



# Abide

2021 Annual Report

*As the Father has loved Me,  
so I have loved you. Abide in  
My love. ~ John 15:9*

† temple Baptist  
CHURCH

**ABIDE** – Without Jesus abiding with us and we abiding with Him, we would not have survived 2021, let alone been fruitful. For this is what we read from the lips of Jesus in John 15:5, “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.” This is why we chose ABIDE as our theme for 2021. Jesus’ abiding love helped us through year two of the pandemic. We had to submit to government COVID mandates while dwelling at home, continuing without fading or being lost. It was another

difficult year, but staying connected to Jesus is what got us through.

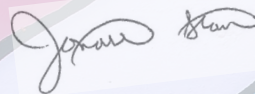
And praise God, Jesus wasn’t just faithful, but also bore much fruit in our lives! As you read this report, become a fruit inspector. Pray and look for the fruit that Jesus has borne in and through you; in our church and in our community. And though we were in lockdowns, God enabled us to do greater and more consistent community outreach than in our recent history. This was one of two main goals we made in our strategic plan (the second being revamping our discipleship pathway so people can self-identify what next step they need to take to walk with Christ).

Though we were only able to meet for in-person gatherings 37 Sundays of the year, we saw people start to increasingly return

to worship gatherings while still teaching God’s Word to an online audience. It was great to see some of you make that transition from first finding us online to actually joining us in person. And some of you were looking to give your kids a time of recreation on our newly opened outdoor playground and found that kids need to become new creatures in Christ as they joined our relaunched TBC Kids’ ministry.

Thank you for abiding in Christ and bearing much fruit. I hope as you read this report your hearts will be overjoyed and give God much praise!

Abide in Christ,



**Jonathan Stairs - Lead Pastor**

## MEMBERSHIP

In 2021, there were 315 members including those at Restoration Church. There were 7 new members at TBC and 8 new members at RC. 4 members went home to be with the Lord. (Carolyn Wulf, Evelyn Murphy, Joan Sutherland, Jean Lobbezoo)

## WEDDINGS

There were three weddings. Two at TBC and one at RC. (Arnold, Hansen, Jack)

## DEDICATIONS

Daniel & Jodi Burkholder were dedicated along with their son Drew Burkholder.



## BAPTISMS

Kayley Gray



Jeff Hornsby



Sarah Brent



*I don't want to keep my faith a secret anymore. I'm ready to declare my love for Jesus!* ~ Kayley Gray



# OUR MISSION

Temple Baptist Church exists to be on mission with Jesus to turn broken people into whole people who multiply Christ followers.

# OUR VISION

We are on mission with Jesus to reach at least 1% of the population of Cambridge, the Waterloo Region, Ontario, Canada and the World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

# OUR VALUES

**LOVE** God

**CONNECT** with each other

**SERVE** here and in the community



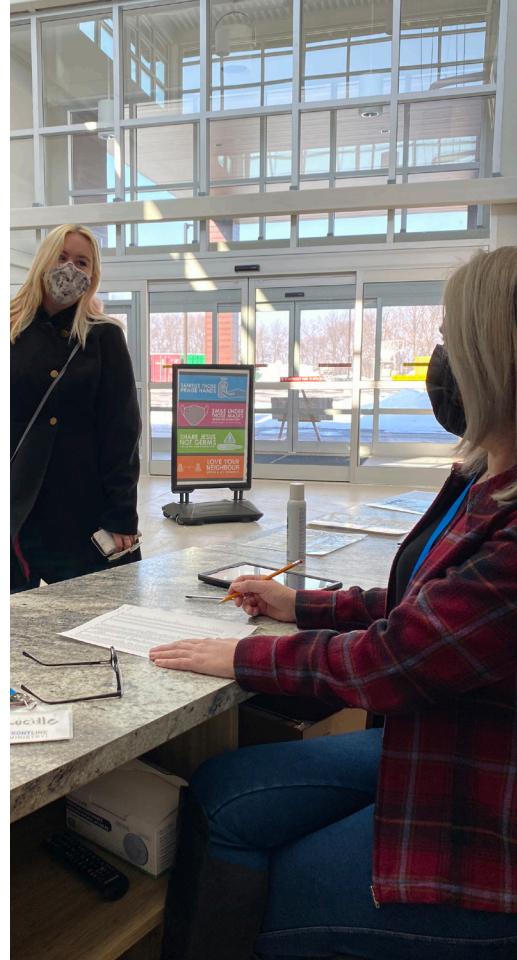
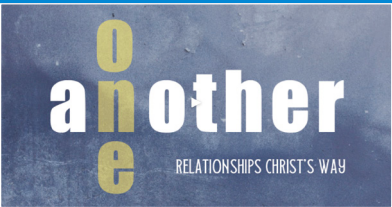
## ATTENDANCE 2021

