

2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

RIVERSIDE COVENANT CHURCH

Pastor's Report

This past year has been another exciting year in the life of Riverside. We have spent the entire year in the Gospel of Matthew and have had a wonderful opportunity to understand God more clearly through the life and words of Jesus. It takes a long time to read every word in Matthew, but I have been regularly convicted about the radical and counter-cultural life that our citizenship in the Kingdom of God calls us to.

Hearing "Kingdom of heaven" and "Kingdom of God" over and over again causes us to reflect on our true allegiances and whether our lives are more closely orientated to the **world or to God's will. Jesus is honest and frank** about his expectations for us to love God and to love others and professes clear consequences if we choose to love other gods or disregard our neighbors.

Riverside continues to seek to **be a community where God's Word and high ideals are proclaimed**, but we also recognize that we cannot achieve righteousness on our own. **We need and rely upon Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf** and the power of the Holy Spirit to become the disciples of Jesus that he calls us to be.

In my report last year, I wrote that we wanted to spend this past year increasing spiritual growth opportunities for people at all stages in their spiritual journey. We made efforts

in this direction by offering our first Exploring Jesus class for six weeks at the end of 2012 and by increasing participation in Riverside's Small Groups beyond 100 people. Todd and Diane Kelley also led an Art of Marriage study at the beginning of 2013 and many couples found the sessions and discussions very helpful. I believe Riverside can continue to improve in offering more spiritual growth opportunities this coming year.

Related to this goal, Riverside will begin a three year plan to focus on one of the three movements in our mission statement each year. Our mission is to **"glorify God by becoming disciples of Jesus Christ who share life in authentic community and transform the world through God's love, truth and power."** This upcoming year we will intentionally seek to improve in **"becoming disciples of Jesus Christ."** Then in the 2014-15 year we will focus on **"sharing life in authentic community"** and in the 2015-2016 year we will emphasize mobilizing to **"transform the world through God's love, truth and power."**

Our discipleship efforts this year will include encouraging and equipping mature believers to invest in the lives of others by teaching them what they have learned about God and following Jesus. We are designing materials that will assist in these relationships and believe they are the most

effective way for the Gospel to multiply throughout our community. We want Riverside to improve in equipping one another in understanding and **applying God's Word, prayer, community, evangelism and service.** Our goal is not to be a church of nice programs, but a church which partners with the Holy Spirit to train and then mobilize disciples of Jesus.

Riverside's leadership and staff continue to discuss Riverside's current facility needs and future. We continue to investigate every possibility and have begun obtaining estimated costs for the construction of a new facility to see what might be feasible for the congregation. Absolutely no decisions will be made without considerable congregational feedback and a vote by Riverside's membership. **We always** covet your opinions and please do not hesitate to let me or the Riverside Leadership Team know if you have facility ideas or suggestions.

This past year Riverside entered into a partnership with the Coalition for Christian Outreach to expand Riverside's staff with a full time Director of Riverside Small Groups and Purdue Graduate student outreach. After a thorough search process, the Search Team selected Rick Whitlock to serve in this position. Rick will be arriving in West Lafayette shortly and will provide support, creativity, and vision for

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Children's Ministry

Promiseland Children's Ministry is about teaching children to know, love, and live for Jesus. We seek to glorify God by meeting kids where they are in their spiritual journeys and to lead them into a relationship with Jesus Christ that is authentic and lasting. We measure this process by their personal commitments to Christ, memorization of scripture, and giving to missions.

We continue to teach our children about the Christian faith through Willow Creek's Promiseland Curriculum which is dynamic, Biblical, and Christ-centered. We also are providing some tools for parents, as we partner with them to grow their children in their faith walk.

Our activities in 2012-13 have included:

- Missions:
 - ♦ Supporting a child from Ethiopia for another year.
 - ♦ Filling 5 shoeboxes, with items purchased from the
- ♦ Sent \$250 to House of Hope Orphanage in China.
- Family roller skating party with pizza.
- Bringing in palms on Palm Sunday.
- Singing in Big Church on Easter Sunday
- Vacation Bible School with 70 children attending and about 50 adults helping in some manner.
- Enjoyed a catered meal at Happy Hollow Park as an appreciation picnic for all the Promiseland and Nursery Volunteers.
- Presented Bibles to 2yr. olds and Kindergarten children

PromiseMart Store, with Bible Bucks they earned as they memorized Scripture throughout the year (Samaritans Purse Christmas Project).

in the church service.

- **Celebrated Jesus' Birthday** with a fun night of activities, food, and fellowship.

We currently have 29 teachers, 6 Guardian Angels, and 92 three year olds-5th grade children participating in Promiseland. We celebrated with 7 of our Promiseland kids who made a commitment to Christ this year. God is good and we praise Him for his continued faithfulness to our Children's ministry.

~Dar Muehlhausen
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VBS 2012



Nursery Ministry

Praise God for BABIES! And we mean a lot of them! We currently have 34 in our nurseries and anticipate a few more on the way.

We continually try to glorify God through the time each baby spends with us. We do this by Faith Baby videos in the Infant Nursery and an interactive Bible curriculum in the Walker Nursery and Toddler Nursery.

Our Infant Nursery consists of a room suited for infants and sleeping babies. The Walker Nursery is a large room with age appropriate toys and

books for the children to enjoy. Our Toddler Nursery is also a large room with age appropriate toys and books. Each room is staffed with two volunteers each service. We currently have 22 volunteers helping out monthly, which **isn't enough help for our** needs, so we continue to struggle staffing each nursery weekly.

Our Guardian Angels continue to be of great help monitoring the Promiseland hallway each Sunday. They make sure our children are safe when there is a need for them to be out of

the classroom or if a teacher needs assistance in any way. They have a TV to watch the service upstairs, which also serves as a connection between what's going on upstairs and downstairs. Each Guardian Angel is trained to be the "point person" in the basement for guiding new parents to Check-In and directing the children and teachers in the case of an emergency.

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"CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS ABOUT TEACHING CHILDREN TO KNOW, LOVE, AND LIVE FOR JESUS."

