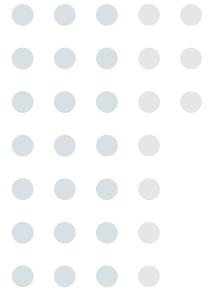


4 P.M. | MARCH 10, 2024  
ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING PACKET

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

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Sunday, March 3 at 7 P.M.  
Wednesday, March 6 at 7 P.M.



# LETTER FROM PASTOR TOMMY

Dear Castleton Community Church Family,

We have completed our sixth year of ministry together as a church, and the Lord gave us much to celebrate!

- We went along the road journey with Jesus and his disciples as we continued studying the Gospel of Luke together on Sunday mornings. We also took 5 weeks to study Esther, learning to see the invisible God in his work of providence.
- Around Easter, we hosted the evangelistic event Fact Or Fiction in partnership with Indianapolis Theological Seminary, which explored the historicity of the resurrection. One of the attendees was impacted by the event, and in the ensuing months, became a Christian.
- We continued reaching out to the community hosting our third Week of Wonder (Travel themed) and Community Cookout (BBQ themed). Both events were well attended and resulted in Sunday morning visitors.
- A group of 6 Castleton Members traveled to Chiang Mai Thailand for a vision trip to visit Jon & Marisa Foltz.
- A blessing of that trip was our Christmas Offering for Sprout Church. The Lord allowed us to raise \$30,000 to help them in their effort to build a church building for their ministry.
- We formed two new Global Outreach Partnerships in Asia, with Christopher & Iris, and Naoto Funada (Japan).
- Our English as a Second Language Ministry continued to bountifully grow, now often serving over 40 students per week. We also saw some students regularly worship with us on Sunday.
- Matt Mugumya transitioned into a new role, as our Director of Student Ministries, after having completed his pastoral residency. His next step toward pastoral ministry will be to complete the ordination process in 2025.
- Luke Jones graduated from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and completed his Ordination process in preparation for serving as a Pastor of our congregation.
- The Lord provided bountifully this year, with offerings regularly exceeding our budget by healthy amounts. Before our fiscal year is over, we will likely celebrate the Lord providing over 1 million dollars for the first time in our history.
- We've seen a large number of soon to be married, and newly married couples join our fellowship this year.

One of our goals for 2023 was to be Faithful in our Stewardship. We spent months thinking about stewardship of our building and land through the Undivided Initiative, including vision presentations, town hall meetings, and small group conversations. Ultimately, the Lord confirmed for the elders that now was not the right time to move forward with the proposed building expansion. Through it all, we learned much about the importance of stewardship, the growing needs of our church, and where he might lead us in the future.

As we look forward with expectation to what the Lord will grant us in 2024, we plan to establish two new rhythms: our first ever Women's Retreat (April), focusing on reading the Word of God, and secondly, I will be taking our first ever Pastoral Sabbatical, from June 1-September 8th. While gone, the staff will lead us through a study of the book of 1 Peter.

Gratefully,



# 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



25

new church members



113

children attended our  
2023 Week of Wonder



\$30,00

given to support the building project for  
Sprout Church in Chiang Mai



\$9,234

given to the needs of individuals  
through the Benevolence Fund



17

families received meals  
through the Meal Train



launch of new church system,  
including a church app  
and new giving portal

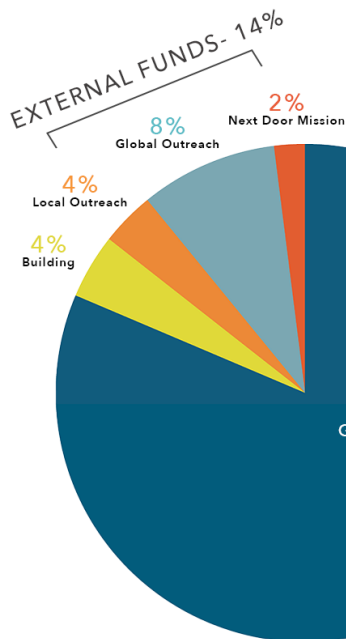


# 2024/25 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Contributions	2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Budget	2022/23 Year-end Forecast	2024/25 Proposed Budget
General	\$714,758	\$776,264	\$848,526	\$1,007,266
Global Outreach	\$75,884	\$84,784	\$115,155	\$99,766
Benevolence	\$26,328	\$0	\$16,186	\$0
Building	\$53,616	\$40,008	\$43,683	\$45,008
Local Outreach	\$27,888	\$33,570	\$36,402	\$42,634
Next Door Mission	\$17,579	\$19,074	\$20,801	\$24,224
Additional Income				(\$7,700)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$916,053</b>	<b>\$953,700</b>	<b>\$1,080,753</b>	<b>1,211,199</b>