The average Sunday attendance for in-person services (includes both services) was 158/Sunday. We had 37 Sundays in person.

The average number of online households watching FB & YT live when we couldn't be in person was 76/Sunday.



# SERMON SERIES



# TBC KIDS

How often did you gather?

22 times

What did you do?

- Made new friends
- Played games
- Made crafts
- Sang songs
- Learned from the Bible



Other activities?

- Zoom Pancake Breakfast
- Easter Book Giveaway
- Drive-In Movie
- Fun Fridays
- Trunk or Treat
- Parenting Workshop
- Light it Up!



*Our two young girls both enjoy the kids' ministry at Temple Baptist Church. Their favourite parts are the art projects, songs, and play time, and they have happily shared with us some of the things they learn in their classes. They have also started building some relationships with the other kids, which is great to see as a parent! We love seeing our girls doing well at TBC, and we are happy that they can attend their classes every week.*

~ Eddie and Julie Elzinga









# STUDENT MINISTRY

## Details about Youth:

- Met weekly on Wednesdays (40 in total. 15 on Zoom and 25 in the building)
- December hang out night

## Studied:

- Acts
- 1 John
- James

## Events:

- Fall kick-off event
- Change Conference in October (viewed live stream together in Student Centre)
- Turkey Bowl football game
- November games night
- Christmas Party
- Served at the drive-in movie
- Served at Light It Up event



*We were always able to meet whether in person or online, and this has helped us grow in our faith. We have been called more to join groups (serve) in our church because of opportunities we have in youth.*

~ Addison & Clark Watt



# YOUNG ADULTS

Details about our YA Meetings:

- We met about 10 times in total
- Ladies' Bible Study in February (Christine Caine)
- Study of Philemon and Ecclesiastes
- Discussed how to study the Bible
- Learned how to create a Bible lesson
- Guest speaker who discussed World Religions
- Pool Party Event at the Bolenders
- Flag Football with the Youth

*I wanted to get my confidence from the Lord instead of how others treat me... I asked God to come into my life, to change me, to make me a better person and He showed up ... I felt His Spirit come over me and inside of me... I felt like a new person.*

~ Samantha DaSilva



# SMALL GROUPS

- 9 groups
- 104 people in groups

*Small group has been a blessing to my husband Albert and I for the past two years. We were able to meet wonderful, new people and have grown to enjoy dependable friendships with them. I can't imagine how it would have been during the isolating COVID time without these friends. We have walked together, prayed together, eaten and played fun games together. We have covered a variety of topics during all our discussions. We are as comfortable as family together, so we can ask any questions if we don't understand something. We have a confident trust in one another so we can share private issues and worries comfortably. I am certain that God had His hand in arranging the small groups because He knows our needs, strengths and weaknesses and it seems He has given us a perfect blend of personalities. For our first few years at the church we were not involved in a small group and I can look back now and see how much more at home we feel at Temple.*

~ Anita TenBruggencate



# ADULT MINISTRIES

## **Men's Ministry 2021**

Weekly Tuesday Bible Study  
Weekly Thursday prayer  
2 Healthy Hikes  
Hosted and supported  
"Cycling for Water" (GAiN)

