



STATE OF THE CHURCH

January 2023

MISSION

To Glorify God
by making disciples
of Jesus Christ.

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 28:18-20 (ESV)

ARE WE FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION?

MATTHEW 28:19-20



GO TO ALL PEOPLES

Take the gospel to every people group, including your own



BAPTIZE THEM

in the name of The Father,
The Son, and The Holy Spirit



MAKE DISCIPLES

Proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Christ alone



TEACH THEM TO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDS

Teach them God's Word with clarity and lead them to obey



GLOBAL STATE OF THE CHURCH

- Christianity is the world's largest religion (2.5 billion)
- Christianity is growing at a rate of 1.17% (faster than the 0.84% population growth).
- Christianity is growing fast in Asia (1.5%) and Africa (2.77%).
- The Gospel is spreading. Only 54% of Christians live in majority-Christian nations (down from 95% in 1900). We are spreading!
- There are less unevangelized people in the world! In 1900, more than half of the world's population (54.3 percent) was unevangelized. That has now fallen to 28 percent.
- Fewer Christians are being martyred for their faith. In 2000 the rate of martyrdom was 1.6 million per decade. Now, the rate of martyrdom is 900,000 per decade.

Source: <https://research.lifeway.com/2022/01/31/7-encouraging-trends-of-global-christianity-in-2022/>

The background of the slide features a close-up of an American flag on the left side, with its stars and stripes partially visible. To the right of the flag is a vertical wooden plank with a natural wood grain and two screws. The overall background is dark, possibly black or dark grey.

STATE OF THE CHURCH IN THE USA

- 57% of churchgoers from previous years did not attend in person or watch online in 2022.
- 52% of church budgets go to staffing expenditures
- 17% of church budgets go to buildings and facility expenses.
- 80% of church givers have zero debt
- Church giving increased by 3.6%, but inflation hit 7-10%
- 39% of Americans rate clergy as having high honesty, compared to nurses (89%), doctors (77%), and teachers (77%).
- 46% of pastors under 45 and 34% of those over 45 are considering quitting.
- 20% of adults believe the Bible is God's Word.
- Millennials are showing an increase in church attendance! (45% of non-white Millennials are weekly church attenders in comparison to 35% of white Millennials)
- 48% of evangelicals deny God's immutability.
- 65% of evangelicals deny that people are born in sin.

Sources: <https://reachrightstudios.com/church-statistics-2023/> and <https://thestateoftheology.com>



RESTORATION STATE OF THE CHURCH

- 1 new house church in 2022.
- 1 new elder (Adam Cawrse)
- 2 deacons (Jon Jones and Bryan Rowell)
- 2 church discipline situations.
- 9 new members
- 6 baptisms
- Continued numerical growth.
- People are growing in the faith and knowledge of our Lord.
- We are a church with children, adults, and retirees. We are blessed with multiple generations!
- The gospel is preached, communion is shared, Scripture is taught, and hymns are sung on a weekly basis.

We are blessed with a church family that loves the Lord and loves one another. The overall health of our church is to be celebrated! Praise God!

A map of El Salvador is shown on the left side of the image. A yellow pushpin is stuck into the map, pointing to the city of San Salvador. The map shows various geographical features, including the Volcán de San Salvador with an elevation of 2365 meters. The text 'San Salvador' and 'EL SALVADOR' are clearly visible on the map.

HUNGRY CHURCH: EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA

- The Salvadorian government suspended the constitution and arrested anyone suspected of gang activity, including many former gang members and innocents. Many of the Hungry Church attendees have been arrested or have fled. It is a difficult time for our brothers and sisters.
- Diaspora house continues to house people and make disciples.
- Hungry church meets in limited numbers, but outreach continues in La Ivu (large neighborhood in San Salvador).
- The Nicaragua chapter continues to meet for faithful Bible study, despite trials in the country.

Hungry Church needs prayer. It is a difficult time for ministry.

2022 in Review

- Nine months had average of \$5,600 in General Giving
- Three months had >\$10k in General Giving
- Designated Donations are donations made specifically for individual, benevolence, missions, Hungry, etc.
- \$6,750 in benevolence distributions
- 10% of our monthly General Giving goes to Juri and his efforts in Berlin to reach Arabs and Germans.
- Strong and continued support to Hungry
- Operating expenses include technology, fees, insurance, pastoral housing stipend.
- 45 total unique donors in 2022.
 - 13 donors were one-time events
 - 15 Average unique donors/month
- Strong cash position and growing
- No current or long-term liabilities

	2021A	2022A
Income		
General Tithes and Offerings	\$ 62,079	\$ 89,194
Designated Donations	\$ 44,835	\$ 24,770
Total Income	\$ 106,914	\$ 113,964
Expenses		
Operating Expenses	\$ 41,185	\$ 42,158
Missions Distributions/Expenses	\$ 10,832	\$ 13,667
Designated Distributions	\$ 45,379	\$ 37,199
Total Expenses	\$ 97,396	\$ 93,031
Total Income	\$ 9,518	\$ 20,933
Operations as % of Income	38.52%	36.99%
Missions/Designated Distributions as % Income	52.58%	44.63%
EOY Unrestricted Cash	\$ 21,722	\$ 34,263
EOY Restricted Cash	\$ 4,882	\$ 18,826

2023 Looking Forward

- Difficult to anticipate/budget for abnormal giving. We anticipate some, not all, of this 2023.
- Two categories of designating giving observed a multiple of higher donations in 2022. Designated donations are generally passed through and have little impact to overall income
- Operational costs are expected to continue to increase this year due to inflation, price increases, etc. These are relatively fixed and do not fluctuate with amount of donations.
- Missions' distribution has some correlation to amount of donations received.

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Total Income	\$ 9,518	\$ 20,933	\$ 3,500
Operations as % of Income	38.52%	36.99%	49.75%
Missions/Designated Giving as % Income	52.58%	44.63%	46.66%
EOY Unrestricted Cash	\$ 21,722	\$ 34,263	\$ 37,763



RESTORATION LOOKING AHEAD

- Make discipleship a priority, especially as it relates to training up your children in the faith and knowledge of Christ (Prov. 22:6)
- Boldly fight the evil in the culture with the gospel and faithful resistance (Col. 4:3, Acts 5:29)
- Preach the gospel...a lot. (Acts 15, Col. 4:3, 2 Tim. 4:2)

BE LIKE BONIFACE: PREACH THE
GOSPEL AND CHOP DOWN IDOLS