



A year of awe! Another year has come and gone, and God in His abundant kindness and mercy has sustained, protected and blessed Victory Point in ways we never could have anticipated or imagined in 2023, and used His church to show and share the gospel with our family, community and world! He is good. He is faithful. He is worthy of all praise.

The purpose of this communication is to inform you of our financial vision for 2024, and ask you to prayerfully consider your investment in Victory Point in 2024. But before we get into the financials, I can't help but think back on just *some* of ways we experienced God's activity and movement among us in 2023, and to give Him *all* the praise!



- We completed another year of a church-wide Bible Reading Plan, and its companion daily podcast aired its 819th episode!
- We saw an increase in hunger for the Lord and the Holy Spirit, hosted an *Empowered Prayer & Worship Retreat* and began regular *Hunger* worship nights.
- 24 baptisms!!
- A smooth and unified process of peacefully disaffiliating from the CRC denomination and reincorporating as a non-denominational church.
- Increased friendship, partnership and collaboration with area churches, including a combined spring Sunday worship service at Kollen Park and multiple combined summer services with Restoration (Good Friday too).
- Hosted a Parenting Workshop with Chris & Kathy Norman.
- Emergence of quarterly men's breakfasts, along with hosting a women's conference, book study and holiday event.
- We sent Pastor Ramon in Mexico a generous above-and-beyond gift of \$50,000 to help with an urgent need for increased protection around Eagle College. We also sent an encouragement team to visit them.
- We see God moving among the younger generation in specific and special ways, and have grown in partnership with movements like Every Heart Movement, Overland Missions and Gospel House Family. And we sent a group to The Send!
- Regional Connect Night – an opportunity to meet VPer's who live near you.
- An increase of new people finding family at VP, especially younger families.
- We increased (and are increasing) our investment in children and youth, adding Stacey, Kaite, Wendi and Malachi to the staff team.
- The lobby bathrooms received an update.
- Our most-viewed Sunday YouTube livestream video was August 27 (over 300 views) featuring a high school senior and a college student preaching the message, teaching us and testifying about the Holy Spirit (thanks Jenna & Jillian!).
- Our 2023 Holiday Offering total was (to date)... \$93,438!!



And then there's all the things we're not remembering, aware of, or simply don't have room for! God is good. All the time. He is faithful. He is worthy of our praise!

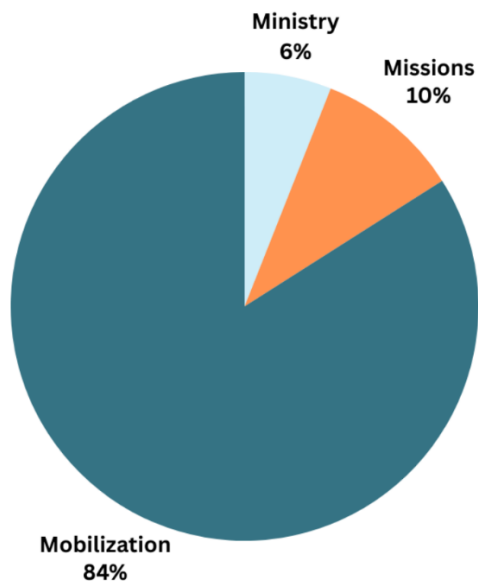
God is on the move. His Kingdom (co)mission is still active. And His mission has a church... Victory Point! There's no hope, no answer, no purpose outside of Jesus and His life, death and resurrection! Keep reading to learn about the financial resources we believe will be needed to keep taking the hope and love of Jesus forward into 2024.

Victory Point Financials for 2024

The elders have approved a 2024 operating budget for Victory Point of **\$682,050**. This is a 12% increase from our 2023 budget of \$614,550, and reflects an overall increase of \$67,500.

The primary area of increase is an elevated investment in our staff team – an increased investment in kids and student ministry leadership; ensuring a competitive wage across team members; cost of living increase; etc. – and also simply the increasing cost of maintaining the building.

Budget Allocation by Category



Ministry | \$37,150

equipping & discipleship, Sunday Gatherings, hospitality, kids & student ministries, etc.

Missions | \$68,600

local and global partnerships, outreach efforts, counseling subsidies, benevolence, etc.

