

TWIN LAKES CHURCH



ANNUAL
REPORT
2023

Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far has the LORD helped us.” (1 Samuel 7:12)

I love the song, “Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing,” with its lines,

*Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by Thy help I’ve come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.*

That’s what we do in our annual meetings: Pause to raise a monument to God’s help. We all have our personal Ebenezer stories, but today we enjoy a scrapbook of memories as our church family celebrates what God did at TLC throughout 2023. God truly proved the steadfastness of his love and mercies over and over.

God keeps lavishing mercy and grace on his often wandering sons and daughters – like me. We praise Him for the gospel of His grace that we get to experience, explain, and display! None of us can take any credit for so much good that emerged from our church community last year. It’s all by His grace!

Let’s remember – and celebrate!

René Schlaepfer
Senior Pastor



TLC IS GROWING

Total 2023 weekend attendance grew 16% over 2022, with growth increasing rapidly as the year went on.

TLC IS HEALTHY

We not only met our budget for 2023 — **we surpassed it by \$95,000**. With no debt, new staff pastors, and exciting plans for a new community outreach center, we're poised for more growth.

TLC IS HELPING

Your generosity toward victims of the Syrian earthquake, Lahaina fire, Sudanese war, Pajaro flood, and local families touched thousands.

EVERY MINISTRY AT TLC GREW IN 2023

101 people were baptized.



Over 1,200 day campers heard the gospel this summer at Kruz Kids.



Over 500 kids are at our schools daily.



The Hub (college & young adults) is booming, up 34%!





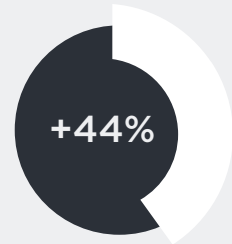
DECEMBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 2023
weekend average:
2,989



SIMULTANEOUS LIVESTREAM VIEWERS*

December 2023
weekend average:
3,031
*numbers do not
include later views




CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Over last year



Over 400 people heard
world-class Bible professors at
the first annual **TLC Bible
Conference**.

Groups like the **Men's BBQ,
Couple's Cafe, high school
worship night, and midweek
classes** were all packed!

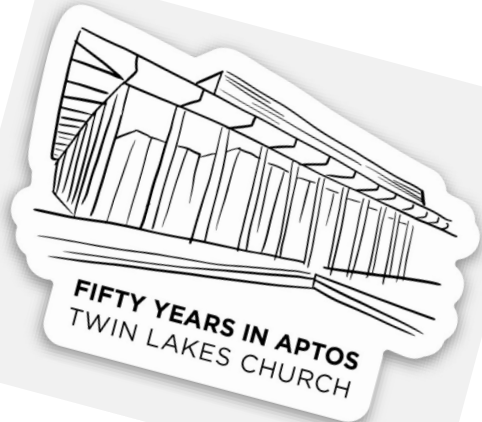
59% 

TLC EN ESPAÑOL

experienced **59% growth** in 2023.
They also launched summer small
groups, Spanish Couple's Café,
women's events, potlucks, a futsal
league, and a Wednesday night
class.

TLC'S 50 YEARS IN APTOS

In **September** we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our Aptos campus with a special choir, a yearbook, and a message featuring clips from Pastor Roy Kraft's campus dedication sermon!



OUTREACH

Any gift to TLC is also **an investment in world missions**, with at least **10% of every gift** allocated to global partners.

“With TLC’s funds, we have taken in over 1,700 recently arrived Sudanese refugees--almost all Muslims--to one-day retreats to relax, hear the gospel, and receive trauma care. Through the practical love they are seeing from Christians, are now open to hearing about Jesus Christ.” (From our partner in Egypt, Mike Najjar)



TLC provided

\$250,000 to Lahaina Fire Relief

\$500,000+ to Second Harvest Food Bank (enough for 1.5 million meals)

A beautiful booklet featuring all of our 21 global partners is available at the office!

THE HOPE CENTER PROJECT

giving our outreach ministries like Peoples Pantry a permanent home was approved by the board. The pledge campaign in early 2024 would prove successful. We are moving through the county permit process and expect to break ground early next Spring.



THE REBUILDING OF CAMP HAMMER

remains the priority. The TLC board is pursuing plans to rebuild the camp as a primarily summer-focused youth camp, using state of the art “glamping” tents for our campers!



BUDGET REPORT

INCOME	2023 Budget		2023 Actual		2024 Budget
Church	6,458,679		6,879,790		6,757,256
Missions	677,631		700,829		687,084
Camps, Loft, Schools	5,601,360		5,574,434		5,842,342
Total Operating Income	12,737,670		13,155,054		13,286,682

EXPENSE	2023 Budget		2023 Actual		2024 Budget
Church	6,041,797		6,422,436		6,475,369
Missions	674,741		848,236		778,674
Camps, Loft, Schools	5,662,144		5,730,235		5,926,236
Total Operating Expense	12,378,682		13,000,908		13,180,279

Operating Surplus	358,988		154,146		106,404
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*Subject to final audit and adjustment

*Depreciation not included

“I grew up in a fundamentalist sect and believed I had to be perfect before being baptized. It’s been a long journey to learn about God’s grace. Now I know it’s Jesus who makes me worthy, not me.”

“I have been running from God for a long time and blamed God for a lot of what others had done to me. Jesus has been chasing me. I am in recovery and making the choice to follow Jesus.”



“This is only my second time at the church. I’ve been watching online. I grew up as a pastor’s kid and ran away from God. Now I want to get serious about my faith.”



There are many challenges and opportunities as we move through **2024**.

- Growing attendance means growing needs. Many new people need to be loved, taught, served, and disciplined, which means more volunteers are needed in all our ministries.
- The Hope Center project will require faithful pledge giving in addition to regular tithing to the church general fund.
- Like everyone, we are feeling pressure from higher bills, especially utilities.
- Most of all, we need to pray that we respond to God's leading and empowerment as we faithfully steward this season of growth.

Thank you for your prayerful and faithful support. If you would like to begin supporting TLC, you can start at **tlc.org/give**.

**In gratitude and love,
René**





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