

2023
Ministry
REPORT

LOOKOUT
MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Dear Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Members and Friends,

As you will see in this report, 2023 was a full year of ministry for our church. We partnered with 75 ministries locally and around the world, averaged 900 people in attendance at worship each Sunday, navigated several staff transitions and welcomed many new members. This was all in the midst of exterior repair and restoration of our building, as part of the RENEW campaign.

Our goal is that this report, while brief, captures the many ministries of our church. We hope that each of you will be encouraged by the facts and figures included here. There is much to look forward to in 2024. We rejoice in the great legacy of faithful giving at LMPC. We also eagerly anticipate how God may use us as a body of believers in the future, as we all look for ways to be radically generous with our time, in our relationships, and through our financial resources.

In Christ,

The Stewardship Committee of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church

David Caines
Robbie Donaldson
Laura Gardoski

Mary Catherine Hewitt
Frank Hitchings
Margaret Lowery

Zach Walley
Miller Welborn
Carter Young

900

AVERAGE
SUNDAY
ATTENDANCE

28

BIRTHS

70

NEW
MEMBERS

\$50K

RAISED FOR
EARTHQUAKE
RELIEF IN SYRIA
AND TURKEY

30

BAPTISMS

285

BUILD-A-BAGS
DONATED



**“BY ALL MEANS”
MISSIONS CONFERENCE
MARCH 15-19**



**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
AT POINT PARK
APRIL 9**



**“SCRIPTURE AND SONG”
SPRING CHOIR CONCERT
MAY 7**



**GEORGE LONG PREACHING
SERIES WITH DR. ALISTAIR BEGG
JUNE 18**



**MINISTRY FAIR
AUGUST 13**



**LMPC FAMILY CAMP
AT CAMP ALPINE
SEPTEMBER 9**



**FAMILY-FRIENDLY
MISSIONS REPORT
NOVEMBER 12**



**BOXES OF BLESSING
(OVER 5,000 BOXES)
DECEMBER 2**



**CHRISTMAS HYMN SING
DECEMBER 3**

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



52

ELEMENTARY
VOLUNTEERS

110

AVERAGE
ELEMENTARY
SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE

41

NURSERY
VOLUNTEERS

68

AVERAGE
NURSERY-AGE
CHILDREN EACH
SUNDAY

86

MOTHER'S DAY
OUT STUDENTS

21

MOTHER'S DAY
OUT TEACHERS



HIGHLIGHTS

New curriculum and activity rotations for Wednesday Kids' Clubs

Mini VBS during Women's Summer Bible Study, facilitated by middle school students under the direction of youth staff

Mother's Day Out added a music teacher



“What I like about Sunday school and Kids' Club is that it teaches me that Jesus is the God to believe in. I realized that the Holy Spirit was telling my heart that I should follow Jesus. So my mom and I prayed, and I asked Jesus for forgiveness and for him to be my Savior.”

-Eloïse (Elementary Student)

“I love being able to talk about my week with people I love and trust, the hard parts and the good parts. I have loved being able to learn more and more about Jesus and his love for me through small groups.”

-Katherine (*Middle School Student*)



“The youth group is very relationally based, which pushed me to pursue a relationship with God. Through retreats and Sunday nights, I have found a group of people that I trust and that point me toward Christ.”



“LMPC youth group has become a home to me. Over my four years at McCallie, one of the only constants has been every Sunday night youth group. In my old youth group we never sang, and the greatest thing to me about the youth group here is the singing.”

CAUGHRAN
HIGH SCHOOL
MCCALLIE BOARDER

LIAM
HIGH SCHOOL
MCCALLIE BOARDER



MIDDLE SCHOOL
GREEN BEAN
GAME



MIDDLE SCHOOL
FALL
RETREAT



HIGH SCHOOL
MISSIONS
WEEK



HIGH SCHOOL
SALT & LIGHT
RETREAT

HIGHLIGHTS

38

MIDDLE SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS

55

AVERAGE MS
SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE

95

MIDDLE SCHOOL
SMALL GROUP
PARTICIPANTS

23

HIGH SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS

30

AVERAGE HS
SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE

116

HIGH SCHOOL
SMALL GROUP
PARTICIPANTS

28

ADULT MIXED
SMALL GROUPS



40

MEMBERS OF THE
CHANCEL CHOIR



170

AVERAGE ADULT
SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE



43

VOLUNTEERS
ON THE FLOWER
COMMITTEE

HIGHLIGHTS

Men's Retreat

Men's Steak Night

Women's Summer Bible
Study on Anxiety

Women's Advent Wreaths

VIP Chattanooga Lookouts
Baseball Outing

VIP Trip to Callaway
Gardens

“We’re all hungry to come together and deeply feast on God’s Word. I feel freedom to ask questions and be vulnerable.”

