

2023 IMPACT REPORT



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

2023 was a great year in the life of our church! We celebrated our 20th anniversary, which is a huge testimony of God's faithfulness. We also baptized more people than ever within a 12-month period. Life-change is what it's all about!

This report highlights some great figures and stories of impact from the past year. We pray that it will help you understand the role you can play in seeing people come to know Jesus.

We are excited about 2024 and believe that as great as the past 20 years have been, our best days are ahead. God is so faithful!



BOBBY SMITH

Lead Pastor

Weekly IMPACT

AVERAGE NUMBERS:

These numbers reflect one church, multiple locations.

2,524 **TOTAL WEEKLY IMPACT***
Individuals impacted

1,266 **SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**
Adults on all campuses

413 **ONLINE ATTENDANCE**
Viewers watching live

187 **VOLUNTEERS**
Serving on an average Sunday

340 **JOURNEYLAND ATTENDANCE**
Children on all campuses

167 **JOURNEY STUDENTS ATTENDANCE**
Students and leaders

309 **ONLINE REBROADCASTS**
Viewers and listeners of rebroadcasts

All numbers are calculated based on weekly averages.

**Total Weekly Impact: Average attendance from all weekly services and events*

FINANCES

From our in-house staff to our finance team and elders, we are constantly striving to maintain a level of excellence and become even better stewards of the funds with which we’ve been entrusted. We take great care to create and implement policies and procedures to ensure the highest standard of stewardship with our finances across all campuses. The following is our income and expenses for 2023.

