



# ANNUAL REPORT

2023



CHRIST COVENANT







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# 2023 TIMELINE



**01.10**  
Institute  
Core Class



**01.20**  
“How Did We  
Get the Bible”  
Institute  
Lecture



**03.12**  
ESL  
Ministry



**03.19**  
Reach the  
World  
Conference



**04.05**  
YA Worship  
Night



**04.07**  
Good  
Friday  
Art Show



**06.23**  
To God be the  
Glory Album  
Release



**07.31**  
Faith & Work  
Networking



**09.11**  
Women’s  
Gospel  
Fellowship



**09.14**  
FBCSS Worship  
& Prayer





**02.24**  
Students  
Weekender



**03.12**  
Apprentice  
Teaching  
Practicum



**03.22**  
Spotted  
Cow



**04.02**  
Kids Sing  
in Services



**04.09**  
Easter  
Baptisms



**06.04**  
Kids  
Camp



**08.19**  
Men's Purity  
Event



**08.26**  
Worship  
Night



**09.17**  
Olgethorpe College  
Gathering

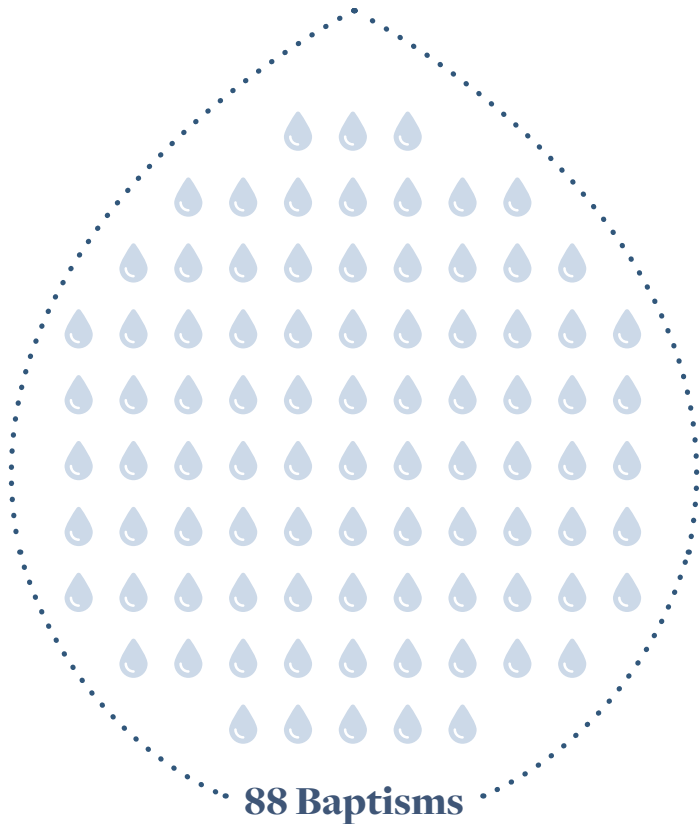
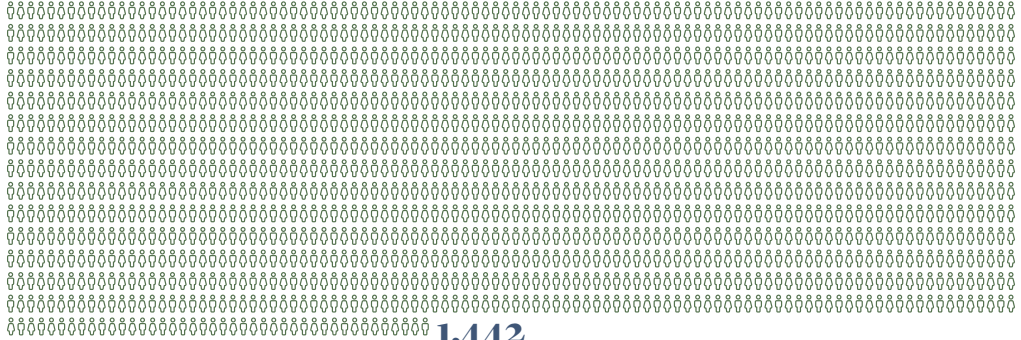