Youth Ministry

We have had an amazing year with the Riverside JH and SH youth! God did and continues to do so many cool things it's hard to know where to start, so we'll begin with the rainiest week of our lives. Each year we take kids to Wilderness Trail in Troutdale, VA where we backpack 40 miles in 4 days on the Appalachian Trail. This particular year it rained and stormed the ENTIRE week. When I say rain I mean downpour, and when I say we hiked the trail, it was like hiking through river rapids. Here's the cool thing though, our kids learned how to persevere like they never have before—we prayed and prayed while we hiked for a shelter spot, the ability to get a fire going to cook meals, and for good spirits to continue. We played the craziest game of capture the flag ever, and instead of washing each other's feet at the end of the hike as is custom, we sprinkled our feet with Gold Bond, the best thing ever invented in our opinion.

We didn't think much could bring us closer as a group or to the Lord than that trip but we had a super fall retreat out at the Riggenbach home near Delphi that focused on our need for the Lord in all we do. My good friend and fellow youth worker from Battle Ground, Melissa White, brought some of her kids to join us and taught us that we can do absolutely nothing without the Lord, and that we're priceless to Him. We were going to try our hand at camping out again, but with the luxury of a finished basement we opted out and enjoyed some praise and worship time dry and warm!

Fall and winter brought some

challenges as I began to have some medical issues that went downhill at Thanksgiving and ended in surgery right after Christmas. Ryan and friends filled in whenever possible and we did a joint trip to Covenant Point with our Battle Ground friends so that I could stay home and recuperate while Ryan and Brian Russell took our kids skiing and "retreating" from everyday pressure. They did an amazing job leading the group and learning about all different ways to pray. They found it to be extremely impactful for so many of our kids—and of course they made it up and back without getting lost a single time, something I have yet to achieve.

Spring is always a breath of fresh air as we get to be outside with the kids and it also means Awakening time where we send several kids to Frankfort Camp to go through a weekend of complete focus on their walk with the Lord. We had 3 kids attend this year, and all of them experienced God in new and exciting ways. They got to share their thoughts with the group and want to sponsor their friends next year—yay!! This also means Youth Sunday time. We brought together as many students as possible to sing, usher, run PowerPoint, and share their testimonies with the church. Wow. It was seriously amazing to see young people be so transparent in front of adults. We use this service to set the bar on what it means to be real before each other and the Lord. It became a time of healing and eye-opening for some of those attending. Not everyone realizes what the youth have to deal with; this was a great start to getting more adults aware of how we need more of them to

love on our kids.

This year wraps up with Service Week where we pulled lots of weeds, got some poison ivy, cleaned houses, hauled gravel, made food, and pretty much just did anything that needed done for a week. I love this time spent chatting, getting to know the homeowners, and letting the kids see a better cross section of our town. We will continue to focus ourselves outward as the summer progresses—we're learning about loving people and communities that are different, and maybe hard to love. We'll start to train up our seniors as student leaders, hopefully recruit some adults in the meantime to expand the circle of influence on the kids, and most importantly, we'll live a life like Jesus out in front of them and with them so they can see it in action, and want it for themselves!

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Service Week



Servers/Facilities Ministry

There are two groups of people who are integral to services at Riverside: The Servers and the Facilities Teams.

You probably haven't noticed the Facilities Team. These individuals take care of the **"tasks" necessary to our services.** Every Sunday morning, there is at least one Opener (first service) and one Closer (second service). For example, these essential people make sure the building is unlocked and locked, restrooms equipped, chairs and tables in place. They pick up, straighten up and clean up. They also ensure we are all safe and sound while in the building.

The Servers take care of the **"people" and hopefully you** have noticed them. Our job is to be visible and available and we all wear nametags. Servers are here to welcome, to help you find a seat, to greet newcomers, and to help everyone feel at home at Riverside. We are here for other needs; for example, if you should become ill, or need assistance finding a classroom, or simply have a question. We are also responsible for collecting the offering and setting up Communion. This year we implemented a Server Leadership Team of Sarah Clark, Lisa Harker and Karen and Stan Hickman. If you have any

questions or comments, please let any of us know.

If you like dealing with **"things" then the Facilities team** would love to have you – see Randy Bogan. If you like **being with "people" then the Server team** would love to have you – see Lisa Harker.

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"REMEMBER TO WELCOME STRANGERS, BECAUSE SOME WHO HAVE DONE THIS HAVE WELCOMED ANGELS WITHOUT KNOWING IT."
HEBREWS 13:2

Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Team's year started with breakfast for the 20 Riverside volunteers who helped keep the runners hydrated during the October 20th Purdue Mini-Marathon, and ended with a Community Dinner at Lafayette Transitional Housing's Food Pantry on June 12th. Furthermore, Pastor Dan coordinated a week long joint Outreach and Mission Ministry venture to mobilize the congregation through multiple local mission projects.

On Sunday, June 9th the church doors were locked and worship was moved to Frankfort Camp Ministries in Frankfort, IN. While there, Riverside praised God, prayed, enjoyed lunch, and donned **"The Church Has Left the Building"** T-shirts—all in preparation for countless hours of service. And much was accomplished. During that week alone, more than 100 volunteers reached

out to the community to scrape, sand, paint, sweep, babysit, clean, stock, organize, weed, rake, trim, prune, plant, water, mulch, saw, build, shovel, renovate, fence, tile, detail, wax, shampoo, cook, and serve. Yes, great strides were made this year in getting Riverside out of our chairs and into the streets to begin serving and relating with our neighbors.

Months of outreach enabled many to be blessed through various successful events. For instance, fifteen families were hosted and provided with food and gifts during Jubilee Christmas on December 8th. And hundreds continue to be provided with nonperishable foods **through Riverside's new initiative—an ongoing food drive for the YWCA's Domestic Violence Women's Shelter and Lafayette Transitional Housing's Food Pantry (LTHC).** Volunteers also make, bottle and deliver 60-80

gallons of liquid laundry detergent every month to LTHC and Family Promise of Greater Lafayette's day shelter for use in their laundry facilities. Any surplus is then distributed to those in need in the community who visit the LTHC Food Pantry.

A variety of initiatives continue to engage Riverside volunteers through service in the community. In April, 24 adult and eight youth volunteers began sharing the responsibilities of providing, preparing and serving the Community Meal for **60-75 of the area's** homeless at LTHC on the second Wednesday of each month. Those who have participated have enjoyed getting acquainted with the LTHC staff, as well as sharing meals and conversations with all who come for dinner. Some Riverside families and small groups

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Service Week



Prayer Movement

As God's Prayer Movement at Riverside continues to grow, our vision remains the same: to simply be people of prayer. Likewise, the mission of the Prayer Movement is to motivate and equip Riverside to pray and to provide opportunities for specific prayer as led by the Holy Spirit. We have many opportunities in which congregants may **become involved in God's Prayer Movement at Riverside.**

A greater openness to prayer exists, and we are being transformed from saying, "I'll pray for you" with the idea of praying later, to "May I pray for you right now about that."

