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ANNUAL REPORT

*We are a community...
rooted in the Word,
reaching out to the
world, & reproducing
Christ followers.*



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55 PLUS MINISTRIES

Lynn Hamilton, Director of Agape & 55 Plus Ministries



55 Plus is a community of adults in the second half of life who fellowship, serve, and grow together.

Luncheons | Sept - May | 2nd Wednesdays

We have enjoyed wonderful programs and fellowship each month and are looking forward to great presenters this coming year.

Fitness Class | Wednesdays

Our fitness class continues each week and we recently welcomed a new instructor who focuses on strength and balance. This class is open to adults of all ages.

Game Day | Thursdays

Games and fellowship continues each Thursday in 117 Ivywood.

Men's Bible Study | Thursdays

Our men's Bible study meets every other Thursday at 9 am for a time of study and fellowship.

Peace in Planning Seminar | Annually

A seminar led by a panel of attorneys and financial advisors to help put together an emergency/end-of-life preparedness binder with helpful documents related to estate & financial planning, long-term planning, advanced directives, estate administration, wills, and probate.

Family Caregiver Seminars | Quarterly

A workshop to discuss challenges people may face when caring for a loved one. Provides an opportunity to learn and fellowship with others on the same journey. Topics and speakers vary.

AGAPE MINISTRIES

Lynn Hamilton, Director of Agape & 55 Plus Ministries



The Agape Ministries' primary mission is to demonstrate the love of Christ to those attending Wayside Chapel by providing assistance & service in times of need. We are thankful for the countless volunteers and donations that make this ministry possible.



Providing Food & Assistance

Manna Meals and the Food Pantry provide food for times of special need. Basic Home Repair, Automobile Repair, the Furniture Shed, and the Agape Fund helps those with immediate, non-food needs. Donated material goods are also shared with Wayside church plants, families in need, and transients. We also have a disaster relief team ready to serve our city in times of needs.



Providing Encouragement

Monthly encouragement cards are sent to those unable to attend services. Bereavement notes are written to those who have lost an immediate family member on the one-year anniversary of that loss. Nursing Home/Shut-in Visitation, Hospital Visitation, Funeral Ministry, Share Care, and the Prayer Line along with the Monday prayer groups that meet 1-3 PM & 4-6 PM in 107 Ivywood demonstrate a spirit of caring to those in need.



Support Groups

We have funeral service teams that help families plan the services along with usher and reception teams. A brochure to assist with planning a memorial service is available. Our Care & Comfort Refreshed group encourages and supports women facing a cancer diagnosis, treatment, and long-term effects. We also provide several outreach lunches for the Christian Medical & Dental Association throughout the year.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Cameron Contrestano, Pastor of College & Single Adult Ministries



LIFE GROUPS

We had two peer-run college life groups meeting on Monday and Wednesday nights throughout the year. These groups are designed to provide community, accountability, and consistent study of the Word. One study met at Wayside in one of the Ivywood homes and another at UTSA. Additionally, leaders meet together once a month to recap and plan for future studies.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

In August of 2023, our College Ministry began meeting with our Singles Ministry on Sunday mornings and we've consistently seen 10 - 15 college students join us each week. This provides a new context for a healthier ministry culture to grow and greater cross-cultural ministry opportunities for fellowship and discipleship with the Singles Ministry. Each Sunday, we enjoy breakfast, fellowship, discussion, and teaching. The teaching has focused on a two-part study of the person of Jesus through the gospels.

OTHER EVENTS

This year, our college students participated in several other events including our fall retreat at Camp Eagle, VBS, and several other fellowship and outreach opportunities throughout the summer.

SUMMER STUDY

Each summer, we ask a few of our students to facilitate a student-led study. This is a great opportunity to invest in students with ownership and leadership responsibilities and to identify potential future life group leaders. This year, our students read "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer.

PARTNERSHIPS

We continue to foster and deepen connections with ministries and ministry leaders across the city and participate in activities such as worship nights, outreach, and training events alongside the Navigators, CRU, Baptist Student Ministry, Young Life, the Rise Movement, and others.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Steven Villacin, Community Pastor



Wayside Chapel seeks to guide every member into a deeper, more intimate community within our greater community as a local church body. We believe that authentic and meaningful relationships within the context of these smaller communities lead to spiritual change so we can all grow to know and be more like Jesus while helping others do the same. These smaller groups offer members a place to connect in meaningful ways to develop meaningful relationships (Wayside Chapel is a community), to grow together as disciples of Jesus by studying and practicing the Word together (rooted in the Word, reproducing Christ followers), and to engage with others in God's work in the world by serving together or encouraging one another as each goes out (reaching out to the world, reproducing Christ followers).

