

LiFECHURCH

Annual Report 2025

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There is a powerful moment in Acts 4 where the early church, moved by the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit, responds with radical generosity. They sold their possessions so that no one among them had need, laying their gifts at the apostles' feet. It is a beautiful picture of a church fully surrendered to advancing God's kingdom—loving people one life at a time. I see that same spirit alive in our church today.

This past year, through your faithful generosity of nearly **\$3.5 million**, God has done far more than we could have ever imagined. When the church moves together with one purpose,

God does through us what we could never do alone. Every weekend, more than **1,000 people** gather in person across our three campuses. But the number that overwhelms me the most is **80 people who publicly declared new life in Jesus through baptism**. Eighty lives forever changed by the gospel—something only God can do.

Your generosity has made an eternal impact. Because you gave, two low-income students received full tuition support at Faith Academy in Iowa City.

Twenty-five churches were planted in Nepal. Families received critical assistance after Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica. And because you gave over **\$1 million** to Vision 2025, we were able to purchase two properties that will serve the mission of God for years to come.

These are not simply statistics. They are stories—real lives transformed, one at a time—evidence of God at work through your faithfulness.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:21, “*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” As we look toward 2026, my prayer is that this would be unmistakably true of us—that we would continue to grow in generosity, and that Eastern Iowa would clearly see our heart: a church fully devoted, all in, and moving together with radical generosity for the sake of others.

I am already celebrating the lives that will be changed in the year ahead. Every dollar you give is a seed planted in faith, and God promises a harvest.

So, thank you—not just for attending church, but for **being** the church. Thank you for reflecting God’s generous heart to a world in need. I believe this is only the beginning, and I cannot wait to see what God will do in and through our church in 2026.

- Pastor Rich & Christi



Changed LIVES

80
Baptized in Water

94

Gave their
Life to Jesus
in 2025



19
Children
dedicated to
the Lord

A Place to Call Home <<<

William Davis | Wilton Campus

For William, finding LIFEchurch wasn't just about finding a new place to worship; it was about discovering a sense of belonging and a deeper intimacy with Christ.

"Since joining the LIFEchurch family at our Wilton campus, my relationship with Jesus has deepened in ways I never expected.

From the very first visit, the welcome we received was unlike anything I've experienced; it felt as though we were long-lost family members finally returning home.

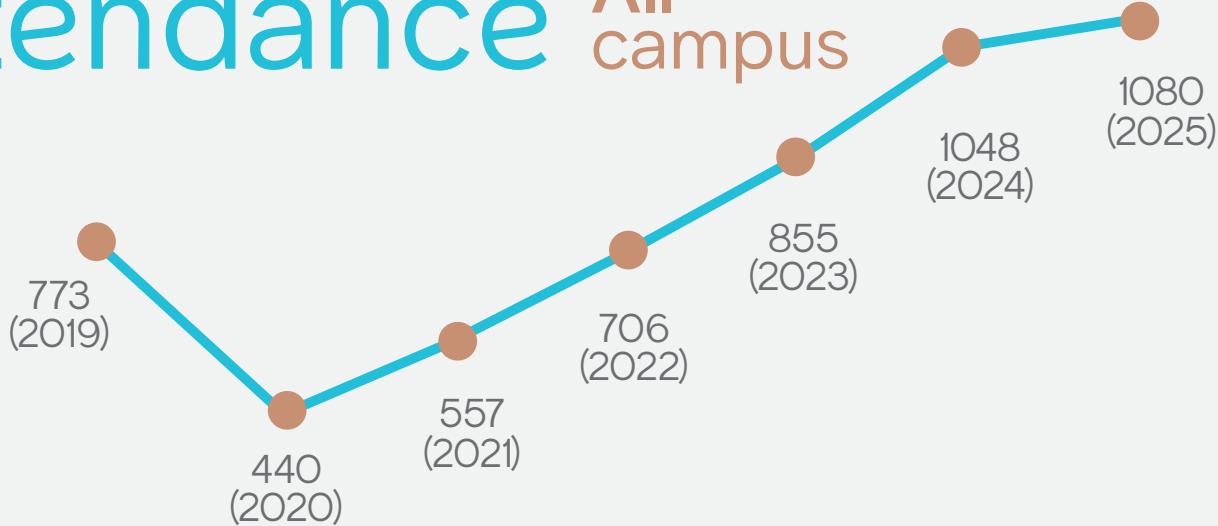
In every service, I have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit so powerfully that it often moves me to tears—a depth of worship I hadn't known before coming here. Now, I truly look forward to Sundays, not just for the service itself, but to be a part of serving, fellowship, and worship with this community. We have finally found our church home. Thank you, Jesus!"

XXX "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" — Psalm 122:1



Average weekly attendance

All campus



1080
Average Weekly
Attendance In 2025

We are so grateful to see our LIFEchurch family growing!
Over the last six years, we've been on a journey of steady, faithful growth.
We have grown by nearly 40% beyond our 2019 pre-pandemic attendance
average of 773, reaching an average of 1,080 in 2025.

Every number represents a story, a family, and a heart finding a home here.
Thank you for being part of LIFEchurch!

