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MESSAGE FROM KAINU



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Often when I'm driving to the church campus, I find myself saying to the Lord, "Thank you so much for the privilege to serve at Vancouver Church."

For me every year seems to get sweeter as I watch the Lord continue so faithfully to pour out his love and leadership into us all. And my mind quickly flashes through so many lives transformed by Jesus; some in just the last few months, and many over the last several decades. God is good!

It's a privilege to be a part of a community that is marked by grace-filled truth, a welcoming spirit and passion for Jesus. Radiating throughout our church is a longing for Christ to be revealed among his disciples, and also to those who have yet to trust him with their lives.

Looking at the past 12 months, it's been another great year for us. As you review this report, use it as a worship guide to *"give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"*

Also, I wanna ask if you would combine that praise with this simple prayer, *"Jesus, help us equip people to be with you and like you, more every day."*

aka Pastor Chris

A Message from our Board of Trustees

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever. 1 Chron 16:34 CSB

This year the Board of Trustees was tasked with implementing the Purchase & Sale Agreement approved by the VC Membership in April 2024. And what a huge effort that proved to be! Thankfully the Lord faithfully provided; the Partnership Team and our Church Staff put many hours into negotiating and producing the documents needed to complete the sale per the PSA. The Board put many more hours into reviewing, discussing, and eventually approving the sales documents. As we look back, we can see God's direction in the entire process; what was not humanly possible became a reality with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

With the sale closed as of June 10, we want to thank the VC members of the Partnership Team for the many hours they put into this effort – Tim Nein, Ott Gaither, and Dave Agnor. We also wish to recognize and thank the King's Way Partnership Team members – Lori Gaither, Arne Kainu, and Matt Disbrow.

We can also see God's provision in our finances – at last report, we were about 10% over our current Financial Plan. He provides and we thank the Membership for their continued support and generosity.

As we head into the 2025-2026 year, we ask that the Membership continue to pray for the Trustees serving on the Board this coming year, and for the Financial Plan presented here for approval. We ask God for wisdom and direction as our Church moves forward into the next phase of what He is calling us to be, showing us how to advance the Gospel message and show His extravagant love to our community and neighbors who need to know Him.



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TOM MEYER



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VC Staff

This team is not only devoted, talented, and hard-working, they are deep in faith, strong in character, and a ton of fun!



Abby Conger
Pastor, Women



Amanda Winslow
Finance Assistant



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Director, Youth



Chris Kainu
Lead Pastor



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Administrative Assistant



Kirsten Galanter
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VC Staff

It's our privilege to work with you all to advance the Jesus Movement right here in Clark County and around the world.



Kristi Wubben
Resident



Kynsie Riedel
Director, Communications



Lynn Miller
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Nathan Noorlan
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Peggie Woody
VCKids Coordinator



Peggy Walker
Administrative Assistant



Robin Hutchin
Pastor, Worship Arts



Shannon McCord
Interim Director, VCKids



Steve Jensen
Executive Pastor of Ministry

The Shop

Cleaning is just the beginning for The Shop team! In addition to daily cleaning and room setups throughout our campus, this team handles all sorts of projects and mechanical maintenance.

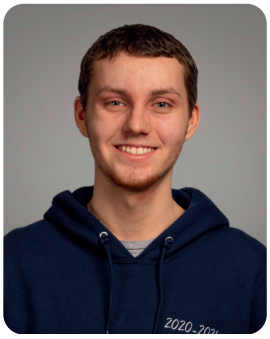
We are thankful to have these dedicated, hardworking, and adaptable people on our staff, and blessed every day by their deep care for the VC community.



Brian Tito
Maintenance Assistant



Cindy Roe
Custodian



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Custodian



Daniel Camacho
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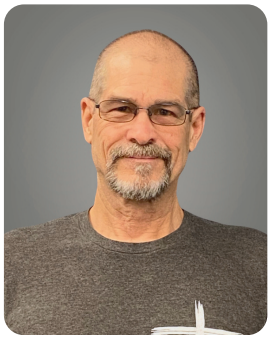

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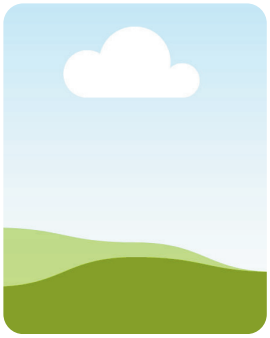

Joshua Nino
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Michael Anderson
Custodian



Michael DeWeese
Custodian



Michael Vanderhook
Lead Custodian



Valentin Moroz
Custodian

Summer Interns

At VC we feel called to develop the next generation of leaders. We have been privileged to have a great crew of summer interns, and we celebrate them as they serve our kids, youth, and other VC ministries.



AnnMarie Vickery



Caroline Carder



Carter Cameron



Daniel Fedorenko



Kylah Loomis



Marina Dally



Mia Coughlin



Sierra Ruger

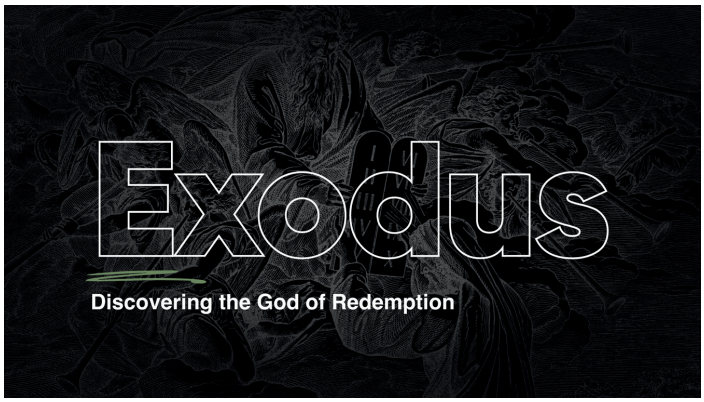


Teagan Petracca



Tyler Litle

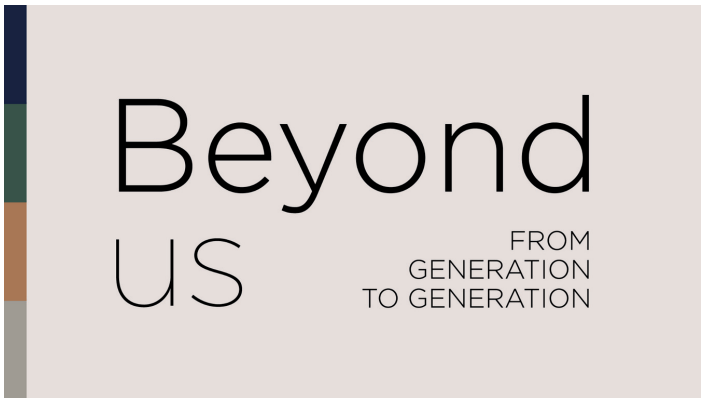














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Baptisms this past year

"Go make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
-Jesus



WHAT IS BAPTISM?

In short, baptism is an outward display of an inward decision to follow Jesus. The act of baptizing someone reflects Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

It is a directive from God as part of the discipleship process. As such, it is an ancient practice in which even Jesus himself participated!

Here at Vancouver Church, we believe baptisms are a joyous occasion. For us, baptism is both a sacrament and a party!

ORDINATION CELEBRATION







It's our privilege to be part of a movement of churches known as Church of God Ministries, based out of Anderson, Indiana. We have some 2000 churches in the US and Canada, and nearly 8000 more around the world. We are part of the Oregon district, formally called Church of God Northwest.

