

Righteous Authority

IN 2022



**Word of Faith Ministry
Activity Report**

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INT'L CHRISTIAN CENTER

2022

Greetings in the name of Jesus! Once again, we say thank you for the financial support you have given the Kingdom of God to be utilized through Word of Faith and Keith Butler Ministries. Because of your continued support, we're ministering to thousands of people locally in SE Michigan. But we are also, at the command of the Lord, ministering throughout several nations around the globe. We are ministering in English and many other languages as well. Whether it be churches, schools, outreach to the poor and needy, material support, and much more, your financial gifts are making an impact in the lives of thousands. When you stand before the Lord, He will credit your account for the thousands of people who have been helped through this Kingdom work. Continue to pray for us as we work to fulfill the call we have been given from our Lord to teach the Word, do the work, and touch the world.

In the Master's Service,
Bishop Keith A. Butler



TEACHING THE WORD.
DOING THE WORK.
TOUCHING THE WORLD.



Bishop Keith A. & Pastor Deborah L. Butler
Founders & Senior Pastors

No Expiration Date on the Authority of the Righteous

By
Keith A. Butler

As we turn the page from 2022 to 2023, let's remember that God's Word to us on December 31, 2021, ***The Year of the Authority of the Righteous***, has not expired. The authority of the righteous does not end on a calendar date.

Time Does Not Weaken God's Word

Psalm 119:89-90 says, For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. God's Word endures forever. From the moment it flowed from the Holy Ghost to those who penned the Scriptures to this very day, God's Word works. Jesus put the permanence of God's Word this way: ***Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. (Matthew 24:35)*** In the same way,

the Word God gave me for 2022 still stands. It doesn't matter what last year brought. The devil may have kicked up a bunch of trouble for you, but that does not change God's Word! You still have authority over the devil and his demons. Don't allow the passing of time to weaken your stand against evil. Time does not impair God's Word.


We are accustomed to expiration dates on food and medicine. Nearly everything you buy at your local grocery store comes with a "use by" date. Some food items become poisonous after their expiration date; other things lose their taste or effectiveness. But the Word of God is not like your mayonnaise, eggs, or multivitamins! It always gives life, and its power never diminishes. God's Word does not weaken with time or expire.

Seasons

Nature is marked by seasons. My home state of Michigan experiences all four seasons in their fullness. *Genesis 8:22* says the earth will always go through seasons as it operates on the law of seed, time, and harvest. It reads, ***While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*** Our personal lives and corporate lives as a nation and the body of Christ also go through seasons. A season is a period of time that has a beginning and an end. Nations and groups of people can experience seasons of blessing or seasons of cursing. We are currently in a season of high judgment, but God's people are not powerless. When we do ***1 John 1:9 and confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*** When Christians do what God says, their authority is restored. Believers can turn their own lives and the lives of those around them, from being cursed to being blessed.

Judgment

We often understand the word judgment to be a negative word, but judgment can be positive or negative. If a judge decides in your favor, the judgment is positive. If not, judgment is negative.



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Genesis 8:22



You're probably familiar with the negative judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah; the prophet Isaiah reminded his readers of it in Isaiah chapter one. It says, ***Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. (Isaiah 1:10-14)***

We don't offer bulls and goats to God today, but we offer Him worship. Our worship, like those of the Old Testament, can be sincere, which pleases God, and brings positive judgment, or nothing more

than a show, which does not please the Lord.

God Will Turn Judgment from Negative to Positive When Believers Do This ***Isaiah 1:15 continues***, describing the sin of Israel and the impending negative judgment. As you read the following verse, ask yourself if this applies to your community, nation, or the world. It reads, ***And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.***

We are under negative judgment today because so many hands are ***full of blood***, but God is so good; He always makes a way for those under negative judgment to turn back to Him and reverse the curse. Right after Isaiah spoke about the sins of God's people, he offered the solution. ***Isaiah 1:16-20 says, Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your***

sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. When believers repent (turn from evil) and become willing and obedient, the land will be good again.

