

## Back to Basics

### **Initiation into the church - we are added to what Jesus is building - church would be a priority**

Act 2:36-47 ESV Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both **Lord and Christ**, this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

- **Lordship - This is our message - SLIDE is Jesus Lord of your life?**

38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**." 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." .

- **Repentance - there is a call to repentance**
- **Water Baptism - water baptism**
- **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**
  - Azusa St revival 1906 - Lasted 3 years in heyday but petered out totally by 1915
  - Many came and went, but the core membership was never more the 60-70 members
  - today 600 million – well over ¼ of the world's Christians = converting 35,000 followers each day
  - By 2050 it will be a movement of 1 billion souls (1/10 worlds population)
  - Due to birth rates, Islam and Hinduism are the great competitors in the global race for souls

## Priority of Church

41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added **[KJV to the church]** that day about three thousand souls 42 And they devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and the **prayers**.

- The word of God
- Fellowship (with Jesus, with others, in the gospel, contributing to needs)
- Breaking Bread - eating together in homes
- Prayer

## The Life of the Body

43 And awe came upon every soul, and **many wonders and signs** were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had **all things in common**. 45 **And they were selling their possessions** and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

- Exercise of Spiritual Gifts
- Extreme Generosity

46 And **day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes**, they received their **food** with glad and generous hearts, 47 **praising God** and having **favor with all the people**. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- Daily Gathering (eating in homes) and (worshiping in the temple)
- Favor in the Community
- Evangelism → Discipleship

## Look Back @ 2022

**PEOPLE** - Some very wonderful people from our church have gone on to be with the LORD this past year.

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| ★ Rich Phillips                        | ★ Uncle Mike Bartlow            |
| ★ Denny Maley (Becky)                  | ★ Jamie Voshel (Bob & Jan May)  |
| ★ Herman Hochstetler (Katie)           | ★ Sam Rupp (brother of Char)    |
| ★ Rory A. Mummert (Relative of Feeman) | ★ Willy Henry (husband of Char) |

**NEWCOMERS** - 2022 saw the addition of some new faces at ACC.  
I hope you have met some of these wonderful people and will help welcome them to our church family.

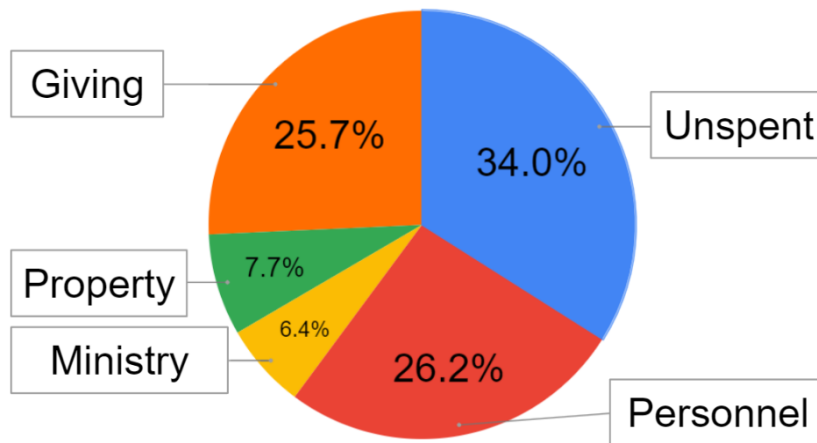
**Stats**

**Attendance - up 6%**

- Active Roster 180
- Avg Attendance 136 (75% on a given Sunday)

**Total Giving - up 6%**

- Total Giving \$404K (+ 6% over last year)



*Thanks to all - we are blessed to have such a giving church*

**TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN 2022**

- 1) New sign on Main Street
- 2) Some interior and exterior painting
- 3) Parking lot maintenance

**Church Community**

- 9 Bible Studies or Small Groups
- Regular Plus or Minus 60 Dinners
- Women's retreats
- Marriage ministry
- Various Ministry Teams working together

**Community Outreach**

- A Night to Remember
- 1092 Gospel Shares (Alliance, Canton, Louisville)
  - Teams trained in 15 of 88 counties
- 1 Sunday per month training & outreach

SHOW NEXT SLIDE WHERE TRAININGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE within Ohio

**Missionary Work**

Middle East Ukraine	Hong Kong Cambodia	India Guatemala	Latino Church in Salem Latino Church via Zoom - Ecuador
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## Guatemala

Hector - Church, radio, seminary, evangelism

Irlanda - ministry to widows, food pantry

Arg & Magda - ministry to youth, discipleship, Bible training and practical skills training

Mark Richard - wheelchair ministry

ACC January Projects - Kurt & Team

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## Ministries in Alliance

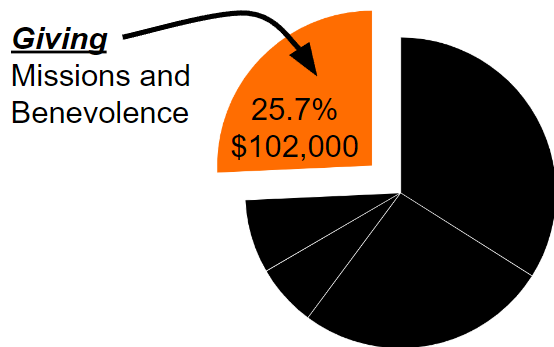
Alliance Pregnancy Center

Alliance of Churches

## The Needs of Others

Benevolence - \$18,000 to the poor in our city (outside the church)

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## Focus for 2023

### Joshua Project

#### Youth

- invest more in kids, youth, young adults

#### Making Disciples

- a focus of every ministry

#### Community Outreach

- building bridges to our city

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## GC2

Living out the Great Commandment - Carrying out the Great Commission