Our district recently ordained five pastors, including three from Vancouver Church: Steve Jensen, Jeremy Galanter, and Abby Conger. In an era where fewer and fewer people are committing to vocational ministry, we're delighted to help advance the mission of Christ through his work in our association of churches.

Abby, Jeremy and Steve have all been diligently working through Leadership Focus, a Church of God credentialing program, over the last 3 years. And all were approved for ordination at the District's Annual Business Meeting this summer.

They've done a great job!



NEXT GENERATIONS

VCKids

During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the VCKids organization served families with children from age 0 all the way to 5th grade across multiple ministries. On Sunday mornings, we served over 350 kids including first-time visitors, regular attendees, and holiday guests. We served over 130 kiddos on various days throughout the week in our childcare program while their parents were attending Bible studies, MomCo, training, & classes. We couldn't have done any of this without the efforts of our amazing volunteer team consisting of over 50 individuals with the heart to serve. We were able to lead several events that reached children all across the Vancouver area including Treasure Hunt, Quest Camp, and holiday parties (Christmas, beginning of the year, Easter, etc).

VCKids Treasure Hunt | Easter Sunday

Our annual Treasure Hunt (Easter) event was hosted this year on April 12 and included activities such as egg hunts (with 20,000 stuffed eggs), a petting zoo, free food, sensory play, an epic prize center, huge inflatables, ice cream, and a show where we shared the gospel. With a team of over 100 volunteers, we estimate that around 1400 people were in attendance for the event (970 people registered). Since the event, several families have come on Sunday morning to VCKids and have expressed gratitude for the event itself, as well as the invitation to the church.

Child Dedications

During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, VCKids hosted 2 Child Dedication opportunities (October & May) where 13 families dedicated their children to the Lord. Each family filled out a reflection form where they identified hopes for their child's future, wrote out a prayer, and identified an important family verse. These families also met with the VCKids Director to debrief the form, discuss the purpose of Child Dedication, and pray over the child and their family. In October, we had 4 families dedicate children and on Mother's Day, 9 families dedicated their children. It was a wonderful time of celebration for the church and the families as they declared that they would raise their children to be with Jesus and like Jesus, more everyday.



VCKids Quest Camp | Family Fun Day

Quest Camp is VCKids' version of Vacation Bible School and is hosted throughout the city of Vancouver at homes and parks. Quest Camp was hosted in 7 locations from Felida to Brush Prairie and up to Battle Ground. We had 65 kids from preschool through 5th grade registered. Each evening from June 24-26, the students gathered at their registered locations to learn more about Jesus' life and teachings. Then on Sunday, June 30, the whole church celebrated together with a Family Fun Day after the 11 am service. We had food, huge inflatables, water play, and other fun activities for the families to enjoy.



MomCo

For the 2024-2025 year, there were 38 registered moms, 6 mentor moms, and 40+ kids, who were watched by 5 childcare workers, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. We started the MomCo year off by hosting our 3rd annual Garage Sale here at the church in the parking lot. While it wasn't as successful as the years before, it still funded our MomCo budget for the year. We were able to host 5 speakers, celebrate 5 events/holidays throughout the year, do 5+ creative meetings, and had a waitlist of moms wanting to join by the end of the year. There were also 8+ additional babies born and meal trains set up for each to help families adjust to their new additions. A few of those families attend Vancouver Church and were also able to participate in Child Dedications.



NEXT GENERATIONS

Middle School / High School Youth Collective

This year we have seen many students give their lives to Christ and are seeing mass transformation in our students' lives through encounters with the living God! YC has had many memorable moments this year including 13 baptisms! The youth are continually growing in numbers and spiritually! The worship community and culture is growing. We've seen student worship leaders even join our Sunday adult gatherings. We even had a senior-led youth night to celebrate our graduating students! We have seen great community and fellowship being built week in and week out, everyone has grown so close to each other and the Lord! It's been an awesome year of celebration, deepening relationships, and personal growth. We are excited to see what the Lord does through the youth ministry in the year to come!





Young Adults

Over the last year, we've seen a beautiful community of young adults form. Every Tuesday, we've gathered at the Agnor's (big shout out to Dave and Sharon for opening their home over the past 5 years!), creating a space for young adults to encounter God and find community. We are excited to see these young adults becoming engaged in the mission at VC and serving in various church ministries.



Men's Ministry

The VC Men's Ministry served in two large work days this past year. Last fall, about 50 men completed various projects around the church campus. They also completed work projects at the homes of church members in need. It was a great time serving together. This spring, we took our men's work day to Hillsboro, completing several projects at the campus of Pastor Erin Taylor's church plant (formerly Valley Hope Community Church). The men wanted to return to Erin's church to get even more work done, so we returned in June for another day of service.

We started a Thursday evening men's Bible study, led by Nick Chamberlain. The group began as a book study and continued as a study of Romans. This new group, now called Man Alive, is open to any men who want to grow in their faith.

Meanwhile, we have a number of men's small groups that you can join. There are more than a half dozen men's small groups, and an opportunity to start new groups, for the purpose of growing together in Jesus. It's so exciting to see men gathering together to grow closer to Jesus and to serve as Jesus served!

Women's Ministry

We have enjoyed a fabulous year in Flourish, our VC Women's Ministry. We hosted Bible studies throughout the year on Thursday mornings and Wednesday evenings where we saw women grow in Biblical literacy, friendship and deepen their understanding of God. We had multiple opportunities for women to serve including with one of our Community Partners, The Giving Closet. Women joined us for several different experiences from womens worship nights, prayer nights and an art experience allowing them to encounter God in new ways growing in their spiritual gifts and in community. While we are preparing to start new initiatives in the fall, one that we are most proud of launching this year is the Every Woman project. Through Every Woman we have nearly 300 women in our church being prayed for weekly by name. Overall we have seen God continue to move in the lives of our women and are excited to see what he has in store for us in the coming year.



Bible Studies

Our adult studies are places where you can connect with other believers and connect with Jesus through His Word. Our options for meaningful Bible classes continue to grow:

Discovery - [Sundays] a topical, accessible Bible study, typically using engaging videos, with some live instruction and discussion.

The Word - [Sundays] a meaningful verse-by-verse bible study, spending time in both the Old and New Testaments.

Student of Scripture - [Wednesdays] has a variety of studies, from The Bible Project Classroom, to watching and discussing “The Chosen” series, to an in-depth study of the last days in the life and ministry of Jesus.

Practicing The Way - About 100 people so far have completed the Practicing The Way Course. This is a chance to learn and try spiritual practices to be with Jesus, to be like Jesus, and to do the things Jesus does.

Sanctuary Course - Many of us have someone we love who struggles with mental health, from anxiety to depression, to more significant mental challenges. The Sanctuary Course looks at what scripture teaches about these issues, while also hearing from mental health experts. We had our first run of the Sanctuary Course this past year, and we are excited to offer it again soon.

If you have never been a part of an adult Bible study at Vancouver Church, we encourage you to take the step of joining us this fall!





GROWING TOGETHER

Digital Fast

This spring, we invited our church into a 28-day Digital Fast which was a chance for us to unplug from some of the digital noise in our lives and create more space to hear from God. We kicked it off with a teaching series based on The Digital Fast by Darren Whitehead, looking at how technology shapes our attention, relationships, and spiritual formation. Over the month, people put down their phones, stepped away from social media, and filled that space with prayer, Scripture, and deeper connection with others. It wasn't always easy, but it was meaningful. We heard stories of peace replacing anxiety, clarity cutting through distraction, and a deeper awareness of God's presence. This fast reminded us that less noise often leads to more life.

