

OVERFLOW CHURCH

TOWN HALL REPORTS

YEAR-TO-DATE FISCAL YEAR MINISTRY REPORT

This report provides an overview of the incredible work God has done through Overflow Church in 2025-2026, highlighting key achievements, ministry updates, and a vision for the future.

MISSION

Generate Hope

VISION

Become an overflowing presence of Christ's love, proclaiming hope to the neighbor and the stranger



VALUES

Presence is who we are made to be. We are to take Jesus everywhere we go, flooding every nook and cranny of our region! (Ephesians 1:22-23)

Hope is our proclamation. Our purpose is to proclaim the hope found in Jesus! We are unashamedly Jesus people! (Luke 4:18-19)

Love is our calling. Love God, love neighbor, love self. (Matthew 22:37-40)

Community is our foundation. We are multiethnic, multigenerational people called to do life together. (Revelation 7:9-10)

Generosity is our privilege. We count it a privilege to be generous with our time, talents, and treasure. (Matthew 6:19-21)

Prayer is our power. We are shaped and activated by our communication with God. (1 Chronicles 16:10-11)

Gospel is our mission. We are sent people who want to see the kingdom of God in Southwest Michigan as it is in heaven. (Matthew 28:18-20)

2025–2026 REFLECTIONS: FAITH AND BREAKTHROUGH

As we look back, 2025 was the culmination of a three-year faith journey. Three years ago, Overflow Church made the resolute decision to eliminate debt, knowing it would require sacrifice and unity. Through God's provision and our congregation's faithfulness, we saw tremendous financial growth. By 2025, we had paid down a substantial portion of our debt positioning us to seize the opportunity to acquire 210 West Napier in May. This acquisition wasn't just financial; it was a spiritual milestone, proving that our commitment to the vision was blessed.

The acquisition was only the beginning. 2025 saw unparalleled engagement from our church family. Volunteers poured their time, talent, and energy renovating, painting, and transforming the space. The grand opening was not just a date on the calendar; it was a testimony. In the months following, attendance grew by over 100 people, a tangible sign of God's faithfulness as we welcomed new families into our community.

Of course, 2025 was not without its challenges. Every step of faith brings obstacles, whether financial, logistical, or personal. Yet each obstacle was met with perseverance—an enduring faith that has defined Overflow. We navigated complexities but never lost sight of our mission: generating hope.

Looking ahead, we believe this year will be even more fruitful. As the Lord continues to grow our community, we believe this is a season to be deeply **rooted**. The rallying vision for this year is "Rooted," because if we are not firmly rooted in Christ, we will not be able to bear the weight of the fruit we believe God desires to produce in and through us. Initiatives like our expanded food pantry and reading programs in Benton Harbor are just the beginning.

We have already begun to see this vision take shape. At the start of 2026, we helped gather churches from across Southwest Michigan for a night of prayer and worship. On a cold, snowy night, close to 1,000 people came together to seek God and celebrate unity across the body of Christ. It was a powerful reminder that what God is doing is bigger than any one church. It is about His Kingdom moving across our region.

We anticipate deeper roots, both spiritually and in our community, as we step out again with bold faith and prayer. As we close our fiscal year, I urge each of you to embrace this next season with firm roots. No matter what storms may come, we stand planted in Christ. We are here to stay, and we will continue to generate hope in every nook and cranny of our region. As you read the ministry leaders' reports, may your faith be galvanized, and may we step boldly into whatever God has in store for Overflow Church.

Elijah Shamenda
Lead Pastor
Overflow Church



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



745

**TOTAL WEEKLY
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

317

**IN-PERSON WEEKLY
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

464

**ONLINE WEEKLY
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

17

BAPTISMS

39

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WORSHIP AND TECH

Noah Zelvis, Director of Operations

Worship and Tech has had a year of ups and downs, but we've grown stronger than ever through joy and adversity. Making the worship center of our new building home was a highlight from lighting upgrades to a new LED screen and new moveable cameras for online streaming that provide more flexibility and a better picture for our growing virtual audience. Finally, there's a long term plan in place to treat the room for better acoustics as we settle in further.

