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2018
YEAR IN REVIEW



WE ARE OAK GROVE CHURCH

OUR IDENTITY

We believe that Jesus has made us a community of faith. We believe there are two kinds of people in the world: those who have life from God because they have the Son and those who do not have life from God because they do not have the Son.

And this is the testimony that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. - 1 John 5:11-12(ESV)

MISSION

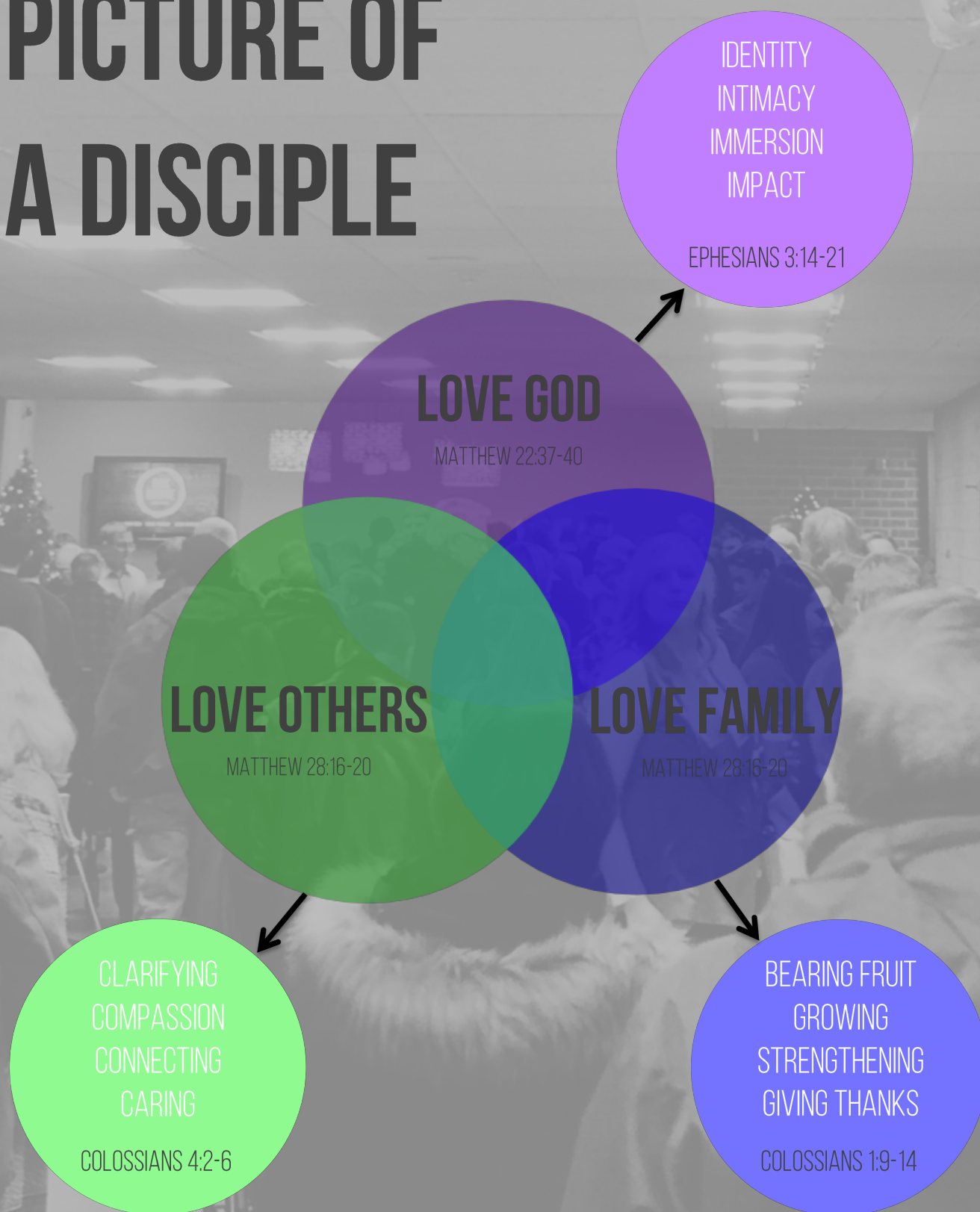
Our mission is to grow deeper in our love for God, grow deeper in our love for the family of God and to grow deeper in our love for everyone we meet.

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Matthew 22:37-39

VISION

It is our desire to see every person become a follower of Jesus and to empower each one to be a disciple-maker.

