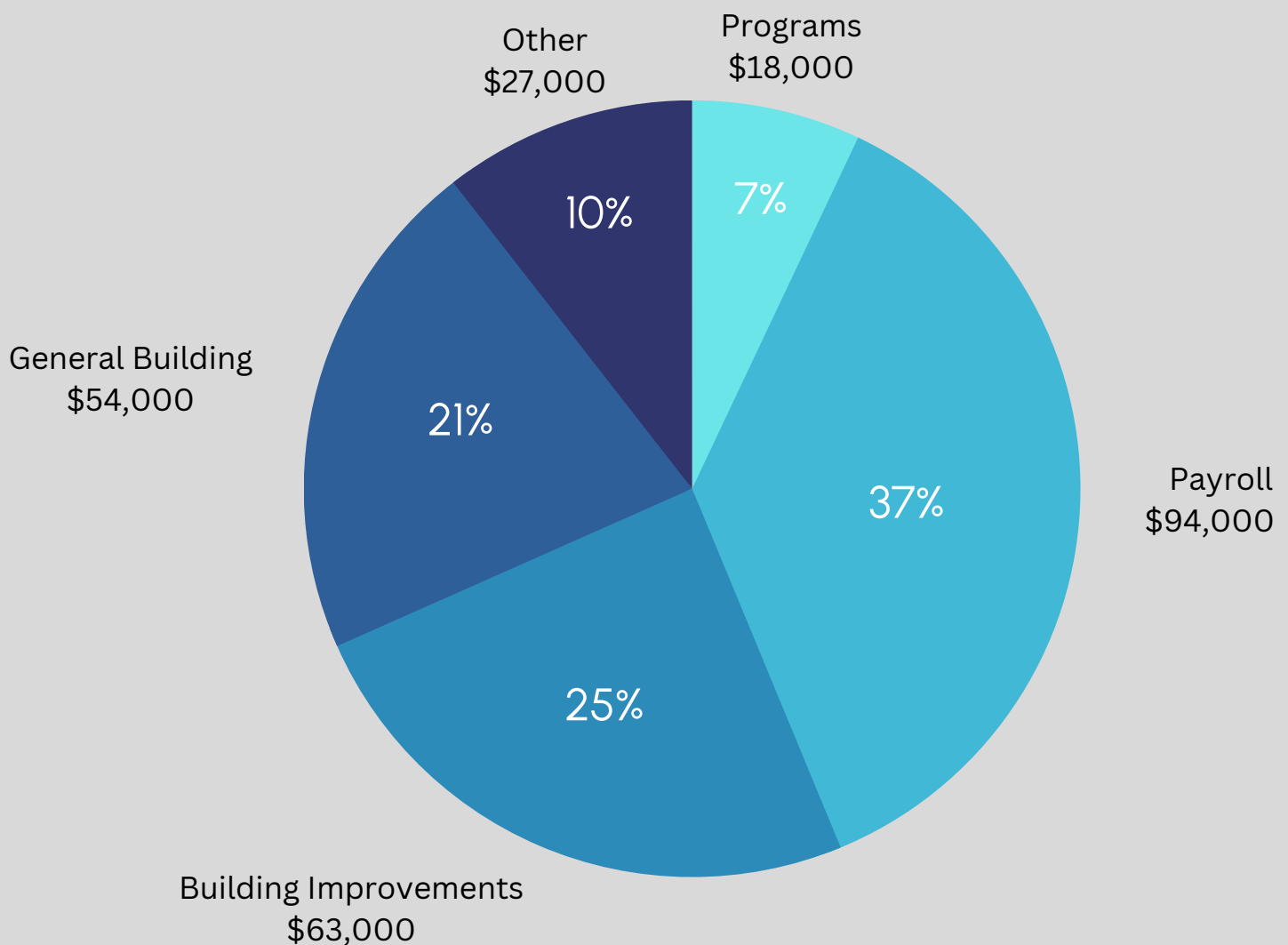
Here is a look into our income sources for the year from January to the end of October:



WHERE HAS OUR MONEY GONE?

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Here is what our spending has looked like from January through the end of October:



OUR PROGRAMS

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Breakfast with Santa

Served 107 children and their families



Vacation Bible School

Served 64 children and their families



Easter Egg Hunt

Served 40 children and their families



Trunk or Treat

Served 200 children and their families



Tuesday Dinners

Serves 55 people on average each week

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

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We've also worked hard this year to improve our building, upgrade where necessary, and make our space more sustainable moving forward. Here's the what and how:



Technology Upgrades
in Sanctuary
\$30,000



Electrical Upgrades
in Sanctuary
\$4,300



ELC Classroom and
Bathroom Upgrades
\$47,400



New AC Units in
Narthex/Sanctuary
\$17,800



Head Start
HVAC Upgrades
\$11,550



Playground Expansion
and Equipment
\$1,600

BEING GOOD STEWARDS

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We have a responsibility to make sure that we are successful and able to survive even 5, 10, or 20 years from now. Many of us might no longer be here then, but we want the legacy of this church and community to thrive long after we are gone.

As a result of this belief, we have been intentional in being good stewards of our finances so that future members of Journey Community Church have the resources needed to continue our mission and vision.

This year we invested \$300,000 with Edward Jones and expanded our investments with Johnson Investments by increasing its funds to \$300,000 as well. We also transferred ownership of \$81,000 in P&G stock to Journey Community Church, and will receive continued dividend payments on those.

These investments provide a solid foundation for our church moving forward, and our plan is to allow the principal amounts to go untouched for as long as possible.

NOW WHAT?

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Now that we have had a look into our past year, we can begin planning for our future.

As you may have noticed, we as a church are running at a budget deficit - spending more than we are bringing in. Overall this isn't an issue, especially in the first year of a new church. We have been working hard to improve our building, add programs, and create a more modern and welcoming environment.

Taking a long-term view means, however, that we need to have a more balanced budget moving forward. There are things we can do around the margins to tighten things up, but we need to spend money in order to grow our church.

That means the most important thing we need moving forward is continued - and increased - giving from each and every one of you. We as a church are nothing without you, and we cannot succeed and survive without the generosity that you provide us each week.

The encouragement from this annual report is that we are doing amazing things and they are only possible because of you. The challenge is that if we want to grow - our church, our faith, and our impact - it means we need more resources in order to live out our abundance mindset. How can you help and what can you do to turn us from a small church to a thriving community hub?

Either way, I am extremely proud of this congregation and eternally grateful for all of the ways that you bless this community and one another. I wouldn't want to be doing church with anyone else!

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