

2024 STUDENT MINISTRY

As we reflect on the accomplishments of our Student Ministry in 2024, we are grateful for your generous donations to our Youth Fund, which have enabled us to sponsor every child for every event!

- **Summer Retreat Camp:** We fully funded a week-long summer retreat at the Warren Willis United Methodist Youth Camp for all children and youth attendees, as well as support staff. This experience provided invaluable spiritual growth and fellowship for our young participants.
- **Fall Festival:** Our Youth Pastor, Alec, successfully organized a community Fall Festival on our church grounds, feeding and loving hundreds.
- **Weekly Gatherings:** Alec has been leading weekly educational gatherings that have seen tremendous growth. These gatherings are split into two groups: "Faith Kids" for elementary students and a separate group for middle and high school students, called "The Cove."
- **Bus Ministry:** Alec also oversees our Bus Ministry, which is essential for transporting students to gatherings

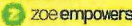


FAITH MISSIONS 2024 RESULTS UPDATE

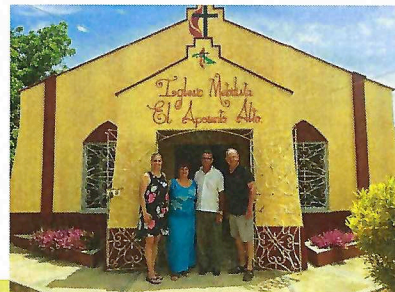
- \$28,000 to Gladiolus Food Pantry for feeding local area families in need.
- \$5,000 In cash donation to the El Salvador medical mission.
- \$7,500 In donations to New Life Missionaries for churches in Zambia.
- \$5,900 Given to Residing Hope, a Methodist children's home.
- \$5,100 Given to "Blankets and Blessings", serving the homeless locally.
- \$4,700 donated to Zoe Empowers to support orphaned children in Kenya.

Antuanduru "Favour" Empowerment Group, Kenya
(July 2023 through June 2026)
Shared partnership with Faith UMC - Ft. Myers



Pick up at Prayer Card at the Missions Table in the Lobby! 

- \$5,000 donated to Abuse Counseling and Treatment (actabuse.com), for women facing abuse and challenges.
- \$5,000 donated to One Way Out ministry, assisting local women dealing with homelessness and poverty.
- \$4,100 donated to our sister church in Cuba where the need is great.
- \$42,200 was contributed to Florida United Methodist Apportionments. This supports various ministries in the Florida Conference.



Here We Are, Lord
— Loving - Worshiping - Serving —

2024 Year End Report

Dear Faith Church Family,

I'm excited to share with you just a bit of all that's happened here at Faith Church in 2024. This past year has been one of growth, rebuilding, and restoration, as we continue to recover from the effects of Hurricane Ian.

Thanks to your faithful giving, we have seen remarkable progress. In 2024, we not only introduced new programs but also expanded our reach as we returned to having two worship services on Sunday mornings. Our commitment to feeding, clothing, and supporting those in need - both locally, globally - has remained steadfast. I invite you to see how we have put our faith into action as you peruse this pamphlet.

We are grateful for your generous contributions, unwavering support, and tireless efforts that enable us to pursue our vision of loving God and loving people. I encourage you to share with others the wonderful things God is doing in and through Faith Church as we continue to learn what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. I am excited to see how God will use us in 2025 and I hope you are, too!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dennis



Finance 2024 Report

- 2024 Giving increased 12.7% over 2023. Thank you!
- This nearly brings us back to pre-Covid levels.
- However, because of delayed FEMA and IRS reimbursements, we have a cash deficit for the year that will be carried into 2025.
- Year-end gifts satisfied our Faith and Future mortgage goal.
- Our mortgage can now be closed, but only after we receive FEMA funds for IAN and close our building loan.
- Any additional gifts for Faith and Future will go towards closing the Ian loan.

We encourage you to remember Faith Church in your will and estate planning.

Your thoughtful contributions can have a lasting impact .

Hurricane Ian Recovery

- Ian damage cost to date is \$840,727.
- 2024 damage repairs were \$214,000, only partially offset by \$15,000 received from FEMA.
- 2024 work: replaced carpeting, interior cabinetry, drywall, roofing, soffit, and gutters, plumbing and painting.
- Our total restoration costs have exceeded our insurance proceeds and FEMA reimbursements by \$111,000.
- We will be making significant additional claims to FEMA in 2025.

2024 Worship Report

- **Meaningful Worship Services:** In the first part of the year, we had a meaningful blended worship service. Beginning in November, our growth allowed us the opportunity to return to two services; a traditional one at 9:00 and a contemporary service at 11:00.
- **Youth Music Camp:** Thanks to generous donations, we were able to provide keyboards, equipment, and meals, creating a supportive environment and an opportunity to sing during worship for our young musicians. We anticipate that this initiative will expand in the new year, further engaging our youth in worship.
- **Musical Events:** Throughout the year, we hosted several musical events, including a spectacular Christian rock concert by Petra which brought our community together for a night of praise and celebration.
- **Christmas Worship:** We finished the year with our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service which featured moving music from our choir and a string quartet. It was a beautiful time of worship, filling our congregation with the warmth and joy of the season.



Faith Community Nurse Program

In 2025, new programs aimed at enhancing community well-being were initiated by our Faith Community Nurse, Jacquelyn Kelley.

- **Health and Wholeness Events:** Faith Church has hosted various health and wellness events and support groups, providing valuable resources to our congregation and community.
- **Pet Ministry:** A new and popular Pet Ministry has been launched, which now includes puppy training and dog obedience training, fostering connections among pet owners.
- **Support Groups:** We continue to provide meeting space for essential support groups such as Al-Anon and AA, as well as hosting a Parkinson event in collaboration with Lee Health. Additionally, Weekly Grief Share and Cancer Survivor Support groups have been established to offer support to those in need.

Other 2024 Highlights

- **Taco and Trivia Night:** where members gathered to connect and enjoy friendly competition.
- **Comedy and Ice Cream Night:** Attendees enjoyed a night of laughter and sweet treats.
- **Improv and Ice Cream Night:** This unique event featured improvisational comedy.
- **Rice & Beans:** Our volunteers packed nearly 8 tons of rice and beans providing over 64,000 meals for families in need!

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