Sunday Studies

This last year, we had 14 Sunday Studies that met weekly. Our Sunday Studies varied in demographics, with some groups categorized by age and stage of life, while others are mixed and intergenerational. We averaged approximately 314 weekly attendees. Sunday Studies dove deeply into many books of the Bible this year, some covered content from RightNow Media, teaching from Ray Vander Laan and Russel Kelfer, and others studied topical issues related to parenting, marriage, spiritual disciplines, and character studies.

Life Groups

We had 21 groups that met throughout the fall of '23 and spring of '24. Some Life Groups are categorized by life stage while others are mixed, and most had approximately 8-12 people in each group. A total of 236 adults registered for Life Groups this last year and approximately 75% of each group's roster attended each meeting. Life Groups centered their meetings around sermon passage guides, various books of the Bible, and content from RightNow media, while they shared life.

Equipping Classes

Our premarital class is designed for couples thinking about, planning for, or who have recently entered into marriage and we had seven couples complete the class this year. We had 18 couples complete our re/engage marriage enrichment ministry for married couples seeking to reconnect with their spouses, to reignite, or to resurrect their marriages. We plan to launch our first-ever fall session of re/engage this fall. We had six men and women complete Financial Peace University as they learned to steward their finances through practical and biblical instruction.

We have many faithful men and women leading these ministries, and we invite you to join in with us this upcoming year!

CONNECT MINISTRIES



Stephen Lay, Pastor of Men's Ministries, Connect, & Leadership Development

Connect Ministry desires to make Wayside feel like home. We want to create an atmosphere of warmth and personal welcome, provide a church home for people to take their next steps toward Christ, and help them use their God-given gifts for the Kingdom.

To accomplish this, we have a team of people with the gifts of leadership, administration, hospitality, and encouragement: Greeters, Ushers, Parking Team Members, Welcome Center Hosts, Main Office Receptionists, and Chair Crew volunteers.

- 67 people serve on our Connect teams with 4 key leaders who encourage volunteers and lead teams each Sunday.
- In 2023, we averaged 327 people in the 9:15 service, 566 in the 11:00 service, and 205 people online.
- In 2024, we've averaged 330 people in the 9:15 service, 584 in the 11:00 service, and 204 individuals viewing our services online.
- In 2023, 57 people became new members.

KIDS' MINISTRIES

Belva Stringer, Director of Kids' Ministries



Wayside Kids is celebrating another year of reaching kids' hearts for Jesus and inspiring them to be His world changers.

NURSERY

Childcare staff and volunteers loved and cared for our babies' needs throughout the year. Great Expectation Ministry touched the lives of 26 families through prayer, encouragement, and planning their child dedications.

PRESCHOOL

Faithful shepherds have led the preschoolers as they learned Bible truths and participated in worship during Sunday school. During the week, preschoolers attended "God and Me" and Cultivate Kids where they learned about the character of God through scripture and creative activities.

ELEMENTARY

Kids were challenged every Sunday to know and trust God through a Christ-centered, chronological Bible experience. The elementary kids worship weekly and led the Family Christmas Eve service. Thirty-seven 5th graders will be promoted to Middle School and are currently attending a Student Launch class to help prepare them for the transition.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

At Scuba VBS, kids learned about diving into a friendship with God. It was an incredible week with 478 kids in attendance, served by 376 adult and student volunteers. Eighty-eight kids were counseled after hearing the gospel. Through the VBS mission project, \$15,000 was given to provide for the needs of orphans at Loving Hearts Babies Home.

AWANA

Through relationships and scripture, 152 clubbers were disciplined to grow a deep and lasting faith by 71 loving and caring leaders.

CULTIVATE

Cultivate provided a place for 20-40 moms to flourish and connect with one another and Jesus by fostering a community of encouragement, learning, and friendships for women with kids from birth through 5th grade.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

*Stephen Lay, Pastor of Men's Ministries,
Connect, & Leadership Development*



Men's ministry makes disciples who make disciples in their families, workplaces, and the world. We want every man to connect authentically, grow in maturity, and serve joyfully.

