

# LIFEBRIDGE CHURCH



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT





**Dear Lifebridge Family,**

I hope this message finds you filled with the joy and peace of Christ. I'd like to personally invite you to take some time to read through our Annual Report. This report is a reflection of all that God has done through Lifebridge Church over the past year, and I believe it will spark excitement for the incredible plans He has for our future.

This past year has been truly remarkable. We've seen God's hand at work in so many ways, and as we look ahead to 2025, I'm confident that even greater things are on the horizon. Lifebridge is in a unique position to make an eternal impact, not only within our church family but throughout Orlando and beyond. With this opportunity comes the responsibility to wisely steward our resources and remain accountable in all that we do.

In our current collection of conversations, **To Infinity and Beyond**, we'll be exploring the importance of aligning our hearts with God's in everything we steward. The annual report is a key part of this, as it shows our commitment to that responsibility. For the **2023-2024 fiscal year**, which ended on September 30, our church's budget was **\$3,559,780**, and through your generosity, we received **\$3,788,603**. As we began the new fiscal year on October 1, we are stepping out in faith with a **2024-2025 budget of \$4,500,000**, trusting in God's continued provision. In the report, you'll find inspiring stories of lives changed and a clear picture of how the Lord has continued to grow our church.

We believe that we're all called to be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us—not just in our finances but with our time and talents as well. Everything we have is from Him, and we bring our gifts—whether through tithes, serving, or other acts of worship—because He is worthy of it all.

**Thank you for your continued faithfulness and for being such an important part of this church family. I am so grateful for each of you and look forward to all that God will do as we step into 2025 together.**

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke Lezon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luke" being more prominent than the last name "Lezon".

**Luke Lezon**

Lead Pastor, Lifebridge Church



# SUNDAYS

## ADULTS

1,662 2,229 2,000+

First Sunday  
of 2024

Highest Attendance  
This Fall

Consistent attendance  
as of October 2024

## KIDS

273 444 390

First Sunday  
of 2024

Highest Attendance  
This Fall

As of October  
2024

## BRINGING

We believe in this house and as a family that we are all called to bring what God has given us financially. At the end of the day, it was never ours to begin with, so we look at it as bringing our gifts, that are already His, back to the Lord, instead of making the choice to give.

1,130

Total People Who Have  
Given This Year

263

Active  
Recurring Givers

351

New First Time  
Givers This Year

Fun Fact

So far this year there have been  
11,672 gifts given to Lifebridge Church.

## EASTER

5,419

Easter Weekend  
Adult Attendees

658

Easter Weekend  
Kid Attendees

## NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

1,751

Total Attendance  
(Labor Day Weekend)

## DISCOVER LIFEBRIDGE

Here at Lifebridge we are a family! We walk through the highs and lows of life together, all while studying God's Word together. We invite those who are newer to the church to learn more about who we are and what Lifebridge is all about through Discover Lifebridge. This class is the perfect opportunity to ask questions and meet a few of our pastors and staff. It is also how families can take the next step in connecting here at Lifebridge.

8

Number of Discover Lifebridge  
Classes Offered

334

Attendance  
in 2024

297

New  
Members

## ONLINE STREAMING NUMBERS

700 827 31,122

First Sunday  
of 2024

Highest Attendance  
This Fall

Total Streaming  
in 2024

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ONLINE STREAMING



## SUNDAY MORNING STEWARDS

We call our volunteers **Stewards** because we believe that in this house and as a family, we are all called to *steward* what God has given us – not just in what we bring financially, but also how we give through our time.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STEWARDS SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS	24	12	20	15	26
	Welcome Team	Parking Team	Cafe Team	Production Team (Gatherings and Kids)	Worship Team (Gatherings and Kids)

TOTAL NUMBER OF STEWARDS PER TEAM	101	24	70	66	83
	Welcome Team	Parking Team	Cafe / Hospitality Team	Production Team	Worship Team



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SIGN UP

## QUAY 3 DOWNTOWN

In Fall of 2024, we launched a fourth Sunday Gathering at 5:35p weekly in partnership with Downtown Baptist in the heart of Orlando.