Allowing the Holy Spirit to freely work and move among us is the greatest benefit and privilege as we seek the Lord in prayer. Gradually, the Riverside body is embracing **prayer as everyone's responsibility and privilege.**

Prayer on Sunday morning has grown to where we now have intercessors available after each service. For those that bless the church through their prayers during the Sunday service, it is a powerful time led by the Holy Spirit. However, we have a couple services each month that are currently not covered in prayer. To learn more about this and oth-

er prayer opportunities contact Diane at the email below.

We maintain various prayer teams focused on prayer for specific people and ministries. Anne Custer for the Pastoral Relations Committee now **manages the four Pastor's Prayer Shield teams.** To cover all the prayer requests that come from the church body, we maintain three rotating Congregational Prayer Teams. Similarly, we maintain an E-mail Prayer Team who is obligated to pray once when they open an e-mail marked **"prayer request."** Finally, we have also developed a prayer team for Becky and Ryan Well-

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Missionary Support

We continue to support a variety of missionaries across the United States and the rest of the Globe. We are in the process of generating an **updated mission's map that will be published in August 2013.** Below is a list of the missionaries we supported in 2012-2013.

Mark Kirgiss --Young Life
Mark and Crystal work for Young Life, a ministry sharing the gospel with high school students, and discipling college leaders along the way.

J***** and K*****
– Navigators
Currently, J*****, K*****, and daughters ***** and ***** are teaching English in a predominately Buddhist country in Southeast Asia.

Berean Covenant Church
Bringing the B.O.O.M. to Champaign Illinois.

S***** and *****
T***** and S***** manage the only Christian Bookstore in a

small Muslim country in Eastern Europe/Western Asia.

Allan Witkowski – Team Expansion
Allan, Renee, Travis, Erin, and Katie are currently located in Kentucky training and equipping missionaries to serve in Asia.

Emily Umilis- InterVarsity
Dave, Emily, Madeline, Henry and Lillian work with InterVarsity reaching students and faculty at Purdue University with the love of Christ.

Mark & Linda Ridenour- CLC
Mark and Linda work for CLC Ministries, International out of Fort Washington, PA, laboring to distribute Christian literature to some of the remotest corners of the world in over 50 countries.

Jenny and Caleb Hoover- Cru
Caleb, Jenny and Lilly are on staff with Cru, and work on Purdue's campus spreading the gospel to college students.

Philip Cardella – China Partners
Philip, Monica, Isabel, Stacia are living in West Lafayette, working with China Partners to strengthen the Chinese church.

A**** and B****
– New Mission Systems International
A*** and B*** are working with a team of young families in to equip local churches in Southeast Asia.

Since many of our missionaries serve in sensitive countries we are limited what we can share in items posted on the website. If you have further interest in helping to encourage and support our missionaries please sign up for the missions email list at:
www.rcovenant.org/missions.

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Stephen Ministry

As Riverside has grown, the need for us to bear one **another's burdens and to equip God's people for the work of ministry** has grown as well. After research, review, prayer and discussion, the Leadership Team chose in 2012 to implement Stephen Ministry at Riverside.

Stephen Ministries was founded in 1975 in St. Louis. This organization has implemented Stephen Ministry in 11,000 congregations, representing more than 150 denominations in all 50 states and 24 countries.

In February 2013, Riverside **officially became a "Stephen Ministry Congregation."** Mike Amato, Lisa Harker, Ann Shaw and Sara Rottler were announced as the Stephen Leadership Team which also in-

cludes Pastor Dan. The four of us who are laypeople, have been attending a monthly lunch with Stephen Leaders from other local churches. We have been reading, learning, and immersing ourselves in all things Stephen Ministry. As of June 15, we have all completed the one-week intensive Stephen Leader training and we each have our own 35 lb. Stephen Leader manual. That is not a typo!

Our next step is to inform everyone about being a Stephen Minister and schedule the first 50 hour training class at Riverside. The Stephen Leadership Team will determine the schedule, the trainers, recruit and interview potential Ministers. The folks in St. Louis are the experts, and they have provided all of the tools and

training resources. The training material is thoroughly researched and grounded in Biblical truths.

Being a Stephen Minister is a commitment, but it is also a huge blessing. As you will hear, Stephen Ministers are the care-givers; God is the cure-giver. Please pray and consider if God is calling you to this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the Stephen Leadership Team or go to the website at www.stephenministries.org.

Stay tuned! You will hear a lot more about this in the weeks and months to come.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2



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MINISTRY**

"THE STEPHEN SERIES IS A COMPLETE SYSTEM EQUIPPING LAY-PEOPLE TO PROVIDE QUALITY CHRISTIAN CARE TO HURTING PEOPLE IN AND AROUND YOUR CONGREGATION."

Prayer Movement cont.

ner as they minister to the youth as well as lead worship. We greatly appreciate all who serve through intercession for Riverside!

Last summer Prayer Leadership Team (PLT) members worked with Dar to develop short prayer lessons for the Promiseland classes. We focused on six types of prayer and now the children continue to go through one type of prayer for a few minutes weekly.

The PLT hosted two "firsts" last November. We hosted a prayer retreat entitled *Moment to Moment*. Michael Washington came from Chicago representing the ECC denomination to deliver the inspiring material for our prayer times. Thirty participants experienced a renewed passion and purpose for prayer during the Friday evening and Saturday sessions.

Prayer is much more than a grocery list of requests; rather, it is experiencing the presence of the living God in our daily lives. Testimony, instruction, discussion and personal, creative prayer times were incorporated into the sessions. Moreover, we made a joyful noise during **Riverside's first "Thanksgiving Celebration" which included a shared meal and prayer together.**

To help people begin the New Year pursuing the Lord, we provided prayer guides entitled, **"Christ Revealed—Praying Through Life As A Sacrament" to use the week of January 6th.** This devotional prayer guide encouraged everyone to seek the Lord personally, spending time in prayer and the Word each day.

At the end of May we hosted a

"Global Virtual Prayer Walk" in partnership with Missions team leader Everette Mills. We prayed for the local missions week projects in addition to Riverside supported missionaries. Prayers could tweet and text prayers that were broadcast onto a screen.