-Jan Owen (*Women’s Bible Study Teacher*)



“During my wife Barb’s illness, my choir family showed the love of God to us in ways that I could never describe. They were so selfless, so giving, so concerned. At the worship service we held after she passed, my choir came and sang.”

-Dan Vermeer (*Choir Member*)



LMPC staff supports all ministries and programming, from the worship department meticulously planning each Sunday and special service to the facilities department preparing and cleaning spaces for each event. Videos, prayers, bulletins, photos...our staff creates and shares resources and content for distribution. Led by the pastoral team, staff members use their gifts and abilities to support LMPC's mission and vision.



HIGHLIGHTS

Monday staff meetings, including devotional time and prayer

Staff development day on August 9 at Bridge Innovate (presentations, policies, child protection training)

Staff training on AED usage and Stop the Bleed

John Mark Scruggs as new pastor of congregational care



HOME MISSIONS



STRATEGIC PARTNER MINISTRIES

Amani ya Juu
Chattanooga

Church of the
First Born

Hope for the
Inner City

Metanoia
Prison Ministries

Widows Harvest
Ministries

DENOMINATIONAL PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES

Reformed University
Fellowship (RUF)

Presbyterian Church in
America (PCA)



CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRIES

Bridges Church
in Alhambra

Lakeway Church
Plant in Morristown

Woodlands Gathering
Church Plant
in Soddy Daisy

Redeemer Church
Plant in Athens

Rural Church Development

Tennessee Valley Church
Planting Movement

5

STRATEGIC
PARTNER
MINISTRIES

28

SUPPORTED
PARTNER
MINISTRIES

4

SUPPORTED
CHURCH
PLANTS

HIGHLIGHTS



BUILD-A-BAG



BOXES OF BLESSING



WIDOWS HARVEST
VALENTINE'S EVENT

47

MISSIONARY PARTNERS

3

NEW MISSIONARY PARTNERS IN 2023

27

SUPPORTED PROJECTS AND MINISTRIES

30

COUNTRIES WITH LMPC-SUPPORTED MISSIONARY PARTNERS

HIGHLIGHTS

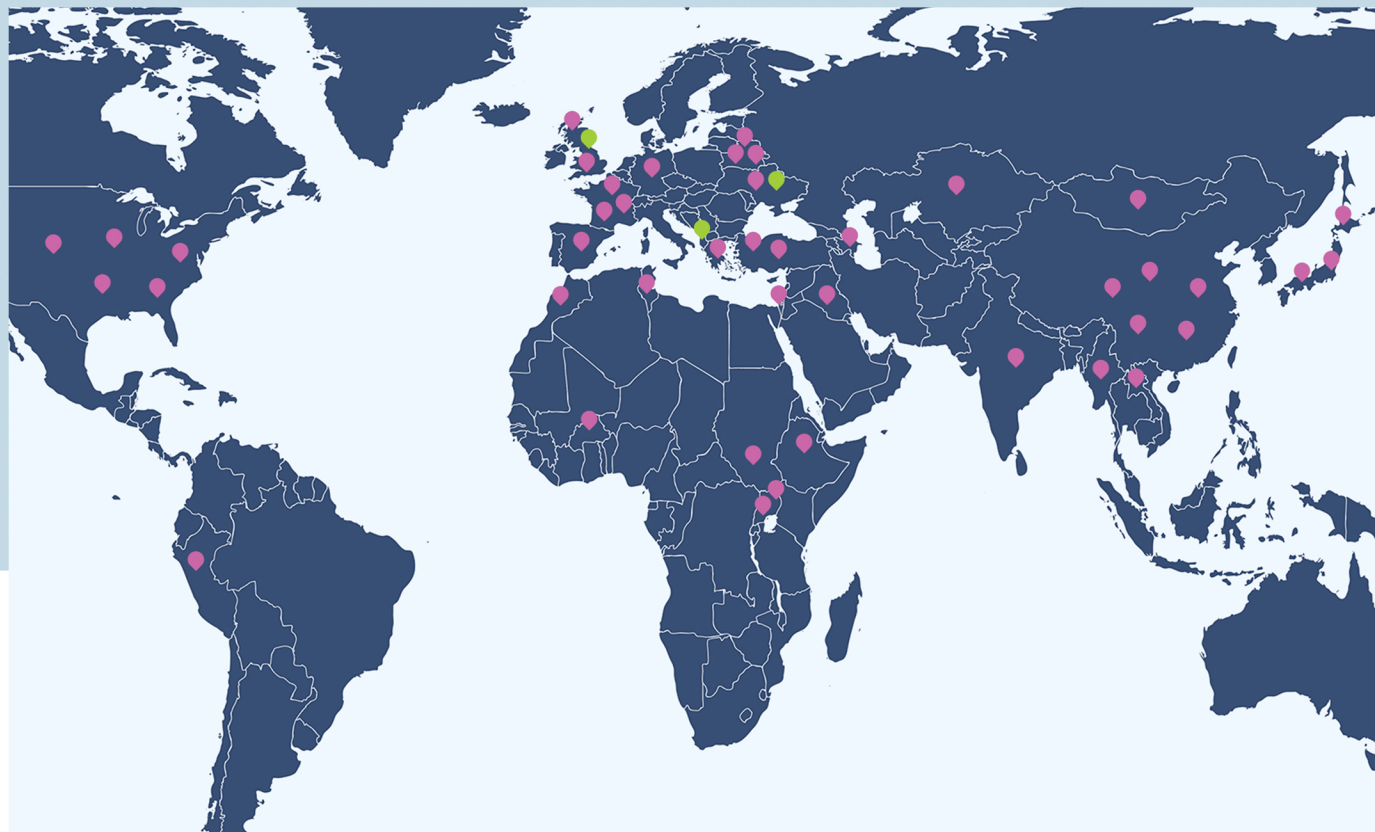


**WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2023
"BY ALL MEANS"**



HIGH SCHOOL MISSIONS TRIP TO UGANDA

WORLD MISSIONS



 LMPC MISSIONARY PARTNER

 NEW MISSIONARY PARTNER

RESOURCES

We desire to be a church who extends resources generously. That includes resourcing and equipping people for the sake of God's Kingdom.