The entire team has stepped up in big ways without a permanent worship leader currently in place, and it's been awesome seeing new giftings come alive to help fill that gap. We had a comprehensive sound board training session at the beginning of the year to help increase the quality of our output even further.

In this season, we're adding new songs and stylings to our current list as we further embrace the diverse nature of our church, which is something the team is very passionate about. We're blessed to have a strong team of vocalists, musicians, and technicians, but there's always a need for additional individuals across the board to serve in any capacity.

30 NUMBER OF TECH AND WORSHIP HOPE MAKERS

7 NUMBER OF NEW TEAM MEMBERS

4 NUMBER OF FOLKS IN THE PROCESS OF JOINING



GUEST SERVICES, PRAYER, USHER & SECURITY TEAMS

Dee Dee Medaris, Guest Services Leader
Cindi Nowlen, Prayer Leader
Mike Bruce, Security Leader

Driven by our conviction that community is our foundation, our Guest Services Team cultivates spaces where every neighbor and stranger is welcomed like family. This year, we've grown from 34 to 63 team members, raising up leaders from within who shepherd, train, and care for others—strengthening a culture of hospitality across every environment.

In our new building, we created the Start Here Room, a welcoming space where new guests can connect with Hope Makers, meet others from Overflow, and learn more about our church. Guests are invited to enjoy refreshments, ask questions, and receive a small gift—helping them feel seen, known, and cared for from their very first visit.

Our Security Team has grown significantly this year. What was once a merged role is now a dedicated Safety & Security Team with three team members serving each service. Their focus includes warm greetings, traffic flow, and safety throughout the parking lot, lobby, kids area, and sanctuary. Communication has improved through the use of walkie-talkies, training has become ongoing and specialized, and partnerships with local Police and Fire departments have been strengthened. With new safety procedures and protocols in place, the team now has clear, practiced steps for responding to emergencies—providing greater safety and confidence for both volunteers and guests.

Our Prayer Team continues to walk alongside individuals as they take next steps in faith. Together, we are becoming what God has called us to be—an overflowing presence of Christ's love, proclaiming hope to every neighbor and stranger across Southwest Michigan.

63 NUMBER OF
HOPE MAKERS

29 NEW PUGS HOPE
MAKERS

863 NUMBER OF NEW GUESTS
SERVED THIS YEAR



FACILITIES

Noah Zelvis, Director of Operations

Moving into a beautiful 23,000 square foot building comes with a lot of blessings, but also a few pinch points. As we prepared to move into the space, we spent a lot of intentional time painting walls, laying carpet, and turning a rather outdated space into something we can purposefully use. Steps to launch day also included electrical/HVAC updates, and we are still thinking through ways to maximize what God has given us to reach the lost and hopeless in our community.

Our entry doors recently received a much-needed upgrade to key card access to help facilitate building use for all the events and gatherings we have going on. We're hard at work getting the Food Pantry section of the building ready for use as well.

As far as hurdles go, we inherited a couple of small but fresh leaks and residual water damage that have either been repaired or in the process of doing so. Two of our HVAC units are nearing end of life, and we'll see if the summer sun necessitates any replacements.

All in all, getting the entire building ready in just four months from the time we got the keys to our first service was nothing short of a miracle and made possible only due to God's grace and the countless hours donated by our construction manager Jake Hopkins.

4 MONTHS TO COMPLETE RENOVATION

INNUMERABLE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED



OVERSIGHT

Camden McKuras, Formation & Connections Coordinator

Here at Overflow, we believe that community is our foundation, and this last year has only proven that! On our Grand Opening in the new building, we saw 38 first-time guests come through. On average, we've seen 7 first-time guests every Sunday this fiscal year. 56 individuals have come to call Overflow home and begun contributing to our ministry and community. One of the ways we're helping people get connected is through our Start Here Room—a space designed for first-time guests to meet a staff member or Hope Maker, ask questions, and begin to feel known.