## **Women's Ministry 2021**

Six women's Bible studies  
Two social events  
Two prayer retreats







*This past summer I had the privilege of participating in the pen-pal program, matching seniors from Prime Time with some of the church children for the purpose of encouraging us to get to know one another better. It was a delight to send and receive notes and hand-drawn pictures, and share about some of our favourite activities. We were able to share what Jesus means to us, and to pray for each other. I was blessed to get to know the young lady chosen for me and trust that she was encouraged to know that someone was praying for her. Special thanks to Al LaCroix and Judy LeRuez for getting this project up and running.*      ~ **Frances Pinkerton**

*These past almost two years have been a real eye opener for me and I am sure for all of us. I found myself unable to do most of my activities that I enjoy; teaching various exercise classes and also not being able to do my own fitness regime at my gym. With all this time on my hands I started going for long walks in the park and on the trails, which I still do. I have never been closer to God as I am now, and I have been a born again believer for about 45 yrs. I use this time on the trails to meditate and admire God's glory all around me. My days are now filled with worship; either listening to gospel music or reading my daily Bible plans. Living alone I find God is my constant companion and friend. He keeps me sane and grounded. I also found Zoom so I am still able to keep up with some exercise classes as well as Ladies' Bible study.*      ~ **Lauren Lam**



*Living alone has its challenges. The support given to me by the women of this church has made a welcome difference. Love, support and prayer have been a welcome experience. Blessings on these friends. Thank you! Bible study, when I am able, is so important and helpful. Hopefully it can continue to give better understanding concerning my walk with Christ.*      ~ **Margaret Hooke**

*I remember being so blessed visiting with Evelyn Murphy. She was such a Godly woman, rarely complained about her situation, and was always so grateful for our chats. I think of her often since her passing.*      ~ **Barb Armstrong**

# PRAYER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Weekly Prayer Encounter
- Partners in Prayer – January 25
- Pre-service prayer times
- Weekly Men's Prayer
- 2 Ladies' Prayer Retreats
- 15 Days of Prayer for Hindu World
- 30 Days of Prayer For Muslims
- Corporate Day of Fasting & Prayer
- Prayer Mobilizing Team meetings
- Completion of Prayer Room
- Initiated preparations for a Prayer Summit April 22-23, 2022

The mission of the Temple Baptist Church Prayer Mobilizing Team is to create opportunities and avenues (pray, motivate, teach) for all believers at Temple Baptist Church to enter into the presence of God through all areas of prayer. Through prayer, our people will be encouraged to strengthen their relationships with each other and reach the community with the message of Jesus Christ.

**Over 100 Prayer Chain  
emails were sent out in 2021.**



*On January 1, 2021, Eddie went to the hospital, with what turned out to be an aneurysm. A few hours later, his neurologist called me and said the aneurysm cauterized itself, and the bleeding had completely stopped without medical intervention. He couldn't (and still cannot) explain what had happened. But we know. God worked a miracle that day. He listened to our prayers and answered. We are still in awe of His power! It's been over a year now, and Eddie has healed so well. He works, drives, and otherwise has a normal life. We are so thankful to everyone at TBC who prayed for Eddie. To God be all the Glory forever!!*

**~ Julie Elzinga**



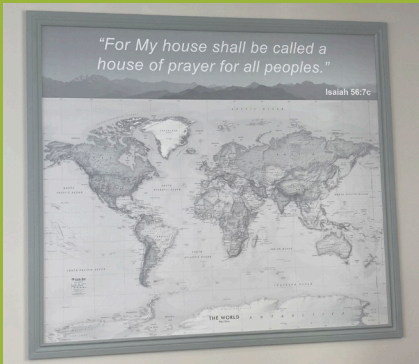
God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of 3 of them.” ~ John Piper. I may not see the direct answer to my specific request, but when I’m continually seeking God and in His Word, the “eyes of my heart” (Eph. 1:18) are opened to all that He is doing around me and it’s exciting.