108	106	130	23
Vision Night Attendance	Preview Night Attendance	Launch Attendance	Stewards



35  
Child Dedications  
in 2024

166  
Kid Attendees  
at Awana

### How God is Making an Impact at Lifebridge Kids

Lifebridge Kids is all about bringing kids closer to Jesus. Our Stewards are committed to that on a weekly basis, including one particular grandmother who serves with us. She is consistently in our three-year-old room, engaging our littlest attendees with songs and activities that they look forward to each week. But more importantly, she has been praying fervently that her young grandson would begin attending Lifebridge Church. The Lord answered that prayer this year, and he has been coming every week, running in to see his grandmother before he heads to his own classroom. We are excited that God is using Lifebridge Kids to be a part of bringing children (and their families) to a saving knowledge of Jesus!

Navigate is a multi-night event designed specifically for families. Our mission with Navigate is to come alongside parents in their God-given role, to encourage them, and give them insight and practical advice on what it means to be an effective parent. Each evening begins together as a family with live worship before kids and middle schoolers split off into their own exciting camp themed experiences with crafts, Bible lessons, and snacks.

763	290	255	255
Total Attendees	Kid Attendees	Parent Attendees	Stewards



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ABOUT KIDS

# wake

(STUDENTS)

## How God is Making an Impact at Wake

One of our Wake Student Stewards met a woman at work who had just moved to Florida. She was hesitant to accept an invitation to church, until a few months later her niece heard about Wake. She was eager to attend, and at our Fall Kickoff, came to church and heard the Gospel for the first time in her life. AND, as only God could do, that student's crew leader ended up being the Steward who had initially invited her aunt! Just two months later she gave her life to Christ and was baptized at Wake. Since then, the entire family has made Lifebridge their home church and have gotten plugged into multiple ministries.

### Fun Fact

Since January, Wake has had 467 check-ins of students who are entirely new to the church. 238 of those have been during this fall semester.

230

Attendance at First Wake  
of New Year (January of 2024)

315

Attendance for First Wake  
of Fall (August 2024)

31

WAKE  
BAPTISMS

56

WAKE  
STEWARDS

Passion  
Camp@

The wake up  
A MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BIBLE STUDY

190

Students

44

Stewards

98

Unique  
Students

46

Average  
Per Week



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ABOUT WAKE





# QUAY NIGHTS!

(YOUNG ADULTS)

## How God is Making an Impact at Quay Nights

Ian and Caroline are two faithful Stewards at Quay Nights. Ian has been struggling with kidney failure, and has been on the donor list for years. Through their Stewardship, they have found community at Quay Nights - people to support them through the ups and downs of everything going on, as well as a prayer team that hasn't given up on them! After a year of waiting, we are excited to share that the Lord has answered our prayers, and Ian received his new kidney on October 28. To us, that's what Quay Nights is - a family of believers who come along side each other, not just on Thursday nights, but everyday as we do life together.

320

Attendance at First Quay Nights  
of New Year (January of 2024)

400

Attendance for First Quay Nights  
of Fall (September 2024)

450

Highest Attendance  
in 2024

## DINNER PARTIES

3

Total Number of  
Dinner Parties

496

Total Number of Young Adults  
Attending Dinner Parties

PASSION  
conference 2024

BAPTISMS AT QUAY NIGHTS 20

QUAY NIGHTS STEWARDS 130

Because of a generous  
donor, Quay Nights was able  
to send 100 young adults to  
Passion Conference 2024.

Fun Fact



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ABOUT QUAY NIGHTS



# LIFEBRIDGE MEN

## BIBLE STUDY

8

Number of Men's Bible Studies Offered in 2024

## EVENT ATTENDANCE

57

Men's BBQ and Soccer Game Watch Party

## ATTENDEES

252

Number of Unique Men Signed Up for Lifebridge Men



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# LIFEBRIDGE WOMEN

## BIBLE STUDY

4

Number of Women's Bible Studies Offered in 2024

## EVENT ATTENDANCE

129

Women's Tea

173

Fall Kickoff Party

## ATTENDEES

561

Number of Unique Women Signed Up for Lifebridge Women



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# CREWS

## SMALL GROUPS

### How God is Making an Impact In CREWS

A woman named Alejandra came to Lifebridge searching, lost, and looking for hope. While at Lifebridge she found Jesus, gave her life to the Lord, and got baptized! Her next step was to join a CREW, so she could find community and walk with a group of people on her faith journey. After being part of a CREW for over four months, Alejandra decided to become a CREW Leader because she felt called to lead others into faith and community like she had experienced. Today she is an incredible CREW leader and Steward in our church with a CREW of 15 people who meet up every month. She has experienced total transformation, which is awesome and the Lord is now using her through her CREW to disciple others.