PICTURE OF A DISCIPLE



Brad Little

Senior Pastor

Disciple-making at Oak Grove Church continues to grow and flourish. Our present thematic goals as staff and Elders is to develop our communication and support of all our ministries. What this means is that we are working to improve and clarify the quality and quantity of our communication with all of our ministries and move to supporting and enhancing those ministries. As staff and Elders we are here to encourage and empower people as they invest in others for God's glory.



We are continuing to find ways to clarify and communicate our **Picture of a Disciple**. This Is the blueprint for all ministry at Oak Grove! We desire for every person who is involved in facilitating or leading a ministry or group to be in our disciple-making pathway for leadership. We have a large number of people learning how to do life-on-life discipleship. The legacy we want to leave is reproducing followers of Christ who have the heart, vision and know-how to become spiritual parents and then can teach new believers to obey all that Christ commanded. We are making advances in this every year.

We are optimistic about 2019 - we are encouraged by God's generosity and need to be on our knees in relational dependence on Him as we step into this new year. We are forever thankful for this Body and the community of faith where God continues to build His church.

GROVEU

Grove U is a tool to equip like-minded believers who have a heart to keep movement going in their relationship with the Lord. The idea is that we deal with foundational theological issues, biblical books and specific issues that are related to our Picture of a Disciple. For example, this term we are working with Del Tackett and the Truth Project - in our larger framework this fits nicely in our love for God, especially in being immersed in His love. Being immersed in God's love is not about a warm feeling but being so compelled by His love that everything in us is oriented to seeing all of life the way God sees it. This means our beliefs, values, priorities, behaviors, habits and character are all in sync with God. The Truth Project is about exploring God's truth as it relates to all of life, it is shaping our world view from God's perspective. Everything we do is a piece in a larger puzzle and we are committed to helping everyone understand how we all fit into God's purpose.

We started, "Introduction to Oak Grove Church". This Grove U class is for anyone, but particularly newer attenders. We want everyone to become familiar with the spiritual infrastructure and focus of our faith community. This is designed to help every person understand our values and to help them understand our mission and vision. We have had the privilege to have thirteen people affirm covenant community with us over this last year. We have about another dozen that have expressed interest in following the same direction. God has been very generous to bring people into our midst to help us grow to a new level of Christ-likeness and fruitfulness. Our expectation is that God will use these individuals He has brought us to enhance our mission and our community.



Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brad

Grant Willett

Associate Pastor

We had a rich year of growth in our family ministries. The year was busy with spiritual, mental and physical opportunities.

GROVE KIDS continued to grow under Barb Anderson's leadership. Many of our children were challenged at Camp Lebanon again this year at one or more of the many opportunities at camp.

GROVE YOUTH saw many highlights. The addition of Brett and Krista Hammond taking on leadership with the youth becoming such an important part of the Oak Grove family was highlight of this year.



The youth mission trip has been exceptional in different ways from year to year. This past year the students showed great maturity in their service projects. Also a first for us was taking girls on the trip! Yay!!!

Experience continues to host new guests weekly as they come and are ministered to and enjoy the food, fellowship, AWANA and the

various adult classes. As we do each year... we change Experience somewhat based on where we see the Lord leading. I am thankful for the spirit filled Leadership serving in all avenues that are a part of the OGC Experience.

In His grip,

Pastor Grant

Josh McGuire

Worship Pastor

What an awesome year to be a part of the Oak Grove Family! It has been and continues to be an honor serving alongside each and everyone of you. I am excited for 2019! I know God will move in unexpected and amazing ways

COMMUNITY GROUPS

We added 4 more Community Groups in 2018! Community Groups are a place for people to connect in deeper relationships with each other and with God. I am blessed with great leaders who have a passion for people and to live out our Picture of a Disciple in practical ways. It is my desire to see everyone at OGC connected into a group.

A typical Community Group involves food, friendship and bible study. We will occasionally gather outside of our regular



meeting times to help those in need or volunteer in our community. Last year we had the opportunity to volunteer with the City of Golden Valley for their annual "Run the Valley" 5K and 10K fundraiser. We have also donated toys to "Toys for Tots," volunteered at "Feed My Starving Children," made sandwiches for the homeless, and various BBQ's intended to connect with our neighbors.

Following Jesus can be difficult at times and it was never meant to be done alone. We need to be in community with other Christians to love one another, to serve one another and to care for one another.