Mobilization | \$576,300

the people (staff), systems and facilities that help activate and equip the church to move Jesus' Kingdom mission forward.

2024 BUDGET: \$682,050

A Few Notes about the 2024 Budget

- People (staff) continue to be our primary investment. Good leadership is something we believe investing in. Our [current staff team](#) consists of 3 full time staff and 8 part time staff.
- And while we know the church is *people*, not a building, we do have a 24 year old building that is in constant need of upkeep, updating, and maintenance. So \$101,250 of the Mobilization portion of the 2024 budget goes to paying the bills and taking care of our building and grounds, as well as growing a capital improvement fund for future major repairs and updates like concrete, auditorium lighting, roof, HVAC, etc.
- Our investment in Missions is *way more* than the annual budget reflects! For example, as noted earlier, in 2023 the Victory Point Family gave an extra \$50,000 (above-and-beyond general fund budget giving) to help Pastor Ramon and Eagle College, one of our global mission partnerships, with an urgent need for the school. Then on top of that, our 2023 Holiday Offering (which is also above-and-beyond general fund budget giving) was the biggest ever... \$93,438!! **That means an EXTRA \$143,438 was given in 2023** toward blessing and resourcing missions locally and globally, to bless local ministries and organizations, to send VPer on mission, and to help families among/around us! A year of awe indeed!

Our Vision for this Budget

The 2024 budget reflects what we believe is needed to help us continue living into our mission as a church – to equip and empower everyday disciples to live as families on mission spreading the culture and Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth among our families, community and world!

We are confident in the Lord's provision to fund this budget. Budgets are always a product of both human wisdom and spiritual faith in our God who gives both vision and provision. We view annual budgets simply as a guide on how to best steward and spend financial resources received for the accomplishment of our shared vision and mission. As always, we will seek to listen to the Lord along the way and obey Him, adjusting if necessary, not spending what don't have, and remain committed to staying debt free as a church.

A Call to Action

Is Victory Point your church family? If yes, here is what we're asking of you... **spend time over the next few weeks in prayer, and have conversations as households, and determine how you will commit to partner with VP financially in 2024.** Please know that we as elders will go first in this. *An increased budget is going to require increased giving, and we can all contribute to helping achieve this.* Pray about what this will look like for you and your family, listen to God, and do what He says. We are grateful for your partnership.

Giving is a discipleship practice. It is an act of worship, obedience and trust. God calls us to give joyfully, generously and sacrificially. As you discern your 2024 partnership with VP, here are some questions:

- *Do you tithe (give 10%)?* If not, what would it look like to take a step towards that practice?
- *Is your giving structured and regular?* If not, how can you move toward that? Most VPer's have discovered that setting up scheduled online giving has been really helpful in that area.

Questions

If you have questions about the 2024 budget, reach out to Earl Tieman, our Operations Manager, at earltieman@victorypoint.org and he will respond or connect you with an elder or Pastor Matt. In addition, Earl and a few elders will be in the office area after the Gathering on **January 21** to answer any budget questions.

Ways to give to VP

- **ONLINE.** To give online go to <https://victorypoint.org/next-steps/giving>. When giving online you can designate your gifts to General Fund, Holiday Offering or Capital Improvement. If you bank with Macatawa Bank you can also set up reoccurring giving through your online banking (and save VP processing fees). For assistance with online giving, contact Karin Greenwood, our Financial Administrator at karingreenwood@victorypoint.org.
- **APP.** You can also give to VP from your mobile device using the Church Center Mobile App. The app is also a great way to stay current on VP groups, events and to even update your database info.
- **IN-PERSON.** Bringing your tithes and gifts with you on Sunday is still an option too. Though we don't pass an offering bag during the Gathering, you can drop your gift in offering boxes at the back of the auditorium as you walk in. Contact the church office (616-738-1800; info@victorypoint.org) if you would like offering envelopes.
- **MAIL.** You can mail your offering to VictoryPoint, 11530 Ransom Street, Holland, MI 49424.

Victory Point, we love you and are grateful for you. And we are excited about 2024! Let's show and share the Good News of Jesus everywhere!

Victory Point Elders

Lori DeVisser, Wendi Kapenga, Nancy Kloosterman, Brad Koning, Travis Vruggink, Matt Yount and Luis Zavala