Our groups have shown our value of presence as well. This year, we have had 11 learning groups, some of which came about because a leader stepped forward with a brilliant idea and the heart to make it happen. This also allowed our learning groups to cover a range of topics from Bible study and spiritual formation to personal finance and health. Our 10 Community Groups have also been actively present with one another and sharing one another's burdens, many even reporting they wish they could spend even more time together! This year, we got to see 2 new leaders step up from being apprentices, and each current leader has an apprentice they are training up to lead. Multiplication creates space for more people—to find community, follow Jesus, and live like Him.

56 NEW MEMBERS

10 COMMUNITY GROUPS
(ADULT PARTICIPANTS: 87)

11 LEARNING GROUPS
(ADULT PARTICIPANTS: 87)



OVERFLOW KIDS (NURSERY-3RD GRADE)

Brendan Heffernan, Family Life Pastor

Overflow Kids is committed to sharing God's love, generating hope, and helping the next generation build a lasting faith. Our goal is to create an environment where kids encounter Jesus, build friendships, and grow in their understanding of God's love. A key part of that mission is helping kids build relationships with consistent, trustworthy adults who know and love Jesus—leaders who invest in their lives, model faith, and walk alongside them as they grow. Our primary mode of doing this is through our incredible Hope Makers who faithfully show up each week to teach, lead, and care for our kids.

Since June 2025, 295 individual children have participated in Overflow Kids, showing the continued reach of this ministry in our community. We've also seen meaningful growth this year, with more kids and families engaging than ever before—something worth celebrating as evidence of God continuing to move in and through this ministry. This number represents a 25% growth in regular attendance! Five families also celebrated child dedications this year. None of this ministry would be possible without the faithful investment of our 33 Overflow Kids Hope Makers who serve our kids each week. Their presence matters deeply, not just for what they teach, but for the relationships they build and the lasting spiritual impact they have.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue investing in children and families as God continues to grow this ministry. With that, we need more Overflow Kids Hope Makers! Our average attendance has grown 25% but our hope makers have only grown 13%! We still need 6 for the first service and 4 for the second service. If we reach these numbers we'd be able to split the K-3 classroom and make sure our volunteers only serve twice a month!

115 NUMBER OF KIDS THAT CALL OVERFLOW CHURCH HOME

81 AVERAGE NUMBER OF KIDS ON A SUNDAY

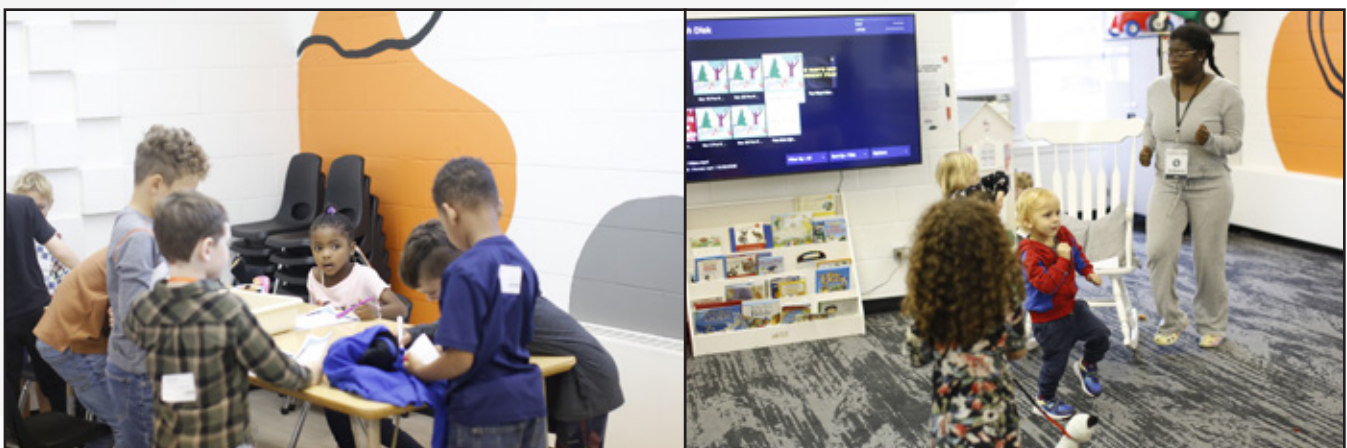
33 NUMBER OF OVERFLOW KIDS HOPE MAKERS

5 CHILD DEDICATIONS

1M+ GOLD FISH EATEN

5 TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL KIDS

2 BAPTISMS



PRETEEN

Brendan Heffernan, Family Life Pastor

After the launch of our Preteen Ministry last year, we've seen steady growth and continued investment from 4-6th grade students. We've had regular once a month gatherings that have been outrageous fun!

