

FOOTHILLS CHRISTIAN
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A WORD FROM THE LEAD PASTOR

2023 was a very interesting year for Foothills Christian Church.

We started the year off with a bang when we introduced the theme for the year: the kingdom of God. We focused on how the gospel message of Jesus Christ was dominated by this idea of the kingdom. Our goal was that everyone who had contact with Foothills Christian Church understood that when Jesus invites them to know him and walk with him, he is inviting them into his kingdom.

We really dug into the New Testament in order to understand the significance of the kingdom of Jesus. One of my favorite parts was our 12 week series on the parables. It really gave a clear understanding of the nature of his kingdom. As I look back on how this theme for the year has affected us as a community of faith, I would say it was a year of transition.

First, it was the year where we finally put Covid 100% behind us and moved forward into new season of ministry. It was a time where we had to shake off the Covid hangover that affected the way we thought, the methods we used, and our strategies for ministry that we developed during the Covid years. This is why we started a relationship with Intentional Churches. You can read their book here if you like. The goal was to develop a new passion, new strategy, based on the unchanging and timeless truth of Jesus Christ and his kingdom.

The result was a clarification of the mission of Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:18 - 20. Where he says, "18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

2023 was a year where we focused on the second part of his great commission, make disciples. We added more discipleship opportunities, more disciplers, and more tools and resources for people involved in discipleship relationships.



Now in the coming year we want to build on everything we accomplished in 2023 in order to focus on the first part of that great commission: go.

I hope you find all the facts, figures and stories in the following report encouraging, hopeful, and inspiring. I hope you see that Jesus is king and he is still the center of Foothills Christian Church. He is doing great things through us and in us. I'm pretty excited, as I think about what he's going to do in 2024 and I can't wait to be a part of it. I hope you feel the same way!

DR. DOUGLAS PEAKE
LEAD PASTOR



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BY JALENE CABRALES, CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

FH Kids exists to coach and support parents to raise fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. It is our goal that all children at Foothills Church learn to pursue Jesus, know that God loves them, and they can trust God throughout their childhood and their life.

Our Sunday morning programming provides an environment that is rich in age-appropriate Biblical teaching and worship. FH Kids not only fosters spiritual growth but also fosters community at church, where kids will enjoy fun and friendship.

With much gratitude to our incredible team of FH Kids volunteers, the Foothills Children's Ministry serves 150 children age 3 months old through 5th grade.

In 2024, we embark on the third year of a 3-year chronological journey through the Bible with the Gospel Project curriculum. It is my prayer that 2024 will be a year of spiritual growth and development for the FH Kids community.



In 2023, FH Kids hosted many events and great programs, but our favorites were Vacation Bible School, Family BBQ, Family Campout, and True Girl. FH Kids serves families through outreach ministries and small groups. This year, we continued our 3rd year of our Foothills Moms group and we offered a Parenting Workshop for families. God has surely blessed FH Kids and we are grateful for His provision!

Every child is a story yet to be told; we believe that children's ministry provides a unique opportunity to be a part of this story.

We welcome you and your family to our FH Kids community and together with all of Foothills Church, we are praying over the stories being shaped through the FH Kids and family ministries.



STUDENT MINISTRY

BY STEVE BOTSFORD, FAMILY PASTOR
MASON WORSTELL, HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR
JORDAN HURDLE, FAMILY MINISTRY ASSISTANT

The mission of the Youth Ministry here at Foothills is to “help students know and follow Jesus Christ”. Over the past year we have seen several students give their lives to Jesus, others have made re-commitments to make Jesus a priority in their lives, and still others have heard the Gospel message for the first time. In the last year we had an average of 90 students each month between our 3 youth gatherings (Sunday group, HS youth group, and MS youth group). Weekly, students hear the Gospel message and of the forgiveness and grace we have through faith in Christ. We continue to pray that God will bring fruit from these efforts.

2023 was our first year to offer our High School Road Trip. We took 20 students and 4 leaders for an experience they will not soon forget. Part of this trip was attending a youth conference in BigFork, MT put on by Levi Lusko’s church (Fresh Life Church). There were powerful moments of growth from the messages given, through times of worship and in prayer as a group. This trip brought our students to a new level of faith and commitment to Jesus as well as strengthening the bond between one another.