28

Total CREWS in January 2024

39

Total CREWS in October 2024

310

CREWS Attendance as of January 2024

426

CREWS Attendance as of October 2024



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\$200,000

Current Missions  
Fund

\$60,770.34

Funds Distributed  
in 2024

## Current Missions Funded by Lifebridge

### Esposito Family - Argentina

**Monthly Financial Support:** Daniel Esposito is leading two organizations in Argentina, requiring more time and resources. Their goal for monthly financial support is \$2000, with 50% already covered. Lifebridge has supported the Esposito family for six months, totaling \$6,000.

**Ministry Vehicle:** The Esposito family has been aiding a young church in South Argentina by organizing youth camps. They need a new vehicle to transport people and equipment for these camps and other ministry activities. Lifebridge has provided \$15,000 for a new vehicle.

**Total Support: \$21,000**

### Vastago Ministries - Haiti

**Kindergarten Staffing:** Vastago Ministries opened a kindergarten in Haiti in September 2023, providing Christian education to young children. They aim to increase enrollment to 15 students for the 2024-2025 year, requiring additional teachers and assistants. Lifebridge has provided \$4,200 for this staffing need.

**Solar Energy:** The kindergarten requires more energy due to increased students and longer class hours. Lifebridge has provided \$1,650 for additional solar panels and batteries.

**Total Support: \$5,850**

### Samaritan's Purse

Relief sent to help the areas affected by Hurricane Helene.

**Total Support: \$10,000**

### Mission Trip Support - Togo

Lifebridge provided money to help with medical supplies needed for this medical mission trip to TOGO.

### Otem Collective - Uganda

**Parent Support Groups:** Otem Collective has started Parent Support Groups in four villages in Northern Uganda, following two years of research. These groups aim to teach parenting skills and financial literacy, supported by local churches and the Ugandan government. The initiative is led by Bruno Odur, whose annual salary is \$9,800. Lifebridge has supported Bruno's salary and provided an additional \$5,300 to support the 120 families in the program.

**Total Support: \$15,100**

### Lifebridge Family Advocacy Ministry - Central Florida

**Family Support:** Coordinating/building family support teams for local foster/adoptive families. The roles of the Lifebridge team members include team leaders, family helpers, mentors and caregivers. The support includes meals, household chores, respite care, babysitting, transportation, etc. The impact from Lifebridge Church in 2024 was coordinating 5 family support teams of 34 stewards while impacting the lives of 25 vulnerable children and their foster families. With the guidance and training support from Commission 127 throughout the past year they have estimated this help through volunteering has an economic impact of over \$65,000.

Our goal is to continue to build new teams, strengthen current teams, build community with these families and grow awareness in the church of the need and benefit of this ministry.

Our Missions Team is developing a vision and strategy for how our church responsibly manages the mission funds entrusted to us, and looks forward to sharing it in 2025.

# COMMUNICATION

## SOCIAL



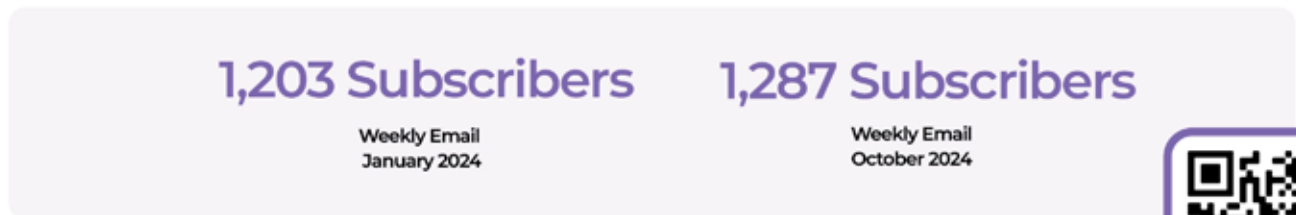
## TEXT PLATFORM

In August 2024, we launched our first churchwide texting platform through Powered By Text to better communicate with our church as a whole, as well as with each ministry. If you would like to receive texts and are new here, text **GUEST** to **50321**, or if you have been here a while and haven't been receiving texts, text **CONNECT** to **50321**.