WORSHIP TEAM

We continue to push forward into new levels of musicianship and technicality. I am proud of our volunteers for the strides they have made this past year. Our



focus was on being a Worshipper of our amazing God first and a musician/technician/vocalist second. I challenged the team to prepare more on their own so that they are free to enter into worship rather than have to over focus on their role within the team.

A highlight of 2018 was our Christmas Eve service. We had an increase of

13% in attendance and I want to thank all the teams who made it possible.

There were many unseen volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make that night special.

I look forward to 2019 and the new initiatives we have as a team. Please be in prayer for God to send more team members with a desire to serve through music. Also pray for God to provide in the updating and addition of equipment in our auditorium.

For the Kingdom,

Pastor Josh



BAND: Ben Hartzell (*Guitar*) Ele Migneault (*Guitar*) Joel Prater (*Bass*) Mark Blackstad (*Bass*) Rick Stulberg (*Guitar*) Samuel Roden (*Keys & Guitar*) Seth Tate (*Keys*) Terri Woelfle (*Clarinet*) Timothy Allen (*Drums*) Wes Woelfle (*Guitar*)

VOCALS: Dave Ellering, Ele Migneault, John Anderson, Kathy Beardsley, Rachel Kinder, Ward Bennett

TECH: Craig Madsen, Drew Beach, Joel Larson, Jordan Anderstrom, Wayne Benshoof, Zach House

FILL INS: Drake Frasier (*Drums*) Kevin Pieh (*Drums*) Zach Johnson (*Guitar*)

Barb Anderson

Grove Kids Director

All of the time that you spend with children either teaching them about God or showing them God's love - impacts them. Our goals for Grove Kids closely follow the three-fold priority of Oak Grove Church which is Loving God, Loving the Family of God and Loving those far from God. We strive to:



1. Teach the children to give an answer for the Hope that they have. (I Peter 3:15)
2. Teach them what God says in his Word - the Bible. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
3. Teach them that serving & loving others needs to be an important and regular part of their life. (I John 3:18)
4. Encourage them to love & be in unity with their church family. (Ephesians 4:16) a
5. Pray - continually! God commands us to pray. (I Thessalonians 5:17)

It encourages us to see the kids learning all of these things.

Our 3rd-5th Graders continue to serve at TreeHouse in New Hope - preparing and serving meals. Last year the kids all collected money for RiceBowls.org which is a non-profit dedicated to fighting hunger. Beginning January 5th this year - they are bringing offering - during our newly started 1st-5th grade Children's Church - to support a **Compassion International** Child. She is a 5 year old girl named Lisia who lives in Tanzania. Our 4 & 5 year old's will also be supporting Lisia. All of our kids from Toddlers - 5th Grade presented the Gospel along with the true meaning of Christmas with their performance of "*The Christmas Express*" in December. Soccer Camp, The Fall Festival and our 1st ever Trunk or Treat



were ways that they not only reached out to our Golden Valley community but they also bonded with their church family.

God is good! God answers prayer! The kids have had personal growth and we have grown in numbers. Along with that growth comes needs. We need teachers, assistant teachers, mentor buddies and people to love on the kids in both of our nurseries. Please join us in praying for these needs.

GROVE KIDS

AWANA

The AWANA ministry exists to tell the children about Jesus Christ by memorizing God's word, hearing Bible stories, playing wacky games & meeting new friends. We have an amazing staff that shares the love of Jesus for them. We want everyone (including kids) to tell others about Christ just like the Great Commission commands us to do. By memorizing Bible verses, children can be ready to give an answer to the questions that life gives and they can own these truths for themselves. We have seen a growth in our



attendance as we averaged 55 clubbers each night in the spring of 2018 compared to 67 clubbers in the fall of 2018! God has been able to use our church website, the AWANA website and good old fashioned personal invitations to be able to grow this ministry. We have been able to accommodate this growth because of our amazing leaders who step up to the challenge each week. Something new

that we started this year was online registration which helped make the registration process in the fall much easier. - Paul Larson

VBS

GAMEON! Our sports-themed week of VBS in 2018 focused on the truth that God has provided all we need for the great game of life in and through His Son, Jesus. Our week was exciting and action-packed from the starting line! However much change and growth was part of the process. Various circumstances prevented many of



our faithful, long-term workers from returning, so much prayer and waiting upon the Lord was required. But God was more than faithful! We saw many new volunteers stepping forward in faith to attempt the new and unfamiliar, and we discovered many gifts and talents to more than meet our needs! A great many of these new volunteers have moved on to new roles in our children's ministry this year as well! And lots of them have already volunteered for VBS 2019! But let's not forget the kids!