The last 2 quarters of the year Foothills Students have gone through the books of Luke, Acts, Galatians, Ephesians, Titus and James. Each week they have been encouraged to read the chapter(s) being studied at Youth Group and come ready for discussion. It has been a great motivator to get students into God’s Word regularly outside of youth times.





GUEST EXPERIENCE & WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP TEAM

BY NICOLE SHERWOOD, HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR

- The Guest Experience Team has grown! The team has been designed to be the first friendly face one meets when they arrive at Foothills. The volunteers are well informed with a Hotlist that is distributed to them each week. The hotlist has helped boost confidence in volunteers to engage visitors in conversation. Volunteers also know how to connect new visitors.
- The Coffee Ministry Team experienced a rebuild. The focus has been on having a very welcoming and positive atmosphere so that all who come into Foothills feel at home.
- Connection Point was designed and has formed a place for new visitors and FH members to easily access information regarding small groups and opportunities to serve.
- Give your colleagues additional context to your report by using a section header for some introductory message or background.
- Maximize the next few pages by talking about the meat of your report.
- Cap off your presentation with motivational quotes to inspire your colleagues to keep pushing forward for a better and more impressionable report the next time you need to make a new one.

Women's Leadership Team hosted a Galentine's event, Family Beach Day, and a Women's Tea which brought women together to build community and to connect with others outside of their small group. At the end of October, WLT hosted a lunch which challenged each woman who attended to focus and recognize where God has called her to be. We cannot wait to see how God will move in each of their lives in 2024 as His Kingdom will continue to grow!

More women joined a small group this year, some for the first time. More women leaned into their spiritual gifts and have stepped up to serve. This has been a huge answered prayer! WLT sponsored three families this year for Christmas. and more impressionable report the next time you need to make a new one.





SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY

BY STEVE BOTSFORD, FAMILY PASTOR



The Small Group Ministry of Foothills has been holding steady over the year. With many small groups taking a break for summer they are now back in action. Currently we have 30 small groups covering different categories like men's, women's, activity, and co-ed Bible studies.

We also launched our 1st Steps at Foothills class which acts as a gateway for seekers and new believers to find themselves in a small group. With this class we hope to see more people finding their way to Jesus and getting involved in the life of the Church.

A couple of the new groups that started this year include: a young adult group that meets weekly for relational growth and encouragement to walk daily in their faith and, as well as a women's Adventure Group geared toward attracting new and unconnected women into relationships with other women within the body. This group has the purpose of getting these women connected into a small group or a discipleship relationship.

We have also charted out a plan to bring adult classes to Foothills this coming year. Russ Guenther will be teaching several classes covering topics on "The Nature of God", "Hermeneutics", "Christianity and the Christian Life", and "Essentials of the Faith". We hope these classes will bring further understanding of who God is, how to understand His Word, and what it looks like to live in obedience to Him



FACILITIES, HOSPITALITY & BAPTISMS

BY EMMA FULMER, MINISTRY DIRECTOR, NICOLE SHERWOOD, HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR,
JEFF NUNES, FACILITIES MANAGER AND MISED A LILLY, OFFICE MANAGER

Our church facility has continued to be a blessing and place of worship, fellowship and service. We were able to perform so many baptisms this year! Glory to God!

Through the generosity of our church members we were able to host The Ambrose School and become their North Campus. As our largest ministry in the church we feel so blessed to give the faculty, staff and students an amazing place to learn and thrive. We were also upgraded all of the interior doors in the building for security and safety. God provided donors to support this project and we as a staff and school feel so blessed and safe.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

BY HARVEY FRIESEN, EXECUTIVE PASTOR

This past year, Foothills Church embarked on a transformative journey to Israel, immersing 54 members in the rich history and spiritual significance of the Holy Land. The pilgrimage was a unique opportunity for our congregation to deepen their faith, connect with biblical heritage, and experience the places where Jesus walked. One of the highlights of our pilgrimage was the extraordinary experience of baptisms in the Jordan River. Over 45 individuals from Foothills Church joyfully participated in this sacred sacrament, symbolizing their commitment to Christ in the very waters where Jesus himself was baptized. The atmosphere was filled with reverence and celebration as our members declared their faith in a powerful and symbolic way.