God Is Restoring

The reason Paul told Timothy to pray for those in authority is so we **may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.**

(1 Timothy 2:2) In other words, what politicians and bureaucrats do affects everyone, and it has always been that way. As *Ecclesiastes 1:9* says, *there is no new thing under the sun.* *Isaiah 1:23-26* talks about rebellious princes and crooked judges, and it also offers hope of restoration of righteousness. It reads, ***Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.***

Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies: And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin: And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

God called 2022 the **Year of the Authority of the Righteous**, and the obedient and willing people of God exercised their authority over sickness, bringing a worldwide pandemic to an end. What happens in the future, leading up to the rapture, is up to the church of the Living God. As we operate in the Spirit realm, speaking God's Word with Jesus' authority, things will line up with God's will. Many have had their health restored by taking their authority. Now, as the body of Christ continues to exercise the authority they have in Jesus, finances, families, and futures are also being restored. God's people are being respected again. Restoration is happening.



Whatever the enemy brought against you will no longer have power over you as you move away from the things of the flesh, pull closer to God, walk with Him, and speak His Word.

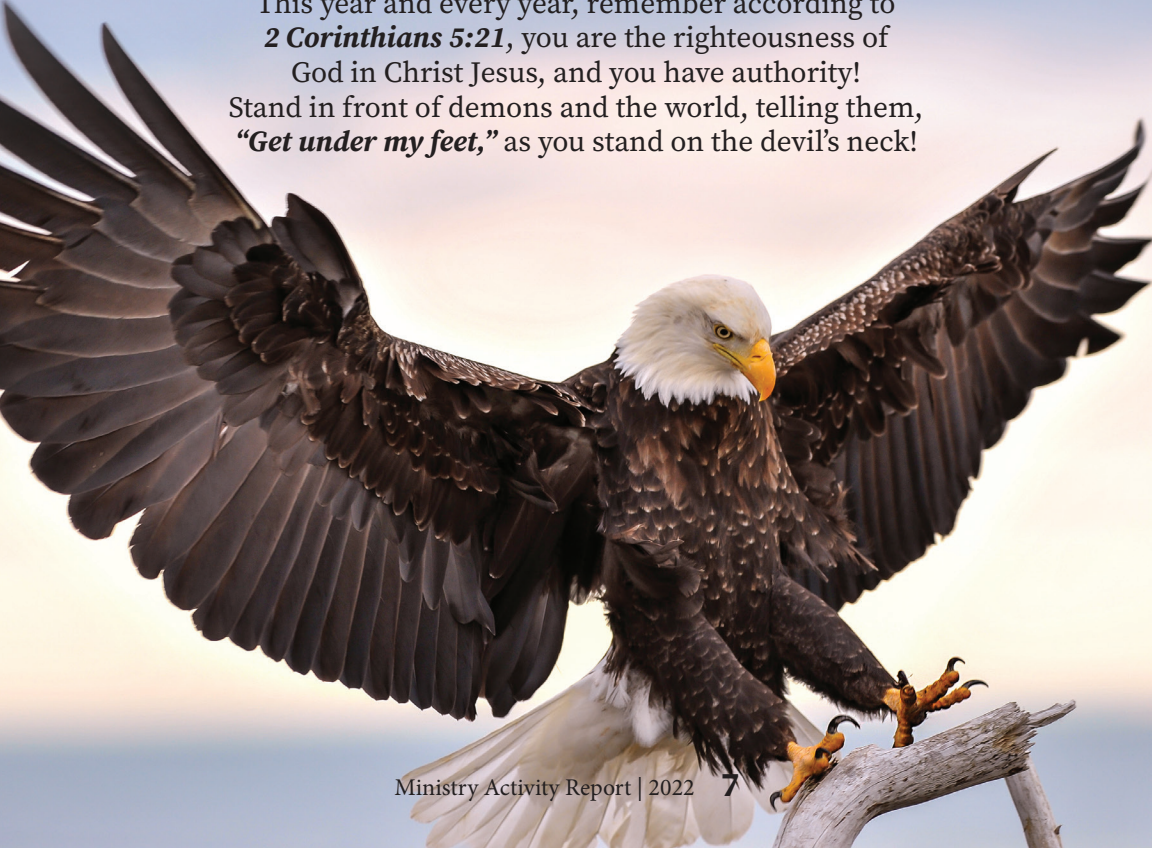
There's An Army Rising Up

In 2022, the army of God began rising up, and it is still on the move. Every member of God's army has a position to fill and a place to fight. As we move into another calendar year and other seasons, it's vital to know where you belong in God's army. When you are where God called you to be, bad things may happen all around you, but good will happen for you. You will

be ***blessed in the city and blessed in the field.*** (*Deuteronomy 28:3*) Whatever you set your hands to will prosper.