~ Carey Gray



I have limited physical strength so I am confined to one floor. (No stairs allowed up or down.) So, I read a lot and pray a lot. During a lonely time I sensed a calmness and heart peace because somebody was praying for me. Question, did they know that GOD is answering their prayer even before they finished praying? I do, I know. That’s what my Father God does.

~ Al LaCroix



I have always talked to God and prayed to Him, but I never truly realized until I became a Christian a few years ago just how many times God was there for me. Not only answering my prayers, but letting me know He was walking with me. Understanding this has given me a passion to pray. He is the first one I turn to.

~ Helen Becher





# THE MASTER'S PLAN 4.0 - BUILD PROJECT

It has been an absolute pleasure working with Temple Baptist Church. I want to thank you for the opportunity and experience we got while serving as your builder over the past couple years. Most people have experienced living through a renovation in your home and how exhausting and relentless construction can be. It has not been a lot different than that for your congregation and staff during this build. However, all the tradespeople onsite were always greeted with patience and smiles. This attitude starts with leadership of your church and building team. Through much prayer, very creative

problem solving, pivoting and quick decisions you have empowered us to get through building during a pandemic rather seamlessly. All of us at Hawkey Church Management and our trades will have pleasant memories of our time here, of course the BBQs help!

There were a handful of people I got to interact with daily that I would like to extend a special thank you to. Darryl and Ed for the direction and constant reminder to "Hammer Down". Ross and Lindas (squared) behind the scenes making construction inconveniences of all types disappear. Tara and Cathy for their lively touch to the building design, we put to rest a generational feud between designer and builder. Sue in making sure everyone got paid on a timely basis. **Lastly and most humbly, Ken**

**and Steve have volunteered their time like we have never seen before! These gentlemen have put over eight thousand hours in combined.** Ken is a master tradesman, his skills extended to every aspect of the project and his tape measure reads much more accurately than mine. Steve along with imparting his wisdom and getting to know every person onsite is also Roxul Insulations newest poster boy.

I pray and trust this building will be used to bless the community and honour God. The intense playground that my kids worked up the courage to climb is a great example of how integrated Temple Baptist Church is in the community! I look forward to staying connected and watching your community grow.



**Scott Matthews** - Hawkey Church Management - Site Supervisor



## INTERESTING FACTS:

# 325

Tradespeople involved onsite  
*(who all have a sweet tooth)*

# 620 M<sup>3</sup>

Concrete poured  
*(would fill 30 average pools)*

# 350,000 LBS

Steel  
*(equivalent to 120 cars)*

# 3300

Drywall sheets  
*(20 houses worth)*

# COMPASSION

The Compassion Ministry with the support of our TBC family were able to help 27 families leading up to Christmas. This was due to our relationships built within our local schools. We were also able to support 10 families in our community and TBC family with other needs such as short-term accommodations.

*Through the years at Temple I've had a lot of help... always, always, always somebody has stepped up to help me ... I thank the ladies not for what they did for me, but for listening to God and taking God's leading in this matter... it wasn't just raising the money for me, but you brought God back into my life in a very big way... through your love and through your willingness.*



~ Christine Granger

# WINTER WARMTH CAMPAIGN

Due to your overwhelming support we collected:

- 79 pairs of socks
- 53 hats
- 19 scarves
- 206 mittens / gloves

As such we were able to make 45 gift bags for Mission to the Margins and everything else went to the Cambridge Food Bank, Family 2 Family, The Bridges and our local schools.





# GRIEF SHARE

We finished off the 2019-20 course on Zoom in the spring of 2021, and started up again in November 2021 with our third session in person. It is a 13-week course. We met in person until December 2021. We have been able to help over 40 people on their journey of grief over the recent years. There are 16 in our present session. We are very thankful to Ross & Linda Morrell who lead and for the assistance provided by Marilyn and Graham Jones. If you or someone you know is suffering from grief, this program is meant for you. Contact any of the above names, visit the church website or GriefShare.org.