Alpha

This year, 22 adults and 34 youth participated in the Alpha Course! Alpha continues to be a meaningful space where people of all ages can explore life, faith, and meaning in a welcoming and non-judgmental environment. We've seen individuals who might never step into a traditional church gathering engage in honest conversations—and in some cases, begin a relationship with Jesus. Alpha remains one of our most intentional and effective tools for reaching our churchless neighbors with the hope of the gospel.

The Marriage Course

This year, 22 couples took part in the Marriage Course—an extension of Alpha focused on helping couples grow closer through honest conversations and intentional time together. Each week felt like a meaningful date night, giving space to talk through important areas of marriage in a safe and welcoming environment. We also launched the Pre-Marriage Course, where seven engaged couples had the chance to prepare for marriage by talking about things like communication, expectations, and commitment. Both courses gave us a great opportunity to come alongside couples in our community and invest in their relationship.



GROWING TOGETHER

Prayer

Over the past year, the Prayer Team has continued to grow, and the culture of prayer within the church body has grown as a result. The Wednesday Intercession meetings, led by Deborah Miller, met faithfully over the past year to cover the church and leadership in prayer. On Sundays, we have seen more and more people come forward to be ministered to, and we only hope to see that continue to grow.

This year, to cap off the church-wide week of prayer and fasting in January, we held our first-ever 24-hour prayer experience. The church lobby was transformed into an interactive prayer room where people could engage in different forms of prayer over a 24-hour period. Around 200 people took part in the prayer experience. And people were praying in the room at all hours. A few highlights included having guest artist Corrine share her gift of prophetic art, making a big impact on lectio visio prayer. And the designated family prayer hours where VC Kids helped create a family-friendly prayer environment, making sure all ages were welcome! It was both a powerful and transforming experience for individuals and the church as a whole.

GriefShare

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability, and gain solid support each step of the way.

It is a positive outreach to grieving people in our community as well as our own church family. We see people entering broken and hurting, but by the end of the 13 weeks there is healing, hope, and valuable bonding with the other participants. This past year we offered two GriefShare morning sessions in the Fireside Room. In the coming year, we are adding a one-session group on loss of a spouse.

WORSHIPING TOGETHER



Worship Arts - Traditional

I've been noticing, along with others, something beautiful happening with our traditional music ministry. This "something" is like a thread that weaves itself through our team as we realize that what we're part of together matters more than what we are alone. This "something", let's call it unity in the Spirit, is at the heart of our worship experience each Sunday and it is far more than just making music, it opens the door for transformation as we together seek and submit to the Holy Spirit and place the needs and preferences of others above our own. Our band, choir and handbell choir play a vital role in helping us live out our mission to equip people to experience a whole new life with Jesus and be like Jesus more every day.

All the ensembles have been a delight to work with this year. Our weekly rehearsals and prayer times comprise some of the highlights of my week. On Sunday's we minister through harmonies that some have said "speak directly to their soul". We believe that when we come together on Sunday mornings, be it special music or congregational singing, we are not performing but pointing others to Jesus. I am grateful not only for these skillful musicians, but their deep devotion to worship as they collectively point others to Jesus and equip them to live in His presence in Spirit and Truth.

So, if you've ever found yourself moved during a hymn, encouraged by a choir special, filled with peace as the bell choir plays, or stirred by the richness and depth of our brass, woodwinds, piano and organ, then you too are noticing that "something" beautiful is happening with our traditional music ministry.

I want to thank everyone who has given their time and talent to this ministry. You help make our church a place where people can experience a whole new life with Jesus and become a little more like Him every day.

Peace,
Pastor Robin





Worship Arts - Contemporary

As I reflect on this past year in our contemporary worship services, I am filled with gratefulness for how our culture continues to step into worship with honor, expectancy, and authenticity. Every Sunday, there is a tangible desire to encounter the Holy Spirit and revere and glorify our Savior and Creator, both from the worship teams and the congregation as a whole. Our worship team culture continues to grow in unity and authority as we seek to be a holy people who are with Jesus and like Him, not just on Sunday, but every day. Our youth worship leaders are developing both in practical skill and confident leadership. It's beautiful to see that fruit as the culture of worship at Youth Group on Wednesday nights has steadily become a place where students are excited to engage with the Lord and experience His presence and love. Our mission as a church is to equip people to experience a whole new life, with Jesus and like Jesus… more every day. The times of worship on Sundays and Wednesdays are evidence that we are continually becoming a community that is after the heart of Jesus, and I am so thankful to be a part of that.

- Pastor Crenshaw





WORSHIPING TOGETHER

Christmas Eve

This Christmas season, we leaned into our deep longing for God's presence through the series Come, Jesus, Come. On Christmas Eve, we wrapped up the season with a beautiful candlelight service where our traditional and contemporary teams came together for a unified celebration.



Good Friday

Every year, our Good Friday service offers a powerful and moving experience as we reflect on the weight of the cross. We gather to worship in the round. We intentionally fix our eyes not on a stage or musicians but on Jesus and His sacrifice. This tradition has become one of our church's most meaningful expressions of worship, preparing for the celebration of Easter.



Easter

We gathered as a church on Easter to celebrate and declare that death does not have the final word. The room was full and we threw a party. One of the most powerful moments of the day was celebrating 30 baptisms, each one a public declaration of new life in Jesus.

SERVING TOGETHER



Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Ministry has been fully active this past year in serving our VC community, our Community Partners and those that are vulnerable and need to feel the love and care of Jesus. It was Jesus himself who taught us to love and care well for others; He is the perfect example of what it means to show hospitality to others. It is an ancient tradition. Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by opening our hearts and making space for relationship, connection and caring well for one another. We are called to do this in every area of our lives, and on the VC Hospitality Team get to experience it on a regular basis.

Through the generous gifts and support of the entire VC community, we have been able to provide the manpower for the planning, preparation, and clean-up of many events including:

Café Connection – Sunday services and all other ministry events requiring coffee, tea, and beverage service
Camps and Retreats – This year, the Hospitality Team provided food, beverages, and support to at least 6 various camps and retreats, including VCKid's Quest Camp, Youth Collective, staff retreats, Camp Attitude, Women's Ministry, and more.
Community Focus – Celebrations of life, Christmas Party for Open House Ministry, Women's Arise Conference
VC Ministry Events – All Church Family Picnic, Alpha, Marriage Course, Men's Breakfast, Women's Leadership, Children's Ministry Training.
General VC Activities - Including all holidays, monthly staff meetings/lunches, BOT monthly meetings, weekly ministry activities, and all other VC-sponsored events.

We invite you to step into the world of Hospitality. If you love Jesus and want to serve and love others then YOU ARE QUALIFIED! We will teach you the rest!

Welcome Team

The 30+ friendly faces of our Welcome Team aim to provide a warm "come on in" for guests, and a "glad to see you again" feeling for regular attendees of VC. Guided by their mission "to make Vancouver Church a place people want to be," the VC Welcome Team spearheads our church's culture of invitation and belonging. You can find them every Sunday stationed at our doors and in the lobby ready to answer questions, provide guidance, and most importantly, to welcome all.