We continue to seek the Lord and ask Him to move among us, in us and through us drawing each of us ever nearer to **our Savior Jesus Christ. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen," (Eph. 3: 20, 21).**

~Diane Kelley
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Women's Ministry

In Women's Ministry this year, we have been heavily focused on mission, within Riverside and outside in our community. We have served women through:

- Mealtrains for 9 families additions and some unforeseen challenges
- An active card ministry which has encouraged women through ink and paper

In the larger community, outside of Riverside, Women's Ministry has partnered with "in service":

- The Daughter Project, which focuses on freeing women from slavery (based in Toledo, Ohio)
- LifeCare Services Pregnancy Center in West Lafayette
- Basic Baby Showers, a ministry in cooperation with Calvary Chapel, Lafayette

While missions have been a focus, Women's Ministry also provides opportunities for women "to grow into mature

faith". Women have participated in:

- The winter bible study, "Why Do You Believe That?" by Mary Jo Sharp.

The study challenged women to create a firm foundation for the defense of what they believe.

- Summer book clubs that allowed women to connect to God's Word through fiction
- A fall retreat weekend for women to reflect, fellowship, and listen to gifted speakers.
- Our fall Bible study, "Shelter of God's Promises" by Sheila Walsh

In providing opportunities for "women to fellowship" with each other:

- The Ladies Spring Luncheon focused on the church's role as the bride of Christ. Women were provided an opportunity to invite family and friends to this event.
- Our fall retreat gave wom-

en a chance to grow a deeper relationship with other "sisters" from Riverside.

Thank you for a year of digging deeper into God's Word and His will for our lives. And please continue to pray for the work of Riverside's Women's Ministry as we seek to grow women into a mature faith in Jesus Christ through Bible study, fellowship and service.

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Gearing up for some fun at the women's retreat



Playing the bells at the Christmas brunch



Women's Spring Luncheon & Bridal Fashion Show



Men's Ministry

The Riverside Men's Ministry sought to capitalize on several new initiatives to engage guys this past year. Most notable was the Men's Ministry Challenge that included several events from late August through September. The participation challenge was designed to engage previously unconnected guys with the Riverside Men's Ministry and included the Riverside Men's Golf Outing, the Courageous Movie Night, Courageous Bible Study, and Carnivore Night.

Many guys joined other Riverside men for the first time at one of these events. Our hope is that this first contact will continue to lead to more regular participation in a weekly Bible study or discipleship group.

The Men's Ministry was anchored by its two regular Bible studies that met throughout the year on Monday nights at 7pm and Thursday mornings at 6:30am. This past year the men studied the Gospel of Luke, Romans, Ezra and Nehe-

miah. Riverside men also participated in an 8-week Bible study associated with Joe Gibbs' book, **Racing to Win**.

The 2013 Men's Retreat had record participation driven by some creative promotion and a focus on personal invitations. Nearly 30 Riverside men went to the retreat at Twin Lakes Bible Camp in Hillsboro, Indiana. Riverside partnered with Evangelical Covenant Church in Lafayette to organize the

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Outreach Ministry cont.

provide meals on other nights as well.

Other outreach efforts continue to promote the love of Christ in the community also. In February, speaker fees were provided for the Purdue Outreach Symposium. Those who attended were blessed with Christian perspectives on controversial topics. But we have not limited ourselves to just funding important events.

We continue to strive for opportunities to build relationships through Family Promise of Greater Lafayette. Through this church enabled program, 20 Riverside volunteers provided host support for fifteen homeless families housed at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for one week each month in

August, February, and June.

Riverside's volunteers provided the families with meals, transportation, safety, and companionship. With Riverside's help, each of those families gradually regained and sustained their independence. It's an awesome ministry.

Through it all, we have been blessed to be a blessing. Our hope is to share the blessing by engaging more of our Riverside family in outreach activities in the coming months.

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Jubilee Christmas



Small Groups Ministry

We believe Riverside's Sunday worship gatherings are important, but we also believe that everyone needs a more personal place to talk about what God is doing in our lives. In order to mature in our faith, we need to live the ups and downs of life with a smaller group of people that we can trust, laugh with, and learn from.

Riverside Small Groups are where we find spiritual conversation and authentic community among a small group of people. We think of them as **mini-churches that meet in people's homes** during the week.

Though every Riverside Small Group is different because of the uniqueness of its people, a typical Small Group gathering includes snacks, discussion about God and life, and prayer. Riverside's Small Groups are a

safe and fun environment for you to be yourself no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. Our Small Groups will not force you to speak or pray if you wish to be silent, require you to be a Bible expert, or expect you to pretend to be different than you are.

This past year Riverside had more than 100 people regularly involved in a Small Group. Several new Small Groups began and our existing Groups continued to connect in community and discipleship. We also implemented several improvements to give our groups more guidance and consistency. These improvements included quarterly Small Group leader meetings for leaders to share about successes and struggles in their groups. Group leaders shared ideas, supported one another, and brainstormed

ways to continue to increase Small Group involvement throughout Riverside. In addition to leader meetings, we also encouraged our Small Groups to evaluate their time together in the specific areas of Bible study, prayer, authenticity, service, and evangelism. These areas function as broad categories to ensure that Riverside Small Groups foster discipleship.

This upcoming year we look forward to the arrival of **Rick Whitlock, Riverside's new Director of Small Groups and Graduate Student Ministry. Rick's leadership will give needed support to Riverside's** Small Groups and will help Riverside move from a church with a Small Group Ministry to a church of Small Groups.

-Pastor Dan

Pastor's Report cont.

Riverside Small Group leaders and the hundred plus people that meet in Riverside Small Groups every week. We believe Rick's leadership will help our Small Groups to be fruitful communities of discipleship, authenticity and mission. Rick will also increase Riverside's ability to disciple and care for Riverside graduate students and to share Jesus with other graduate students studying at Purdue. By combining Rick's CCO work with Emily Umulis' existing efforts (Purdue Graduate InterVarsity), we believe Riverside will play a growing role in God's work among Purdue graduate students.

Another exciting new development this past year was that Riverside formally became a Stephen Ministry congregation. Through Stephen Ministry's complete system for equipping lay people Riverside will develop a team of capable caregivers to provide Christian care to hurting people within and around our congregation. We believe that Stephen Ministry will both multiply the amount of caring ministry that goes on in our congregation and deepen the level of participation by lay people in the healing ministry of

Jesus.