Since June 2025, 64 individual preteens have participated in Overflow Kids or Preteen events. This ministry is led by a dedicated team of 9 Preteen Hope Makers who faithfully invest in students during this important stage of life. We are still looking for more help in the preteen classroom on Sunday mornings where we need 2 more lead teachers!

We are very thankful for the space that the Preteen ministry has given to kids in the late elementary and early middle school years. We're going to be continuing with our preteen Sunday morning ministry however with the launch of Overflow Youth this last year preteens age range will return to 4th & 5th graders as 6th-12th graders have their own group identity now!

16 PRETEEN (4-6TH GRADE)
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
AT MONTHLY EVENT

18 NUMBER OF PRETEEN
THAT CALL OVERFLOW
CHURCH HOME

19 AVERAGE NUMBER OF
KIDS ON A SUNDAY

9 NUMBER OF OVERFLOW
PRETEEN HOPE MAKERS

64 TOTAL NUMBER OF
INDIVIDUAL PRETEEN



YOUTH

Brendan Heffernan, Family Life Pastor

This year marked an exciting new chapter as Overflow Youth 6th-12th officially launched in October. What began as a vision to create a clear path of discipleship for students is quickly becoming a vibrant community where Middle School and High School students can belong, grow in their faith, and discover who God created them to be. Every gathering is filled with tons of fun, meaningful conversations, and students encouraging one another as they explore what it means to follow Jesus in small groups.

One of the biggest highlights this year was taking students to winter camp, the first time Overflow has taken kids to camp in nearly a decade. It was a powerful experience where friendships deepened, faith grew, and students stepped into new moments of courage and commitment in their walk with Christ.

Overflow Youth continues to grow as students invite friends and new faces join the community. Our heart is to create a space where every student feels seen, welcomed, and loved, whether they have followed Jesus for years, are just beginning to explore faith, or simply need a safe place to belong. As the ministry continues to grow, we are praying for more small group leaders so we can begin meeting every week and continue building a strong, Christ centered foundation for the next generation.

Looking ahead, we are excited for what God will continue to do through Overflow Youth, with the hope of Overflow Youth being a weekly event as opposed to every other week. In order to do that we need three more Youth Group leaders so that each group can have 2 volunteer leaders. We're so excited to see what the Lord will bring as we pray for more opportunities for students to serve together in our community, deepen their faith, and experience true life together!

6 OVERFLOW YOUTH SMALL GROUP LEADERS

17 AVERAGE OVERFLOW YOUTH ATTENDANCE

12 TOTAL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

2 OVERFLOW YOUTH BAPTISMS

12 STUDENTS TAKEN TO WINTER CAMP

26 BIGGEST YOUTH GROUP NIGHT ATTENDANCE



SOCIAL MEDIA

Aniya Daniels, Social Media Coordinator

Over the past year, we've seen a huge impact through our social media at Overflow Church. Now that we've been posting consistently, engagement has grown by over 100%. Social media helps us live out our mission of generating hope in every nook and cranny. It's more than just a place for announcements—it's a space where people can find encouragement, truth, and a little bit of the gospel, even if they can't make it to church. Sometimes the post one person scrolls past could be exactly what someone else needed for a breakthrough or transformation.

Social media is also a place to plant seeds and watch them grow, and we aim to use it to its full potential. We share a Prayer for the Week on Mondays to help people start their week grounded in faith. On Thursdays, we post something encouraging, like a short video of Camden breaking down the Word or a verse of the week to keep people uplifted. These consistent posts help people stay connected, inspired, and strengthened throughout the week. Looking ahead, I see Overflow Church's social media continuing to grow as a tool to generate hope, reach new people, and nurture the faith of our community.

