



# annual 2025 report



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## our team



**Rev. Daniel Mason**  
Lead Pastor



**Rev. Emilio Hood**  
Youth Pastor



**Rev. Evan Marbury**  
Formation Pastor



**Rev. Timothy Price**  
Executive Pastor



**Phabienne Anderson**  
Christian Education Director



**Christie Bowman**  
Women's Ministry  
Director



**Charlie Densmore**  
Connections & Congregational  
Care Director



**Chelsea Donahue**  
Church Life Director



**Ellen Machiele**  
Events Coordinator



**Matthew Madonia**  
Engagement Director



**Meredith Miller**  
Operations Director



**Bradley Moore**  
Communications  
Director



**Grayson Reese**  
4th & 5th Ministry  
Coordinator



**Jordan Reich**  
Children's Ministry  
Director



**Charles Sands**  
Worship & Arts  
Director



**Maddie Shober**  
Ministry Intern



**Kate Simpson**  
Central Kids  
Coordinator



**Holly Strawn**  
Administrative  
Assistant



**Kristin Sullivan**  
Preschool  
Coordinator



**Sedonia Tringali**  
Middle School  
Coordinator

### Elders and Women's Leadership Council

Glen Berkel, Todd Orr, David Pierce, Carson Rockett, and Richard Roberts

Kasey Althoff, Chelsea Donahue, Laurie Truschel, and Becca Vitullo

### Deacon\* and Deacon Assistants

Ethan Good\*, Thomas Darden, Tina Deshayes, Caroline Dunkerton, Gabrielle Dunkerton, Nathan Evans, Kristin Heery, Emily Hull, Greg Irby, Kelly Kirby, Jake Kiser, Madison Lee, Jacob Martin, David Matthews, Zach Oyler, Sue Pape, and Hannah Yanik

a letter from pastor daniel

## Christ Central Family,

As I write this letter, I find myself reflecting on a year marked by both profound loss and unexpected hope. 2024 brought the grief of losing my father and brother, losses that continue to shape me even now. Yet 2025 has surprised me with a deep sense of excitement and anticipation about what God is doing among us. I'm learning that grief and hope are not opposites—they can coexist, and perhaps the presence of both makes us more attuned to the God who meets us in every season.

This past May, we closed on the purchase of a historic downtown church building, complete with a visible steeple from both sides of the Durham Freeway. The Make Visible campaign enabled this purchase, a campaign rooted in the vision of making visible the invisible kingdom of God for generations to come. That steeple is more than architecture: it's a declaration that the gospel has a home in the heart of Durham, that Christ's church will continue to gather and scatter from this place long after we're gone.

Of course, with great vision comes great unknowns. The building won't be fully renovated until 2028. We're navigating questions about timelines, resources, and how best to steward this gift. We don't have all the answers, and that's okay. What we do have is a God who has proven faithful year after year, who has grown us deep and wide, who has sustained us through landlord conflicts and personal losses, and who promises to establish the work of our hands.

As you read through this report, I pray you'll see what I see: a church that is being formed by the Spirit of God, a community learning to trust not in buildings or budgets but in the One who is building His church. The work detailed in these pages is not our achievement; it's evidence of God's grace poured out through ordinary people who are learning to love Jesus and love their neighbors.