## HOW THIS TRANSLATES INTO WEEKLY GIVING

ANNUAL	\$1,211,199	(27% increase)
WEEKLY	\$23,292	



## GENERAL FUND DETAILS

Fund	% of Total Budget	Budgeted Amount
Staffing	52%	\$634,896
Operations	12%	\$144,388
Ministries	6%	\$75,346
Savings	12%	\$152,681

# NEW ELDER CANDIDATE

## LUKE JONES

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Luke joined the Castleton staff in January 2018 after serving as a resident at College Parch Church in 2017. Luke graduated from Crossroads Bible College and recently completed a Master's degree in Church Ministries from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Luke faithfully oversees our corporate worship services, provides leadership for global outreach, prayer ministry, and facility use. Luke and his wife Monica were married in December of 2016, and have two sons, Ezra (4) and Silas (1). Luke demonstrates the heart of a shepherd as he leads his family, disciples members in our congregation, and keeps a close watch over his life and doctrine. Luke's call to ministry and personal fitness for the office of elder was unanimously affirmed by a special selected Ordination Council and the Castleton Elder Council.



# CHRISTMAS GIVING THANK YOUs

## 2023 CHRISTMAS OFFERING CHIANG MAI SPROUT CHURCH

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Our 2023 Christmas Offering to Sprout Church in Chiang Mai, Thailand was a huge success thanks to YOU! We reached our goal of \$30,000 which helped Sprout Church take one huge step forward in their plans for building a church facility of their own. Sprout Church is continuing their fundraising efforts and trusts the Lord to provide for their every need as they face capacity challenges and are outgrowing their current rental space. Pastor Pai and his congregation are overwhelmed by your love and support and look forward to developing a relationship with our church for many years to come. Please continue praying for their ministry as they seek to live out their mission of "Disciples making disciples, churches planting churches, and leaders developing leaders."

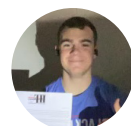
## HERO FAMILY OUTREACH

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Thank you for donating your time and money to send over 200 Christmas care packages to military personnel this year. Hero Family Outreach seeks to open the door for Gospel conversations by providing a gift during the holidays to those in the military and first responders.

"I received a package today from the Hero Family Outreach program. I wanted to let you know how grateful I am for the package. It truly does mean a lot during tough times."

- SSG Alexander Moye



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

March 16 | 8:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

We are looking for more qualified, spiritually mature Christ-followers who desire to lead others to know and trust Jesus in the context of a Small Group.

## MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Hosted at Zionsville Fellowship | March 22-23

Join Robert and Karen Choeng as they provide a lively, interactive, biblical, and skill-based experience aimed at deepening your joy, intimacy, and spiritual life as a couple. Register in the Church Center App.

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

March 29 | 7 p.m.

Join us as we walk with Jesus to his death and the sacrifice he made for us upon the cross. There will be no childcare available for our Good Friday service.

## EASTER SUNDAY

March 31 | 9 & 11 a.m.

Come find hope in the resurrection from the one who was raised from the dead. We would love to have you and your family join us this Easter Sunday. Easter Services are at 9 & 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 31. Castleton Kids available first service.

## FACT OR FICTION?

The Reliability of the Gospels  
April 7 | 7 - 8:15 p.m.

Join Dr. Nicholas Piotrowski for a free public discussion on whether or not we can trust the historical accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

## CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY

April 7

We will have the opportunity to dedicate some of our Castleton children to the Lord on Sunday April 7. If you are interested in dedicating your child, please fill out the form in the Church Center App.



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

April 5 - 6

All Castleton women are invited to join us at Highland Lakes for a weekend of refreshment, fellowship, and encouragement. The retreat will take place April 5-6. Cost to attend is \$65 which covers meals on Saturday, housing, and materials.

Register in the Church Center App.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY

April 8 | 2 - 4 p.m.

Come watch the Total Solar Eclipse with us! Grab a friend or a neighbor and join us on the front lawn of the church. More details to come.

## WEEK OF WONDER

June 3 - 7

Castleton KIDS is back with Week of Wonder: King of Kings! All children in Preschool through 6th grade are invited to spend the week learning about the true King, Jesus!

Registration Opens in April.

## COMMUNITY COOKOUT

June 15 | 4 - 7 p.m.

Join us for our annual Community Cookout! On Saturday, June 15, we are hosting a church barbeque, complete with outdoor games, inflatables, dunk tank, and plenty of food. We need many volunteers to make this day possible. So, mark your calendars and be ready to sign up!

## MEN'S RETREAT

Oct. 4 - 5

The men of Castleton are returning to Twin Lakes Camp in Hillsboro, IN, for our third Men's Retreat! Join us for a weekend of fellowship, encouragement, and growing in Christlikeness.

Registration opens in May.

## UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

- May 19
- Aug. 25
- Nov. 17



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