CONNECT

Authentic relationships develop when men come together in a community and build camaraderie, connection, and commitment to one another. Men's ministry seeks to provide opportunities for men to connect regularly through events, groups, and service opportunities.

- **EVENTS** - Our annual Summit Retreat provides a great opportunity for men to deepen their relationship with God and one another in the Texas Hill Country. There is always a theme that challenges men and gives them opportunities for spiritual growth. Our Father/Daughter Round-Up allows dads and daughters to build their relationship in a fun-filled evening where they enjoy horseback rides, fishing, games, photo-ops, food, and great times! The Father/Son Campout allows dads and sons to get away, slow down, and spend time together as they grow in discipleship as fathers and sons. Our connection breakfasts give men the opportunity to connect with others and learn more about the ministry.

GROW

Our discipleship groups, Bible studies, 6-man groups, and integrity groups provide opportunities for men to grow in maturity by being rooted in the living word, Jesus Christ, and the written Word, the Bible.

- **DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS** - These provide a place where small groups of men walk the journey of discipleship together and build camaraderie, connection, and commitment. These intergenerational groups focus on the foundations of the faith through shared experience.
- **BIBLE STUDY** - Each semester, we offer in-depth studies designed to challenge men in their knowledge, application, and obedience to God's Word. These textual, topical, and theological studies seek to provide a sound spiritual foundation for men.
- **6-MAN GROUPS** - These groups meet once or twice a month and offer men the opportunity to study God's Word inductively and collaboratively as they seek to grow together in fellowship, study, and prayer.
- **INTEGRITY MINISTRY** - Our integrity study exposes every man to the spiritual problems and solutions behind a lack of integrity and calls for them to grow. Our purity groups help men break out of the entanglement of sexual sin through honesty and voluntary accountability. Knowing healing can take time, we want men to develop a plan and grow by surrendering every area of their lives to God.

SERVE

- **SERVE TEAM** - This team consists of a group of men with varying gifts, talents, and life experiences that meet the tangible needs of those in the church who need a helping hand. Our focus is serving Christ by serving others, especially those who cannot accomplish the task themselves.
- **PERU MISSION TRIP** - The Peru mission trip supports and gives helping hands to Carlos and Meredith Block in the jungles of Peru by engaging in construction and ministry within the communities of the Yanasha people. In 2023, we sent a team of seven, and are sending a team of twelve in 2024. We will continue the construction work at the discipleship center/school in addition to sharing the gospel through storytelling.
- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** - Leadership Development engages emerging leaders in an interactive process that shapes character, leadership skills, and calling. Our leadership cohort pairs leaders with skilled mentors as they walk together through the topics of leading yourself, leading a few, leading teams, and leading ministries.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Jason Uptmore, Associate Pastor



The Missions and Outreach Ministries at Wayside Chapel exist to help us fulfill our local and global mission for outreach and evangelism embodied in our vision statement. Wayside remains committed to worldwide missions, the ongoing enhancement of local outreach, short-term mobilization, and discipling the next generation of believers. We desire to strategically partner with missionaries and organizations globally in unreached places, where less than 2% of the population is evangelical, who are focused on church planting and indigenous leadership development.

SERVE OUR CITY

- We raised thousands of dollars that went toward trafficking victims and their families this past Christmas for Life Restored SA, as well as carloads of items for families in financial need through Christian Assistance Ministry.
- This year for National Day of Prayer, we joined other churches downtown to worship and pray for our community, city, county, and world.
- May through July, our church once again embraced our 'On Mission' initiative where we focused on what it means to be on mission with God as we served our community in numerous ways.
- For Father's Day, we had a jean drive to benefit Christian Assistance Ministries and support fathers and other men in and around San Antonio who are in financial hardship.
- We continue to have an effective partnership with a variety of local ministries including AWC, Colonial Hills Ministry, New Hope Connection, Children's Hunger Fund, The Pregnancy Care Center, DTM, Dallas Theological Seminary, One Way International, Grace House, and Disciple Daily.

SHORT-TERM TEAMS

- We were grateful to send multiple short-term mission teams this year to Guatemala, Mexico (HS trip), and Arizona. Our Peru team is gearing up and will be heading out on August 30! Hundreds of people have supported these trips, some by going, others through praying, some through serving, and others through giving.
- Pastor Roger was able to visit a few of our partners in Egypt this past April, as he attended a missions conference focused on reaching the Arab world.
- Pastor Roger & Pastor Jason will be traveling to Uganda in August to participate in a Pastoral Conference for African Churches, hosted by Africa Renewal Ministries. Pastor Jason will also visit one of our partners, African New Life, in Rwanda during this trip.