Now, as part of the army of God, continue to take your authority. Open your mouth and tell Satan and every one of his demons the truth about what Jesus has done for you. Say, ***"In the name of Jesus, I take authority over you. You fowl spirits assigned to me. I call you down and command you, in Jesus' name, desist from your maneuvers against me. Now, angels, I have authority and I command you in Jesus' name, to get to work on my behalf. Protect me. Arrange divine appointments for my benefit, in Jesus' name."***

This year and every year, remember according to ***2 Corinthians 5:21***, you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, and you have authority! Stand in front of demons and the world, telling them, ***"Get under my feet,"*** as you stand on the devil's neck!



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INT'L CHRISTIAN CENTER

MEMBERSHIP-TO-DATE

12,790

Early Morning Prayer

This dedicated team of pray-ers are committed to praying for the many who submit prayer requests.

Total Participation

5,645

Kidz World Children's Ministry

Kidz World is the place to be if you're a child! Our children learn the Word of God in fun and meaningful ways through our Kidz World Children's Ministry.

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE (monthly avg.)	440
Visitors	220
Salvation	176
Holy Spirit	218
Forgiveness	888
Workers (weekly avg.)	47



Glory Phi God Youth Ministry

Our youth learn and know that it's a good thing to stand for Jesus in this world! Youth Ministry is time spent at our camps where young people learn God's Word, play games, and just fellowship with other youth from our church and satellite churches around the country.

YOUTH ATTENDANCE (Sunday avg.)	82
Visitor's (total)	153
Altar Call (Salvation/Rededication/Holy Spirit)	13
\$2,000 Scholarships	3

SMALL GROUPS

Let's Do Life Together

TOTAL ATTENDANCE	3,748
Number of Guests	279
Number of Spiritual Decisions	20

Small Groups are groups of four to twelve people who meet bi-weekly in homes, workplaces, and local establishments where participants experience the presence of God, authentic community (ABC – Accountability, Belonging, and Care) and spiritual growth (Growth in their love of God, community with believers, and influence with unbelievers).

Small Groups Provide Four Things:

1. A PLACE TO CONNECT

“They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayer.” **Acts 2:42**

2. A PLACE TO PROTECT

“Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.” **Hebrews 12:15, NLT**

3. A PLACE TO GROW

“Iron sharpeneth iron: so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” **Proverbs 27:17**

4. A PLACE TO WIN YOUR WORLD TO JESUS

“...Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.” **I Corinthians 9:22b, TLB**



Online Ministry of The Word

Our online ministry shares the Word in an electronic fashion. You can watch services online, sign up to receive our devotionals, submit prayer requests, and request general information.

Webmail Received	2,371
Daily Devotional Subscribers	4,267
Email Prayer Request	2,053
Salvation Ministered/Free Gift	304

Church Online



Our primary goal is to reach those around the world with the Gospel, while being a blessing to those who cannot attend our local church in person. We are thrilled to have this amazing online ministry.

Church Online Sunday Attendance	183,671
Church Online Wednesday Attendance	90,207
Total Altar Call	184

To view our church services online, visit:
WORDOFFAITH.ONLINE.CHURCH
on Sundays at 11:00am and Wednesdays at 7:00pm



OUTREACH Department

Ministering to our Communities

In 2022, we shared the Word with thousands on the street, in nursing homes and in prisons. Our Outreach department is on fire for God!

Salvation	396
Rededication	206
Holy Spirit Baptisms	93
Prayer Requests Received & Addressed	2,582
Nursing Home Bedside Visits	991
Bibles and Materials Sent to Prison Libraries	1,110
Letters Written & Mailed to Inmates	685
No. of New Inmates	318
TOTAL TOUCHED	3,540

Operation Blessing

This vital ministry mostly provides food and clothing to those in need on a weekly basis.

Families served	308
Individuals Supplied & Referred	669
Thanksgiving (individuals)	1,123
Christmas (children)	553
Food/Clothing	646
Shelter	3
Finances/Rent	1
Other	19



24 HOUR- PRAYER

Need prayer?

Call

800.541.PRAY (7729)

God Answers Prayer

Hebrews 4:16 admonishes us to “come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” When we ask and stand in faith on God’s Word, He moves immediately to provide us with the petitions that we have placed before Him.

Prayer works!