1,134

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

1,772

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



15,471

EPISODE DOWNLOADS

TOP 3 PODCAST EPISODES:

- Why Is Deuteronomy Still Relevant?
- How Do I Endure through Suffering?
- How Should I Think about Gender & Sexuality?



SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE:

- On the LMPC Website
- Listen as a Podcast, "From the Pulpit"
- Vimeo

9.4K

VIMEO VIEWS

147 DAYS

TIME WATCHED

NEW BLOG,
EVERYDAY FAITH,
LAUNCHED ON
OCTOBER 3



June 20

New website
launched



1,969

Books/items
checked out of
the library

DARBY STRICKLAND CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 24-26

About 150 individuals attended several workshops given by Darby Strickland on the topic of domestic abuse. This was an effort by the LMPC Safeguarding Team to assist our congregation with ongoing training.

WHY GIVE?

To give of our lives and property to God is not only a commanded duty but a gracious privilege. The Scriptures describe this offering as a beautiful mark of God's grace in our lives in the following ways:

For more on the LMPC Session's perspective on giving, visit:

lmpc.org/give

- 1 God is the creator and owner of everything and calls us to live as his generous stewards or managers.
- 2 God commands us to tithe for his glory and for our good.
- 3 Though tithing is a first and faithful step towards generous living, it is not the final or ultimate act.
- 4 The believer's priority in giving should be to the local church.

\$5,860,000

2024 OPERATIONAL AND MINISTRY NEEDS

This includes a 3% increase in giving to our home and world missions partners in the work of the Gospel, utility and insurance increases, network and technology system upgrades, and an inflation adjustment for the staff.

We give thanks that God used you to generously provide for all the ministry and operational needs of LMPC in 2023.

Please consider giving toward our 2024 budget needs and submitting your 2024 pledge.

YOU MAY DO THIS IN ONE OF TWO WAYS:



Fill out a commitment card to be collected in the services on Sunday, January 28...



Submit your pledge through your Realm Connect account...





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