SERVING TOGETHER



The Thursday Guys

In my 2 1/2 years here at Vancouver Church, I have been blessed to be a part of the scheduling and task assigning for the "Thursday guys". Each of these great men are accomplished semi-retired businessmen and craftsmen in their own right who attend VC as their home church. Crushing tasks large and small throughout the years here at VC and beyond, these wonderful men of God are joyful givers of themselves and their precious time. Tasks are truly an understatement as many of the "jobs" they have accomplished in this last year of Thursdays include, building the nicest press box in all Washington state division 1-A level for King's Way High School on the football stadium, to rebuilding the picnic tables in the children's playground.

These men have hung countless bulletin boards and big screen tv's, repaired broken tables, replaced stained or damaged ceiling tiles and installed new laminate floors. There has been no job or task large or small that has stumped or caused them pause. All done with a huge smile and gracious temperament. They all exude thankfulness and grace. VC has also hosted several Mens' work days here at our campus, even as far away as Hillsboro Valley Hope Church... and the first names on the volunteer lists are always these Thursday men of God. When church or community members are in need, these men jump in to help with things such as yard cleanup to building handicap ramps and more.

But quite honestly, my favorite times with these men is sitting around the table before and after work day, to pray and reminisce on the goodness of our Lord and Savior. Sharing in their devotionals and rich home lives is a real treat. And to hear from them that: "This is my favorite day of the week" is truly nourishing to my soul. I am thankful to know these men and to be blessed to share Thursdays with them.
Jim Denton, Facilities Director

Construction Team

The Construction Team for Vancouver Church has been an invaluable partner in bringing the vision of the Beyond Us remodel to life. Collaborating closely with our architects, they have worked diligently to ensure a design that meets the needs of our congregation and a strong desire to steward our finances well. Their expertise, attention to detail, and commitment to Vancouver Church have played a crucial role in shaping a space that will serve our community well for years to come.



Tech Team

It's been a really fruitful year with our team, building trust while building a new production culture. We added two new people this year and hope to add two more next year. Our focus is to serve the mission of the church and draw closer to Jesus as we do it "together".

John Harrel
Tech Arts Pastor

Visiting Team

The Visiting Ministry reaches out to those who cannot attend church or who need a special touch. Through visits, calls and cards, the 25+ volunteers of our ministry strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus and bless the lives of the folks who need a special touch by letting them know the VC family hasn't forgotten them and they are loved! God expanded our ministry this year, and it came about unexpectedly! In addition to the 32 regulars on our Visiting List, the Team also delivered Christmas and Easter gifts, visited, caroled, and prayed for 23 residents and 21 caregivers of six Adult Family Homes. And it all started with just one resident listening in on one of our visits with a home-confined lady who lives in an AFH. One team member shared, “God spoke so clearly that we were compelled to answer His call to serve even more beyond our walls.”

Volunteer Admin Team

This talented crew helps us run things behind the scenes in a variety of ways. Some tidy up and restock the sanctuary pews; others help cover the church office front desk during staff meetings & prayer; some take on projects, like prepping welcome mugs and giving tree gift tags; and others assist with connect card follow-up. Whatever the role, they graciously share their gifts, time, and talents in much appreciated and helpful ways. And we are so thankful to have them on our team!



Camp Attitude

Camp Attitude is a summer camp located in Foster, Oregon, dedicated to serving children and adults with physical or cognitive disabilities and their families. The camp provides a week-long, fully accessible experience that allows families to take a break from daily challenges and enjoy meaningful time together in a supportive, faith-based environment.

During their stay, families get the chance to participate in activities they might not typically have access to, such as fishing, boating, games, arts and crafts, talent shows, and more. The camp is designed to be inclusive and welcoming, with all facilities and activities adapted to meet the unique needs of every camper.

Since 2014, Vancouver Church has sent a team each Memorial Day weekend to help prepare Camp Attitude for the summer season. Over the years, our volunteers have made a significant impact on the camp and the families it serves.

This year, around 50 people from Vancouver Church came together to complete a wide range of projects at Camp Attitude. These included numerous painting and staining tasks, such as the pavilion and a staff house, grinding and sealing a concrete floor, laying pavers, building a firewood storage shed, completing various carpentry jobs, cleaning gutters, landscaping, raising a large tent, and more. Their efforts help ensure that Camp Attitude is ready to welcome campers and their families this summer.

Missions Banquet

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In February, the Mission Action Committee held the annual Mission's Banquet. The event is a fundraiser for missions and promotes awareness of the mission work the church supports. Ninety-seven people registered for this year's banquet. A delicious meal was prepared by our own hospitality team. We were honored to have representatives from our community partners attend the event and participate in the fun activities. Several one-time gifts and pledges of support were received.









Global Partners

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To extend our impact around the world, we build relationships with global ministry partners and missionaries abroad. This helps us hear the needs of their people, then bring them the good news and love of Jesus in ways that make sense in their part of the world. As we attempt to humbly support them, we learn much more about ourselves and the goodness of God from them and their cultures.





ASIA & SOUTH PACIFIC

Don & Caroline Armstrong continue to oversee the Asia/South Pacific region for Global Strategy, the mission organization of the Church of God. There they focus on networking and empowering church leadership to impact their communities - stretching from Japan, Pakistan, China, and New Zealand.

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Jason and Abby Torgeson oversee the Latin America region for Global Strategy. As Church of God Ambassadors to Central & South America, they train and develop local pastors and their congregations.



TAIWAN
Brian and Faith Janssen (former King's Way teachers) and their family bring the Gospel to people in Taiwan, primarily through working class families and at-risk youth.



KENYA
KIMA International School of Theology (KIST) is the primary theological institution of the Church of God in East Africa. KIST offers certificates and bachelor's degrees in Christian Ministries, Bible and Theology.



TANZANIA
The Tanzania Pastoral Education program supports local pastors in furthering their education in secondary school and pastoral and theological training. As pastors grow in academic competency they can more effectively serve their congregations and mentor emerging leaders for the Church of God of Tanzania.

Community Partners

To get beyond our four walls, we partner with local ministries and non-profit organizations. Our goal is to magnify Jesus and share the practical help of his people in providing care for our neighbors in need. We rely on the expertise of our community partners to maximize the effectiveness of our efforts in meeting the needs of the most vulnerable throughout our county.



THE GIVING CLOSET
Collects and provides clothing, food and other basic resources to those living at or near the poverty level, including the homeless who are transitioning to a new home. Their goal is to help restore hope and dignity in our community.



OPEN HOUSE MINISTRIES
Provides temporary housing and is committed to equipping homeless families with the tools necessary for resolving issues that lead to poverty and homelessness.



OPTIONS 360 WOMEN'S CLINIC
Provides caring and knowledgeable assistance to women and teens who find themselves faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Through two clinics they offer pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, education, spiritual counseling and unconditional, non-judgemental support.

Community Partners



SACAJEWEA ELEMENTARY
Supporting nearby families in our community by preparing and providing dinner events, seasonal backpack supplies, weekend food, and stocking an emergency food pantry for a local elementary school with a particularly high population of under-resourced families.



TEACH ONE TO LEAD ONE
Developing leaders of integrity by mentoring at-risk kids throughout the community in individual weekly visits at schools. A curriculum that focuses on universal life skills helps transform kids expressing a loss of hope into hope-filled teens and adults.

Giving Tree

Selecting gift tags from the Giving Tree is one of the ways we at Vancouver Church celebrate the birth of Jesus. Each year our Community Partners provide the church with lists of gifts for people in need. Those items are written on gift tags and placed on the Giving Tree. During the 2024 Christmas season 361 gift tags were created for and chosen from the tree. Not a single tag was left on the tree! Thank you for your generosity and the love you showed for your neighbor.