They were amazing! Our attendance numbers were up from Day One over previous years and that doesn't even tell the real story! The future disciple-makers of Oak Grove Church did an amazing job of reaching out to friends and relatives to invite them to share in the joy of learning to follow Jesus! What joy to see the disciple-making process grow in even our youngest Oak Grove Family members! God is at work in a big way in our VBS and all of our Grove Kids

Children's Ministries! We are exploding in so many ways and we need to be prepared for more to come in the future! Our children and their friends and peers need us to continue to show them the love of Jesus and how He wants all of them to claim Him as their personal Lord and Savior! God is gracious and generous in our ministry and we need to be faithful in response to provide for these



lives and souls He is placing in our trust. I, for one, can't wait to see what He has planned for us in Oak Grove VBS 2019! - Terri Woelfle

Global Partners

John Anderson

This past year has been especially exciting in the area of Global Partners because of the opportunities to hear directly from some of our partners who were home. **Tom and Barb Ward, Kevin and Melodie Kejr and John Mark and Sara Sheppard** were all home this past year and we had the opportunity to hear from them and talk to them and become aware of what God is doing in their ministry areas. Through the monthly updates we receive from our other partners and monthly presentations in the worship service, we trust that it has increased the awareness of our global outreach and has given opportunities to pray and praise! It is also terrific when talking to our partners to hear how their ministries connect with the same mission statement that we subscribe to in our day to day ministry at home - *Love God, Love Family, Love Others*.

In 2019, we are excited to have **Mark and Nancy Sheppard** home with us and look forward to hearing how God is working in their field abroad. We are also excited to see what God has in store for our short term mission team, led by Pastor Josh, as they plan for their August trip to London to work with the Wards.

We also welcome a new local partner E210 with our own Joe Komarek.

Continue to pray for the Global and Local partners that we support and if you see them at church, ask them to tell you more!

OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS

Gary & Barb Bennett

Rwanda

John Mark & Sarah Sheppard

Liberia

Kevin & Melodie Kejr

Kenya

Mark & Nacny Sheppard

Liberia

Dan & Marcy Schuring

Brazil

Tom & Barb Ward

London

Prayer

Steve Sheridan

The Prayer Ministry of OGC is growing, changing and faithful. It is growing with the additions of new people but changing with the loss of Steve Nelson early in 2018. The faithfulness is seen by the dedication of those who pray on Monday and Wednesday nights and the brothers and sisters who intercede in their prayer closets.

The Monday Night Prayer fellowship met all of 2018 at 6 pm, which is a continuation of years of service. We want to thank **Dale Bates** for his efforts to gather and share the prayer requests of OGC. Wednesday Night Prayer fellowship meets at 6:30 pm during Experience and they pray for the personal requests of the attendees, the Monday night prayer requests, and pray Scripture over OGC. We believe that God has answered our prayers by helping us share the Gospel, see expansion of ministries (e.g. Experience, Chain Breakers) and people trusting Christ as Savior. We also have many Church members who intercede faithfully but cannot come to Monday or Wednesday.

We re-introduced corporate prayer on the months that have a 5th Sunday. It was launched Dec 31 just after the Worship service and we are calling it Stay and Pray. It was started as a challenge to pray corporately.

We hope and pray that the LORD will lead and empower OGC in 2019 to be a Church that listens for Him and listens to Him. As always we hope that more of OGC will join in the effort to pray (in a fellowship or individually) and that OGC's prayer ministry will be larger and add more avenues of prayer.

Pray that God's Spirit will capture our hearts as we step forward in trust and that our desire grows deeper to pursue His Kingdom and Righteousness. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

GROVE WOMEN

Kristine Voyer & Ashley McGuire

As of now, Grove Women's ministry has had one event, a night of food, fellowship, and games. The way we saw God show up at this event was during the questions and answer discussion session. Real women shared truly difficult times in their life and how God demonstrated his presence. It was amazing to witness the Holy Spirit during this time. For a group of 50-60 of us it felt as if there were only a few women in the room having a deep discussion about his grace. That is the kind of authentic relationship we want with the Lord. This is a perfect example of being transparent in our struggles as women and how we can relate to each other through the blood of Jesus.