SERVE OUR WORLD

- We currently support 23 mission partners, 6 international organizations, and 11 domestic organizations in over 20 countries around the world.
- For our Christmas project, we raised over \$13,000 in funds, collected supplies for those in need within our city (details under Serve Our City), and donated thousands of dollars to One For Israel for emergency relief funds.
- Because of some generous year-end gifts, we were able to send an additional \$40,000 to the Ukraine ministry and medical relief efforts.
- For our VBS missions project, we partnered with Africa Renewal Ministries to raise funds for Loving Hearts Babies Home which provides temporary care to over 30 abandoned Ugandan children. Our kids helped raise over \$15,000!
- In September, in conjunction with Ron Huggler and OCF, we hosted over a dozen international military chaplains from around the world for a training conference.

SINGLES MINISTRIES

Cameron Contrestano, Pastor of College & Single Adult Ministries



SUNDAY MORNINGS

Throughout the year, the singles ministry welcomes 30 to 40 individuals to our Sunday morning gathering where we enjoy breakfast, fellowship, discussion, and teaching. This year we did a two-part study on the person of Jesus through the gospels.

LIFE GROUPS

We had four peer-run Life Group meetings throughout the week in various homes across the city. These groups are designed to provide community, accountability, and consistent study of the Word. Leaders meet together once a month to recap and plan for future studies.

SUMMER STUDY

During the summer when our life groups don't formally meet, singles continue to cultivate community and discipleship. This year, a group of men in the ministry read *Fighting Shadows* by Jon Tyson.

OTHER EVENTS

This year, our singles participated in several other events including discipleship training, and fellowship opportunities such as game nights, worship nights, and men's and women's events.

Our singles are also very active in serving the various ministries at Wayside including the Kids' Ministry on Sunday mornings and through opportunities like VBS, Wayside service days, and other outreach projects across the city.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Tim Nowell, Student Pastor



ECHO REVERB

Reverb went through some changes from Middle School curriculum, High school theme nights, and schedule adjustments. We had once-a-month worship nights, and several nights dedicated to building community and making Reverb better.

ECHO SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday morning continues to be a large group format primarily run by students. High school Sunday morning walked through the different genres of scripture and studied the book of James and the life of Abraham. Middle school looked at the book of Daniel, forgiveness, and women in scripture.

ECHO WEEKEND: "CENTRIC"

This is our in-town retreat where students stay in groups at the homes of Wayside families. We shifted to the Fellowship Hall for our corporate worship setting for the first time. Our students looked at how the Gospel is the center of everything.

SPRING BREAK RETREATS

Both Middle school and high school retreats went to Deer Creek Camp for a partially combined event. All grades ate together and participated in musical worship together, but then separated for their study time and recreational time. High school studied prayer and Middle school studied how to find truth.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

High school had a theme of Christmas Movie Pajama party so they watched clips from Christmas movies, played a few games, and ate Christmas movie-themed food. The middle school played a number of Christmas games. Hot chocolate was enjoyed by all.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Christian Prather, Associate Student Director



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

High school students traveled to Acuna, Mexico, and built a house for a family in need with Casas por Cristo. Students spent a lot of time focused on serving in whatever way God has them serve.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION CAMP

Middle school students attended WildWeek camp at Latham Springs with a large number of other churches. They had the opportunity to engage in corporate worship and teaching and dig deeper in small-group Bible study. Of course, there were plenty of other activities to keep middle school students connected.

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

High school attended Student Life Camp at Mt. Lebanon. The camp theme of “Revival Generation” really hit home with students. We were blessed to have two first-time guests to Wayside join us.

STUDENT MINISTRY SUNDAY

Students served Wayside all over campus by leading the worship services, handling the technical aspects of the worship services, serving as greeters and ushers and we had the largest number of students involved in adult Sunday studies that we have ever had.

SUMMER EVENTS

We had a summer of worship nights, a picnic, an open mic night, a food festival, and a big party in the parking lot.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Amber Griffin, Director of Women's Ministries



The women's ministry at Wayside wants to see all women ABIDE, GO, and EQUIP.