Community Partners



King's Way Christian Schools

As King's Way wraps up another incredible year, it is a great time to reflect on all that the Lord has done. KW began this year with a record enrollment of 1,107 students and continues to see waitlists at almost every grade level. People are drawn to what is happening at KW! This year 26 students from K-12 made professions of faith in Jesus, and 23 students got baptized at their two baptism chapels, praise Jesus! What is even more exciting is that 5 other students attended King's Way baptism class and then made the decision to be baptized in their home church! KW loves engaging with local churches and believes in their role to get students and families plugged into a local body. In the High School, KW hosted a youth group networking event where 10 churches sent their youth teams to campus to network with KW high school students. From the Learning Center to the High School, KW continues to see faith-filled conversations daily as their teachers and staff live on-mission in the hallways of King's Way!

Additional Ministries We Support

CAMP ATTITUDE
Provides and promotes active participation in a safe and inclusive outdoor camping environment for youth with special needs and their families.

PORTLAND FELLOWSHIP
Declaring a purpose to glorify Jesus Christ by proclaiming His incredible power to release people from being controlled by their desires. Their methodology includes biblical instruction, Christ-centered accountability groups, personal testimonies, trained peer-to-peer support, and professional counseling referrels.

ROYAL RIDGES
Provides a fun and safe experience for campers attending a Royal Ridges camp while also teaching important Biblical principles in the context of God's beautiful outdoors.

VANCOUVER JAIL MINISTRY
Bringing the eternal hope of Christ to inmates incarcerated locally at the Clark County Jail, by distributing donated Bibles and other Christian reading material, and visiting with inmates who ask to hear more.

WARNER PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
Educating collegiate and graduate students in a Christ-centered, urban, liberal arts environment designed to intentionally prepare students for the ever-changing cultural landscape.

Planting Partners

The Refinery Church
Temecula, California

Casey & Aimee Graves



There's a moment in every growing ministry when momentum shifts from hope to harvest. When prayers start becoming people and dreams take shape in real time. For us at The Refinery Church, that moment came this past June, which marked the highest-attended month in our church's history..

A Year of Milestones
2025 has already been full of defining moments:

- In March, we reached a major milestone: financial self-sufficiency. It was a moment of quiet celebration and deep gratitude. As external funding wrapped up in June, we entered a new season of sustainability, made possible by the solid foundation laid through supporters like you.
- Easter was our most attended Sunday yet, with 19 people raising hands to receive Christ and 9 baptisms that followed in the weeks after. So far this year, we've seen a total of 43 people step into a new relationship with Jesus.
- Over 80 adults are currently engaged in Community Groups, building friendships, growing in faith, and learning how to "find their people."
- A generous donor provided free office space for our pastoral team, giving us a base of operations and space for planning, mentoring, and prayer. But the gift also revealed a growing need: a dedicated office and midweek ministry center. We're praying toward this next step—one that comes with a monthly cost of $4,000–$5,000.

What's Next: 3 Big Shifts Shaping Our Future
With momentum building and lives changing, we believe God is inviting us to take bold new steps in the second half of 2025. Here's where we're heading:



Eldership Transition
We're currently in a season of prayer and discernment with five elder candidates. By fall, we hope to commission three of them and move our governance fully in-house. This shift will deepen our spiritual leadership and bring stronger alignment to our mission and local context.

Facility Expansion
We've outgrown our current Sunday space. Our team is actively searching for a larger, more visible location that can better serve our growing community and make room for continued outreach and connection. It's a leap of faith, but one we believe God is leading us into.

Youth Director Hire
With students showing up consistently and leaders already investing in them, it's time to take the next step. We're preparing to hire a Youth Director who can build a dynamic, disciple-making ministry for middle and high school students, because we believe the next generation deserves our very best.

Your Impact Is Eternal
The Refinery Church was planted with a simple but bold mission: to help people experience God everyday. And every time you give, pray, or share our story, you're helping that mission move forward. You're not just supporting a church—you're investing in a vision to reach 1% of the Temecula Valley with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being part of it.

With full hearts,
Pastors Casey & Aimee Graves

Planting Partners



Hope Collective
Hillsboro, OR

Erin Taylor & Family

A Scaffolding Church

As Erin Taylor and Hope Collective have taken steps to engage their community and form meaningful relationships, Vancouver Church has had the privilege of stepping into a new role in our mission to multiply churches — the role of a scaffolding church.

A scaffolding church comes alongside a new congregation to offer temporary structure and support until it becomes self-sustaining. It's about offering just enough resources to help establish the new community, then gradually stepping back as the new church stands on its own.

While we didn't have the privilege of sending Erin from within our congregation to plant in Hillsboro, we have had the joy of coming alongside her with our experience and resources. Hope Collective finds itself in a unique position for a church plant; they were given the gift of a building, yet also faced with the challenges of significant deferred maintenance.

From our first conversation with Erin in the fall of 2024, our heart has been to offer support in whatever ways we could. Steve Olsen and I are honored to serve on the board of Hope Collective. We've sent two teams to participate in Serve Saturdays, helping to clean and restore the property. Our Facilities Director and our faithful Thursday Guy crew have invested considerable time in repairs, painting, demolition, and minor construction. In addition, our Pastor of Technical Arts has provided valuable insight and hands-on help with upgrading their audio system, running cables, and hanging speakers.

HOPE
COLLECTIVE

This is just the beginning of how we want to support Hope Collective. In line with the vision of Beyond Us, we have committed to being a financial partner this next year. We are also hoping to send some members of our congregation for a season to help the Hope Collective launch team when they open their doors for services in October. If you're interested in learning more about what it means to be a scaffold member of their team, let me know. It is an adventure that God may be calling you to.

We are proud of this partnership and look forward to where God will take us because of it.

Anne Erickson
Executive Pastor

VANCOUVER CHURCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE 2025

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Trustees that the Annual Business Meeting of VANCOUVER CHURCH will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2025. The meeting will be conducted both on location at 3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, Washington, County of Clark and online at a link posted on the church website. Ballots shall likewise be made available both on campus and online.

The on-campus Business Meetings shall be held Sunday, July 27, 2025, immediately following the scheduled 9am and 11am gatherings. An on-line meeting will be available immediately following the 11am gathering.

The business of the Annual Meeting may include:

1. Presentation of the previous year meeting minutes;

2. Presentation of financial results for fiscal year 2024-25;

3. Presentation of ministry financial plan for fiscal year 2025-26;

4. Presentation of the slate of proposed candidates for open boards and committees;

5. Presentation of any bylaw amendments;

6. Presentation of Foundation Report; and

7. Any other ordinary business that may be properly brought before the meeting.

In addition, the Board of Trustees will conduct an Information Meeting where the business of the Annual Meeting will be presented, with time for question and answer. Notice is hereby given by the Board of Trustees that this Information Meeting will be held on-campus at 3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, Washington, County of Clark, on Sunday, July 13, 2025 immediately following the scheduled 9am and 11am gatherings. An online meeting will be held immediately following the scheduled 11am gathering.