**4,000**

Main Church Text Opt In List

## WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER



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STAY CONNECTED

## TRANSLATION

We began using a new translation program in November 2023 with just three people using the platform.



The data found in this annual report is from January 2024 - October 2024, with the exception of Men and Women's unique sign up numbers or otherwise noted.



# BUDGET BREAKDOWN FISCAL YEAR: 2024-2025

We believe the Lifebridge family is uniquely qualified and strategically positioned to make an eternal impact for God's kingdom within our house, throughout the city of Orlando, and around the world. In response to this incredible privilege given to us, we are fiercely committed to the highest standard of financial stewardship and ethical accountability. We bring our offerings as an act of worship to God, and as faithful stewards of His church.

Thank you for being faithful stewards of what God has given you. You can scan the QR Code to find various ways you can bring your gifts as well as more about why we believe in *bringing* our gifts vs *giving* them.



WAYS TO BRING

Pastoral	\$41,800
Welcome and Connect	\$41,500
Quay Downtown	\$10,000
Communications & Marketing	\$75,000
Worship & Production	\$234,140
Creative Experience & Seasonal Events <small>Includes Teaching Support, Holidays, Community Outreach Events, etc.</small>	\$127,700
Adults (Crews, Men's & Women's)	\$23,450
Quay Nights (Young Adults)	\$52,250
Lifebridge Kids	\$64,000
Wake	\$190,000
Missions & Benevolence	\$430,000
Security	\$82,000
Facilities & Maintenance	\$599,000
Operations <small>Includes Software Licenses, Computer Hardware, Church Phones &amp; Internet, Network Maintenance, Human Resources, Legal &amp; Professional Fees, Finance &amp; Accounting Support, Property &amp; Casualty Insurance, Debt Service.</small>	\$611,051
Hospitality	\$74,750
Personnel	\$2,267,359
<b>Total Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>\$4,924,000</b>

## About This Year's Budget

**EXPENDITURES:** What the church plans to spend in the fiscal year: \$4,924,000

**MINISTRY FEES:** Collected fees to help offset expenditures (tuition, camp fees, mission trip fees): \$199,000

**DESIGNATED GIFTS:** Gifts given previously to the church for a specific purpose or ministry, or funds directed by the Elders for particular purpose: \$225,000

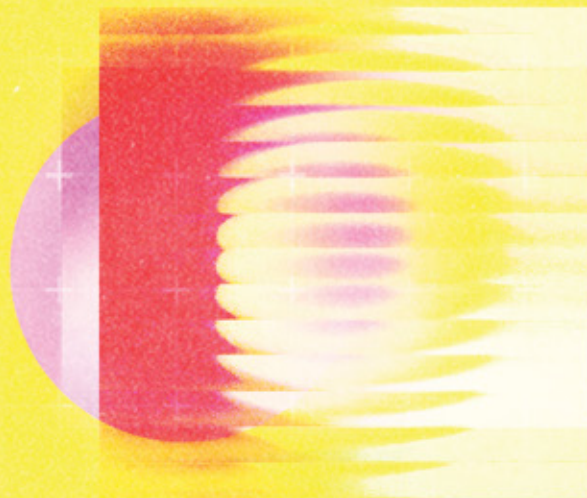
**NET BUDGET:** The amount to be raised via tithes and offerings: **\$4,500,000 (or \$87,000 weekly)**

**EXPENDITURES - MINISTRY FEES - DESIGNATED GIFTS = NET BUDGET**



AND WHATEVER YOU DO, IN WORD OR IN DEED,  
DO EVERYTHING IN THE NAME  
OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING THANKS TO GOD  
THE FATHER THROUGH HIM.

**COLOSSIANS 3:17**



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