



temple Baptist  
CHURCH

# BLESS

2022 Annual Report

Learning to Walk Like Jesus in Everyday Life



Dear Temple,

B.L.E.S.S. (Begin with prayer, Listen to others' needs, Eat with others, Serve the need, Share the story of Jesus) – Did you BLESS others this past year?

We are called to bless others. That was our theme in 2022. Our church exists not as an end to itself, but for others –

God first and our neighbours locally and globally second. This is true even with those neighbours who may be hostile. Our Lord Jesus commanded in Matthew 5:44, “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” When we take Christ’s words seriously and obey by blessing others, God is blessed and we learn contentment and perseverance in the midst of suffering while growing in our hope in the Lord.

2022 may have been an annus horribilis (a horrible year) for some of you. We were still battling COVID and navigating capacity limits. Disappointments were the norm and flexibility was a requirement, but despite that, we stayed united in Christ and we in turn were blessed. This was evident as we fully moved into our newly renovated building and saw many new families

attend our church. The church is the people. This is why we have positioned our church building to be a community centre for Christ. Many are now using our building as a blessing whereas before

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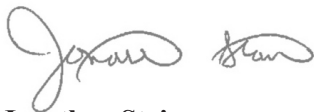
our building was ignored or misunderstood in its purpose. This has caused us to move ahead with new discipleship initiatives such as FreedUp financial discipleship and our Discover Jesus class. Though not our goal, we ourselves have been blessed. We have seen an increase in attendance at our Prime Time Plus, TBC Kids and Student Ministries. How exciting to see both the next generation and older generation returning to church.

2022 was a year of transition. Not only a transition to our recreated property, but also in staffing. Staff members Linda Kenyon and Tara Hoyte have moved on to extend God's kingdom elsewhere.

God provided Amanda Roberts, Emily Kaufman and Carey Gray to extend God's kingdom here in administrative and communication support roles. We also welcomed Aaron Naismith in the new role of Worship Pastor. These servants are God's blessing to us.

Thank you Temple for not only remaining with us through the pandemic, but for your love, generosity and prayer. Continue to BLESS others and you too will be blessed!

Be a BLESSing,



**Jonathan Stairs**  
Lead Pastor

## Memberships

22

## Baptisms

7

## Funerals

3

## Weddings

Jessie Stairs and Andrew McElrea  
Victoria Webster and Eric Heidbuurt  
Alyssa Merkus and Nolan Togerez  
Samantha DaSilva and David Betinvieh

## Avg. Sunday Attendance

170



# About Us      Sermon Series

## 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

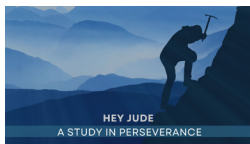
We are on mission with Jesus to reach at least 1% of the population of Cambridge, the Waterloo region, Ontario, Canada, and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Our Values

**Love** God

**Connect** with each other

**Serve** the community



We began the year learning about building community with BLESS. We then spent 19 weeks deep in the study of suffering with Job. The book of Jude came next with a deep dive into what it means to persevere. In the fall we went through Micah and learning more about the new hope we can have in Jesus Christ. Finally, we finished the year by focusing on Advent and preparing the way to Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth.



# Online Presence

## Streaming

1,908 vimeo total views  
350 vimeo unique views  
6,000+ Youtube views  
231 YouTube subscribers

## Website

21,000 visits and 15,000 unique visitors  
91% of the visits were from Canada  
Top three pages visited:

- Services
- Leadership
- Calendar

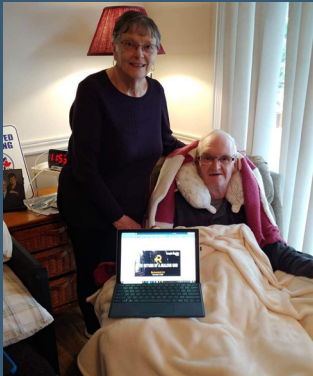
## Social Media

### Facebook

39,571 unique accounts reached  
15 new followers

### Instagram

10,066 unique accounts reached  
111 new followers



“I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to all those who kept the Livestream service running each Sunday morning during Covid and beyond so that those who could not be physically present at church could still be connected and participate.

It meant so much to us during David’s confinement to be able to log on from home to worship and pray with our church family and each other. It was the highlight of our week and we looked forward to it. Often the music and the sermon topics seemed to be chosen for us and brought encouragement and peace to our hearts during a difficult time in our lives.”

- **Frances Pinkerton**



# Outreach

## Shine Festival



## Drop-ins

- Woodlot Playground Drop-In
- Pickleball Open Play
- Easter Family Drop-In





“I’m really grateful for the opportunity that Temple Baptist Church provides to play Pickleball once a week. It is such a fun sport so I’ve been able to learn a new skill. The people here are so friendly and fun and supportive that it’s a joy to come every week and be part of it.”