That event also had a lot of details that were left till the last minute.

But because we all have different talents and gifts the event came together seamlessly due to everyone chipping in by sharing their gift in one way or the other. I would call it a very successful first women's event! We are excited for what 2019 has in store.



worship band and connect with women at Oak Grove and our surrounding communities.

As far as this next year. It is our hope will be to plan an event at least once a quarter. We are currently planning our next event... **IF:Gathering** is a national women's conference that takes place in Dallas Texas. We will be live streaming the event here at Oak Grove on February 8th & 9th. We will hear from amazing speakers, worship with a live

MOPS *(Mothers of Preschoolers)*

Ashley McGuire

God has used MOPS ministry to impact many moms this year. I have new moms from the community who do not attend church regularly or at all (most are not Christians) come on a regular basis and hear the message of God and His love for us. Many have also visited our Sunday service or joined us on Wednesday's nights. They have also brought their families and have been very inquisitive of our OGC family.



God has impacted lives of these moms by bringing them to our building where I can share with them from God's word. They leave meetings loved and encouraged.

I am encouraged by how many women still email me on a monthly basis inquiring about our MOPs group, this comes from our online presence with MOPs International. I am love that they keep coming back.



I lost leadership from last year to this year and I see God working in the absence, I am not able to cover all that needs to be covered but I've had other women from the Christian community (other MOPs groups) contact me and offer to be free speakers to our group, Chick Fil A donated breakfast and ladies who do not attend Oak Grove and I have not known for a long time have stepped up into leadership roles.

We moved to a larger room for more space, I started a weekly play group for moms to connect on a weekly basis.

For 2019 I would love to see an increased interest amongst members at Oak Grove, women to take leadership roles in MOPs, including mentorship roles to increase discipleship and growth. These ladies have husbands and kids that need ministering to as well.

Chain Breakers

Don & Cynthia Weld

We carry on, to the praise and glory of our Savior."

- Don Weld Sr.

It's been over 4 years since Don Weld Sr went to be with the Savior. And while there is a huge void, there is a huge joy in reaching out, loving, and serving a community of wonderful people, most who have struggled with addiction or crime or...many coming out of prison after finding a true relationship with Jesus....ready for a fresh start, all because Don Sr had a kind and caring heart for those incarcerated. Fast forward to 2018.



Every Wednesday (even through the summer) these friends, who really feel more like family, come together for encouragement. That encouragement comes from many faces, all based on a foundation in Jesus Christ. Don puts together a purposeful line up, with a music video, announcements and a quick good word, a story from a real person whose life has been transformed, and a challenge from God's Word. We all walk away ready to face the world of temptation and struggle better equipped to live in victory and shatter the plans of the devil, who is working constantly on all of us who threaten to live a life surrendered to the Lord. It's raw, open, and beautifully demonstrates the truth that we are all sinners and all need Jesus! Men from all walks of life attend. We are thankful for so many solid Christian guys who have stepped in to mentor as well. As is said so often, "We are all the same at the foot of the cross".