**09.17**  
6th Birthday  
Potluck



# By the Numbers 2023

## Overall Membership



**General Giving | \$8,850,000**

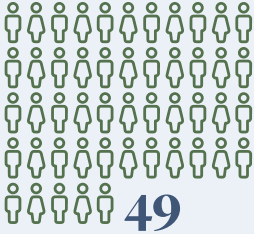




### Missions giving:

# \$157,045

#### Young Adults



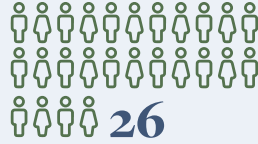
#### Men



#### Women



#### Co-Ed



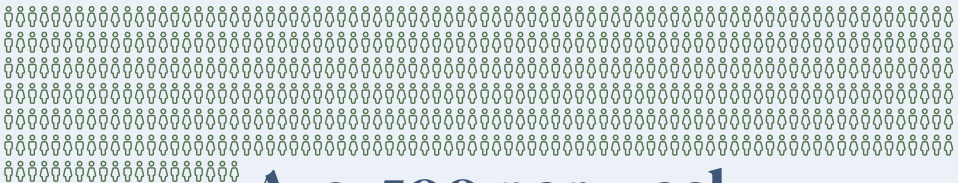
# 96 Groups

### Number of groups started this year



# 24 Groups

### Young Adults attendance:



# Avg. 500 per week







## Pursue Our Place

Pursue Our Place was such an important step of faith for Christ Covenant. We were just a 3.5-year-old church and pledged \$7,000,000 for a home of our own. I will never forget April 25, 2021, the day we pledged to Pursue Our Place. Paige and I made the biggest pledge we have ever made, and by God's grace we will finish it this month. I know so many of you joined us in this, and I am so grateful to be partnered with you in this mission. Pursue Our Place officially ends on December 31 of this year (2023). Let's all finish strong and continue to be generous to our church and our Lord and the work He is doing through Christ Covenant.

- Jason Dees





**Gifts** | **\$6.2M of 6.7M in pledges to date**

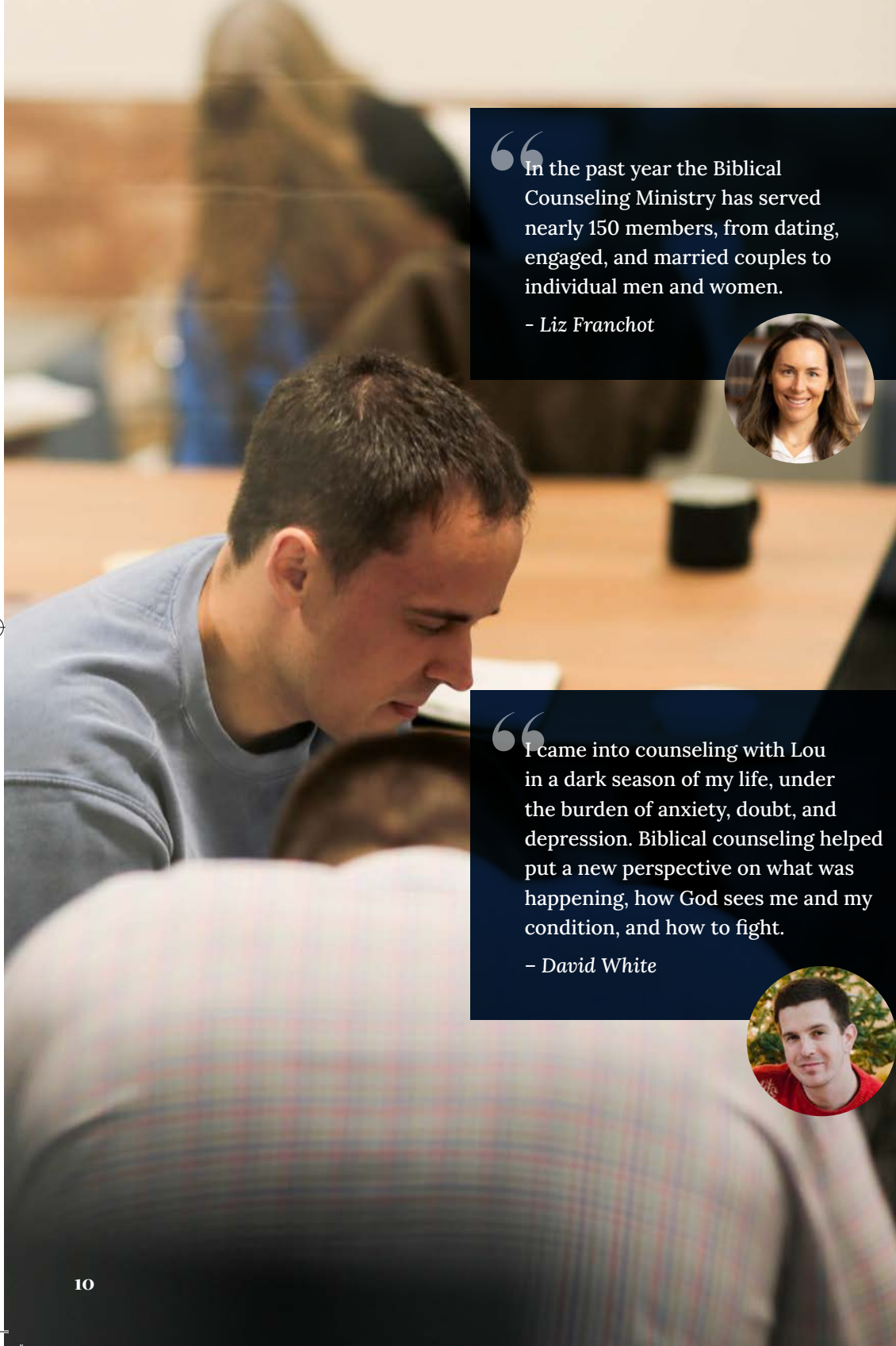
**The result of this generosity is increased ministry at every level as seen below.**







