

IMPACT

REPORT

2023-2024

Dear MorningStar Church

How was 2023 for you? Was it wild and exhilarating, to where you could barely hang on? Was it a little disappointing and difficult? Maybe it was even a bit slow and ordinary at times. For MorningStar Church we experienced all of the highs, lows, and in-betweens you'd expect. It was full of both celebrations and struggles, just as we've all experienced.

Thankfully, through it all, our great God was also completely in control. As usual, He was faithful, attentive, and protective, and He proved to be the ultimate Provider. He was also loving and kind, exceedingly good in every way. You'll see several examples of that throughout the rest of this report. And of course, you can ask me or any of our staff if you'd like to hear more details.

As we eagerly step into the uncharted territories of 2024, our dreams are bigger than ever. At MorningStar, we envision God doing greater things in us and through us, to make a greater impact than ever. Are you ready for the thrill of *making waves* with us in our community and beyond? Let's do this together!

Blessings,
Pastor Tony Byrd

Tony Byrd



LOOKING BACK ON 2023



We have had an amazing year and achieved incredible results.

1400

Counseling Sessions

20

People Baptized

72

Families served @ Thanksgiving

60%

Participating in Life Groups

2000+

People served in our Food Pantry

- Sent-off a new church Plant with 20 people to launch Christ Church in New Tampa.
- Giving and generosity increased by approximately 30% from the previous year.
- We hired a new full-time worship pastor
- Connected in relationship and outreach with three local elementary schools.
- Online engagement increased 72% year over year.
- We sponsored several missionaries and ministries both locally and internationally with 10% of our tithes equaling over \$35,000 of financial support.
- Our youth ministry launched their own worship band.
- The number of volunteers continues to grow especially in the areas of Children's Ministry, Worship and First Impressions.
- We held our first Alpha study and the Holy Spirit Encounter with 50 attending.
- Part of our giving in 2023 included providing discounted facility worship space to 4 different congregations. (Hispanic, Ukranian, African & Brazilian)
- On top of all this, two churches (CFC and MorningStar) became one in 2023...forming a brand new MorningStar Church



STEWARDSHIP

2023 INCOME

Tithes/Offerings	\$363,285
Outside Contributions	\$89,357
Property Rental	\$51,975
Generous Living	\$47,042
Other	\$19,390

TOTAL \$571,049

2023 EXPENSE

Facility	\$184,012
Ministry Expenses	\$63,183
Compensation/Benefits	\$186,144
Outreach & Missions	\$35,615
Other	\$18,765

TOTAL \$487,719

PLANNING AHEAD



FOR 2024



As we plan ahead, we are believing God for more in 2024.

- Doubling the size of our church by reaching more people for Christ.
- Adding a second worship service to accommodate our growth.
- Engaging in more community outreach through school partnerships.
- Mission trip to Honduras with our Connect Global partners.
- Implementing a quarterly "All Leaders" gathering to encourage, equip and empower our leaders
- LifeGroups: more leaders, more members, more groups in 2024
- Greater impact through our Hope Effect Food Pantry and Christian Counseling Center.

BUDGET

BELIEVING GOD FOR MORE IN 2024

Total Income	\$560,200
Facility	\$187,300
Ministry Expenses	\$66,749
Compensation/Benefits	\$255,051
Outreach & Missions	\$41,700
Other	\$9,400
Total Expenses	\$560,200

OUR MISSION

WE EXIST TO
MAKE DISCIPLES
WHO
MAKE DISCIPLES