VANCOUVER CHURCH
3300 NE 78th Street - Vancouver, WA 98665
www.vancouverchurch.org

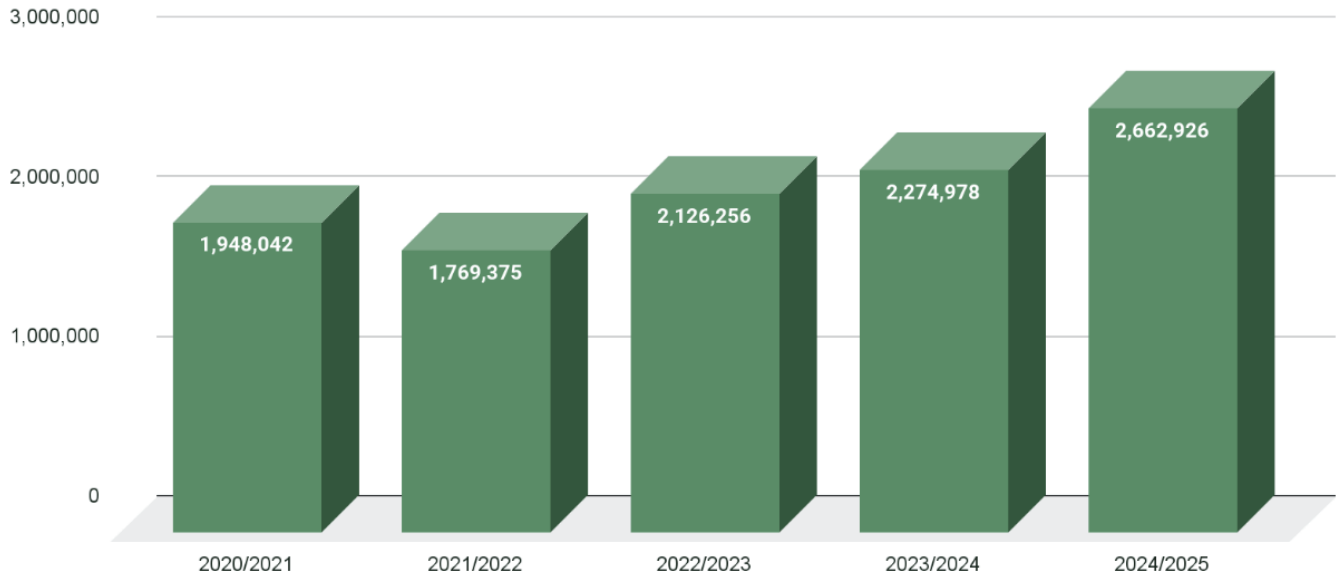
INFORMATION MEETING Sunday, July 13 @ 10:15 am and 12:15 pm

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS Sunday, July 27 @ 10:15 am and 12:15 pm

All notices posted online at vchurch.org/annualmeeting

Ministry Financial Plan

5 Year Tithes & Offerings



VANCOUVER CHURCH 2025/2026 FINANCIAL PLAN	General Ministry Plan	Beyond Us 30/30/30/10	Additional Staffing	VC Capital Building Remodel	Total 2025/2026 Financial Plan
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (ESTIMATED)	2,256,765	-	-	7,756,535	10,013,300
- - - - INCOME - - - -					
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	2,500,000	250,000	250,000	2,100,000	5,100,000
FACILITY INCOME	419,667	-	-	-	419,667
EVENTS INCOME	48,000	-	-	-	48,000
OTHER INCOME	9,500	-	-	270,000	279,500
TOTAL INCOME	2,977,167	250,000	250,000	2,370,000	5,847,167
- - - - EXPENSE - - - -					
SWAB	1,650,731	-	250,000	-	1,900,731
MINISTRY EXPENSES	733,790	250,000	-	100,000	1,083,790
OPERATION EXPENSES	586,431	-	-	-	586,431
CAPITALIZED EXPENSES	-	-	-	7,500,000	7,500,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,970,952	250,000	250,000	7,600,000	11,070,952
OPERATIONAL NET INCOME	6,215	-	-	(5,230,000)	(5,223,785)
ENDING FUND BALANCE	2,262,980	-	-	2,526,535	4,789,515

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Vancouver Church Annual Business Meeting
July 21, 2024
Time: 12:15 PM
Place: Vancouver Church

The Information meetings were held on 7/7/24. The specifics below were distributed and discussed at on-campus information meetings on July 7 after each of the two services, as well as online after the 11:00 service.

At the information meetings, packets were passed out to those in attendance. Anne Erickson opened in prayer. Anne reviewed the Boundaries and Scope of the meeting including Bylaws, Finances, and Candidates in compliance with our operating documents. Ben Shular, the incoming Board of Trustees Treasurer, reviewed the 5-year giving trend and presented the 2024/2025 Ministry Financial Plan. Jason Woody, Board of Trustees Chair, presented the minutes from the 2023 Annual Business Meeting, discussed the proposed amendment to the Bylaws, presented the candidates for the various Boards and Committees, and discussed the vetting process. Anne, Ben, and Jason moderated a short Q&A.

Following the information meeting, the Foundation Board Chair, Cailen Thomason, called to order the annual Foundation Board meeting at 10:45 a.m. Cailen presented the Foundation Board report and explained the Foundation Board's purpose. Cailen stated that after a challenging couple of years, the funds have now recovered, and the Foundation was able to make available funds for scholarships this year. The Foundation Board meeting was suspended and then reconvened following the subsequent information meeting. Cailen officially adjourned the Foundation Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The Vancouver Church Annual Business Meeting was held on 7/21/24 on campus following the 11:00 service. Steve Jensen presented the members of the Board of Trustees and thanked them for their service. Steve then explained the goals and process of the meeting. Jason Woody, Board of Trustees Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

The 2023 Annual Business Meeting minutes were presented. Terry Mendenall made the motion to accept and Katy Thomason seconded. The minutes were approved.

The Vancouver Church Special Business Meeting minutes from April 14, 2024 were presented. Taylor Wilkerson made a motion to accept and Whitney Mosback seconded. The minutes were approved.

Ben Shular, incoming Board of Trustees treasurer, reviewed the 2023/2024 financial results and presented the 2024/2025 Ministry Financial Plan.

Jason presented the candidates for Board of Trustees, Foundation Board, Leadership Selection Committee, and Mission Action Committee.

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Vancouver Church Annual Business Meeting
July 21, 2024
Time: 12:15 PM
Place: Vancouver Church

Steve reviewed the ballot instructions and voting requirements.

Jason officially closed the Annual Church Business Meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Steve gave the closing prayer.

Total in-person attendance at the meeting – 343

Voting results as reported on 7/22/2024:

Total Ballots submitted – 202

Total ballots affirming yes for the financial plan, yes for the bylaws amendment, and ratifying all candidates – 194

Total ballots ratifying all candidates - 200

Total approving the financial plan – 202
Total opposing the financial plan – 0
Total neither approving or opposing the financial plan – 0

Total approving the bylaws amendment – 196
Total opposing the bylaws amendment – 2
Total neither approving or opposing the bylaws amendment - 4

192 people voted in person
10 absentee ballots submitted

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Riley

2025-26 CANDIDATES

Each year the Leadership Selection Committee is tasked with creating a nomination and review process for the election of open positions on the Board of Trustees, Leadership Selection Committee, Mission Action Committee, and Foundation Board. Following is the presentation of candidates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Candidates

LEADERSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE



MURRAY SKILLESTAD

MURRAY SKILLESTAD

Tell us about your family:
My family is great! One wife, three kids and two dogs, we love adventure, we love family, and friends.

Years in Vancouver, WA:
My whole life

Years at VC:
8 years

Past Involvement in Church Activities:
Men's discipleship groups, keeping people caffeinated and short-term Missions most recently to Colombia.

General Background:
Graduate of Multnomah Bible College. I am a business development manager and most recent service project outside of church was Rebuilding Together, where we helped senior veterans upkeep their homes

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee:
I just wanna serve and combine my recruiting experience and people skills to advance the kingdom.