# Counseling



“ In the past year the Biblical Counseling Ministry has served nearly 150 members, from dating, engaged, and married couples to individual men and women.

- Liz Franchot



“ I came into counseling with Lou in a dark season of my life, under the burden of anxiety, doubt, and depression. Biblical counseling helped put a new perspective on what was happening, how God sees me and my condition, and how to fight.

- David White







# Member Care



“We’re grateful that God continues to add to the Kingdom family that is Christ Covenant. In 2023, we’ve added 319 people to this family through church membership. It’s a joy and privilege to faithfully steward these brothers and sisters as we pursue Christ together.

– Jackson Randall



“The generosity and outpouring of love we received from the church family when our first child was born was truly indicative of the Lord at work in this body of believers.

– Jaimie Warren





# Young Adults



“The Lord has done more than we could imagine in 2023 with the Young Adults of Christ Covenant. We have seen many come to faith in Jesus, resulting in incredible life change as they have forsaken all others to follow Jesus.

- Thomas Nelson



“This community is a salve for my wounds; it convicts me in the face of my self-satisfaction and pride, and it continually pours into me when I have nothing to give. I have witnessed the Lord using CCYA to wrench me from selfishness, anxiety, and dissatisfaction, allowing me through His grace to serve others who are earnestly seeking Him.

- Gracie Stuart



Average Attendance:  
**500**







# College

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“There was a time when we dreamed about having a Gospel impact on the many college campuses of our city. The Lord has answered those prayers this year by providentially raising up and connecting us with passionate students, particularly at Georgia Tech and Oglethorpe, who have helped us pioneer incredible on-campus gatherings.

– Jeremy Brooks



“I’ve loved being able to serve as a member and leader in the college ministry. It’s been a great place for biblical wisdom as well as a community for college students living in Atlanta.

– Brett Frost



Average Attendance:

85







# Kids



“The highlight of Covenant Kids is our Bible Study time, where 8-10 kids gather with their leaders at their rugs, open their Bibles, and read God’s Word aloud together. We believe it is powerful for kids to study the actual Word of God together (Heb. 4:12, Ro. 4:17). The games that follow are always a hit, and the kids get to act out Biblical principles they just learned.

- Matt Nolan



“I’ve been serving with the 3rd-5th grade boys for almost 2 years now, and it’s been incredible to see God working in their hearts. The Lord gives us opportunities to speak truth into their lives.