*The loss of my wife was a shock due to the suddenness of it. After 58 years of being married to her the grief was drastic due to my love for her. GriefShare was very important to me because it explained that we all grieve in our own ways. With God (Jesus), we get through this much easier but will not forget, due to the love God has for us.*  
~ **Dennis Harlock**

*GriefShare met a need in my life with many scriptures reminding me of God's comforting care and love in my grief. Other attendees sharing their sorrowful emotions helped me to know my experiences were not unusual, so we felt support from and empathy for each other. Videos presented helpful ways from some well-known people and how they handled their own sorrow which we might apply in our lives. I highly recommend the GriefShare course to all who experience grief and am thankful for Temple Baptist Church offering the course.*

~ **Lelia Stairs**



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*One of the many wonderful observations at the Market is to see a customer who purchases a basket often. They then mention that they have a neighbour who would benefit from a basket and purchase another one to give away. Keeping this program at a low cost with the help of the community and extra donations allows for people to not only afford it for themselves, but have the ability to help their neighbours and family in need.*

*During the last round of restrictions that came to Ontario in December, we had to change how we offered the program and have no volunteers to maximize safety. This time without volunteers highlighted how they really are the heart of the work we are doing. We have heard from folks getting baskets how much they miss them and how helpful they are. We hear from the volunteers that they miss their Thursday afternoon routine,*

*and cannot wait to be back at it again. We can provide quality food and an equitable food system, but it's the volunteers who create the community. And we are grateful for each and every one of them. Thank you, TBC!*



**Laura Johnson** - Mobile Food Market Coordinator

## Things to know:

The Mobile Food Market ran every Thursday from July to December and there were 11 Market Volunteers from TBC.

**We sold 1,382 baskets of food!**

The TBC Body Shoppe started in September and there are 4 volunteers who handed over **70 bags of hygiene supplies.**



Best Foot Forward (Employment Readiness) ran a two evening workshop in co-ordination with Cambridge Career Connections which had **10 students.**

For the community we helped with Fun Fridays (free cold treats), the drive-in movie night, a back to school bike repair day and a Christmas Dinner Campaign to encourage local families.



# ONLINE ANALYTICS

January 1 – December 31, 2021

## Website:

Over 15,000 visits with 10,000 being unique visits  
Over 34,000 page views  
87.5% of visits were Canadian

Facebook Page Reach = 26,093  
Instagram Reach = 6,427  
New Facebook page likes = 105  
New Instagram followers = 87

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

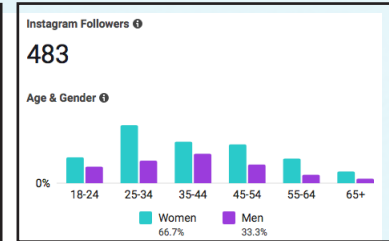
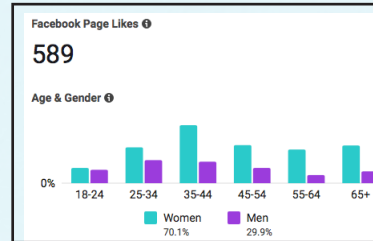


Videos got 5,614 views in 2021  
174 subscribers

*Having TBC's services streamed on Facebook and YouTube has been a great way for TBC to connect with our church family as well as those not of our church family who are unable to attend in person. As a moderator, I have enjoyed the opportunity to provide a personal connection during the service with the viewers. These livestreams have the potential to be highly impactful and a great blessing to the wider TBC community.*



**Eleanor Vander Meulen - Online Service Moderator**



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# GLOBAL OUTREACH

Due to Covid-19 protocols we were once again prohibited from having any Mission trips to visit and personally support our field missionaries. However, we were pleased that several of our missionary brothers were able to join the Thursday morning Men's Prayer Time via Zoom; Daniel Ford, Bryce Carlaw, Nick Rachevsky and Murrell Frances (a former TBC intern).

We were also able to bless Mytchell Brush in his summer work with African Inland Mission.