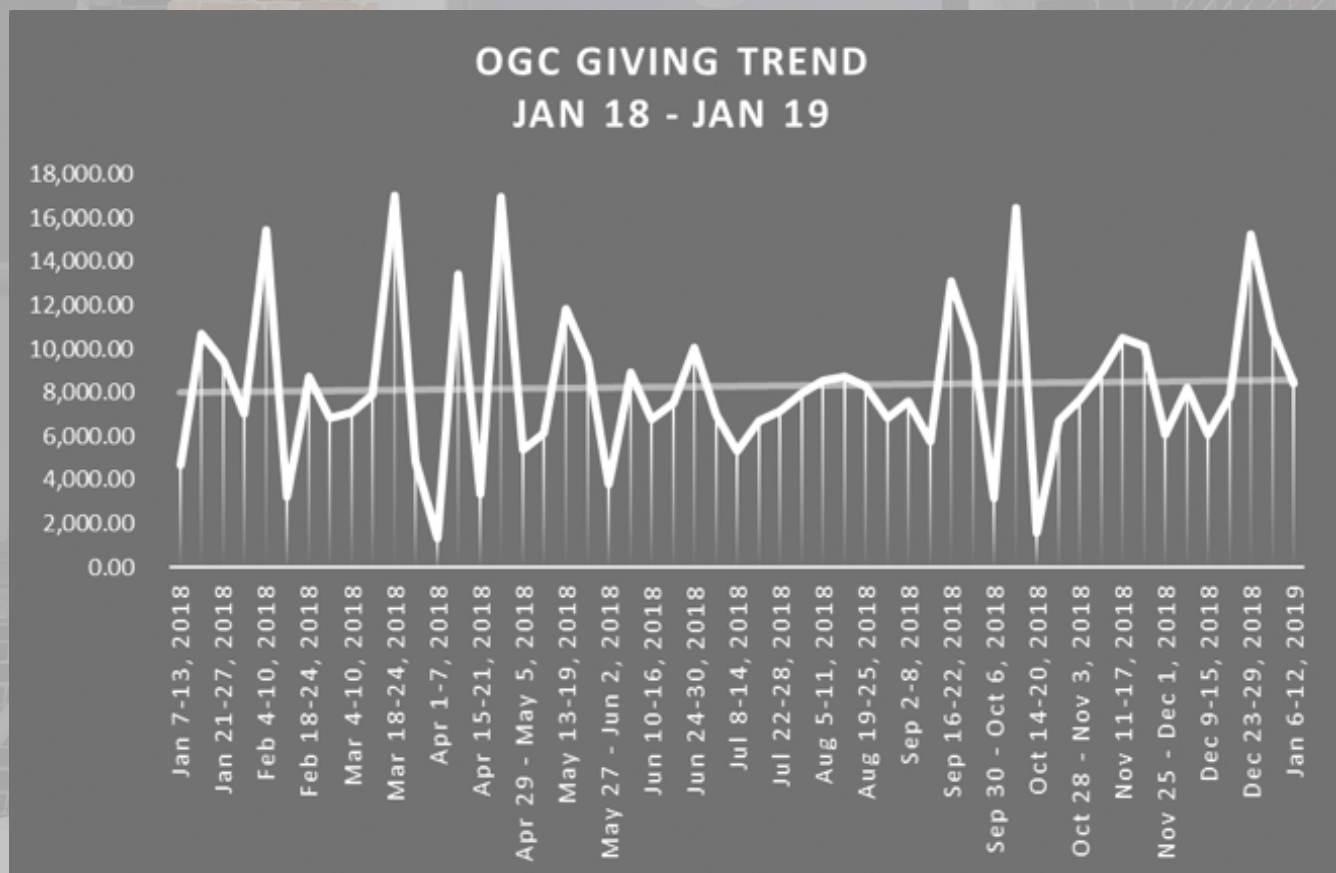
The Circle is a women's group meeting on Experience nights. Many of the women who attend here are friends of the guys of Chain Breakers. Darla Hanson and Cynthia have been so blessed to walk with the ladies who come each week. And as the Lord would have it, this circle of beautiful women have found a bond and friendship that goes well beyond that Wednesday night! God is truly knitting hearts together and teaching us to be more like Jesus.