Recently, Riverside held its first ever Service Week, which was kicked off by our Service Sunday. The church truly left the building. The week was a fantastic opportunity to show our community that we love them and that our love is not simply lip service. We completed many projects at the Frankfort Camp in Frankfort, Indiana, rehabilitated the Salvation Army Playground, landscaped the Lafayette Transitional Housing Center's Lincoln Center, painted the Tippecanoe Youth Center, and performed yard work, maintenance, and cleaning for several families throughout the community through Caregivers Companion.

Riverside welcomed twelve new members and I conducted two weddings: Matt and Ellen Riebsomer and John and Linda Christopher.

For 2013 thus far, our average Sunday attendance is 276. We peaked on Easter this year with an all-time Riverside high of 413 in attendance. We baptized 21 people and have ended the 2012-2013 budget year in a good financial position.

God continues to use Riverside

in powerful ways as demonstrated through the stories of spiritual growth that are shared in Small Groups, Bible studies, Sunday worship, and casual conversations. We are very blessed that God has brought us together for His mission and I look forward to seeing what God will do with us next.

*-Blessings,
Pastor Dan*



Worship Service at the River and Baptismal Service



Men's Ministry Cont.

retreat and Riverside's very own Caleb Hoover was one of the speakers. The retreat focused on God's call to forsake all to follow Jesus.

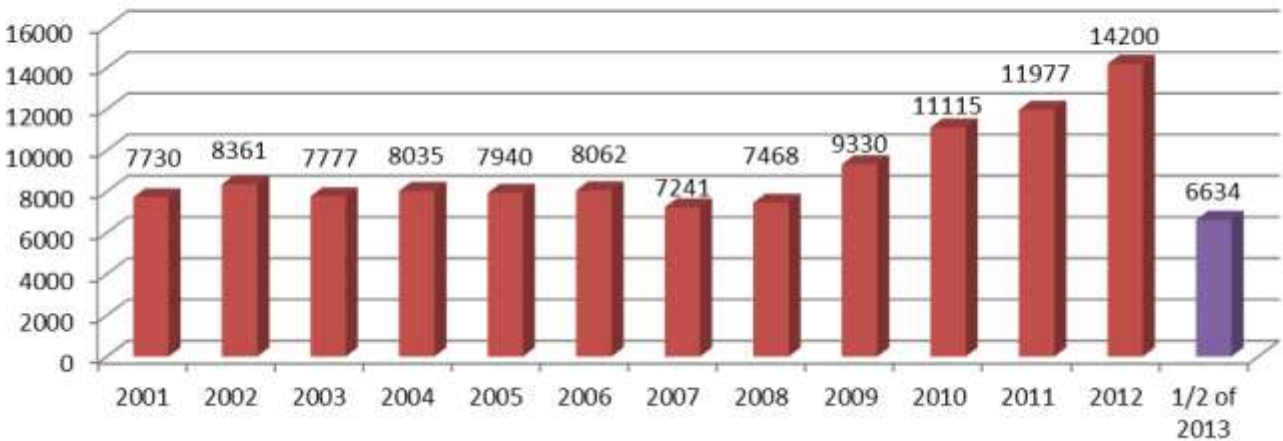
This past year, the Riverside men continued their tradition of having a men's breakfast each quarter. The most recent breakfasts included a fishing outing and donuts with dad to celebrate Father's Day. The

breakfasts always provide a great opportunity for fellowship, food, and often include a Riverside guy sharing his story of how he began to follow Jesus.

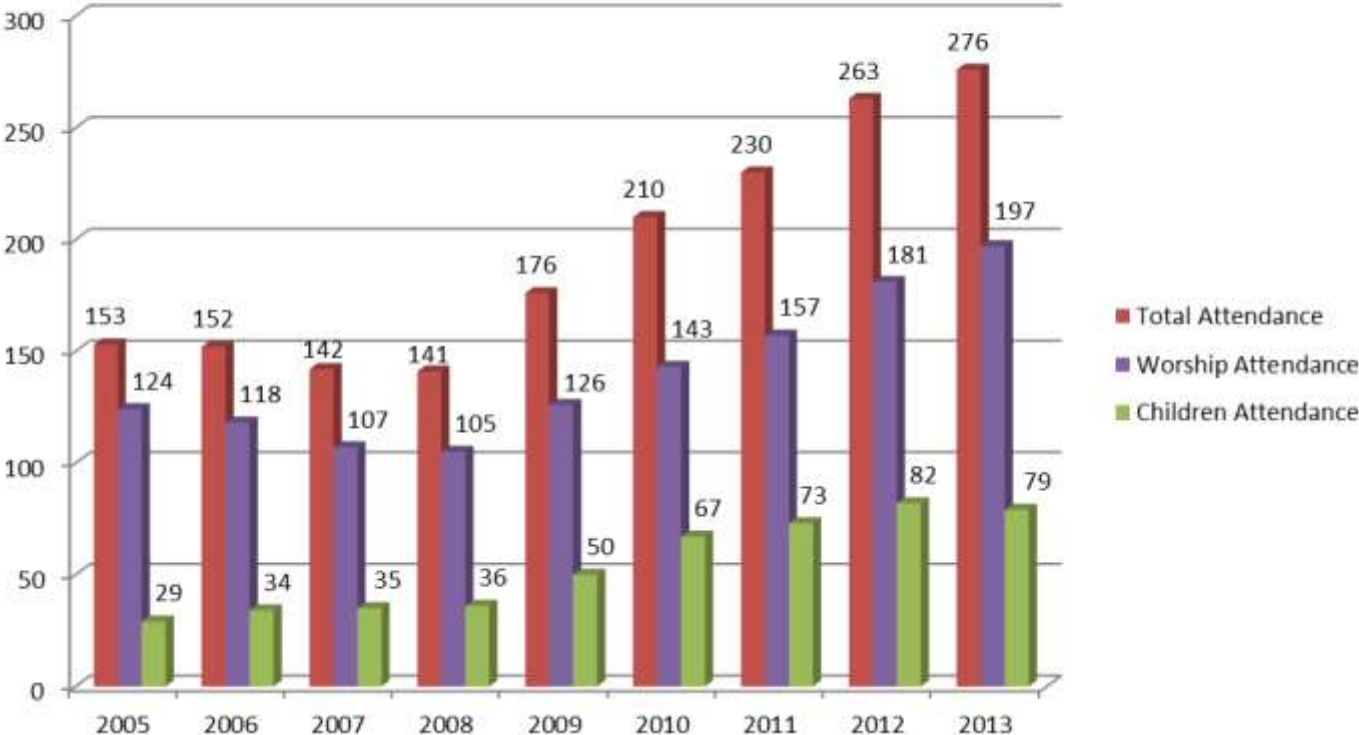
A Riverside Men's Ministry Team has been assembled and includes Zach Brennan, Todd Kelley, Richard Smith, Kurt Watt and Dan Teefey. Our desire is that this team

