



MID-ANNUAL REPORT

TRUE HOPE CHURCH - DOWNTOWN



SEPTEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024

ON MISSION

At True Hope Church we strive to become a **multiplying** community of people **transformed** by the Gospel, **devoted** to God's Word, **committed** in community, and **relentless** in prayer UNTIL our families, our neighbors, our city, and our world know that Jesus is true hope.

How do we do this?

- We live **transformed** lives.
- We live **devoted** to God's Word.
- We live **committed** in community.
- We live **relentless** in prayer.



Downtown Ministry Staff Team

Vince, Jim, Melissa, Dena, Bruce & Jeff

A NOTE FROM PASTOR BRUCE

It's been a FUN six months!

I know I should sound more religious but **'FUN', 'ENJOYABLE' & 'DELIGHTFUL'** are the words that come to mind when I think of the last six months.

True Hope Church Downtown is growing in numbers and in many other ways as well. People are connecting and growing in their commitment to God and His people. We're growing younger (and there's a bit of a baby boom happening as well).

In addition, lately I've really enjoyed our study of **The 7 Churches of Revelation**. At my age learning new things is always exciting.

Finally, I couldn't be more excited about the new momentum with our Wild at Heart men's gatherings and the enthusiasm of our Wednesday morning women's fellowship each week. Praise God for all the things He's doing.

Take a look at some of the things God is doing among us.

Pastor Bruce

CONNECTIONS UPDATE



- **Wild at Heart** - The monthly men's gatherings started in March and meets the first Monday of the month. This is a time for men to gather with others to develop authentic relationship with God and one another.
- **11 New Hospitality Team Members** have joined the team since September 2023. Five of these volunteers have come from our recent connect lunches.
- Our **Wednesday AM Women's Study** has built strong relationships with one another as they dig into God's word. (They also recently stuffed 2,000 eggs for our Eggstravaganza in record time)
- The **Pastoral Care team now has 4 new volunteers** who help navigate requests that come in. Since September this team has **cared for 125 individuals**. One individual has started attending True Hope because of the care she received during the process with this team.



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Karen and I are honored to work with a group of cheerful volunteers who love serving the Boise High students! We have formed a community with the volunteers by caring for one another, uplifting prayer needs and finding joy in serving alongside each other!

Diana Wilhite

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Alone you go fast...Together we go far!

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

ROOTED

Rooted is a 10-week starter group that will deepen your connection with God, His people and your purpose in His epic story. Rooted is a catalyst for life-change. By rooting ourselves in God's Word and His truths, we have a firm foundation on which we love the world.

Fall 2023 Rooted Service Project Fall Yard Clean Up for one of our amazing seniors!



“ I have truly learned so much from the readings/class discussion these past several weeks. I consider myself a neophyte in my path to rediscover Christ, but this class was a huge aid in getting things kickstarted for me. Steve Haas ”

Next Group Starts April 17th!
Contact: Dena@jesusistruehope.com

SMALL GROUPS

Theme with the group leaders this year is **ABIDING** in Christ.

- Group leaders continued learning how to lead & share Communion with their small groups.
- Two group leaders have stepped up to help Jim lead the small groups ministry. They will help Pastor Jim train three new group leaders this spring!



Are You Connected To A Group?
Contact: Jim@jesusistruehope.com



WORSHIP ARTS

HIGHLIGHTS

- We celebrated with 3 folks who went public with their faith in baptism.
- Throughout the month of December for our Christmas ("Emmanuel") series, our church was led in the reading of God's Word by several individuals and families.
- In collaboration with Paul Anderson, we've begun including organ postludes in our Sunday Service order 1-2x/month.
- We're trying to continually improve the quality of the audio (and video) of the livestream and made notable strides in early March 2024.
- Continuing to plan to incorporate other elements of worship (i.e. corporate prayer, confessions, readings, creeds, guided reflection, etc.) throughout our regular Sunday Services.



Decorating for Christmas takes many hands, but it's a joy to collaborate with folks across ministry teams and rub shoulders with others from our church. Much fun and holiday cheer was had!

COMING SOON...

Later this spring, Kenny & Jeff will be launching a podcast called, "**Encounters of the Super Normal.**" It will feature guests describing a bizarre, funny, miraculous, or completely normal encounter with God that has been impactful in their walk with Jesus.

Look for it soon on [TrueHopeDowntown.com](https://www.truehopedowntown.com)

As a church we value FAMILY and love when we can celebrate and participate in child dedications.



Ministry Fair - Fall 2023

God has given us a variety of gifts and passions, and it's wonderful to watch many use them in new ways!

Whether creating vocal parts, helping design clearer operating procedures for audio, or bringing a passion for the organ and traditional music to our services, we're all better as a result! We're continuing to train and schedule additional audio engineers to mix audio for Sunday services. We have a great team!

KIDS MINISTRY

- 3 children accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior!
- 4 Family Events including Trunk or Treat that is a fun outreach to the neighborhood.
- 2 Child Dedication Sundays.
- 6 New True Hope Babies born.



KIDS MINISTRY IS A GREAT PLACE TO SERVE AND WHERE THE FUN IS! CONTACT [MELISSA@JESUSISTRUEHOPE.COM](mailto:melissa@jesusistruehope.com)



YOUTH MINISTRY



PRAYER: We are presently in transition and looking for a new youth pastor. We appreciate you joining us in prayer as this process unfolds.