Trustees

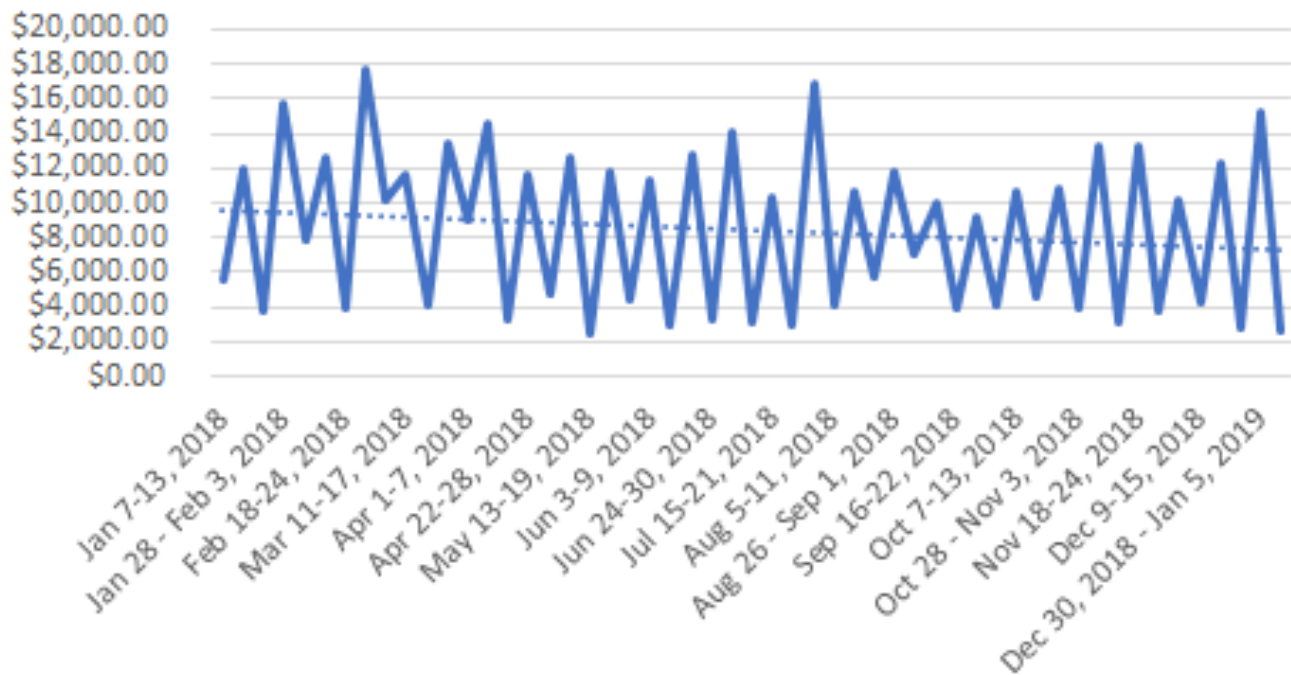
Todd Johnson

God continues to bless us and supply all of our needs. He led the way when we did not know how to proceed and He has given us an amazing team of volunteers and staff fulfilling trustee duties with humility, skill and competence. These volunteers put in many hours a week to ensure that our finances are on track and our building is running as efficiently as possible.

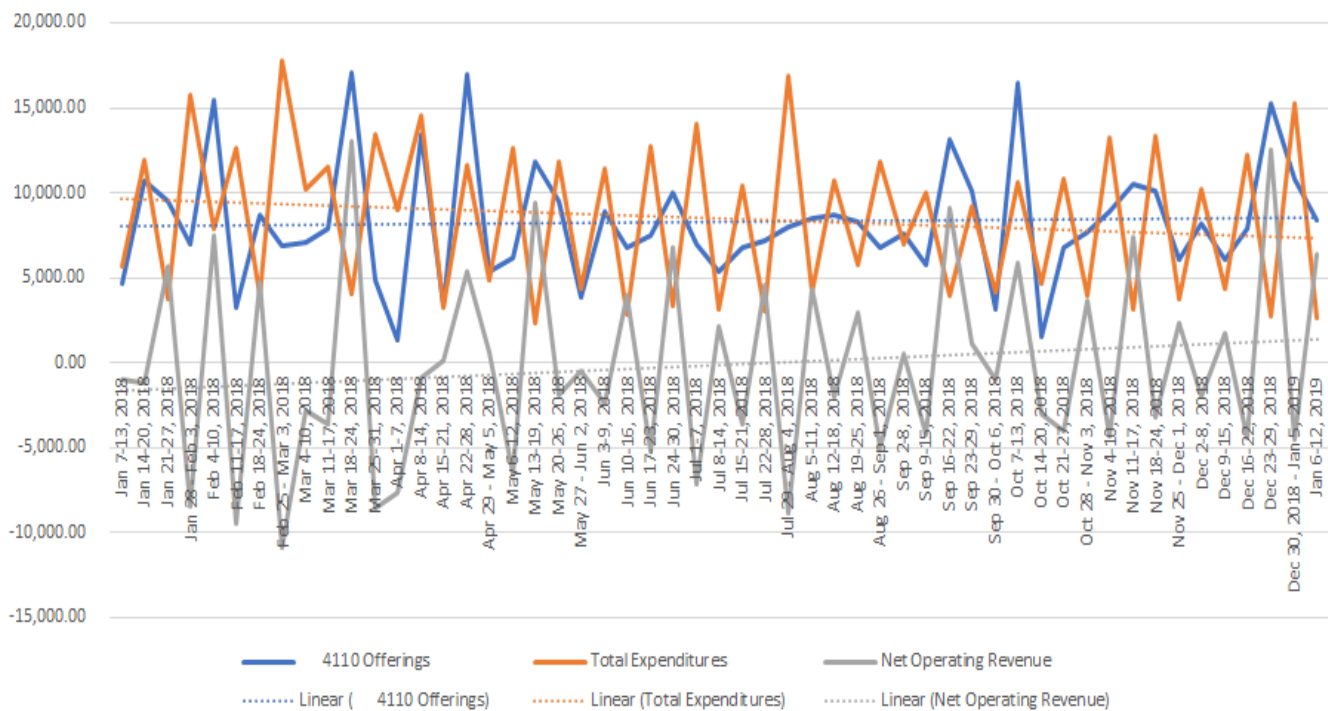
The generosity of OGC family and regular attendees to finance the work of our ministries continues to leave me in awe. Several members have stepped up their efforts to care for and maintain our facility. As our family continues to grow so do our needs. We would love to see three more people join our trustee team for 2019.