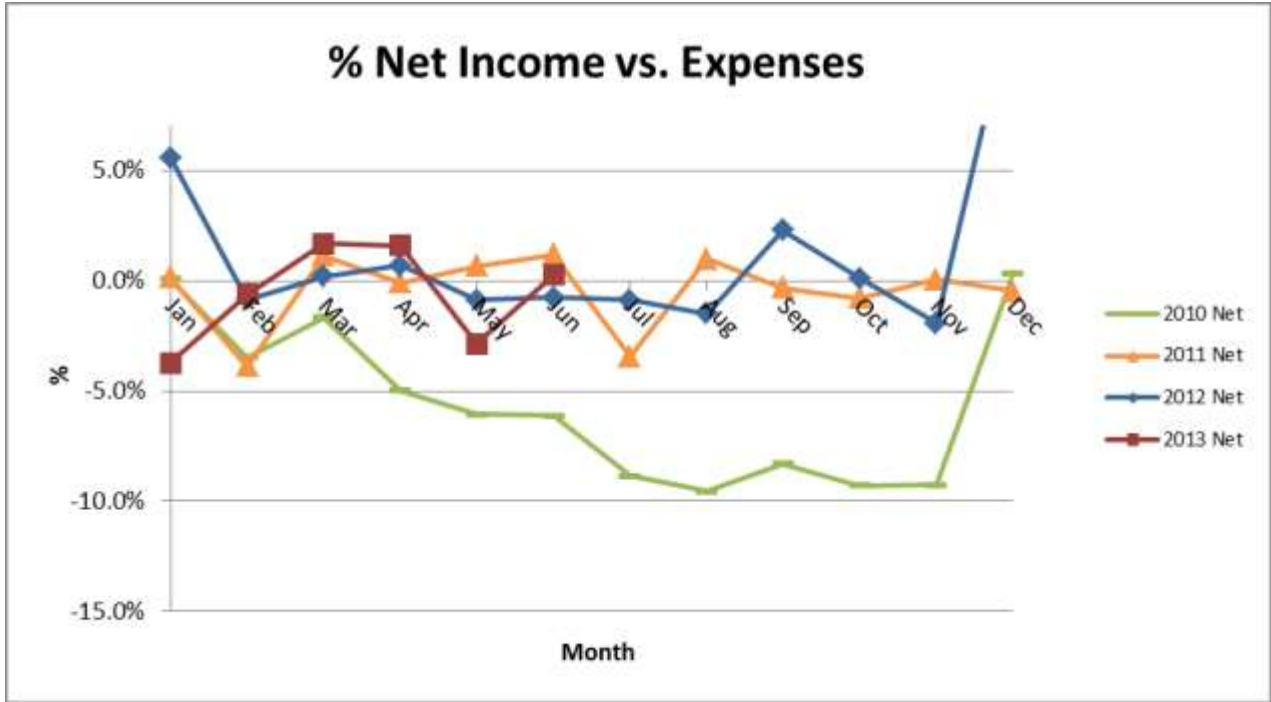
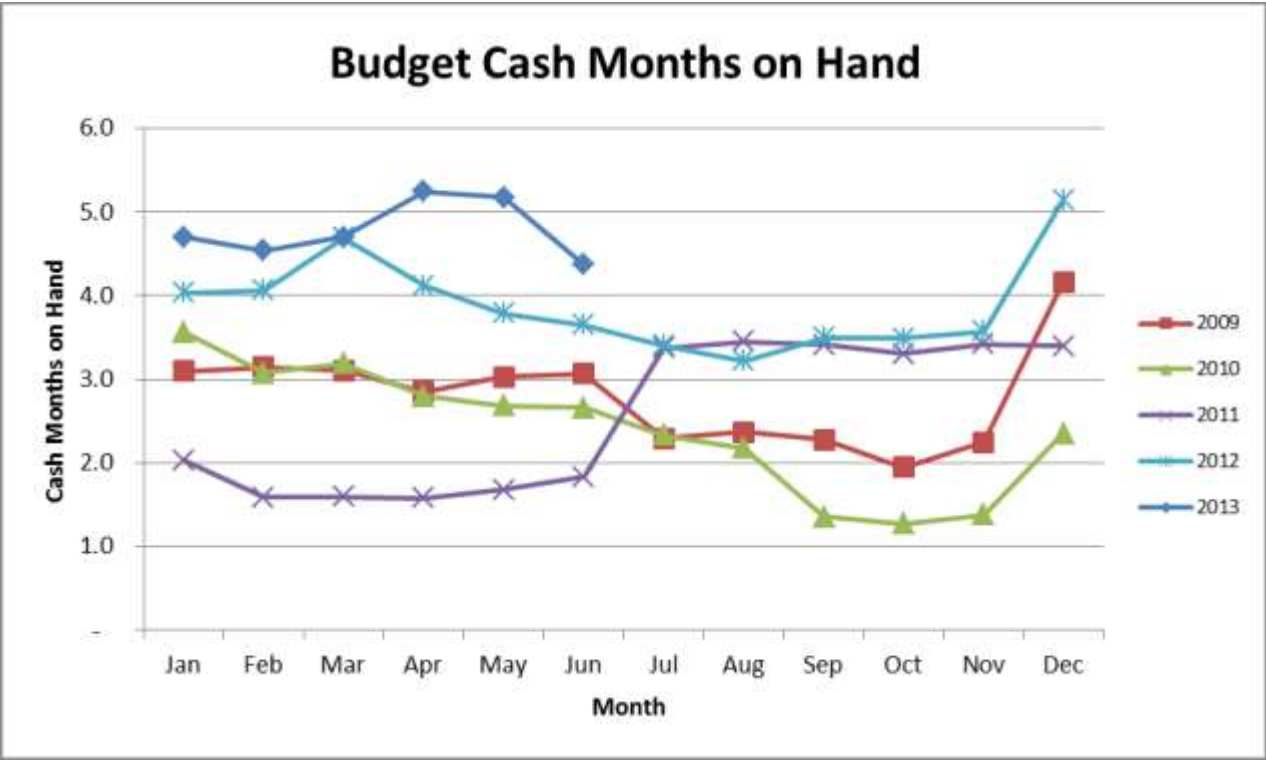
will continue to help Riverside engage men in the pursuit of full life through Jesus. We would love to have others join our efforts to lead Riverside men into deeper discipleship. If interested, please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the team.