400 AVERAGE VIEWS PER POST
(FACEBOOK + INSTAGRAM)

MONTHLY WEB VISITS
FROM 400 EXTERNAL ADS



MISSIONS

Jen Miller-Jones, Missions Leader

Our church continues to expand its local service opportunities as we seek to generate hope in our community and live out our calling as sent people. Each act of service becomes a way we embody Christ's love and participate in God's kingdom "on Earth as it is in heaven."

Last summer, volunteers spent time at the St. Joe and Benton Harbor farmers markets, handing out water and connecting with neighbors. These simple conversations and small acts of kindness allowed us to be an overflowing presence of Christ's love to both familiar faces and strangers. In the fall, another group gathered to rake leaves for community members who needed an extra hand—an expression of hope and care that met people right where they were.

The Jamaica mission team, preparing for their trip this August, also embraced creative ways to bless families while raising support. They hosted two babysitting nights—one just before Christmas and another on Valentine's Day—giving parents a few hours of rest while children enjoyed crafts, games, and a movie. These evenings reflected our desire to proclaim hope to the neighbor and the stranger, offering practical love that points to the heart of Christ. Our spring Rummage Sale and summer Silent auction will offer additional opportunities for our church family to serve together and support the Missions ministry.

3 OUTREACH
EVENTS

100 WATER BOTTLES
HANDED OUT

8 YARDS RAKED



OUTREACH

Rachel Schultz, Director of Ministries

At Overflow, we believe generosity is our privilege — and this year we've focused on consistent, relational investment in local schools and within our community.

We served families during Back to School Night, supported teachers during conferences, and our prayer team has committed to faithfully praying for each individual school within Benton Harbor. At Fair Plain Middle School, Brendan meets weekly with middle school boys, providing mentorship and steady presence. We also hosted a clothing and hygiene drive to help stock their student resource closet and will be assisting in organizing it so it can serve students well.

Behind the scenes, we have been researching and laying the groundwork for a reading program at MLK Jr. Elementary, preparing for a 2026–27 launch that will strengthen literacy, build confidence in students, and bring hope to the community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to partner with West Haven House, a recovery home for women breaking free from addiction. We anticipate providing practical support, like computer workstations – to help create a safe and sustainable environment for women rebuilding their lives.

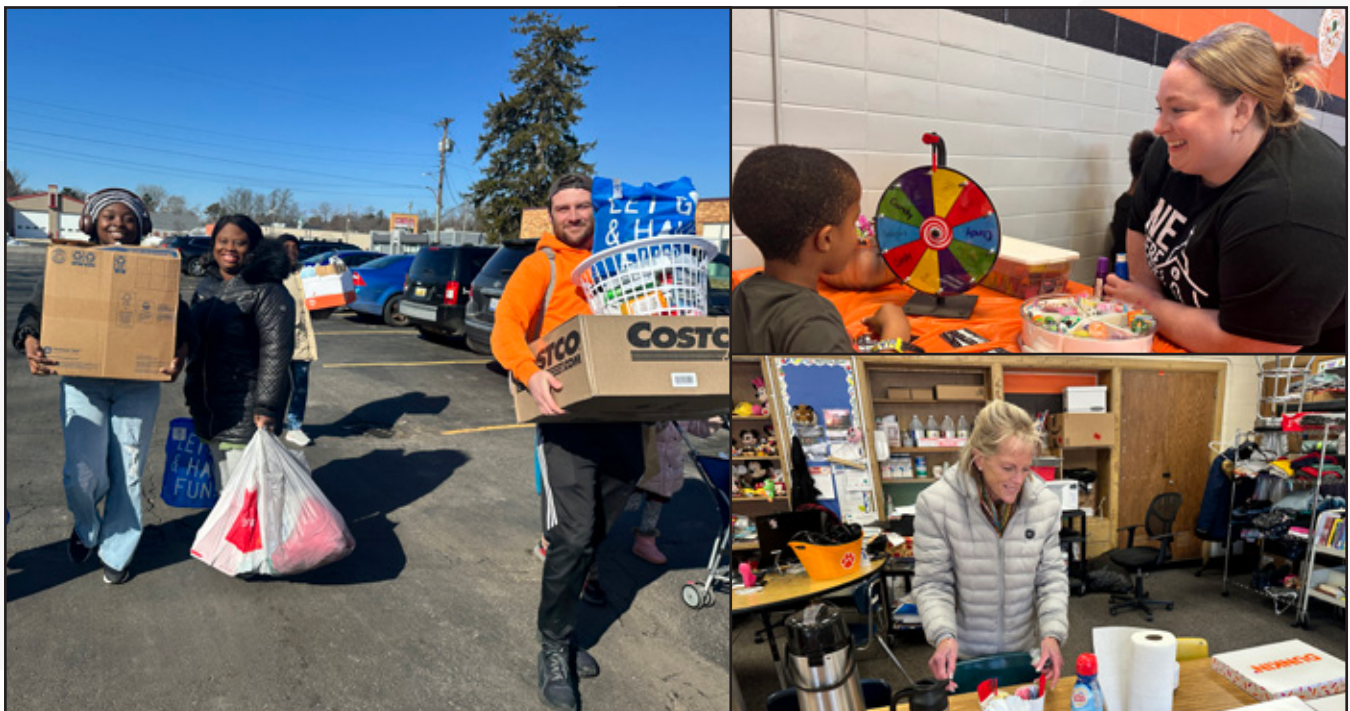
Through steady generosity and faithful presence, we remain committed to bringing hope to every nook and cranny of our community.