24-Hour Prayer Center

Total Calls Received	17,258
Salvation/Rededication Ministered	130
Suicide Intervention Calls	2

Pastoral Care Ministry

This important ministry department is an extension of the Senior Pastor’s office to minister love and care during life’s challenging moments.

Hospital Visitations	233
Bereavement Visitations	185
Homegoing Services Officiated & Attended	47
Weddings	7
TOTAL TOUCHED	2,900

Faith Christian Academy...

Is in our 2nd year of providing a Christ-centered, virtual education for Kindergarten-5th graders

We have students enrolled from Michigan, Texas and Canada.

After 10 weeks of instruction, 60% of our scholars ranked in the 75th percentile or higher in reading on the internationally recognized NWEA Map Growth Assessment. 65% of our scholars scored in the 70th percentile or higher in Math on the same assessment.

We value our partnership between parents, scholars and instructors. During our Goal Setting Conferences, we collaborated to develop personalized learning plans and goals at the start of the school year. Plans were then designed to identify areas where additional support is needed and areas where scholars can be challenged and accelerated. Goals were set, monitored and adjusted to insure our scholars' continued growth.

Our mission is to develop the whole child – spirit, soul and body. Therefore we offered daily, morning devotions and a school-wide, weekly Chapel service filled with praise, worship, teaching of the Word and fun.

Our in-person and virtual field trips, intramural sports activities and after school clubs allowed our scholars to connect outside of the virtual classroom.

We provide a Spanish class to increase our scholars' ability to minister to others in our diverse culture.

Our FCA Staff continues the commitment to excellence in education and preparing children to live out the plan and purpose God has ordained for their lives. We formed a professional learning community to review data, curriculum content and state standards to develop strategies to meet the needs of our scholars.

Faith Christian Academy – Excellence or Nothing At All.



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Academy**

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Testimonials

“At every service we speak the Tithers confession. I published a quickie guide to Christianity targeted at Millennials this year. In the first quarter over 200 copies sold. I hadn’t begun to execute the plan God gave me yet.

Amazon promoted it to some of their regular readers. It was on the top ten list for two weeks. I was surprised to receive a royalty check in the mail so soon. All praise belongs to God, because at 71, for me using technology is like Fred Flintstone in the Jetson age.”

– R. Overall Sr.



“I am writing on behalf of my husband and I to give a testimony about how the Lord provided for us miraculously after a long six-year battle with the IRS. My husband is an entrepreneur and engaged with a CPA firm who improperly prepared our company and personal taxes for three years, resulting in us owing back taxes to the IRS dating back to 2016. We eventually retained a new CPA firm that helped us to amend our improperly prepared tax returns, which resulted in the IRS owing US a very large refund for the same years in which they said we owed them.

Because of my husband’s company, he was assigned an IRS agent whose responsibility was to collect back taxes from businesses. We were required work with him to make arrangements to pay what the IRS thought we owed them. The IRS agent was very aggressive, was difficult to work with and showed up to my husband’s office and threatened my husband with jail. Eventually we were assigned a new agent, but God gave us favor with him - he was kind and assisted us in unraveling our very long and complex tax history. He worked with his supervisor to conduct a forensic analysis of our tax file to determine what our true obligations were and what the IRS owed us. However, while this was going on, we were still receiving constant notices from a different department within the IRS with demands for payment and threats to levy our bank accounts and place liens on our property. During this whole ordeal, we prayed and agreed for an end to this ordeal and for our refund to be paid to us with no further obligation to pay any more money to the IRS when they, in fact, owed us.

In 2019, Bishop Butler spoke a word of knowledge at the end of a Sunday service and said that "someone here is dealing with a tax issue and your issue will be completely resolved". My husband and I were encouraged and grabbed hold to that word. We thanked God in advance for the victory and that word was a constant source of faith and peace for us as we continued to deal with this issue for yet another three years.