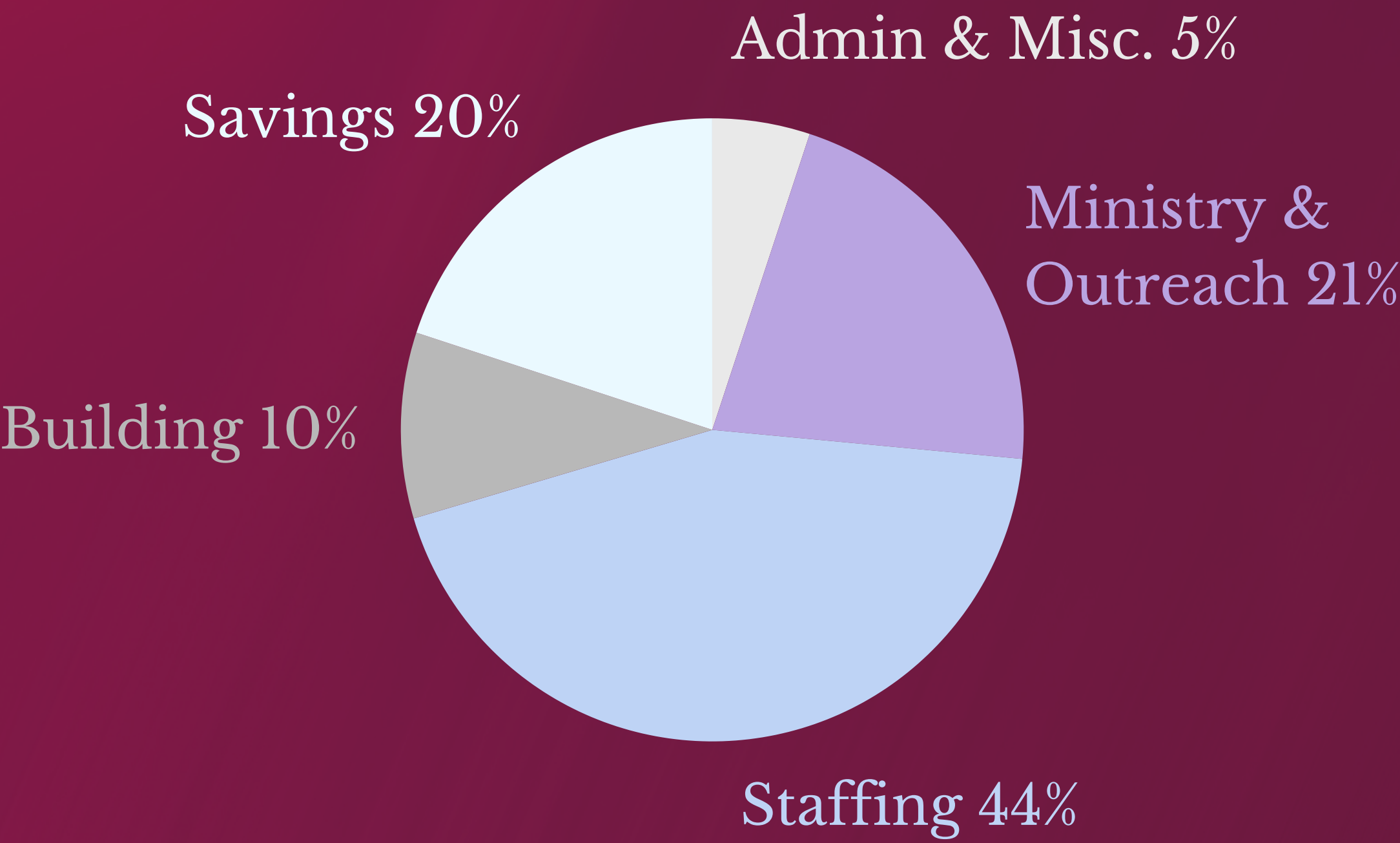
\$3,169,772 TOTAL INCOME

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$2,537,531**

\$1,449,365 MINISTRY FUND

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

Percentages reflect total income distribution.