- Ryan Broaderick



Average Attendance:  
**200**



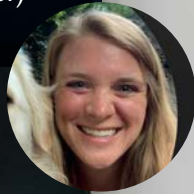


# Students



“Students has been such a bright spot in my year. Middle-school girls are growing in friendships and in their daily walk with Christ, and it is a joy to have a front-row seat.

– Kathleen Roach (Group Leader)



“I’ve been blessed to have leaders (shout out to Emily, Kathleen, and Lauren!) who are incredibly kind, always keep me laughing, and who reach out on a consistent basis ... they truly care about building relationships. I love Zach’s teaching, as he always shares things in a way that make sense and spark great conversations within our group. Sunday evenings are the highlight of my week.

– Amelia Averitt



Average Attendance:

**57**



# Worship



“Our music team of over 40 volunteers faithfully serves our church in our Sunday services, Young Adults, Students, and special events. This year we’ve been able to release a four-song EP, write several new songs for our church, host a worship leader discipleship group, and have several worship and prayer nights. Our goal continues to be to use our gifts to glorify God, edify our church, and encourage congregational singing!

- Jordan Kauflin



“Congregational worship and serving on the music team has been incredibly encouraging to my faith. Getting to participate in earnest, biblical music worship with my fellow brothers and sisters has helped reinforce truths about God and his character.

- Emily Alexander



3 worship and prayer nights and 1 EP released







# Arts



“Covenant Arts exists to help our church create a thoughtful theology of beauty and creativity. The highlight of the year was our Good Friday service, which enabled artists and creatives in our church to help us consider the wonder of Jesus crucified.

– Jordan Kauflin



“At Christ Covenant, there are times, spaces, and places to share and grow and be edified in my artistic journey. I am deeply thankful for the community of creative believers as well as the way the church appreciates my personal creative work.

– Sarah Smith



# Women's Ministry



“With the launch of Women’s Gospel Fellowship, women now have a weekly multi-generational Bible study gathering on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings.

- Jennifer McClish



“The Lord spoke to me so powerfully through the Melissa Kruger event in May. Women of all ages in different seasons of life came together to hear that our God’s sovereignty and goodness is independent of our outward circumstances.