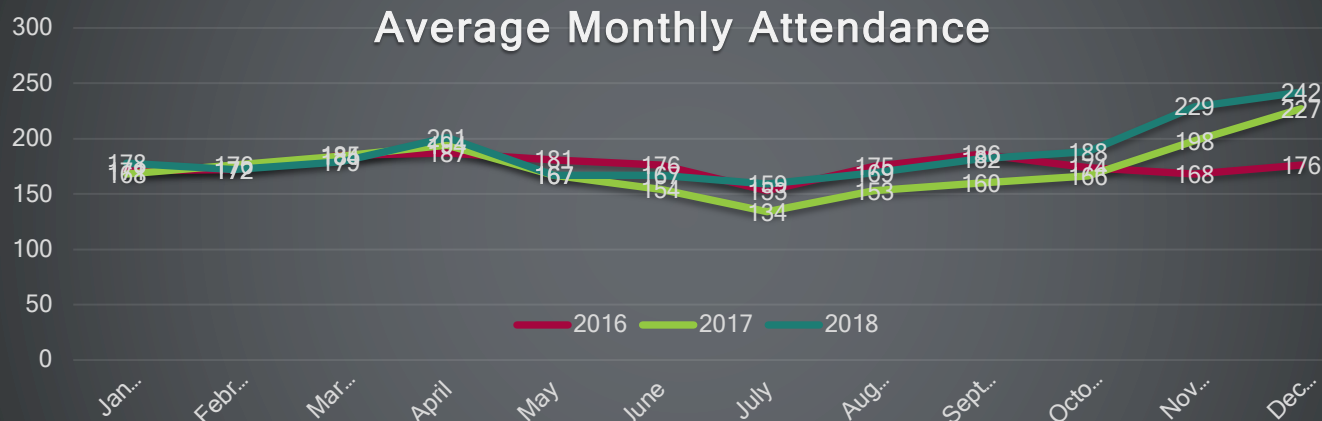
OGC Expenditure Trend Jan 18 - Jan 19



OGC Revenue, Expense & Net Income Jan 18 - Jan 19



Average Monthly Attendance



Oak Grove Church Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2018

	Total		
	As of Dec 31, 2018	As of Dec 31, 2017 (PY)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
Cash Flow Fund - 5921	106	106	0
Coffee Bar - 7206	124	-2	126
Compassion Fund - 1649	1,109	722	387
General Fund - 4572	16,638	27,215	-10,577
Investment Fund	100	0	100
Reach Fund - 6901	1,608	2,219	-611
Replacement Fund - 5995	1,497	5,060	-3,564
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 21,182	\$ 35,321	-\$ 14,138
Accounts Receivable			
1200 Accounts Receivable	1,800	0	1,800
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,800	\$ 0	\$ 1,800
Other Current Assets			
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Current Assets	\$ 22,982	\$ 35,321	-\$ 12,338
Other Assets			
1 Market Value Increase/Decrease	0	0	0
Total Other Assets	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 22,982	\$ 35,321	-\$ 12,338
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
2000 Accounts Payable	2,830	2,978	-149
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 2,830	\$ 2,978	-\$ 149
Credit Cards			
Total Credit Cards	\$ 0	\$ 1,095	-\$ 1,095
Other Current Liabilities			
2100 Payroll Liabilities	1,618	3,690	-2,072
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 1,618	\$ 3,690	-\$ 2,072
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 4,448	\$ 7,763	-\$ 3,316
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,448	\$ 7,763	-\$ 3,316
Equity			
1110 Net Assets Adjustments	75,439	161,788	-86,350
3000 Opening Bal Equity	-47,881	-47,881	0
Net Revenue	-9,023	-86,350	77,327
Total Equity	\$ 18,535	\$ 27,557	-\$ 9,023
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 22,982	\$ 35,321	-\$ 12,338

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