163 BAPTISMS

*144 people were baptized on the Evans campus.
19 people were baptized on the Sherwood campus.
1820+ estimated total baptisms to date.*

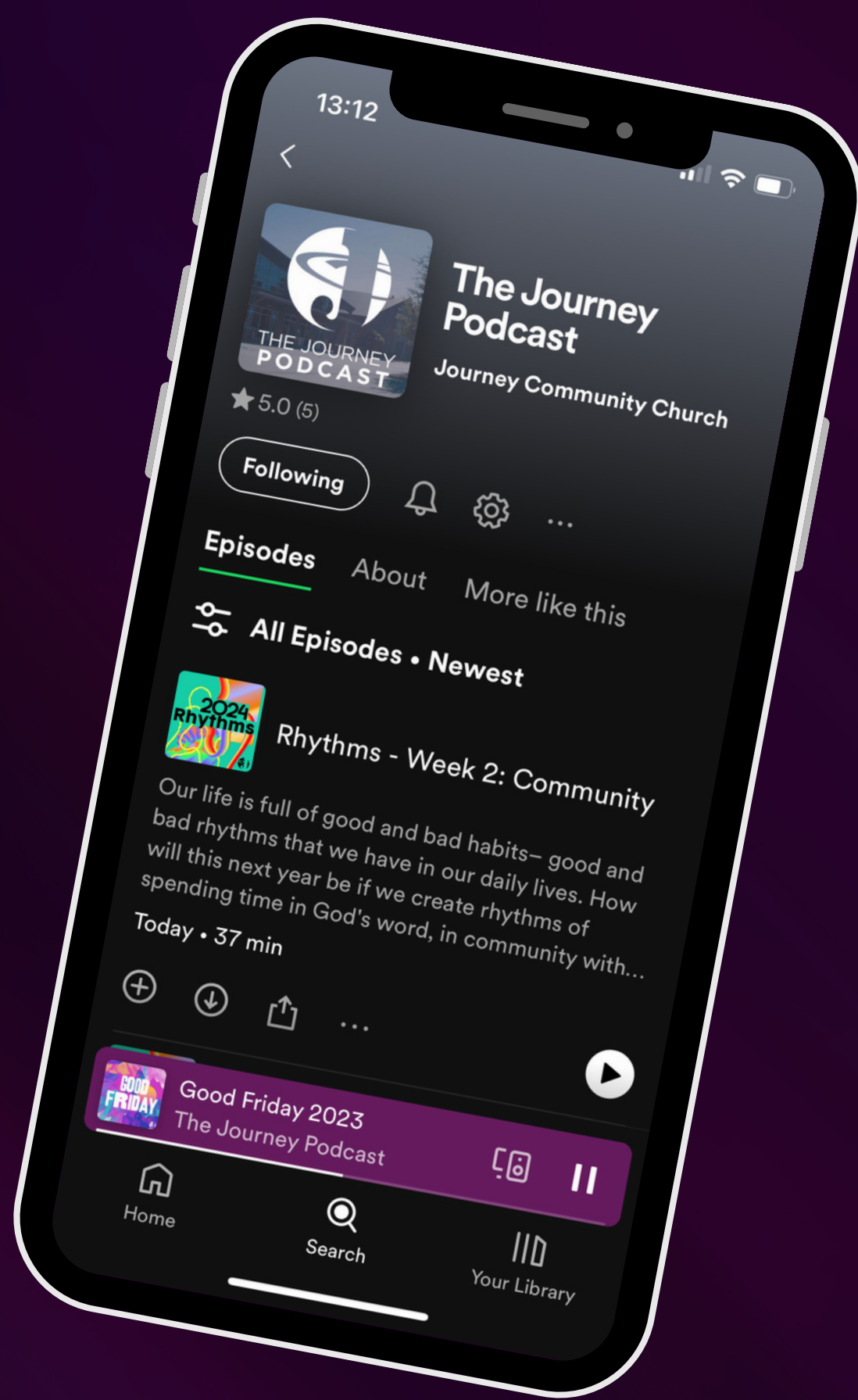
STORIES OF IMPACT BEFORE BAPTISMS:

“I feel like joining my daughter in getting baptized. I have had an on-again, off-again type relationship with the Almighty since my teens. I would love to re-dedicate my life to Jesus in front of this community, my daughter, and my wife. I feel at home here at Journey and have wanted to get up there and take a dip since the first baptism service I attended here.”

“I've been a follower of Christ my whole life, but I was never baptized. It's something I've wanted to do for a long time, but I wanted to do it at a church that really felt like home. I wanted to do it where I was getting connected and plugged in, and Journey has become that for me!”

“I've always believed in God, but I had never truly accepted Him into my heart. I used to go to church when I was younger, but stopped going when I got older and kind of lost my faith. Recently, I've had this passionate feeling of wanting to get to know God again and accept Him into my life as my Savior.”

ONLINE IMPACT



413

VIEWERS WATCHING OUR
LIVESTREAM WEEKLY

7,726

PODCAST DOWNLOADS
IN 2023

8,326

YOUTUBE VIEWS OF SUNDAY
REBROADCASTS IN 2023

33

DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

FUN FACT:

205 podcast downloads were from Germany, 82 were from Cyprus, and 29 were from Belgium!

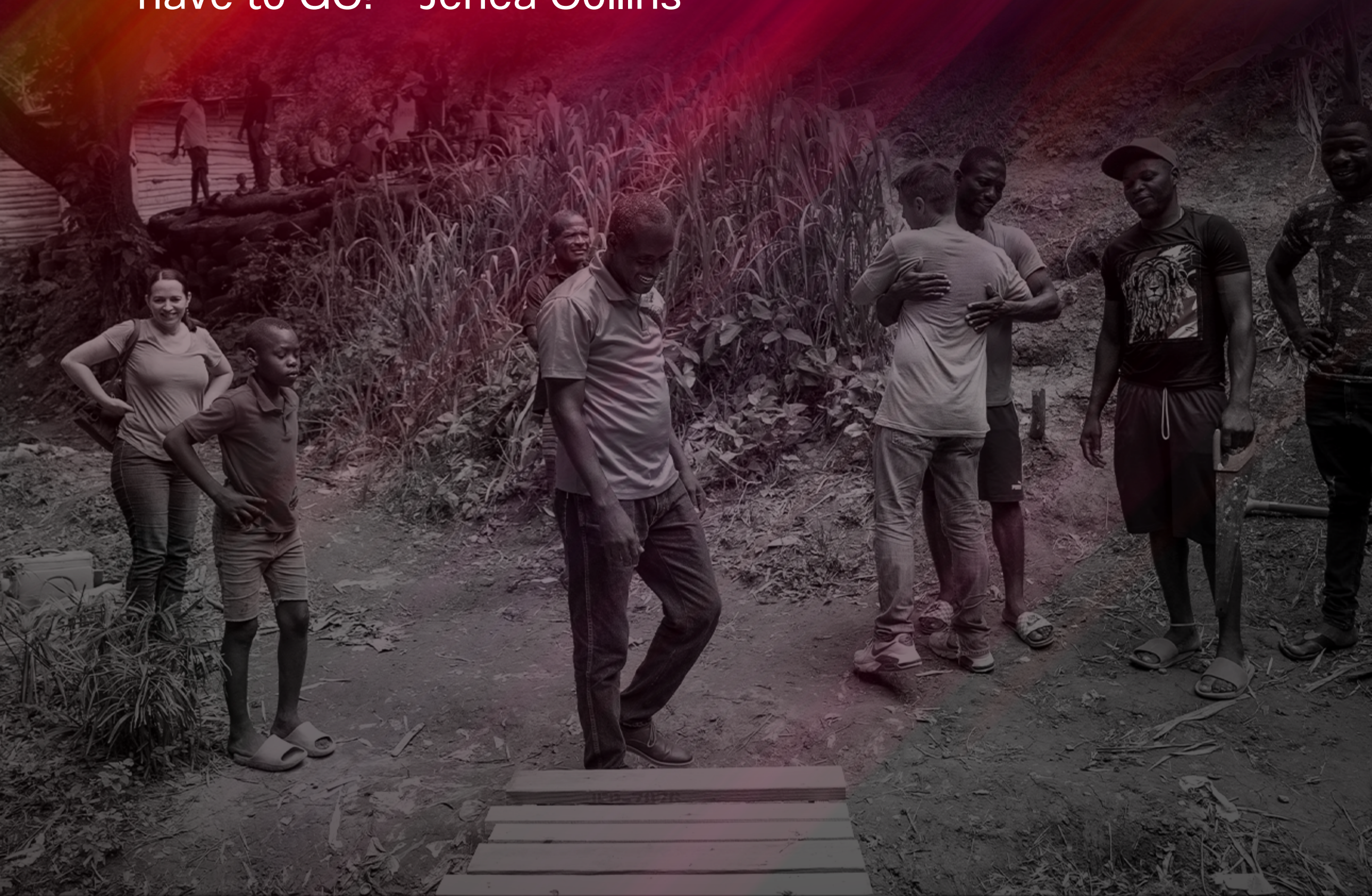
Missions & OUTREACH

6 MISSION TRIPS THIS YEAR
(2 TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, 3 TO
WEST VIRGINIA, AND 1 TO FLORIDA)

53 INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED
IN MISSION TRIPS THIS YEAR

STORY OF IMPACT AFTER MISSIONS:

“2023 was one of the best years of my life. I was blessed with the opportunity to go serve the amazing people of Santiago, Dominican Republic not just once, but twice! The living conditions are truly heartbreaking, but the spirit of God is inside the people there. That's what keeps you coming back. God continues to show me His timing is perfect. His faithfulness is unending. His love is beyond perfection. Being able to go on these mission trips brings your relationship with God to a different level because you are obeying what He is asking from you. When He says it's time to go, you just have to GO!” -Jerica Collins