- Kristen O’Neill



WGF Registrants:  
**224**





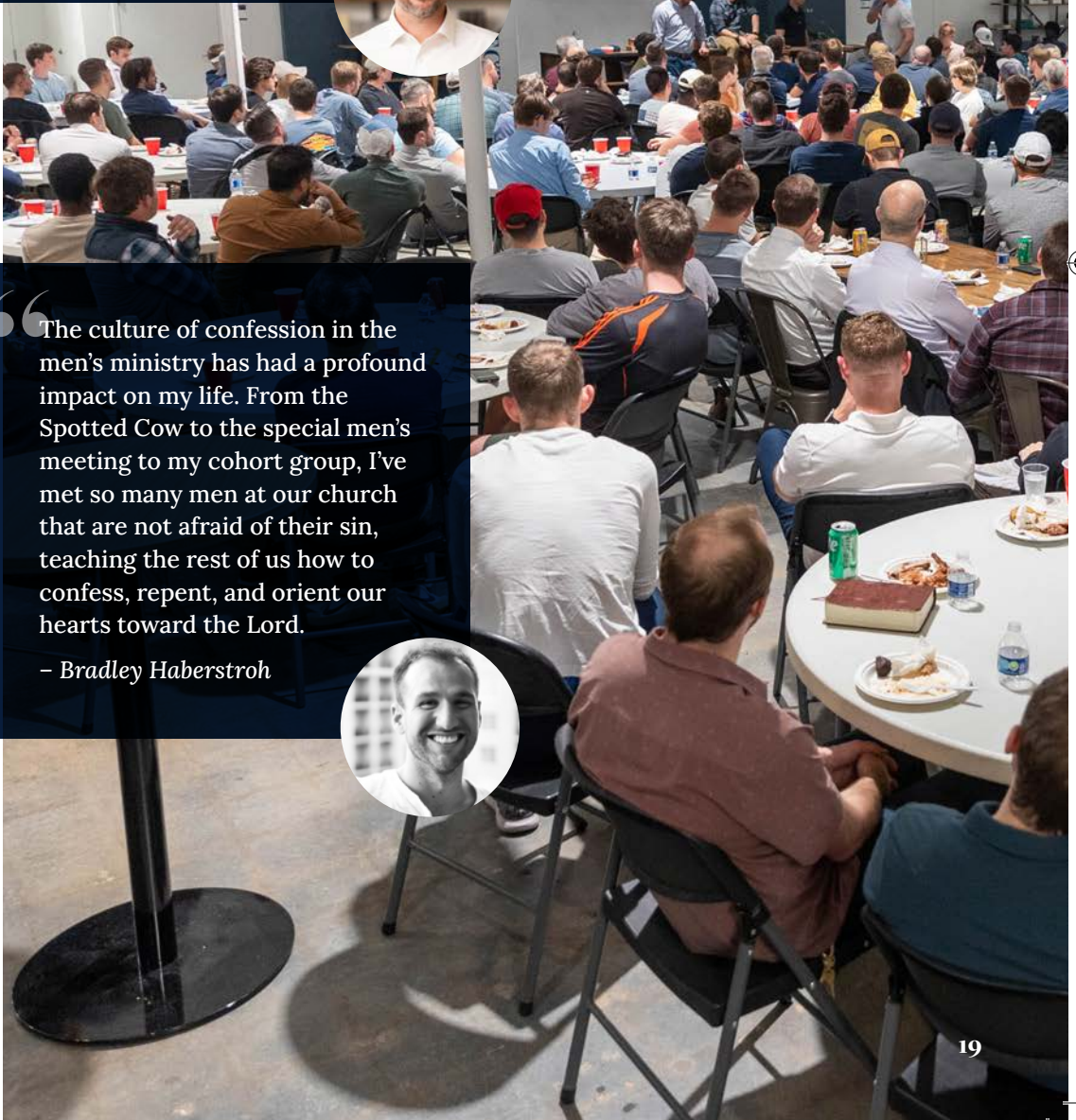
# Men's Ministry



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“God continues to work through a very engaged group of men. This year, we've seen men lead the way in serving the church. They've fought for faithfulness in their community groups at special events like the Spotted Cow, and even in special meetings like the Men's Purity Event.

– Jackson Randall



“The culture of confession in the men's ministry has had a profound impact on my life. From the Spotted Cow to the special men's meeting to my cohort group, I've met so many men at our church that are not afraid of their sin, teaching the rest of us how to confess, repent, and orient our hearts toward the Lord.

– Bradley Haberstroh





# Faith & Work



“Faith and Work ministry is moving forward with advising members in clarity of purpose, handling difficult situations in the workplace, sharing their faith as Kingdom Ambassadors, and learning how to expand their network in the workplace.

- John Posey



Avg. Event Attendance:  
**75**





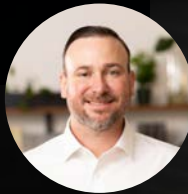


# Groups



“This year, the Lord has increased our total number of Community Groups to 96 and counting. That means that, scattered throughout Atlanta, almost 100 groups are meeting during the week to help one another know and enjoy God!

– Jackson Randall



Members in groups  
**1021**

“Starting a group with friends has been so fun and edifying. We have great discussions about the sermons and feel sharpened by each other. I wish we had this kind of group when we moved to Atlanta eight years ago.

– Justus Wood



# Cohorts

“Cohorts provide the members of Christ Covenant a context for focused and intentional discipleship. These groups are designed so you can really get to know the members of your group all while being known yourself. Praise God, almost 250 people participated in a cohort in 2023!

- Jackson Randall



“My involvement in cohorts has been a very meaningful experience, and it is hard to capture in just a few short words! Being mentored by and befriending older women at the church has brought a new level of steadiness in my faith walk. I treasure the prayers, nuggets of wisdom, and loving corrections I have received in these special friendships developed through cohorts.