4 SCHOOL EVENTS

47 TEACHERS SERVED

13 STUDENTS BRENDAN WORKS WITH WEEKLY

15 BOXES OF CLOTHING/HYGIENE DELIVERED TO FAIRPLAN MIDDLE



WE SAW HIM FIRST WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Jayne Shamenda, We Saw Him First Ministry Leader

We Saw Him First creates a unique space for the women of our church to gather quarterly. These gatherings are designed to celebrate the callings God has placed on our lives, encourage spiritual growth, and cultivate deeper, Christ-centered friendships among Overflow's women.

This year, we briefly paused our quarterly events as our church community came together to renovate our new building. It was truly an all-hands-on-deck season. The women of Overflow made a tremendous impact through countless hours of painting, scraping, organizing, landscaping, and serving in many other practical ways.

In December, we reconvened for our "Spill the Tea" event. A panel of four women shared powerful testimonies from their journeys with God. Following the panel, everyone had the opportunity to share parts of their own stories in small table discussions. It was a meaningful evening as we celebrated God's faithfulness, recognized His victories in our lives, and deepened our connections with one another.

We Saw Him First is excited to return to our regular rhythm of quarterly gatherings this year, beginning with our next event in May.

4 STORIES SHARED

43 AVERAGE WOMEN IN ATTENDANCE



CARE TEAM

Greta Heidrich, Care Team Leader

Our mission at Overflow is to generate hope, and one practical way we do this is by loving the neighbor and the stranger. Throughout the Gospel, Jesus calls us to gather around the table – both literally and figuratively. The “table” is a place where connection, belonging, and care can flourish – this is the vision behind the Overflow Care Team. The Care Team consists of 10 volunteers (with the opportunity to welcome more) who serve the church by providing and coordinating meal trains for those who call Overflow home.

Food is something we all share in common and by preparing and sharing meals, we create space for deeper relationships within our community. In seasons of joy and celebration as well as in times of need, these moments around the table remind us that we are not alone. This year, the Care Team was able to deliver 148 meals and support 22 families during some of their most vulnerable seasons.

Beyond supporting individuals and families, the Care Team also served our broader church community by helping lead 7 events; a few of these included breakfast for Hope Makers during our Grand Opening services, desserts during Spill the Tea (We Saw Him First ministry event), the Christmas breakfast, and the Spring Smoothie Bar.

We are excited to continue growing the Care Team this year by both strengthening support within the team as well as by expanding how we care for and serve members of our community.