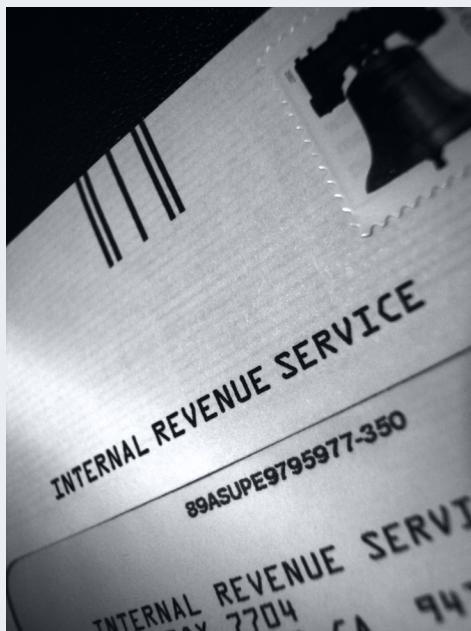
In the fall of 2021, we finally paid all that the IRS said that we owed them based on the previous incorrect returns and our file with the agent was closed, but we were still waiting on them to refund us. We received a letter from the IRS indicating that they acknowledged that they owed us, but they were holding our refund in order to determine if we owed them any more money. It felt like we were never going to see an end to this issue and were tempted to give up, but we continued to believe God and say what HE said about the matter and praise Him for the victory, even when the situation looked contrary.

We continued to wait month after month for the next year for our refund, during which time, we attempted to contact the IRS to find out why our money wasn't being refunded. Finally, in late September of 2022, my husband was led by the Holy Spirit to contact the agent who was assigned to us previously to seek his counsel and assistance. After we emailed him, he acknowledged and released the improper hold on our account. **IN OCTOBER 2022, AFTER SIX YEARS OF BATTLE, WE RECEIVED OUR REFUND OF OVER \$130,000 WITH INTEREST!!!**

Also, the refund came at the right time - at a time when the company was faced with reduced revenues and cash flows due to staffing shortages - so we weren't receiving any income in our household and were using our personal emergency funds to pay our bills, and these funds were rapidly being depleted.

We thank and praise God for his favor, faithfulness, miraculous provision and protection. We could have lost everything, but God made the way and preserved us, and He gave us the victory."

- Mr. & Mrs. Pendleton





Word of Faith Cares

Community Event
9.30.22 & 10.1.22

Registered Volunteers:

- **Small Groups – 115** (SG’s volunteered with various organizations throughout the week of 9.25.22)
- **General Congregation - 168**
- **Grand Total Volunteers – 398** (This doesn’t include the number of people that donated or gave greeting cards for seniors)

General Accomplishments/Highlights:

- With Detroit Blight Busters we cleaned up the neighborhood and harvested vegetables for the community.
- We collected sheets, towels and blankets. Altogether, we donated 1,571 items to Haven, an organization that has helped domestic violence and sexual assault victims and their families for over 40 years
- Prepared and served 600 meals to men, women and children.
- Packed 8,617lbs of food that will go to feed the hungry in our neighboring community
- Washed the metal bed frames, and vinyl mattresses for a men’s shelter
- Made Psalms 23 bookmarks for the Detroit Police
- Provided gift bags for Veterans
- Touched the lives of 301 seniors with our greeting cards
- Cleaned the chapel at Vista Maria a home for girls
- Donated diapers to the metro Detroit Diaper Bank
- Donated hygiene items to Days for Girls
- Conducted a goal setting workshop for women and their children

Organizations: All together we impacted 20 local organizations.

- Detroit Police Department
- Veterans Hospital
- Metropolitan Detroit Diaper Bank
- Detroit Rescue Mission Men’s Shelter
- Cass Community Social Services
- Forgotten Harvest
- Days for Girls of Michigan
- Grace Center of Hope
- YWCA Interim House
- Haven
- A Girl Like Me Inc
- Capuchin Kitchen
- Detroit Blight Busters
- Gospel Tabernacle
- Detroit Rescue Mission Genesis II
- Vista Maria
- Sunrise House
- The Fountains of Franklin Senior Living
- Alternative for Girls
- Redford Interfaith Relief

2022 MINISTRY FINANCES

As you read this Partner Report, we believe you will understand exactly what your giving and faith have accomplished. This is not simply an overview of Word of Faith International Christian Center; this is your success story. You share in the heavenly reward for every life that is changed!

Know that financial integrity is of utmost importance in this ministry. We don't take your trust lightly. In fact, we have established specific standards to guarantee that our finances are handled in the best and most honorable way.

1. Our directors, which are respected ministerial and administrative leaders, ensure that we are good stewards with the money you have entrusted to us.
2. A compensation committee determines the salary of Bishop Butler and provides salary ranges for each family member based on the findings and recommendations of an independent consulting firm.
3. An annual financial audit is conducted by the CPA firm, Guinn Smith & Co., Inc, to render an audit opinion that our financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.