- Helen Marrin



Members in Cohorts:  
**238**



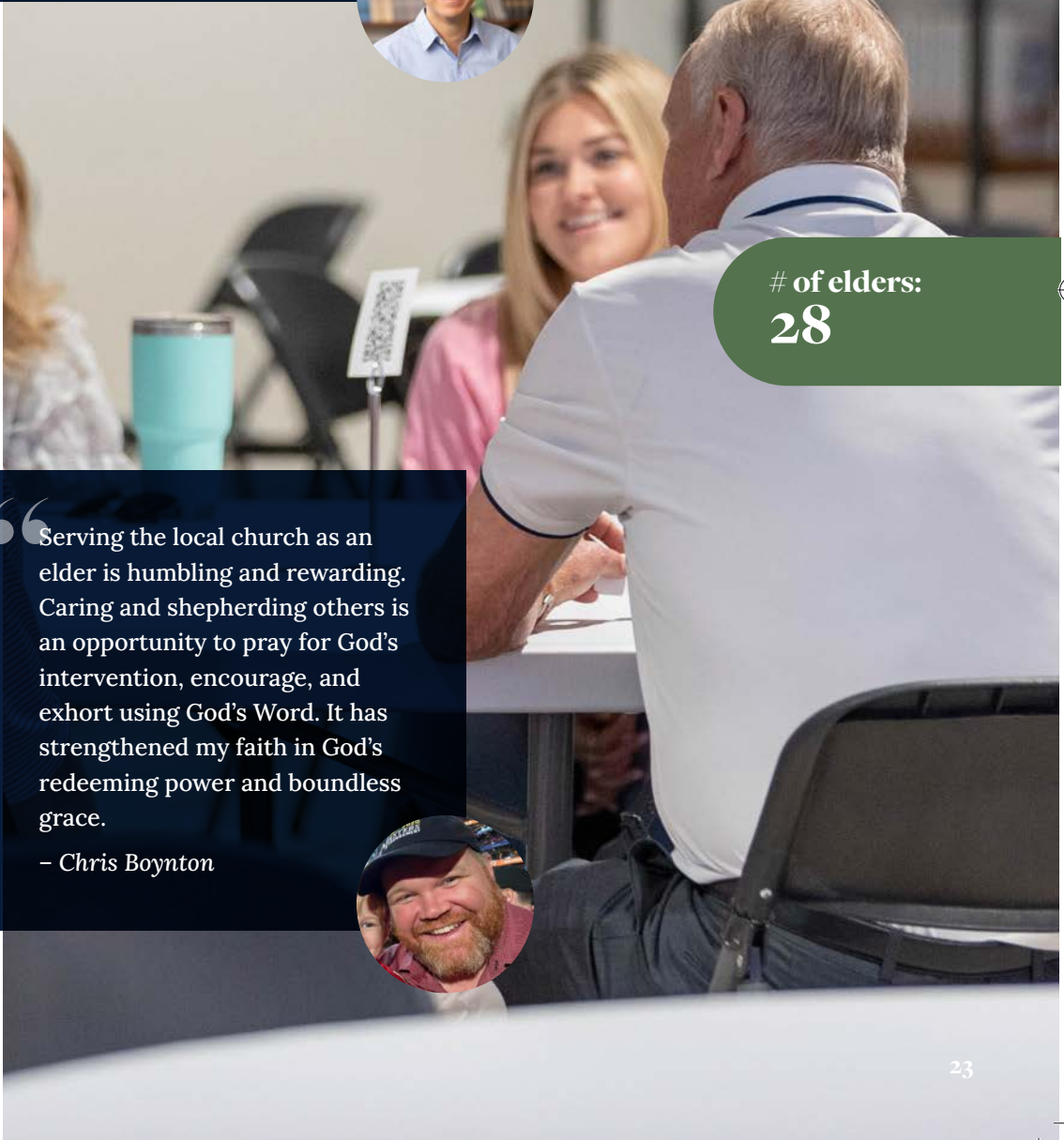


# Elders



“The Elders consider it a joy to shepherd the amazing people of Christ Covenant. It’s an honor to serve the church through overseeing our members to ensure everyone is growing more mature in Jesus.

- Barrett Fisher



# of elders:  
**28**

“Serving the local church as an elder is humbling and rewarding. Caring and shepherding others is an opportunity to pray for God’s intervention, encourage, and exhort using God’s Word. It has strengthened my faith in God’s redeeming power and boundless grace.