PRAISE: God is raising up a team of volunteer youth leaders who are growing in their gifts during this transition and are highly committed to investing in the next generation.

Contact dtyouth@jesusistruehope.com with any youth questions.

LOCAL & GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

“ **PURPOSE:** We are made to live for purpose. God Himself lives for purpose. The way to live with significance is to devote yourself to a purpose that is larger than your life. Perspectives On the World Christian Movement ”

Here is how you can get involved in missions here at True Hope Church:

- **LEARN** - Who are our local and global mission partners (visit our website or the missions wall). Take the Perspectives Course (coming Jan. 2025).
- **PRAY** - Pray regularly for our missionaries and mission partners.
- **GO** - Learn about upcoming mission/service trips planned.
- **WELCOME** - Volunteer at the Food Bank or Glocal, become a friend to a refugee or international student.
- **MOBILIZE** - Advocate for a people group or cause.

WHEN YOU GIVE TO TRUE HOPE CHURCH 10% OR MORE GOES TO SUPPORT LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS. THANK YOU!

Prayer Requests from the Mission Field

- Pray that God will continue working in hearts and open eyes to who Jesus really is.
- Christians in Turkey are under greater persecution right now due to the issues in Gaza.
- Missionaries living on outdated budgets - pray for funding to meet their needs.
- Many of our missionaries are still learning the language for where they are serving, pray that it would come easily to be able to share the good news.

Highlights

- **34** Students Sponsored in Rwanda at the Dream Sunday event in October.
- **2,890** Buckets purchased with The Bucket Ministry.
- **480** Food Boxes per month given away at our Food Bank with **30+** volunteers who serve regularly.
- **9** Food backpacks provided weekly to North Jr. High to help meet the needs of weekend food insecurity.
- **250** Students fed at the Boise High Church Lunch on Tuesdays.



Food & Water distribution at a refugee camp in Turkey

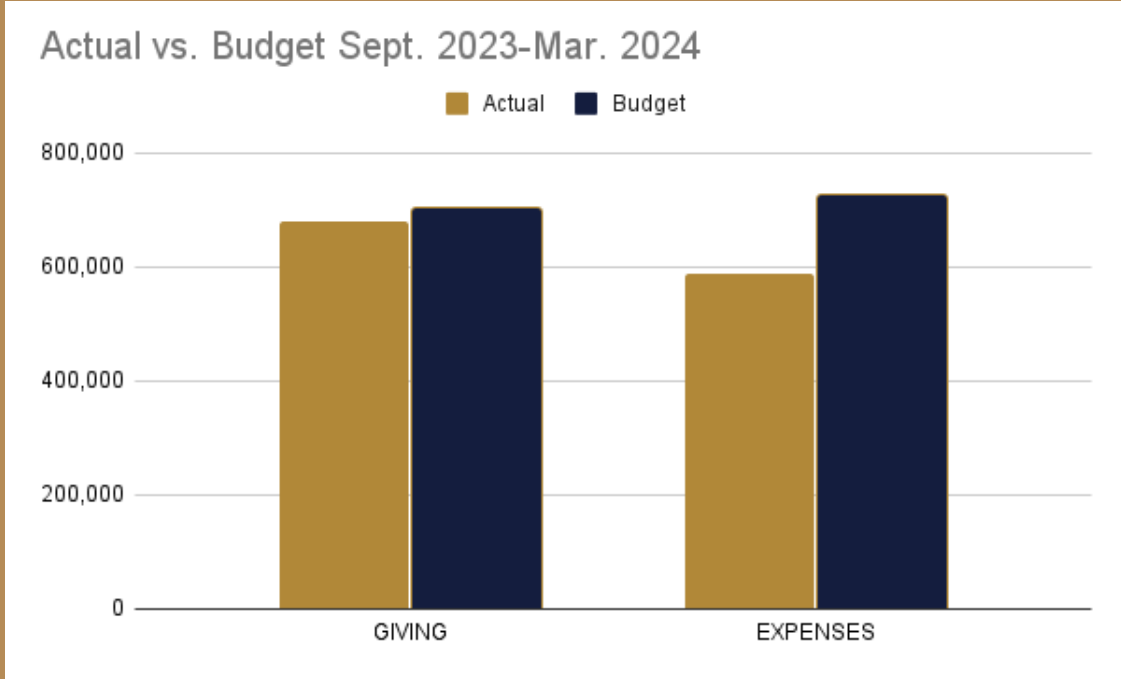


Boise High Church Lunch



McCullough's serving in Wales missionary dinner

6-MONTH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



Thank you for your faithful giving at True Hope Church. We are blown away by the generosity we see on a regular basis! Our actual giving vs. budgeted is **\$22,408 less than we expected** but our expenses have been below what we budgeted for the first 6-months. We do have several one-time annual expenses coming up, but **God is faithful and shows us over and over His provision.**

HOW TO GIVE TO TRUE HOPE

- Text the amount to 84321
- Give online at TrueHopeDowntown.com
- Set up bill pay through your bank
- Cash/Check in the offering boxes in the lobby or mail to the office

God Sized Numbers...

- **\$59,547** received above and beyond regular giving for things like our helping hands account, food bank, missions, the giving tree, and more.
- **\$170,000** given away from the New Every Morning Fund. Organizations funded to date are: The Bucket Ministry, Boise Habitat for Humanity and GLOCAL.
- **\$60,860** given away for special mission's projects like: the Gashora community completion in Rwanda, and support to our True Hope Nampa campus.