George Archer, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer
Word of Faith Int'l Christian Center

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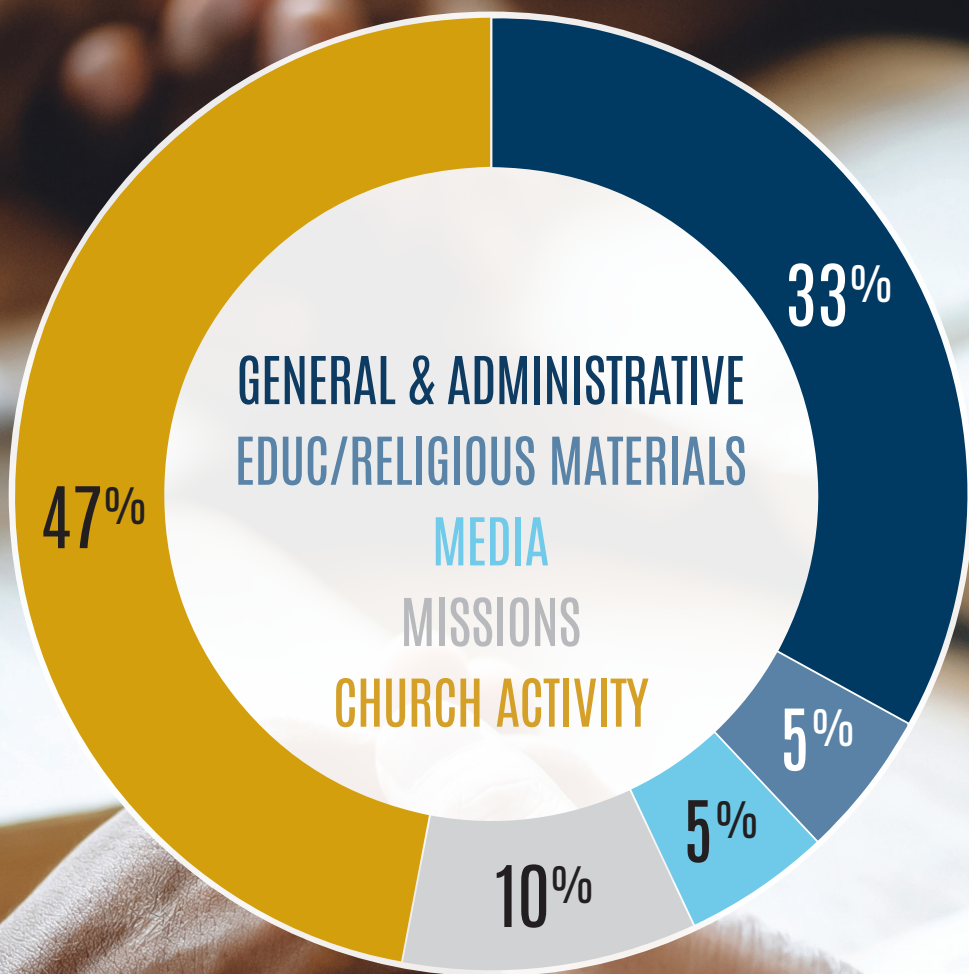
Word of Faith has always sowed financial seed to help others. You are a part of that. We are so excited that we could contribute to the following organizations to help them fulfill the mission God has given them.

Gifts to Ministries & Organizations

- Ambassadors Word Church Inc.
- Association Generation Josue
- Black United Fund of Michigan
- Capuchin Soup Kitchen
- Christian Center Varna
- Christians United for Israel
- Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries
- Faith Churches Bulgaria
- Family Assistance for Renaissance Men
- Feeding Texas
- Grow Church Inc.
- International Christian Concern
- Kate McVeigh Ministries
- Kenneth Copeland Ministries
- KZ Oaza Church
- Ministerio Verbo Da Vida
- NCBCPS
- New Beginnings Christian Life
- Parola Di Vita Chiesa
- Power to Reign Ministries
- Recovery Communities Inc.
- Rhema Bible Church
- Samaritan's Purse
- The Fellowship
- The Nazarene Fund
- Voice of the Covenant World Outreach
- Wycliffe Associates

Missions Support

- KBM
- Bulgaria
- France
- Greece
- Kenya
- Poland
- South Africa
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- Japan



As we enter into 2023 and beyond, we look forward to serving the Lord together, hand in hand. You are making a BIG difference in people's lives around the world!

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