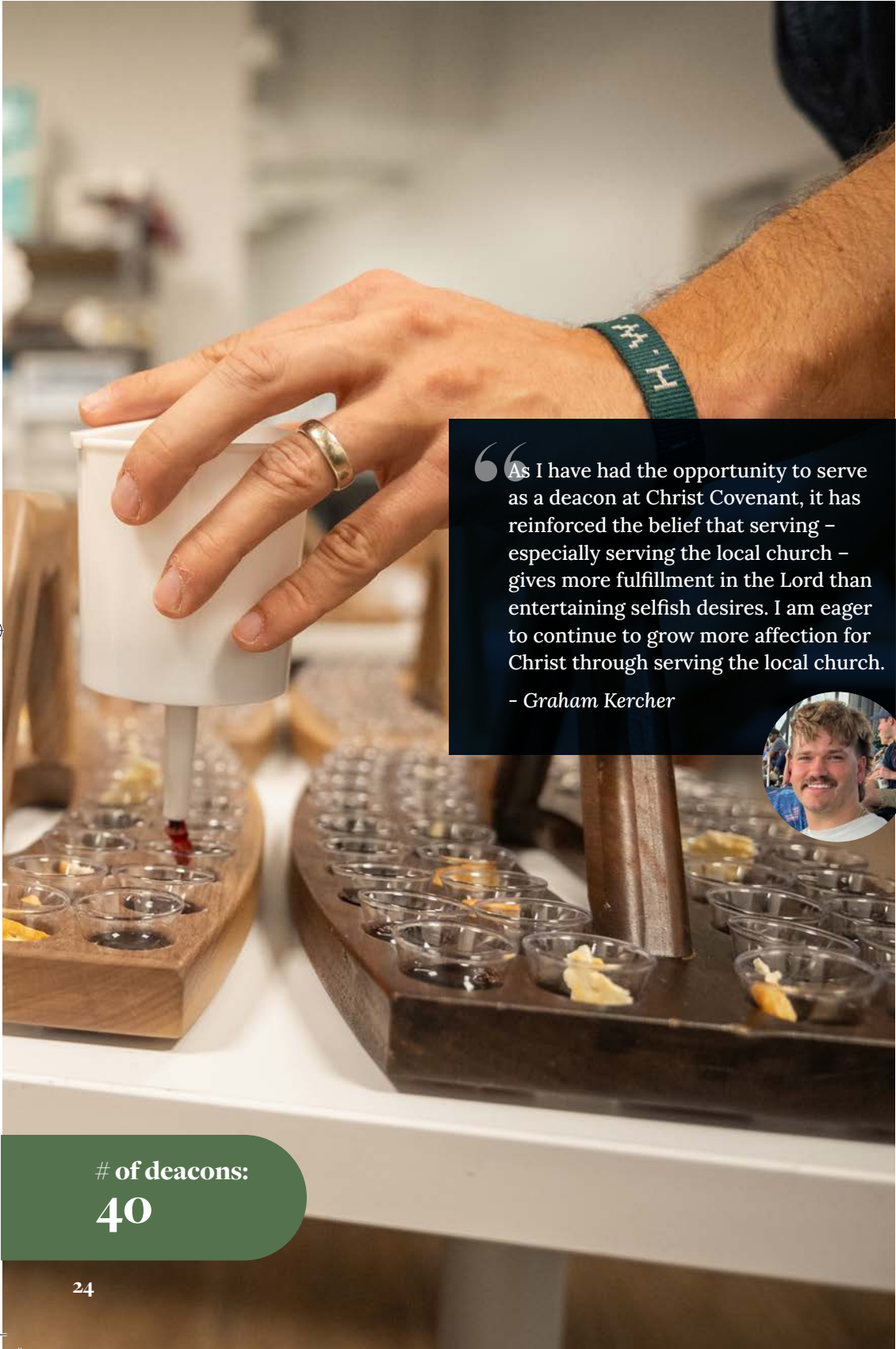
- Chris Boynton







# Deacons



“As I have had the opportunity to serve as a deacon at Christ Covenant, it has reinforced the belief that serving – especially serving the local church – gives more fulfillment in the Lord than entertaining selfish desires. I am eager to continue to grow more affection for Christ through serving the local church.

- *Graham Kercher*



# of deacons:  
**40**





# Institute



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“It has been exciting to see the further development of the Institute over the past year, the enthusiasm of our members to take these opportunities to study God’s Word to see Him and ourselves in a clearer light, and how the good news of the Gospel changes everything.

