

ANNUAL REPORT

CHRIST'S CHURCH OF ORONOGO

COMPLETENESS IN JESUS

1953

Christ's Church began with 33 members in the Moss family's basement.



1969

Ozark Bible College was brought on as the first monthly supported mission partner.

This year we had **23** Impact partners, spanning **10** countries.

1959

"Unusable farm land" was purchased and construction began for Christ's Church's first building.

"For 64 years, Christ's Church has partnered with Ozark Christian College, blessing both ministries. OCC profs have preached at Christ's Church, hundreds of OCC students have served with you—leading worship, teaching children, running tech, or discipling teens, and over twenty of your current staff and elders have been trained at Ozark. I hope OCC has blessed Christ's Church, but I know for a fact: Christ's Church has blessed OCC. You've been a church home for many OCC employee families and a training ground for many OCC students. Your staff and elders have served as professors and trustees. You've sent us many students, and through your dollars, you've sent our 15,000+ alumni to all 50 states and over 100 countries with the gospel. Only eternity will reveal your vast kingdom impact. So from all of us at Ozark Christian College: thank you, and happy birthday!"

- Matt Proctor, President | Ozark Christian College

1973

Christ's Church began children's ministry, known as "Junior Church".

This year we averaged **254** children weekly in Kid's Klub and **275** children weekly in Early Childhood.

1998

A new auditorium and classrooms were built.

(This has since been remodeled into our current Kid's Klub area.)

"Paul Brouwer has been running audio for Christ's Church since he was 15 years old, and this past year he retired from the creative team after 40+ years of serving. His wife, Julie, said that in the early years, Paul would spend his Sunday afternoons playing tape back to ensure the quality of the sermon recording. He has built things, fixed issues, installed equipment, and trained volunteers, serving in every room with every age group. He may have never stepped on a stage to preach or lead the church in singing, but he made sure the gospel was heard and the church could join together in worship."

- Chip Songer, Creative Director



Paul Brouwer running audio in the main auditorium at the time. Photo taken in 2000.

This year **753** people served regularly as hosts within our church.

2002

Opened our licensed professional Counseling Center.

This year **380** clients were seen by Christ's Church Counseling Center.

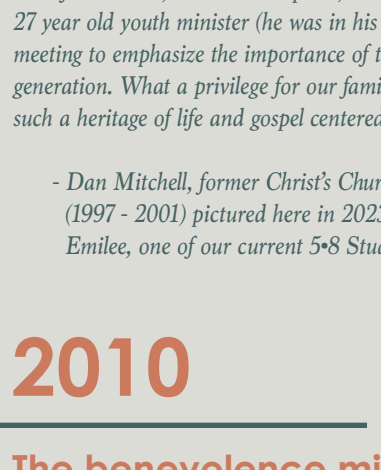
"With the approval of the elders, Lynn Ragsdale and Ken Anisley asked me to start a counseling center at Christ's Church. I was a licensed professional counselor with 15+ years of experience, the last 12 of those at a local church. My heart was to minister to those hurting and dealing with issues too big to handle alone. A new counseling center at Christ's Church would allow me to help more people in need. I was especially excited to bring to Christ's Church support groups for abused and battered women (Healing Hearts) and groups for those with substance abuse issues (Redemption Recovery)."

- Lindy Roberts, founder of the counseling center & former Counselor from 2002 - 2020

2009

Student Ministry Center North was built.

This year we averaged **265** 5th-12th grade students on Wednesday nights.



"To plant and cultivate the seeds of the Kingdom of God in partnership with God's Spirit and other advocates and friends of our young people is one of the most fulfilling and important callings. I have witnessed Christ's Church invest in and support and bring life to teens since 1997. I remember one of our elders, Don Witherspoon, when I was the new 27 year old youth minister (he was in his 60's) stop an elders meeting to emphasize the importance of teaching the next generation. What a privilege for our family to have a part in such a heritage of life and gospel centered work."

- Dan Mitchell, former Christ's Church Student Minister (1997 - 2001) pictured here in 2023 with his daughter, Emilee, one of our current 5-8 Student Ministers.

"It's amazing to think about all God has done through Right Here Right Now over the last 13 years! What started as a vision to simply help our neighbors has grown into a church-wide movement of love and compassion. We asked our people for dollar bills and in return they gave their time, their sweat, their resources, and their hearts - all for the sake of our community knowing they are deeply loved by Jesus."

- Maggie Schade, founder of Right Here Right Now, who now serves as our Community Impact Minister

2011

Construction was completed on our current Worship Center.

This year we celebrated **55** baptisms and averaged **2823** people gathered for weekly worship. We welcomed an average of **18** new visitors each week, with **50%** of them choosing to return.



2014

Planted Hope City Church in South Joplin.

"Happy 70th Christ's Church! You have continued to invest in the Kingdom over the last 70 years and Hope City represents the fruit of that investment. I want to thank the leadership and members for their vision over 10 years ago that led to an initiative to see a church planted on the south side of Joplin. Through your faithfulness and heart to see those in the Joplin area find hope in Jesus, we have seen God take a small plant and turn it into a flourishing tree! I am so thankful for the partnership we have in the gospel and pray our partnership continues to flourish for the next 70 years."

- Cody Walker, Lead Pastor | Hope City Church



2018

The first Rooted small group experience took place, with groups made up of our Christ's Church staff.

This year **482** people belonged to a small group.

2023

70 years of God's faithfulness!

A NOTE FROM MARK

For 70 years the people of Christ's Church of Oronogo have served, loved, prayed to, sang about, preached of, taught His ways, and honored the living presence of God in our gatherings and to our local community. This is not a bragging statement, it is a fact of what the gospel has done in our lives together.

We like to say that "we sit in the shade of trees we didn't plant." This is not permission to just enjoy the fruit of others' labor, but to find blessing in the work of those who preceded us and paved the way for your part in planting the roots of the gospel for the next generation to harvest from.

This report holds some stories you know and some you may never have heard. In all we give God the praise for saving us, uniting us and privileging us to be His church.

Join us in thanking God for His faithfulness and provisions in our platinum year celebration. May our generation continue the work that was given to us and make the glory of our Lord known in our days.

In Christ,

Mark Christian

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Senior Minister

FINANCES

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

OVERALL GIVING | \$5,060,950

GENERAL GIVING | \$4,512,143

DESIGNATED GIVING | \$342,853

RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW | \$205,954

EXPENDITURES | \$4,281,908

STAFF EXPENSES | \$2,528,884

OUTREACH | \$874,218

Missions, Right Here Right Now, Community Impact, Bible College Scholarships

CHRIST'S CHURCH MINISTRIES | \$380,171

Children, Students, Adults, Worship

PROPERTY/INSURANCE/ADMIN | \$498,635

Capital Improvements, Utilities, Repairs & Maintenance, Insurance, Office & Admin

70 YEARS

OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN & THROUGH

CHRIST'S CHURCH

1953 - 2023