**- Community Pickleballer**

## Cambridge Food Bank



TBC continues to support the Cambridge Food Bank as it serves our community. In the fall we held a food drive and our pickleball community volunteered to bring a weekly food donation.

The Mobile Food Market also continued to run on Thursday afternoons in 2022. There were 14 Market volunteers from TBC.



“Thank you for letting us use Temple Baptist Church as a hub for our Mobile Food Market. Every Thursday afternoon your community comes together, both as patrons and as volunteers, to lift each other up. At this location, the MFM sold 2734 baskets of food over the year. We also collected over \$1600 in donations to help keep the program running.”

**- Cambridge Food Bank**





# Global Outreach

## Sponsorships

### Togo Sponsorships

The Temple Baptist Family has sponsored 40 children in Togo. Prayers for specific people groups to be reached with the Gospel are being answered!

### Refugee Assistance

Last December TBC raised \$5620 for the Persecuted Church Refugee Project.

### Immanuel's Child Christmas Stars

Over Christmas TBC funded approximately 55 "Immanuel's Child" gifts. These went to many former Soviet regions, including Pastor Yuri Stretovich's church in Ukraine.



## Compassion Ministries

- Counselling
- Ladies Visitation
- Calling Ministry
- Hardship Ministry
- GriefShare

### GLOBAL OUTREACH EXPENSES 2022

ABWE - Rummey, Mike & Mary Lou	\$ 7,936
ABWE - Taylor, John & Jacky	4,360
ABWE - Rachevsky, Nick & Krista	11,068
Baptist Mission - Ford, Daniel & Emily	14,512
CEF Ontario - Lee, Jeff & Rachel	12,528
CEF BC - Quin, Dennis & Pauline	1,672
CrossWorld - Amenudzie, Kwashi & Davi	6,264
CrossWorld - Carlaw, Bryce & Carolyn	5,220
FEB Central - Administration	15,000
The Fellowship - Steve Jones (President)	1,984
Slavic Gospel Association - Three National Pastors	7,832
Dawn Centre Cambridge	1,500
TEAM - Christina Mayer	58,464
Word of Life - Barry Speck	1,460
Heritage College	4,000
Missions Conference	1,313
Other Missionary Gifts and Support	100
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	\$155,213



# Music and Technology



our church as a whole. I have thoroughly enjoyed this time. I look forward to continuing to integrate into the church but also working towards developing our teams, growing the ministry, and helping us as a church grow in our worship of King Jesus.

- **Pastor Aaron**  
Music and Technology Pastor

I want to thank you all for the support I have received over the past year. It has been such an awesome transition. It has been a joy getting to know our Music and Tech teams and beginning to work closely with them. I have also enjoyed getting to know the ins and outs of our systems. Most of 2022 was spent integrating myself into the life of our teams and

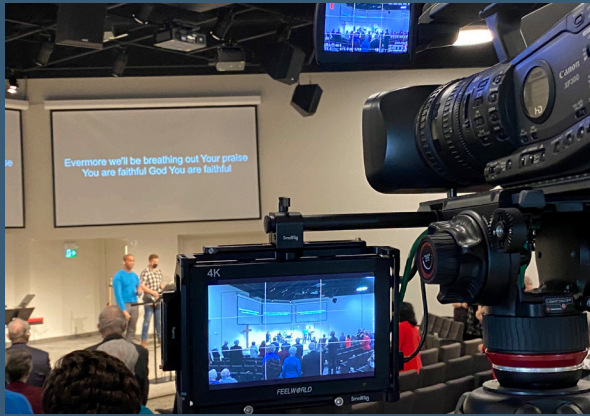


## Those Serving:

- 17 people served in our tech ministry in the areas of sound, graphics, camera and live stream
- 4 people served on our welcome team
- 12 people served on our music team

## Notable in 2022:

- The congregation moved into the new auditorium
- Pastor Aaron was hired
- Worship night
- Launch Weekend Performance
- What a Glorious Night Choir Presentation sang to 400 people
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



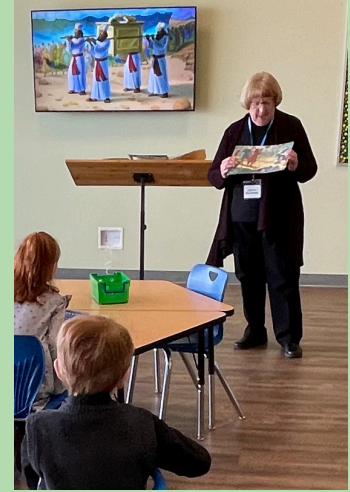


# TBC KIDS

2022 was quite a year for TBC Kids! In January we were FINALLY able to get into the Woodlot and launch Sunday Morning programming again. While it was great to have them with us in service, this allows us to offer kids Bible teaching aimed directly at them, scripture memory that they work on right in class, and who could forget about the chance to play in the playground! Over the past year we have seen significant growth (almost 100% increase in attendance from Jan-Dec) which is very encouraging. And even more importantly than that, we have seen kids take their faith more seriously, grow in their understanding of the Bible, and start getting into God's Word! It has been quite an amazing year and I look forward to seeing how God is going to work in 2023