Candidates

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



KYLE BYRD



CAROLYN NOACK

KYLE BYRD

Tell us about your family:

I've been married for 12 years and have twin boys who are 9.

Years in Vancouver, WA

We moved down from the Seattle area 3 years ago. I was born and raised in Corvallis but lived in Portland for several years.

Years at VC: 2.5

Past Involvement in Church activities:

Volunteered in men's ministries, camp attitude, and alpha. My wife does childcare for the church.

General Background:

I was born and raised and have lived in the Pacific Northwest for my whole life. I was raised in Corvallis and am an OSU grad. I run the TownePlace Suites hotel in East Vancouver currently. Over the years I have volunteered with numerous organizations including Kiwanis, churches, youth sports and currently with teach one to lead one at cascade middle school

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee:

My family has made a home in this body and I would like to be part of the future of the church. Having a young family I have a vested interested in the future of the church and want to make sure that it is a great biblically centered place to grow my family as well as the community.

CAROLYN NOACK

Tell us about your family:

I have three adult daughters, two son in laws and a granddaughter.

Years in Vancouver, WA

Born and raised in Vancouver.

Years at VC:

I have been at Vancouver Church for most of 39 years.

Past Involvement in Church activities:

Activities include children's ministries, Board of Christian education, singing Christmas tree, Pastor on staff, prayer committee, women's ministries, and 'other duties as assigned'

General Background:

HBHS, Clark College, EWU. I am currently practicing dental hygiene, I was dental program manager at the free clinic of Southwest Washington, and children's pastor at Vancouver Church.

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee:

I believe everyone needs to serve in some capacity at their church. This differs at our different age and stages of life. I sense God calling me to serve Vancouver Church on the board of trustees at this time.

Candidates

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



JUDAH SMITH



SAM BROUWER

JUDAH SMITH

Tell us about your family: My wife, Sara, and I have been married for almost 3 years. We have a 10-month-old son named Grant.

Years in Vancouver, WA: I was born and raised in Vancouver, Washington, and currently live in Battle Ground.

Years at VC: I've been attending Vancouver Church for four years.

Past Involvement in Church activities: At Vancouver Church, I have been involved in service events and the children's ministry; Including serving in the two-&-three and four-&-five classrooms, treasure hunt, trunk or treat, Camp Attitude, and Royal Ridges serve days.

General Background: I attended King's Way in high school and I am an alumni. Thereafter, I studied at Grand Canyon University and received a bachelor's in Accounting. For the past 4 1/2 years, I have worked in the real estate industry to acquire land, and as an analyst for a residential developer and home builder.

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee: I've been looking for an opportunity to volunteer that matches my strengths. I believe this would be a good chance for me to contribute to the church in a way that matches my skillset.

SAM BROUWER

Tell us about your family: My family has been part of Vancouver church for 27 years. My mom (Audrey), my father (Pete), and my sister (Joanne) have also been attending for 27 years. My sister and I went to King's Way from pre-school all the way through high school and participated in sports there. My father has volunteered with me during the Easter event the church puts on every year and drives golf carts with me and he has also served as an usher. Both my parents grew up in Christian households and have always emphasized the importance of going to church and learning about the Word of God. My great uncle was actually the one that baptised me as a baby.

Years in Vancouver, WA: 27

Years at VC: 27

Past Involvement in Church activities: I have worked at the Easter event the church puts on every year and I drove the golf carts and greeted visitors as they showed up and I took them to where they wanted to go at the event. I would also get them to their cars once they were done at the event and create small chit chat with them and ultimately just be a friendly face.

General Background: I am 27 years old, I went to KW all my life from 3 years old to 18 years old. Then from there I went to GCU in Arizona and Graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Business Management. I now work at Colf Construction as a project manager and am working on multiple projects in the Vancouver area ranging from $600,000 projects to my main project which is $10.2 million. In previous years I have participated in the walk and knock for the Clark county food banks as well as misc volunteer work from helping people at their homes or working at a nearby church participating in remodeling.

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee: I am interested because I ultimately care about the church and I have been a part of it for a long time and it has been a major part of my life. I like to be in the "know" on things that I care about and I believe that I could be a valuable asset on the BOT.

Candidates

MISSIONS ACTION COMMITTEE



SHARON AGNOR



JOHN MATLOCK

SHARON AGNOR

Tell us about your family:
Dave and I were married in at the "F" Street church in 1976. We have three married children and they all live in Vancouver. We have 6 grandkids.

Years in Vancouver, WA: I was raised here!

Years at Vancouver Church:
My family started coming to VC when I was 2.

Past involvement in church activities
I like to volunteer in creative arts projects around the church. I also am part of VC's Moms Who Care, serving Mental Health Workers in Clark County.

General Background:
For the past 25 years I have been working in the Public Arts. I am a welder and glass worker. I love where this work takes me, out into the community where I can practice my faith and use the gift God has given me, hopefully to encourage others

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee:
I would like to support the VC Mission program in this way. I am particularly interested in the international work we contribute to.

JOHN MATLOCK

Tell us about your family: My wife Kathe and I met and married in Austin, Texas. We have now been married 58 years. We have had two children. Our daughter, Michelle (husband: Scott), lives near us in Vancouver. Our son, Joey, died in a fire in Oakland, CA in 2016. We have two grandchildren, Kaylee and Austin (through Michelle). Both live in the Vancouver area.

Years in Vancouver, WA: 42

Years at VC: 42

Past Involvement in Church Activities: Past member of BOT and MAC. Past adult Sunday class teacher (along with Kathe). Past Men's Bible study leader. Currently involved in two men's Bible studies, and an evening small group of couples. Traveled to Israel, Egypt and Rome on trips in 1996 and 1998. Part of two mission trips to Tanzania (with Kathe) in 2000 and 2003. On the second one, we knew we were being called to go back there. Missionary (with Kathe) to Tanzania -- 4 years (2006- 2010). Worked with Children of Promise program, Babati Bible School, and spent many weekends worshiping and speaking at various remote churches around the country. Missionary (with Kathe) to Kima International School of Theology (KIST) in Kenya -- 2 years (2014 and 2015). Served as Principal of KIST. Worked on helping to facilitate the transition of the school to local leadership.

General Background: Educational background: PhD - Engineering (U. of Texas - 1970), MBA (Southern Illinois U. - 1976). Additional classes taken at Jerusalem University College in Israel (2013). Long career (36 years - 1970-2006) in administration and technology related to the electronics industry. Work involved many trips to Japan and other countries. Over the years, I have also made other travels around the world. My personal interest in mountain climbing has involved much activity in Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Tanzania, as well as the Pacific NW.

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee: I have always had an ongoing interest in where God would have me serve both locally and around the world.

Candidates

MISSIONS ACTION COMMITTEE



JULIE MURPHY



KAYLYN WILKERSON

JULIE MURPHY

Tell us about your family: My husband, Michael, and I have three grown children - Lea, Brandon, and Eric. They and their families are huge joys in my life. All five of my grandchildren live in the area. Two are in their twenties, and the other three are 7-year-old triplets!

Years in Vancouver, WA: 45

Years at VC: 45

Past Involvement in Church Activities: Pastor of Adult Ministries & Small Groups at Vancouver Church (retired), Visiting Team, Women's Ministry teacher, Sunday School teacher, Life Group leader, VBS, Worship Team, Singing Christmas Tree, Teach One to Lead One mentor, mission trip to Africa, work projects with Royal Ridges, Camp Attitude, Open House Ministries...