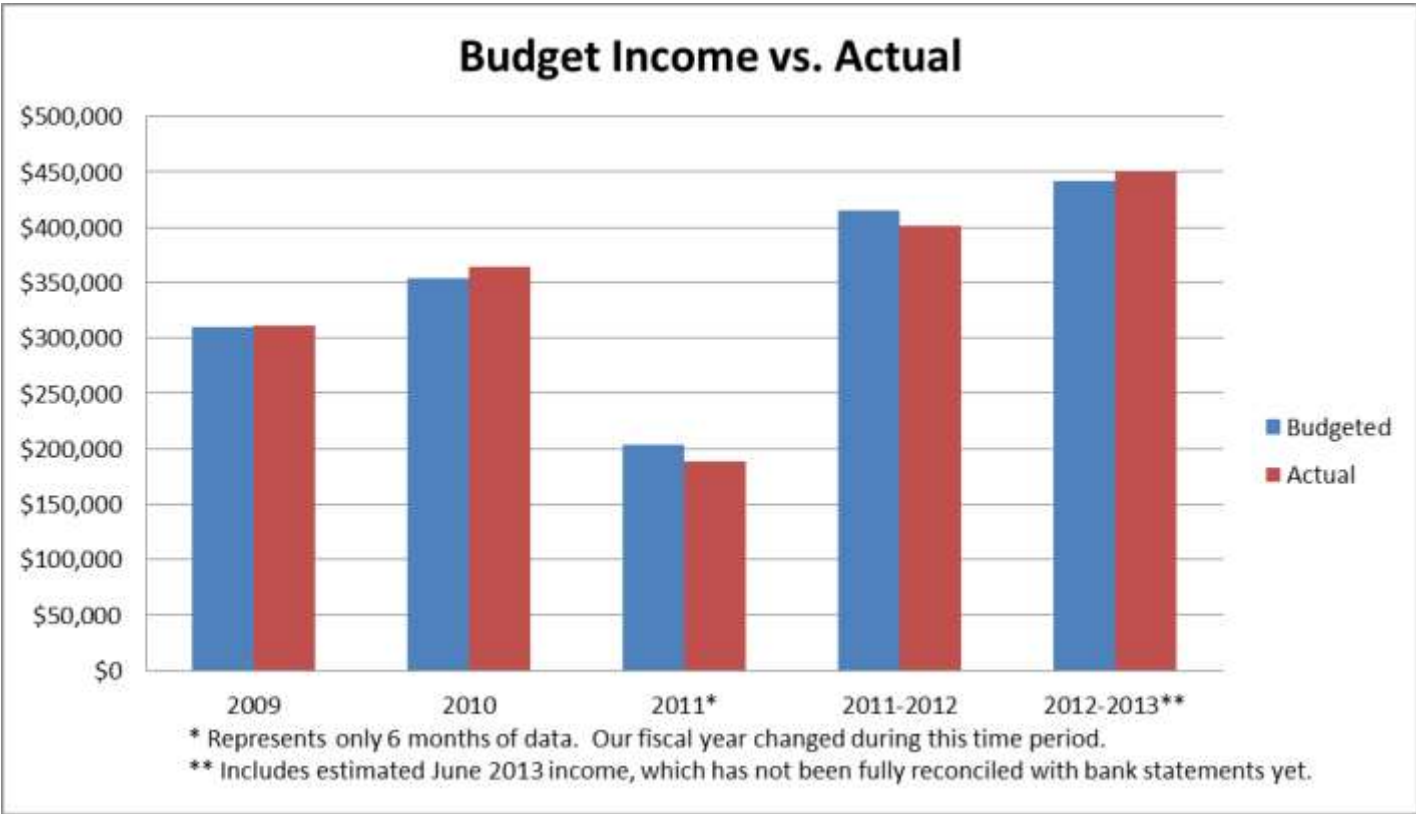
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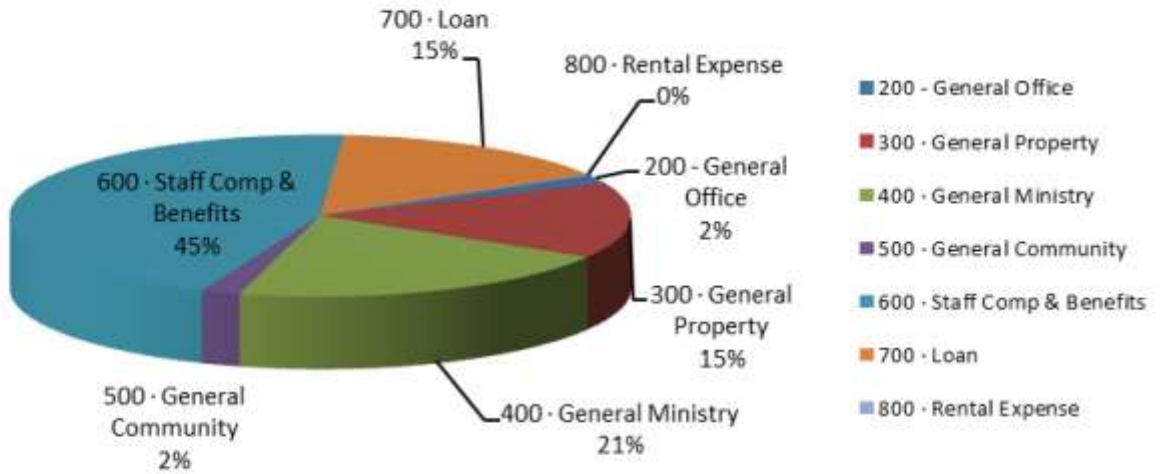
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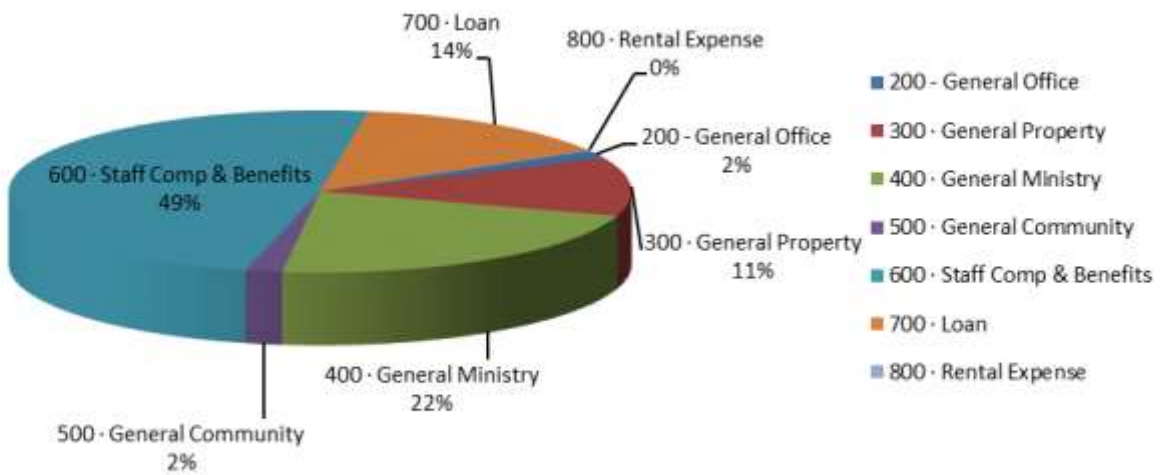