The baptisms in the Jordan River held profound spiritual significance for both the participants and the entire congregation. It was a moment of renewal, dedication, and connection to the roots of Christianity. The flowing waters of the Jordan served as a tangible link to the biblical narratives, making the experience a deeply meaningful and unforgettable occasion. The baptisms created a sense of unity and fellowship among our church members. Sharing this sacred moment in such a holy place strengthened the bonds of our community, fostering a deeper understanding of our shared faith and commitment to Christ. The joyous occasion brought together individuals from diverse backgrounds, all united in their love for the Lord.



The baptisms in the Jordan River left a lasting impact on the spiritual lives of those who participated. The memories and emotions associated with this sacred event continue to inspire and guide our members in their Christian journey. The ripple effect of this experience has contributed to a renewed sense of purpose and commitment within our congregation.

As we conclude the year, we express deep gratitude for the opportunity to witness and participate in the baptisms in the Jordan River. We carry the spirit of this sacred occasion into the coming year with anticipation, knowing that the seeds of faith planted in the Holy Land will continue to flourish and bear fruit in the lives of our congregation.



MINISTRY FAIR

BY EMMA FULMER, MINISTRY DIRECTOR

The Ministry Fair showcased our church ministries and encouraged involvement through volunteer opportunities, fostering a culture of serving others and inspiring generosity. It strengthened connections between members and ministry leaders, emphasizing unity and purpose within the church community. The Ministry Fair highlighted the importance of using our unique gifts and talents to contribute to the collective effort of spreading the gospel.



ROUND UP! SUNDAY

Foothills held another successful All Church Round Up! Sunday, bringing its congregation together in fellowship, fun, and faith. Attendees donned western wear, enjoyed a delicious tri tip feast, participated in 6 meaningful baptisms, engaged in family-friendly activities, and worshipped God in a western-themed service. The event was a true family affair, with entertainment for all ages and culinary delights like peach cobbler and cinnamon ice cream. It symbolized the strong sense of community at Foothills Church and brought lasting memories for all who attended.



MEDIA & PRODUCTION

BY JESSE MAHER, CREATIVE ARTS DIRECTOR

Foothills Production and Media is dedicated to crafting an atmosphere where people experience Jesus. Using the artistry of audio, video, and lighting we aim to illuminate the message of Christ, ensuring that each person feels the power of His presence. Our mission is not just about production; it's about connection - connection souls to Jesus through excellence, creativity and unwavering commitment to His message.

This year we installed new lighting in the auditorium, installed amazing high resolution modular LED screens that have already been used in 5 different configurations to help communicate the gospel in creative ways. We upgraded our microphones and audio systems, produced 5 different podcasts with over 150 episodes of content to help people grow in their faith. We began rebranding our social media and online presence which will continue into 2024 to better reach "the One". We helped produce a valley wide kids event in "True Girl", two valley-wide women's event with Nights of Unity, and were able to help tell the stories of ministries through "Did You Know". We also hosted live discussion groups online to help better connect our online congregation to our on-campus congregation. On top of all this, we had amazing Easter and Christmas services that impacted many lives and led many to baptism or deeper faith. In 2024 we want to push ourselves to share the gospel in even more ways with new technology, new story telling and new creative ideas.

WORSHIP

BY DYLAN COCHRAN, WORSHIP PASTOR
JESSE MAHER, CREATIVE ARTS DIRECTOR

Worship at Foothills is gaining momentum in several areas with the hiring of our new worship pastor, Dylan Cochran. Over the last couple of months, we have seen consistent worship being led from our stage involving veterans, "coming back", and new musicians/vocalists. Throughout the year some highlights were our Good Friday services which packed the brand new Revive Church building with 5 different churches participating. We had an transformational Easter worship set, and powerful steps in teaching our congregation authentic worship throughout the summer.