Missions **& OUTREACH**

423 VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED IN
ENGAGED, OUR WEEK OF SERVICE

641 PEOPLE SERVED EVERY MONTH
AT OUR FOOD PANTRIES

85 VOLUNTEERS SERVE EVERY MONTH
AT OUR FOOD PANTRIES

2,735+ MEALS PROVIDED TO STUDENTS AT
LOCAL SCHOOLS

62 TEACHERS BLESSED WITH CLASSROOM
SUPPLIES AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

255 COFFEES SERVED TO TEACHERS &
STAFF AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

500+ CHILDREN RECEIVED CHRISTMAS
GIFTS THROUGH ANGEL TREE

FROM PARENTS SERVED AT ANGEL TREE:

“Angel Tree was such a nice experience. We are having a hard time this year and I was ashamed and nervous about going. I thought I may be looked down upon, but it was the complete opposite. I felt so comfortable with my shopper. She helped me pick things out like we were shopping at the mall or something. I never felt inferior– it was like shopping with a friend. I’m so thankful for Angel Tree.”

“Journey is my home church, and my Angel Tree experience was like it is every Sunday my kids and I come. So welcoming and wonderful. I am so thankful for the Angel Tree program and thankful for always making me feel welcome and like I belong.”

NIGHT *to Shine*

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101 HONORED GUESTS

440 VOLUNTEERS

148 CAREGIVERS
SERVED

18 CORPORATE
SPONSORS

FROM PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS:

“It was so well organized that not only did our son have the time of his life, but his mother and I felt like royalty and were so well treated by those volunteering to help.”

"Everything was amazing. [My daughter] loved karaoke the most, but we all really enjoyed interacting with the volunteers. Everyone made sure we felt welcomed and loved. We are already talking about going back next year!"

“The volunteers were awesome and accommodating to caregivers and participants. The love of Jesus was evident!”

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT:

“The way Jeff and Dawn Barnes led karaoke and treated all of the honored guests at Night to Shine was amazing to see. They created such a fun experience!”

304 CHILDREN WEEKLY ON
ALL CAMPUSES

54 CHILDREN DEDICATED

69 CHILDREN ATTENDED
JOURNEYLAND OUTDOORS

350 CHILDREN ATTENDED
JOURNEYLAND EXTREME

82 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED
IN MUSICAL CAMP

95 CHILDREN ATTENDED
EXT 45 MONTHLY

STORY OF IMPACT IN EXT 45:

“My son, Adam, was in 4th grade when EXT 45 started, and he was so excited. I remember dropping him off at the first one and when I picked him up he couldn’t stop talking about how fun it was. I volunteered to be a greeter at the next EXT 45 and from there, took on more roles. I eventually moved into helping with money and serving food to the kids. The amount of growth I have seen in the second year is amazing. The kids are so excited each week and are all smiles. I love getting to be a small part of that joy and seeing children get to know Jesus. My son is in the 5th grade this year and still loves going as much as the first night. Even though he will move on to Journey Students, I want to continue helping with EXT 45 and hope to see continued growth in the program.”

-Jennifer Burnett

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT:

“Amy Toney builds a special bond with all of the kids and teenagers she serves in JourneyLand. She selflessly uses her gifts to share her love of music with JourneyLand kids at musical camp.”

JourneyLand

JOURNEY STUDENTS

167 STUDENTS AND LEADERS ATTEND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WEEKLY

158 STUDENTS AND LEADERS ATTENDED FUSION

166 STUDENTS AND LEADERS ATTENDED SPRING RETREAT

38 STUDENTS AND LEADERS PARTICIPATED IN MISSION TRIPS

17 STUDENTS SERVED ON THE STUDENT WORSHIP TEAM

STORY OF IMPACT IN JOURNEY STUDENTS:

“Journey Students represents so much to me and my family. It has been a safe space for my boys in an increasingly dangerous world. It’s a place for them to learn, and grow in their relationship with God. It’s a place that builds on the biblical foundation that starts in our home. It’s a place where they can come as they are, with all of their baggage, worries, and problems and be accepted for who they are. It’s a place where they learn how to share what God has done in their lives with their friends. It has taught them about missions, and what it means to be a servant to others. It’s taught them to pay attention to the needs of others around them, at school, in their neighborhood, in their community, and in the world at large, and to ask themselves how they can help? It’s a place where they’ve grown from 6th grade boys into young men, and in the case of my oldest, a young adult. It’s a place where they can belong.” -Matt Pounds

Partnerships & Groups

68 INDIVIDUALS PARTNERED WITH JOURNEY

1,335 total partnerships to date.

538 INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN GROUPS

34 CONNECT AND CARE GROUPS OFFERED

40 COMMUNITY GROUPS MET ACROSS THE CSRA

STORY OF IMPACT IN A COMMUNITY GROUP:

“My husband and I have been in community groups since we first started attending Journey almost 7 years ago. I have a hard time building friendships. In high school it was easy, but it’s not so easy as an adult. Since joining a community group, I’ve made strong friendships, I’ve begun volunteering in student ministry alongside one of my fellow group members, and my daughter has made a lifelong friend. In our group, we celebrate each other's accomplishments and families. We pray for one another and are there for one another. We have tough conversations whether we like it or not. In short we have found a family in Christ who we absolutely adore.” -Eileen Hayes

Women's Ministry

5 EVENTS HELD

563 WOMEN PARTICIPATED IN
EVENTS

STORY OF IMPACT THROUGH WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

"I was new to Journey this year and felt so welcomed by such friendly women at both bunco and the ornament exchange. I knew a few people going into the events, but the way that these events were set up, it allowed you to meet many women of different walks of life. Everyone has been so friendly and always seeks to get to know you on a more personal level. I appreciate these events and the women at Journey for making it such a smooth and easy transition to get involved in church fellowship." -Erin James

MEN'S MINISTRY

2 MEN'S BREAKFAST EVENTS

170 MEN PARTICIPATED IN
BREAKFAST EVENTS

38 MEN ATTENDED THE MEN'S
OVERNIGHT RETREAT

400+ INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED THE
ANNUAL CAR CRUISE-IN

WE COULD NOT DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS.

OTHER VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUTS:

“Deborah Lord’s dedication to serving others through prayer and encouragement is such a blessing. In the midst of her own struggles she has continued to reach out to myself and others with scripture, prayers, and encouraging words that always uplifts and points us back to Jesus. Her passion for Jesus and enthusiasm for prayer is a true gift to our church community.”

“Alonzo Long welcomed me as a first time guest and showed me around the building so that my family and I knew exactly where everything was. He was very friendly and caring and made us feel right at home!”

“Connie Brown is always there at the door on a Sunday morning in the atrium to greet you and open the door for you at Journey Sherwood. She makes you feel like she can't wait to see you! She takes her job seriously and is very dependable.”

“Bam Bam Rogers makes sure that our people are secure as they attend services. While he may give off the tough guy look, he's got a heart of gold and a smile to go with it.”

ONE LAST STORY OF IMPACT:

"Several years ago I was invited to the Journey Evans Campus. I never got the chance to attend service with the family that invited me, but we became dear friends. I continued to go to Journey when time permitted, because it was quite a distance to travel. That same family informed me that Journey now had a satellite campus in South Augusta, but then Covid hit.

Fast forward to now. I enjoy listening to Pastor Bobby teach the Word, and Pastor Keith following up on it before dismissal on Sunday. When unable to attend, I watch online.

Pastor Keith and his wife Lynette invited our family to become a part of Journey's family, and we gladly accepted. We now volunteer and look forward to Sunday services, and the many other monthly activities. This was a game changer for me. I met some incredible people like Candice and many others; too many names to mention. If I had to sum it up in a few words I would say, they have truly exemplified the meaning of 'love thy neighbor as thyself.'" -D. Jarrett

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