## Family Events

- **Easter Drop-In**
- **Family Movie Night**
- **Trunk or Treat**
- **Light it Up**



“TBC Kids was blessing our family long before we attended Temple Baptist Church. Through the pandemic, TBC Kids was a key support in teaching our kids about Christ. Now that we are local, we love having a place where we can bring our children to hear about and worship Jesus. It isn't unusual to hear them playing out Bible stories or singing songs at the top of their lungs that they were taught in TBC Kids. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff for being part of laying an eternal foundation for our children. We are very grateful.” - **Jamie and Emily**



# TBC YOUTH

## What our youth love most about youth group according to them:

- Ability to make new friends
- Bonding with each other
- Praying together
- The people
- Always having fun
- Great stories about God
- Friends they meet along the way
- Singing
- Talking about Jesus
- Spending time with friends while learning about God



## Things we learned

- Finished series in James
- A systematic Theology called Visual Theology
- How to have faith from Hebrews 11
- What it means to Live for the King from the Sermon on the Mount

## Fun Facts

- Had 41 regular Wednesday night gatherings
- Held 4 Summer Grillers
- Some fun games and events
  - Archery Tag
  - Laser Tag
  - Bowling
  - Game Nights
  - Sledding







# ADULT MINISTRIES

## Men's Ministry

- Weekly Thursday prayer
- Men's Movie Night
- Men's Breakfast

## Women's Ministry

- Weekly Tuesday Bible study
- Weekly Mom2Mom ministry
- Mother Daughter Friend Brunch





## Testimonies

“Small group is helping me get out of my comfort zone over the past year: studying God’s Word, having fellowship, accountability, praying for each other and bearing one another’s burdens. It means, I don’t have to be on life’s journey alone, we are all heaven bound.”

**-Amelia C.**

“The Thursday morning men’s prayer group is one extension of the men’s ministry program at Temple. Men both young and elderly are involved in this welcoming group of brotherly love. This is a safe...group as we are all at different levels in our prayer journeys. Words cannot express how much I have grown and been blessed in my Christian walk by being involved in this. All Temple men should seriously consider giving this group a good try.”

**-Ron Q.**

“Moms group has had a wonderful impact on my life in a couple of ways. First, myself and my children were welcomed with open arms and made to feel like we were cared about and valued from the beginning. Starting our homeschooling journey I was happy to find many mamas who are also homeschooling! Secondly, not coming from a religious background I was pleasantly surprised how kind everyone has been. They have offered up easy learning resources and answers to any questions that I may think up. The overwhelming amount of love and support shown in this group has given me a sense of belonging that I haven’t felt before. Each week my children and I look forward to seeing our new friends and learning and growing together!!”

**-Stephanie Woodman**

## SMALL GROUPS

- 10 groups
- 129 people attending

## Prime Time Plus

In 2022 we were eager to start up our monthly meetings to gather together for fellowship and encouragement.

Those attending are not all members of Temple, so it has been encouraging to see friends being invited. Each meeting the gospel is presented and we have been blessed to see two seniors trust Christ as their Saviour this year.

We had five monthly PTP meetings starting in May with 67 attending a BBQ meal and a police presentation on fraud followed by the introduction of Pastor Aaron Naismith and wife Jasmine. Other events include three concerts and a hymn sing coordinated by Mardelle Wilhelm and Pat Bolender which were well received.

Our final meeting on November 25th was a concert by the Chapelaires, the at-

tendance was 140 for the delicious meal and 165 for the concert.

We are excited to continue to reach out in the community through this vibrant ministry.





# Launch Weekend

**LAUNCH WEEKEND**



**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3 at 7PM**  
WORSHIP NIGHT with special guests, followed by treats on the patio

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**  
RIBBON CUTTING, PUBLIC TOURS & KIDS' PARTY  
• bouncy castle • face painting • swag bags  
10AM-NOON

CELEBRATION SUPPER  
6PM in the gym, registration required

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5 at 10:30AM**  
CELEBRATION SERVICE followed by a Cupcake Reception

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# Don't forget about...