10 VOLUNTEERS

148 MEALS HANDED OUT

22 FAMILIES SERVED



FREEDOM PRAYER

Cindi Nowlen, Freedom Prayer Leader

Throughout 2025, we met individually with 11 people who reached out for Freedom Prayer. Each session lasted one to two hours and included three volunteers with each guest. We heard responses and testimonies like, "I feel a heavy weight has been lifted off of me," "I never realized how much that incident in the past was affecting me today," or "Oh, it feels good to be free!" It is truly a joy to see people leave feeling lighter, uplifted, and full of hope. The move to our new building has given Freedom Prayer a cozy, quiet room for these sessions, and we are so grateful for this dedicated space.

Looking ahead to 2026, we have already met with two individuals and successfully conducted an online session with someone from out-of-state. Being able to meet virtually and still be effective in prayer opens the door to reaching even more people. Our team recently recorded video testimonies and a mock mini-session to share on our Overflow Church website. This year, we hope to continue building trust in God and spreading hope throughout our community.

8 TEAM MEMBERS

11 FREEDOM PRAYER SESSIONS



FINANCES

Nate Schultz, Elder/Treasurer

On January 22, 2025, Pastor Elijah, the Elder team, and leaders from the Water's Edge Network met at 210 West Napier to walk through a building that would soon become Overflow Church's new home. While the facility required significant work, there was immediate prayerful agreement: this was where God was moving us.

With this answered prayer came a new financial focus. Our priorities shifted to finalizing the purchase of our new property, communicating our renovation plans and budget to the congregation, and ensuring our existing property was ready for sale. The congregational response to this opportunity was overwhelming, with individuals sacrificially giving of their time (hundreds and hundreds of hours!), talents (too many to count!) and treasures (you all truly met every need!).

Looking back, it's remarkable to see what God is able to do through his people, when we say yes and step out in faith. With that, here are just a few of the financial highlights from this past year that demonstrate the impact we can have when we continue to invest in God's kingdom.

KEY FINANCIAL FACTS (PAST 12 MONTHS)

- **Giving Growth:** We are forecasting to end the June '25 – May '26 fiscal year at \$570,000, **~\$34,000 above our budget**
- **Sweat Equity:** By leaning into our "time and talents" for renovations, we conservatively saved **\$100,000+** compared to professional contracting costs
- **The Well Project:** We raised **\$5,000** for our year-end initiative to bring clean water to Liberia
- **Growing Stability:** We saw an **18% increase** in unique givers, while recurring giving increased from **22% to 33%** of total revenue
- **Sustainable Leadership:** Through a new fundraising model, we welcomed Brendan Heffernan (Family Life Pastor) and Camden McKuras (Formations and Connections Coordinator) to our staff
- **The 5% Increase:** For current givers, please prayerfully consider a 5% giving increase, which would generate approximately **\$30,000** in new kingdom impact. More specifically, this will help cover increased investment in our growing kids/youth area and deliver more impact in our community.
- **The Strength of Recurring Giving:** Shifting to recurring giving increases our stability and allows the elders to plan more effectively for the future. Please consider setting up your giving as recurring on our website or in our new app!

How You Can Partner With Us Financially in 2026/2027:

- **The 1% Step:** If you don't currently tithe, please prayerfully consider giving just 1% of your income this year. If the estimated 15–20% of non-givers took this step, it would provide an additional **\$15,000–\$25,000** for local ministry.

BUDGET EXPECTATIONS (JUNE 2026 – MAY 2027)

- **Annual Giving Target:** Our new budget is set at **\$625,000**, an approximately 10% increase over our current year-end forecast.
- **Long-Term Ownership:** This budget includes the transition off our 12-month interest-only loan to beginning principal payments on our new facility.

In closing, we are simply overwhelmed with gratitude. Looking back at January 2025, the task of purchasing, selling, and renovating felt monumental. Today, looking at a \$570,000 year-end giving forecast and a completed renovation, we see nothing but the hand of God and the generosity of His people. Thank you for continuing to live out our value of generosity so we can Generate Hope in every nook and cranny of our region!