General Background: BA Washington State Univ in Landscape Architecture. Operated a landscape design/build company with my husband for 20 years. Ordained pastor at Vancouver Church. Vancouver Neighborhood Assn

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee: Missions have been an important part of my life starting long ago when I got the taste of joy in sponsoring my first child through Children of Promise. I love that our church values working together to bring help in Jesus' name where it is needed - oversees and in our community, too. I am familiar with our community partners and global missions and am eager to be involved in making this facet of our church continue to thrive.

KAYLYN WILKERSON

Tell us about your family:

I am married to Taylor. We have three boys Liam, Henry and Isaiah.

Years in Vancouver, WA: 39

Years at Vancouver Church: 9

Past Involvement in Church Activities:

I have been a part of the welcome team (during Covid), hospitality (for The6) and I serve at our larger VC outreaches.

General Background:

I have a bachelors degree in Psychology from WSU. I own an event design studio called Linen and Grace Design Co. I also work as the EA to the Chief of Staff at Church of God Ministries.

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee:

I was a missionary with YWAM for almost 10 years and I miss being involved in Missions. I want to inspire our church family to go on mission trips and to see how God is moving around the entire Globe.

Candidates

FOUNDATION BOARD



JED BARNETT



NICK McCORD

JED BARNETT

Tell us about your family: I am a husband to my beautiful wife Tayler, and a dad to two amazing little girls (Ellie and McKenna). We have raised our family in the church, and being a husband and a father is the greatest gift the Lord has given me. We love spending time together around our property or cheering on the Ridgefield Raptors during the summertime. You can find us at most local tee ball or soccer fields these days, and we wouldn't want it any other way.

Years in Vancouver, WA: I moved to Vancouver at the age of 12. Aside from leaving for College, I have been a resident of Vancouver for the majority of my life. My wife was born and raised in Vancouver, and we hope to stay here for years to come.

Years at VC: I have been attending Vancouver Church since 2017.

Past Involvement in Church Activities: Financial Peace University Teacher, Men's Ministry Volunteer, Men's Group Leader, Life Group Leader.

General Background: I have an undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma, an MBA from Willamette University, and I am a Certified Financial Planner. I have been involved in Teach One to Lead One for the past three years, and also volunteer through Rotary International when I am available.

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee: I believe that a church is only as strong as their members. I want to invest in our church and create a space and a place where our community WANTS to experience Jesus. I am passionate about sharing Jesus with our community through a healthy and passionate church, and I believe it is our responsibility to help cultivate that.

NICOLAS McCORD

Tell us about your family: My wonderful wife of 10 years is Shannon McCord and we have 3 beautiful children together. My oldest son is Lucas McCord (age 6), my daughter is Micah McCord (age 2), and my youngest son is Jacob McCord (age 2 & twin to Micah). My mother, Crystal Leigh, lives with us and is a tremendous blessing!

Years in Vancouver, WA: I moved to Vancouver, Washington in 2017.

Years at VC: My family and I have attended Vancouver Church for 3 years.

Past Involvement in Church activities: I have volunteered at various church functions in setting up, tearing down, or running stations. I helped organize the Men's Ministry BBQ and recently have enjoyed attending the Men's Working Parties. I am a member of a men's accountability group that meets every week and my wife & I host a life group at our home. I have participated in classes at the church, including Alpha, Financial Peace, the Marriage Course twice, and a few art classes.

General Background: After community college, I attended Washington State University, where I received a bachelor's degree. I then joined the United States Marine Corps where I served for 5 years. After I completed active duty service, I attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where I received a master's degree in Project Management. I currently work as an IT Project Manager at ilani in Ridgefield, WA.

Why are you interested in serving on this Committee: I am interested in serving on this Committee to help promote the longevity of Vancouver Church and its congregation. I will use this appointment to assist those in need when I can, while emphasizing the longevity of the investment made by those who came before me.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in the affirmation of candidates and the ministry financial plan, you must be able to affirm the following:

- I have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- I am sixteen (16) years or older and have been attending Vancouver Church for at least six (6) months.
- I have accepted the beliefs and practices of the Church of God Ministries of Anderson, IN.
- I have a mutual desire to protect the unity, share the responsibility, serve the ministry, and support the mission of Vancouver Church by uniting in fellowship with Vancouver Church.
- I will endeavor to protect the unity of my church by acting in love toward others, engaging only in wholesome conversation, and supporting the teaching ministry and spiritual leaders.
- I will endeavor to share the responsibility of my church by praying for it to accomplish its mission, inviting the unchurched to attend, and warmly welcoming those who visit.
- I will endeavor to support the mission of my church by attending faithfully, living a Godly life, and giving regularly of my time, talent, and treasure.

DIGITAL OPTIONS & DEADLINES

All notices and links to online meetings can be found at vchurch.org/annualmeeting. The church office is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-5pm and Friday 8:30am-12pm. For inquiries, our phone number is (360) 574-1611 or you can email office@vchurch.org.

A digital version of this document is also available online at vchurch.org/annualmeeting.

July 13: Information Meeting and availability of Annual Meeting Packets

July 14: Absentee ballots available at church office

July 25: Last day to complete absentee ballots by mail or at the church, no later than 12 pm

July 27: Business Meeting and vote

Aug 1: Results will be published in VCWeekly News

To sign up for the VC Weekly newsletter, visit: vchurch.org and click "Subscribe for Updates" (at the bottom of the page)
To receive a paper notice by mail, contact the church office.

Foundation Report 2025

The Vancouver First Church of God Foundation is an endowment fund that allocates scholarships and grants for Christian education and augments church ministries, activities, and property needs. The Foundation's fund management principle comes from monetary and non-monetary gifts of Foundation members. If you go to Vancouver Church, you're already a member of the Foundation!

The Foundation Board Members meet periodically to direct the investments, review scholarship and grant applications, and allocate income for the church's general fund. Board members are recommended by the Leadership Selection Committee and affirmed by the church body. Church ministries and individuals are given equal opportunity to request funding through an application process.

It is important to note that only the **annual income generated from the principal is used** to honor requests for specific projects and needs. This design ensures that the endowment will be used for complementing and enhancing the church's ministries, activities, and mission for years to come.

The funds are organized into 3 separate categories with different donor origins, The Jay Kennedy Fund, The General Fund and the Forever fund. The Foundation was able to make available an additional $21,500 from the Jay Kennedy Fund this year. Scholarship amounts for this fund were decided in August 2024. Applications are currently under review to determine recipients and amounts for this year's recipients. While we saw market conditions improve substantially over the past year, unfortunately it was a bit too late of a recovery to issue any new funds from the General/Forever Funds. However the funds are now well positioned and available for distribution for next year.

As of the closing of our fiscal year (June 30), the principal balance of the Foundation's three investment funds, and the reserves to cover expenses and market volatility, are in place.

Year End Fund Summary

Fund	General Fund	Forever Fund	Jay Kennedy Fund	Total
Original Donations (Principal)	$355,822	$49,837	$421,632	$827,291
Retained Earnings	$38,446	$3,843	$22,692	$64,981
Total	**$394,268**	**$53,680**	**$444,324**	**$892,272**

The Foundation Board would like to recognize and thank the many donors who generously contributed to our efforts over the past year, particularly the ongoing support of the Kennedy family. We received $5,060 in donations over the past fiscal year. Your support and financial contributions help to support the local church and invest in the next generation of God's Kingdom now and for years to come. Thank you for your generosity!

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