We were pleased to have Bechara Karkafi with FebCentral as our guest speaker on October 31, for our Global Outreach Sunday. Thank you for your continued support, enabling us to meet all of our Missions financial needs.

# GLOBAL EXPENSES

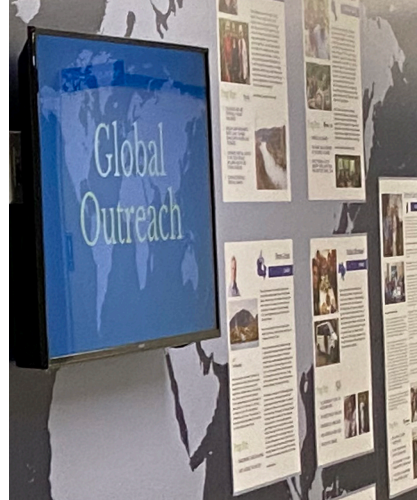
ABWE - Rummey, Mike & Mary Lou	7,600
ABWE - Taylor, John & Jacky	3,600
ABWE - Rachevsky, Nick & Krista	10,600
Baptist Mission - Ford, Daniel & Emily	13,900
CEF Ontario - Lee, Jeff & Rachel	12,000
CEF BC - Quin, Dennis & Pauline	1,600
CrossWorld - Amenuzdie, Kwashie & Davi	6,000
CrossWorld - Carlaw, Bryce & Carolyn	5,000
FEB Central - Administration	15,000
The Fellowship - Steve Jones (President)	1,900
Slavic Gospel Association - Three National Pastors	7,500
Dawn Centre Cambridge	1,500
TEAM - Christina Mayer	56,000
Word of Life - Barry Speck	1,400
Heritage College	4,000
Missionary Speakers	500

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\$148,100

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Rummey  
Kids'  
Ministry



Christina Mayer

# RESTORATION CHURCH

Pastor Aaron Ottaway and Nikki lead Restoration Church which meets at Tapestry Hall in south Cambridge.

The church there has about 80 people in attendance each Sunday.

Weekly they have a Sunday Celebration, morning prayer & meditation, Bible studies and kids' discipleship.

Monthly they have a "Family Reunion" event and door-to-door invitations are handed out.

Seasonally they have a men's retreat and a women's retreat.

Please continue to pray for everyone in leadership.



The TBC Tree of Life playground  
is fun for all ages!



TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
 As at 2021 December 31

	2021	2020
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash - General	\$15,348	\$309,307
Cash - Designated Funds	\$1,939,203	\$3,141,824
Due from Restoration Church	16,270	5,504
HST recoverable	182,733	341,029
Prepaid expenses and deposits	16,973	5,711
	<u>2,170,528</u>	<u>3,803,374</u>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>		
Cost	13,635,224	10,328,761
Accumulated Depreciation	-648,519	-634,711
	<u>12,986,705</u>	<u>9,694,049</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$15,157,233</u>	<u>\$13,497,423</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	31,465	519,351
Deferred Revenue - Timothy Fund	2,619	4,900
Deferred Revenue - Compassion	8,438	12,735
Deferred Revenue - Church Planting Fund	13,231	21,181
Deferred Revenue - Church Building Fund	1,883,972	3,053,442
Accrued loan certificate interest	283	282
	<u>1,940,008</u>	<u>3,611,892</u>
<b>LONG TERM DEBT</b>		
Personal loan certificates	42,000	67,200
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>1,982,008</u>	<u>3,679,092</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	<u>13,175,225</u>	<u>9,818,331</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>\$15,157,233</u>	<u>\$13,497,423</u>

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
 For the Year Ending 2021 December 31