– Brad Smith



“Core Classes improved my comprehension of Scripture and enriched my personal quiet times. They’ve helped me establish more consistent rhythms, increase my understanding of God’s Word, and deepen my fellowship with God.

– Tim Hunt



**1080 Lecture attendees**  
**235 class attendees**







# Apprenticeship



“ 2 Timothy 2:2 tasks pastors to train future ministers for the sake of the gospel. I’m proud of our church for taking this responsibility seriously. Congratulations to John, Abigail, Christian, and Courtney for completing the Apprenticeship in May!

- *Graham Thompson*



“ I’ve gained a robust understanding of a healthy church’s inner workings. I’ve grown in friendship, community, and ultimately to know Christ more because of the program.

- *John Vogt, Apprentice 22-23*







# Missions



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A hallmark moment for Christ Covenant this year was getting to commission and send one of our best, Chris Wong, to go serve in Paris as a long-term missionary! We hope to continue sowing faithful missions DNA into our church through our training, meaningful partnerships, and short-term trips.

- Billy Bean



Christ Covenant has been an invaluable partner in our ministry, and the blessing of counseling with Pastor Lou has been a source of tremendous support and guidance for us. Their consistent care for our family and dedication to advancing the Kingdom of Christ here in the Dominican Republic has been a wonderful blessing.

- Manuel Sanchez



# of members that went on short-term trips: 83 on 7 trips







# Our Future: Christ Covenant Sandy Springs





As Christ Covenant looks ahead, we do so with prayerful and hopeful anticipation and faith in the care of the Lord. Amazingly the Lord has entrusted us with the property and assets of First Baptist Sandy Springs in 2023 and we look to open a second campus in 2024: Christ Covenant Sandy Springs. In order for this to be a success we will need staff, elders, deacons, group leaders, and much more to make this dream a reality. There is a huge opportunity for our church to reach Sandy Springs for Christ in an area that desperately needs more faithful and Gospel-centered churches. Pray for this new work and for your part in making this vision a reality.







# Our Future: Sewing Machine Building (228 Ottley)

In 2022, our congregation voted to secure 228 Ottley (the Sewing Machine Building) for future expansion. As our congregation has continued to grow, this has proven to be a very wise decision. We still have not closed on the property and have to do so by February of 2026. The building will also need substantial work to be used for ministry. As we look to 2024, we plan to begin making plans for the purchase and renovation of this building we hope to include more space for on-sight groups, student ministry space, and classroom space for the Covenant Institute. We also hope to have a plan that will increase our worship space in our current building.









# Remembering Lou Priolo

We are deeply saddened to say goodbye to Lou Priolo this year. He went home to be with the Lord on November 28, 2023, leaving behind his loving wife, Kim, and beautiful daughters, Sophia and Gabi. He was two days shy of 69 years old.

Lou served our church faithfully for nearly five years. He came to our church when we were still very small and young, and he brought so much biblical wisdom and maturity to our church body. We are all the better for having

known him and for him having served us so faithfully, and many of us owe a great debt of gratitude to this good man.

Lou loved a good story, he loved to fish, he loved to travel, he loved Italian food, he loved Kim and his daughters, and he loved his Lord.

Our church will deeply miss Lou, but we are committed to continuing to build a top-quality biblical counseling center in his honor, to serve the people of God that Lou loved so genuinely.











## Letter of Encouragement from the Elders

“The church has been described with the analogy of a trellis and a vine. The vine is essentially making disciples, the fruit of ministry. The Apostle Paul explains the vine when he says the Church has the task of presenting “everyone mature in Christ” (Col 1:28). But a vine will not live long if it does not have a strong and healthy trellis to support it. The trellis of Christ Covenant is our staff, our elders and deacons, our counseling ministry, the many serve teams, the hundreds of volunteers that serve each week to support all the efforts of ministry, and much more. Both the trellis and the vine are essential to ensure that Christ Covenant continues to make disciples and bring glory to God years and years in the future.





“We the elders want to encourage you to continue to lean into Jesus. Be faithful to serve our church and the Lord. Prioritize worshiping corporately each week. Be serious about your own discipleship and how the Lord might use you to invest in others. Our desire is that Christ Covenant will continue to shine the light of Jesus in the city of Atlanta and beyond. May God continue to use us for His glory as we grow together!

– *The Elders of Christ Covenant*







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