- Discover Jesus class
- FreedUp Financial Discipleship Seminar
- Best Foot Forward Employment Readiness
- Newcomers' Lunch
- Two Makers' Markets
- Miscarriage and Infant Loss Remembrance Recognition.
- Gallery Wall for our church family artists.
- Turkey Bowl Football Game
- Community Meals
- Winter-Tree mitten, scarf and hat collection.





# Budget

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
 For the Year Ending 2022 December 31

	2022	2021
<b>REVENUE</b>		
General Offerings	\$739,155	\$801,399
Timothy internship	22,952	2,281
Bequests and memorials	220	1,620
Compassion	1,268	4,947
Church Planting Project	13,231	62,500
Church Building Project	1,530,796	3,319,774
Other Designated Projects	0	3,250
COVID-19 Subsidy	0	5,397
Non-offering income	17,100	13,842
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,324,723</b>	<b>4,215,011</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Adult Discipleship Ministries	(1,317)	367
Student Ministries	1,329	391
Children's Ministries	4,062	3,028
Music & Worship Arts	5,610	5,916
Community Events	5,839	0
Communications	9,038	0
Finance	9,625	9,904
Church Office Administration	12,017	8,485
Integration & Care	12,305	3,253
Information Technology	27,019	24,365
Property & Maintenance	99,466	72,004
Global & Outreach	155,213	148,100
Personnel	589,237	497,842
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>929,442</b>	<b>773,654</b>
Transfer to Restoration Church	25,000	62,500
Timothy ministry	21,260	2,281
Compassion	1,268	4,947
Other Designated Projects	0	3,250
Depreciation	415,896	13,808
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,392,867</b>	<b>860,441</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$931,856</b>	<b>\$3,354,571</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION TO BUDGET</b>		
Add: Depreciation (included in above expenses)	\$415,896	\$13,808
Less: Capital purchases (not included in above expenses)	(\$1,084)	(\$2,138)
Less: Church Building Expenditure (not included in above expenses)	(\$1,530,796)	(\$3,319,774)
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$184,128)</b>	<b>\$46,466</b>

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
 As at 2022 December 31

	2022	2021
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash - General	\$46,632	\$15,348
Cash - Designated Funds	\$401,026	\$1,939,203
Due from Restoration Church	10,586	16,270
HST recoverable	34,115	182,733
Prepaid expenses and deposits	14,534	16,973
	<b>506,894</b>	<b>2,170,528</b>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>		
Cost	15,167,104	13,635,224
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,064,415)	(648,519)
	<b>14,102,689</b>	<b>12,986,705</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$14,609,582</b>	<b>\$15,157,233</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	81,058	31,465
Deferred Revenue - Timothy Fund	9,667	2,619
Deferred Revenue - Compassion	7,170	8,438
Deferred Revenue - Church Planting Fund	0	13,231
Deferred Revenue - Church Building Fund	359,026	1,883,972
Deferred Revenue - Refugee Sponsorship	5,620	1,883,972
Accrued loan certificate interest	283	283
	<b>462,825</b>	<b>3,823,980</b>
<b>LONG TERM DEBT</b>		
Personal loan certificates	42,000	42,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>504,825</b>	<b>3,865,980</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	14,104,757	11,291,253
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$14,609,582</b>	<b>\$15,157,233</b>

## Staff

Pastor Jason Elliotson, *Discipleship and Care*

Carey Gray, *Facilities*

Ed Hodgins, *Manager of Operations*

Tara Hoyte, *Communications and Events*

Emily Kaufman, *Communications*

Linda Kenyon, *Office Manager*

Dawn Lidstone, *I.T.*

Pastor Steve Limmer, *Seniors Care*

Susan Losch, *Accountant*

Linda Morrell, *Custodian*

Pastor Aaron Naismith, *Worship and Tech*

Aaron Ottaway, *Church Planter*

Heather Poirier, *Custodian*

Pastor Kyle Rhora, *Parents and Kids Pastor*

Amanda Roberts, *Admin Assistant*

Daniela Rosiu, *Custodian*

Pastor Jonathan Stairs, *Lead Pastor*

Seth Vincent, *Intern*

## Ministry Leaders

Barbara Armstrong, *Ladies Visiting and Calling*

Elizabeth DeCroos, *Women's Ministry*

Larry Kaufman, *Donation Recording Steward*

Phil Matthews, *Lead Teller*

Al Steane, *Treasurer*

Becca and Greg Watt, *Frontline*

Mardelle Wilhelm, *Kitchen*

## Elders

Wayne Baxter

Robin Hacon

Ron Bolender

## Deacons

Ryan Bolender, *Young Adults*

Kyle Duguay, *Student Ministries*

Regis Chow, *IT Ministry*

Ross Morrell, *Property*

Albert TenBruggencate, *Men's Ministry*

Greg Watt, *Frontline*





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