1999

EASTER 2025

ATTENDANCE:

- Cedar Rapids: 258
- Coraville: 1548
- Wilton: 193

1367

CHRISTMAS EVE

ATTENDANCE:

- Cedar Rapids: 202
- Coraville: 1024
- Wilton: 141

Did you know that in **LIFEkids**

- LIFEkids average attendance grew by 60% between Spring and Fall 2025. Talk about a growth spurt!
- Our first-ever NEXTgen Youth Retreat saw 64 students attend, with 10 dedicating or re-dedicating their lives to Christ, and many leaving with a renewed fire for God and a heart to share Him with others.
- KIDventure expanded to all three campuses for the first time, welcoming a record-breaking 245 children. Simple moments, big impact.
- Events like Park & Play and Sundae Sundays helped our families connect and grow together.



LIFEchurch Online Viewership | 2025



16

Countries
Reached in 2025

6

Contients
Impacted

CLOSEST:
Canada
~450 miles

FURTHEST:
Indonesia
~9,640 miles

Interesting facts

- The "Subscribe" button got a workout this year! We've officially surpassed 3,000 YouTube subscribers.
- We closed the book on our loan used to modernize our current Coralville space.



Other cool facts

- Finding connection: 33% more people are growing together in LIFEgroups every month!
- GTeam participation grew by an incredible 72% this year!

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Peace in the Fire <<

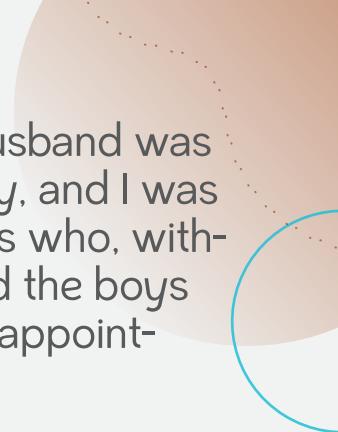
Hailey | Coralville Campus

In the midst of a medical crisis and the arrival of a new baby, Hailey and her family discovered that God's presence is most tangible when life is most uncertain.

"This past year has taught me that God's faithfulness isn't about keeping us from the fire, but walking through it with us.

Within a single week, our world was turned upside down. We were at the hospital for bone marrow biopsies and scans for our two-year-old son, Noah—all while I was 37 weeks pregnant with our second child. On March 18th, I was induced to give birth to our son, Luke. Noah was scheduled for major surgery to remove his cancer the very next day.





It was a terrifying time. I was navigating life with a newborn while my husband was in the hospital with Noah. We weren't prepared for a medical emergency, and I was so nervous about how we would manage. But we had family and friends who, without any prompting, were in our home at the drop of a hat. They watched the boys and brought us meals, sustaining us through the stress of daily doctor's appointments.

We eventually learned that Noah has a genetic mutation that likely means he'll face more challenges down the road. But even knowing that, I have this deep sense of peace. I truly believe that no matter what happens, he is going to be fine because we serve a good God.

We often use the word Immanuel—God with us—during the Christmas season, but it is a promise for every day. The same God who entered a broken world as a baby is the same God who stepped into my family's life these last two years and truly carried us through."

••• "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:1

Total INCOME In 2025

\$3,276,164

19% Of total expenses was on **GLOBAL** and **LOCAL MISSIONS** in 2024



How that was used

- \$484,881 ► Kingdom Builders/Missions
- \$1,160,748 ► Total Staffing
- \$390,107 ► Ministry Operations
- \$362,155 ► Facilities (All Campuses)
- \$85,307 ► Debt Service (Loan Payments)

\$2,483,198 ► Total Operational Expense

Properties:

- Coralville ► \$ 4,475,000
- Cedar Rapids ► \$ 750,000
- Income ► \$ 1,118,418
- Loan Balances ► \$ 4,261,227

70

foreign & local missionary units are supported by LIFEchurch.

33

of the 66 missionary units are working in the 10/40 Window.

61

countries in which our mission partners are serving.

66

percent of our missions dollars go to the 10/40 Window.

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Global Impact

Global Impact is LIFEchurch's missionary support mechanism.

Each year we budget 10% of our general income to support local and global missions.



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Redemption <<<

LJ | Cedar Rapids Campus

At our Cedar Rapids campus, the Gospel is reaching into the hardest chapters of life—breaking the chains of addiction and replacing years of shame with a new, certain hope.

"I spent most of my life stuck in addiction and incarceration, losing everything I loved while trying to be my own savior. But when I walked into the DoubleTree a year ago, I found something I never thought I'd find: a way home. I've lived much of my life being 'half-in,' but I am ready now. I'm going all in for Jesus."

Alex | Cedar Rapids Campus

"I am turning a new page in my life. By His grace, I have been sober for a number of years, but for a long time I still carried the weight of guilt, shame, and fear. I am finally ready to trust Jesus and His plan for my life, moving forward with the confidence that I can live in a way that truly pleases Him."

××× "He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains."
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××× **Psalm 107:14**



The 10/40 WINDOW



The 10/40 Window is the rectangular area of North Africa, the Middle East and Asia approximately between 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitude.

The 10/40 Window is often called "The Resistant Belt" and includes the majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists. It also includes 90% of the world's poor.

Nearly 2 billion people in this window have never had a chance to hear the Gospel message of Jesus - not even one time!

Mission Partner



Serves in areas of the world that are the least reached and the least resourced



13.2 M

Meals Distributed
to those in need



7,408

Trained
as church planters



8,000+

Churches Planted
in unreached areas



7,426

Counseled
on the dangers of
human trafficking



642

Children Educated
through development
programs



14,622

Kits Distributed
for feminine
hygiene care



600

Rescued
from human
trafficking



1,156

Farmers Supported
through sustainable
arming



*Source: Venture 2024 Annual Report

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