In April, we had our women's conference "BLOOM: God is Doing a New Thing!" At this conference, we had three sessions from Friday through Saturday. The first two sessions focused on what God's word says about our identity and purpose. In the third session, we focused on what we as Wayside Women can do to practically live out our identity and purpose. We had over 115 women attend with other women listening to the recording of the sessions who were not able to attend. The vision and focal point for the ministry will be to Abide. Go. Equip. with an emphasis on doing it all intergenerationally.

ABIDE

- Our Women Together study completed the book of James and 2 Timothy, with over 150 women participating. The Precept Bible Study had an in-depth journey through Ezra, Haggai, and Nehemiah in the Fall and 1, 2, 3 John in the Spring. Both Bible studies have provided women opportunities to deepen their walk with God while also building deeper relationships in community with other Wayside Women.
- To focus on the advent of Jesus, 140 women worshiped through scripture reading, praise songs, a devotional, and fellowship at The Gathering: A Wayside Women's Christmas event.
- Twelve fellowship groups were offered this year through Mug & Muffin. These small gatherings allowed women to experience fellowship and hear a practical devotional with other ladies in their area of town.
- We launched Flourish: Prayer + Praise + Testimony which focused on the redemptive hope we have in Jesus throughout the evening as we heard from Wayside Women how the Lord was faithful to redeem in their own lives.
- Support groups like Sisters of Strength, Redeemed and Restored, and First Place for Health hosted monthly, and sometimes weekly, gatherings to encourage women who are walking through particular stages of life.
- We began to offer a topical study in July as a mid-summer touchpoint for the women to fellowship while studying the word of God.

GO

- Wayside Women have a heart to give back. Over 1,000 Christmas cards went to our recruits at Lackland Air Force base to send encouragement during the Christmas season.

EQUIP

- We were delighted to have over 100 women participate in our very first Equip Nights event as we focused on foundational truths from God's word on how to engage in the world, so we can build bridges to share the good news of Christ.

WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRIES

Scott Clinton, Director of Worship



At Wayside Chapel, we believe worship is vital to our walk with Jesus. When we worship with hearts abandoned and eyes fixed on Him, our minds and emotions are aligned with the heart of God, and we experience renewal. Driven by this belief, the Wayside Worship & Media Ministry exists to lead church attendees to encounter God in worship gatherings by building up skilled volunteer musicians and production technicians to create distraction-free worship journeys. We desire to be a well-organized community of musicians and production technicians actively utilizing their Kingdom gifts, growing a culture of worship that inspires goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love. With our values as our framework - excellence, creativity, community, and legacy - we work to foster a culture of worship.

Over the past year, the Worship and Media Ministries have continued to grow, evolve, and push for God-honoring excellence in everything we have committed ourselves to accomplish. Though a struggle at times, our volunteers and leaders have risen to the occasion with an outpouring of passion which is evident in every service and event the team is a part of. We are so proud of and grateful for, the folks on the team and their sacrifices for Wayside and the Kingdom.



Jeremiah "JT" Trombly, Director of Media

MUSIC

With a continued focus on the recruitment of new volunteers and a deepening of the skill sets of existing volunteers, the Music Ministry has continued to grow and strengthen. Our focus will remain on our commitment to supporting and building the team by providing new resources and ensuring existing resources and equipment are accessible and reliable.

Our team continues to integrate the next generation of youth and young adults into worship opportunities. Building relationships with and helping these folks continue to grow in their service and faith has been a highlight of the last year. Additionally, we continue to work with other ministry leaders by seeking opportunities to support their individual needs.

Recurring events like Worship Nights have continued to help our community grow and bond as we focus our hearts and minds on Jesus. Continuing to integrate things such as poetry and scripture reading alongside music has had a prolific impact on many lives.

MEDIA & TECH

With the addition of JT to the team leading the Media and Tech Ministries, our team is working full steam ahead to grow, develop, and guide our volunteers. Maintenance of assets continues, but there is a renewed effort to ensure our teams have the right equipment and training going forward to maximize stewardship of tithes and offerings while ensuring minimal outages or ministries that cannot be supported. Technology is embedded in the very fabric of almost everything that takes place on campus and abroad - having the right team and equipment in place has been critical to supporting the Great Commission.

We hope this has given you a glimpse of the amazing things God has been doing at Wayside this past year and some of the great things we have coming up! We are so thankful for your generous and faithful giving that has allowed the ministries of Wayside to continue. If you are not connected in one of our ministries, we invite you to start today!

Be sure to [download our church app](#) and stay connected with all the latest events, sermons, and more!