	2021	2020
<b>REVENUE</b>		
General Offerings	\$801,399	\$773,052
Timothy internship	2,281	17,900
Bequests and memorials	1,620	1,825
Compassion	4,947	3,465
Church Planting Project	62,500	100,000
Church Building Project	3,319,774	6,101,651
Other Designated Projects	3,250	668
COVID-19 Subsidy	5,397	10,726
Non-offering income	13,842	14,296
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>4,215,011</u>	<u>7,023,583</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel	497,842	431,599
Global & Outreach	148,100	169,170
Property & Maintenance	72,004	71,446
Integration & Care	24,365	4,187
Finance	9,904	12,046
Church Office Administration	8,485	8,233
Music & Worship Arts	5,916	4,550
Information Technology	3,253	29,740
Children's Ministries	3,028	2,365
Student Ministries	391	746
Adult Discipleship Ministries	367	217
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<u>773,654</u>	<u>734,299</u>
Transfer to Restoration Church	62,500	100,000
Timothy Ministry	2,281	17,900
Compassion	4,947	3,465
Other Designated Projects	3,250	668
Depreciation	13,808	15,665
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>860,441</u>	<u>871,997</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>\$3,354,571</u>	<u>\$6,151,586</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION TO BUDGET</b>		
Add: Depreciation (included in above expenses)	\$13,808	\$15,665
Less: Capital purchases (not included in above expenses)	(\$2,138)	(\$6,325)
Less: Church Building Work In Progress (not included in above expenses)	(\$3,319,774)	(\$6,101,651)
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<u>\$46,466</u>	<u>\$59,274</u>



# ELDERS' COUNCIL

The Elders' Council met nine times for regular meetings in 2021. In our meetings we have prayer for the church family and each other along with discussing pastoral needs and vision for the church. We are thankful for and appreciate the counsel and wisdom our Church Coach, Steve Adams provided throughout the year.

In 2021, we welcomed Wayne Baxter to the Elders' Council. I would also like to thank

Robin Hacon for once again coming back on the Elders' Council to fill a void when Ross Morrell and Adrian Hoyte were regrettably required to come off of the Elders' Council due to conflict of interest regulations. We thank them for their faithful service. Please continue to pray about who the Lord is preparing for future Elders at TBC. We invite you to provide names of men that you feel meet the qualifications of Elders to Pastor Jon or Ron Bolender.

TBC has a Godly ministry team; pastors and staff who care for each of us. I have had the privilege of working closer with them since becoming Chair of the Elders' Council in July.



**Ron Bolender** - Chair of Elders' Council



Live with Kellie & Regis



### **Team Temple 2021:**

*Jonathan Stairs, Lead Pastor*  
*Jason Elliotson, Pastor of Discipleship & Care*  
*Kyle Rhora, Pastor of Parents & Kids Discipleship*  
*Aaron Ottaway, Restoration Church Planter*  
*Ed Hodgins, Manager of Operations*  
*Linda Kenyon, Office Manager*  
*Tara Hoyte, Communications & Outreach Strategist*  
*Wendy Hodgins, Prayer Mobilizer*  
*Linda Morrell, Custodian*  
*Sue Losch, Bookkeeper*  
*Dawn Lidstone, IT/Tech Support*

### **Elders in 2021:**

*Wayne Baxter, Ron Bolender, Robin Hacon*  
*(Adrian Hoyte & Ross Morrell served as Elders for part of 2021)*

### **Deacons in 2021:**

*Ryan Bolender, Young Adults*  
*Regis Chow, IT Ministry*  
*Kyle Duguay, Student Ministries*  
*Albert TenBruggencate, Men's Ministry*  
*Greg Watt, Frontline Ministry*

### **Ministry Leaders in 2021:**

*Barb Armstrong, Women's Visitation*  
*Daniel Burkholder, AV & Tech*  
*Elizabeth DeCroos, Women's Ministry*  
*Christine Kaufman, Nursery*  
*Larry Kaufman, Donation Recording Steward*  
*Phil Matthews, Lead Teller*  
*Phil & Terri Matthews, Prime Time Pen Pals*  
*Ross Morrell, Property & Maintenance*  
*Al Steane, Treasurer*  
*Becca Watt, Frontline Coordinator*  
*Mardelle Wilhelm, Social Convenor*

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