2012-2013 Budget



2013-2014 Proposed Budget



2013-2014 Budget

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	2012-2013		2013-2014	
	Budget	% Change	Budget	% Change
Income				
100 - General Fund Income				
101 - Loose	8,000	60.0% ▲	10,000	25.0% ▲
102 - Checks	422,452	5.6% ▲	460,400	9.0% ▲
103 - Interest Income	1,500	0.0% --	1,000	-33.3% ▼
Total 100 - General Fund Income	431,952	6.3% ▲	471,400	9.1% ▲
150 - Rental Income	10,000	11.1% ▲	10,000	0.0% --
Total Income	441,952	6.4% ▲	481,400	8.9% ▲
Expense				
200 - General Office				
Total 200 - General Office	7,693	-28.5% ▼	7,900	2.7% ▲
300 - General Property				
301 - Insurance	6,155	17.0% ▲	7,214	17.2% ▲
302 - Building Maintenance & Repair	10,000	42.9% ▲	10,000	0.0% --
303 - New Furniture	1,000	400.0% ▲	1,000	0.0% --
304 - New Equipment	22,525	326.6% ▲	9,325	-58.6% ▼
305 - Building Improvement				
306 - Equip. Rental	2,600	0.0% --	500	-80.8% ▼
307 - Equip. Maintenance & Repair	1,000	28.2% ▲	0	
310 - Utilities	11,420	0.2% ▲	11,720	2.6% ▲
311 - Custodial Service & Supplies	9,400	39.5% ▲	9,400	0.0% --
312 - Landscaping	2,000	0.0% --	2,700	35.0% ▲
313 - Vehicle	1,000	0.0% --	2,000	100.0% ▲
399 - Misc Expense	0		2,000	
Total 300 - General Property	67,100	58.2% ▲	55,859	-16.8% ▼
400 - General Ministry				
401 - Children's Ministry	5,020	-6.7% ▼	4,100	-18.3% ▼
402 - Youth Ministry	8,565	54.3% ▲	8,775	2.5% ▲
403 - Adult Formation	500	0.0% --	500	0.0% --
404 - Small Groups	750	0.0% --	1,000	33.3% ▲
405 - Women's Ministries	3,180	12.8% ▲	3,630	14.2% ▲
406 - Men's Ministry	250	0.0% --	550	120.0% ▲
407 - Worship Ministry	2,385	98.8% ▲	3,123	30.9% ▲
408 - Outreach/Evangelism Ministry	4,050	35.0% ▲	4,050	0.0% --
409 - Missions				
6.7% 409.1 - Evangelical Covenant National	28,933	6.3% ▲	31,584	9.2% ▲
3.8% 409.2 - Central Conference	16,533	6.3% ▲	17,913	8.3% ▲
409.3 - Missionary Support	16,040	10.9% ▲	23,200	44.6% ▲
Total 409 - Missions	61,506	7.4% ▲	72,697	18.2% ▲
410 - Benevolence Fund	3,100	106.7% ▲	3,100	0.0% --
411 - Nursery Ministry	510	-36.3% ▼	850	66.7% ▲
412 - Prayer Ministry	1,180	96.7% ▲	1,400	18.6% ▲
413 - Server Ministry	0		200	
414 - Stephens Ministry	0		2,100	
Total 400 - General Ministry	90,996	13.5% ▲	106,075	16.6% ▲
500 - General Community				
501 - Fellowship	5,500	13.2% ▲	6,100	10.9% ▲
502 - Leadership/Staff Development	3,500	0.0% --	3,000	-14.3% ▼
Total 500 - General Community	9,000	7.7% ▲	9,100	1.1% ▲

2013-2014 Budget cont.

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	2012-2013		2013-2014	
	Budget	% Change	Budget	% Change
600 · Staff Compensation & Benefits				
601 · Senior Pastor				
602 · Administrative Assistant				
603 · Worship Director				
604 · Children's/Family Min. Director				
607 · Youth Director				
608 · Small Group/Grad. Student Director				
609 · Women's Ministry Director				
695 · Staff Benefits				
697 · Staff Search	0		500	
698 · Payroll Expenses	11,076	-7.7% ▼	11,483	3.7% ▲
Total 600 · Staff Compensation & Benefits	198,853	-4.9% ▼	234,204	17.8% ▲
700 · Loan				
701 · 1850 Interest Expense	21,500	0.0% --	21,500	
702 · 1850 Principal	8,500	0.0% --	8,500	
711 · 1841 Interest Expense	8,760	0.0% --	8,760	
712 · 1841 Principal	3,600	0.0% --	3,600	
721 · Land Interest Expense			17,550	
722 · Land Principal	25,200	0.0% --	7,650	
Total 700 · Loan	67,560	0.0% --	67,560	0.0% --
800 · Rental Expense				
801 · Utilities	350		350	0.0% --
802 · Building Maintenance & Repair	400		400	0.0% --
Total 800 · Rental Expense	750		750	0.0% --
Total Expense	441,952	5.6% ▲	481,448	8.9% ▲
Net Income	0		-48	

This is a summary budget. If you would like to review the full budget, including staff salaries and benefits, contact the Riverside office and a copy will be provided for you.