Last 90 days:

1. Team engagement. 2 team members have started to serve again with one new staff/pastoral role filled.
2. Worship team devotions and prayer time have been consistent and spirit-led.
3. 2 people have inquired about auditioning.
4. Have had 3 experienced musicians step in and consider serving here regularly.
5. Several leader "discipleship" moments.
6. Christmas Eve services involved MANY musicians, and tech team members to complete a very successful service involving worship, communion, a message, and performance pieces that engaged the church at a whole new level. Higher expectations and more rehearsals were set and accomplished.
7. Sunday services have been tweaked to allow for better transitions and time to grow in our prayer and spirit-led worship times with an emphasis on "teaching" worship.

2024 will involve 1-2 vision nights. More work on recruiting musicians and vocalists with a huge continued focus on team unity, and spiritual/musical/relational growth as well as teaching and growing our congregation to become better worshipers.





MISSIONS

BY HARVEY FRIESEN
EXECUTIVE PASTOR

In 2023 FH continued to faithfully support, with prayer and financial donations, the school and orphanage in India, the orphanage and farm in Haiti, as well as Casa de Fe, the children's home in Ecuador. In addition, FH missions gave to Foster and Heart, a local ministry that helps keep foster siblings together. FH also financially supports a Cru missionary who works with BSU students, inviting and discipling college students to follow Christ. There are also two families in the church that are currently working on adopting children from Casa de Fe. In 2024 we would like to continue our involvement with our current ministries and *possibly help the group from Haiti to rebuild a collapsing church.



ACTIVE (50+) MINISTRY

BY HARVEY FRIESEN, EXECUTIVE PASTOR

Foothills Church's Active Ministry for individuals aged 50+ hosted 12 monthly luncheons, exploring local gems and cultural excursions, and contributing to the broader community through volunteering and acts of kindness. Plans for the future include expanding the range of activities and ways to engage with each other and the community. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Jan and Cindy for wonderful leadership in the luncheons and the many activities. Blessings to all the members of the Active Ministry for their enthusiasm, participation, and willingness to make this community a vibrant and fulfilling space. Special thanks to our dedicated volunteers and organizers who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of each event and outing.

FOOD PANTRY, CLOTHING CLOSET & BENEVOLENCE

BY HARVEY FRIESEN, EXECUTIVE PASTOR
CURT ENGLEMAN, FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR,
GLENDA CAMPBELL - FH CLOTHING CLOSET

The Food Pantry and Clothing Ministry provide essential support to individuals and families facing food and clothing insecurities, embodying Christ's teachings on caring for the vulnerable. The Food Pantry offers nutritious food and a welcoming space for support, while the Clothing Ministry offers a diverse selection of clothing items to promote self-worth and dignity. The ministries make a significant impact on the local community, creating a sense of belonging through volunteer engagement. Looking ahead, the ministries aim to expand their impact and continue providing compassionate support.

Foothills Christian Church

Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
40000 Contributions Income	1,733,611.91
41100 Temporarily Restricted Income	24,783.73
45000 Miscellaneous Income	24,719.62
Interest Earned	6,636.86
Total Income	\$1,789,752.12
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,789,752.12
Expenses	
61000 Operations and Facility	268,731.71
63000 Creative Arts Ministry	71,922.91
64000 Student Ministry	20,440.80
65000 Childrens Ministry	27,322.81
66000 Family Ministries and Activities	12,588.25
67000 Ministry Personnel	1,003,550.32
68000 Ministry & Staff Development	22,693.89
69000 Missions	23,464.99
69500 Benevolence	4,869.61
72300 CBO 2023	161,291.19
Payroll Expenses	3,893.16
QuickBooks Payments Fees	324.42
Total Expenses	\$1,621,094.06
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$168,658.06
Other Income	
81200 Just Grounds	5,232.77
82000 Foothills Eagle MOPS Income	971.55
Cash Back Rewards	3.70
Other Income	30,307.90
Total Other Income	\$36,515.92
Other Expenses	
8010 Other Expenses	4,249.18
86000 Just Grounds Expenses	7,345.60
88000 Foothills Eagle MOPS Expenses	9,223.46
Total Other Expenses	\$20,818.24
NET OTHER INCOME	\$15,697.68
NET INCOME	\$184,355.74