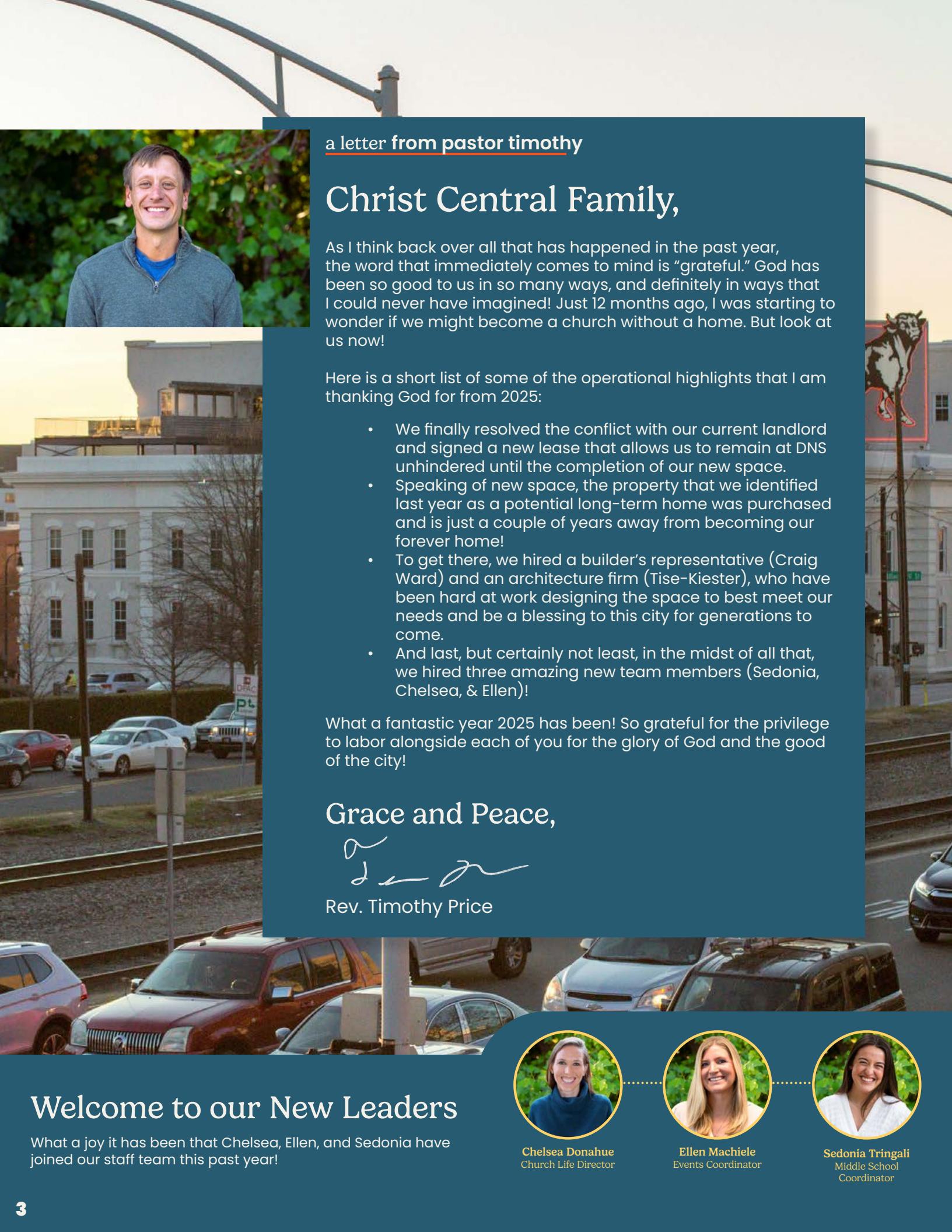
I give thanks to God for you, for this past year, and for whatever lies ahead. What an honor to serve alongside you in this church family.

Grace and Peace,



Rev. Daniel Mason





a letter from pastor timothy

## Christ Central Family,

As I think back over all that has happened in the past year, the word that immediately comes to mind is "grateful." God has been so good to us in so many ways, and definitely in ways that I could never have imagined! Just 12 months ago, I was starting to wonder if we might become a church without a home. But look at us now!

Here is a short list of some of the operational highlights that I am thanking God for from 2025:

- We finally resolved the conflict with our current landlord and signed a new lease that allows us to remain at DNS unhindered until the completion of our new space.
- Speaking of new space, the property that we identified last year as a potential long-term home was purchased and is just a couple of years away from becoming our forever home!
- To get there, we hired a builder's representative (Craig Ward) and an architecture firm (Tise-Kiester), who have been hard at work designing the space to best meet our needs and be a blessing to this city for generations to come.
- And last, but certainly not least, in the midst of all that, we hired three amazing new team members (Sedonia, Chelsea, & Ellen)!

What a fantastic year 2025 has been! So grateful for the privilege to labor alongside each of you for the glory of God and the good of the city!

Grace and Peace,



Rev. Timothy Price

## Welcome to our New Leaders

What a joy it has been that Chelsea, Ellen, and Sedonia have joined our staff team this past year!



**Chelsea Donahue**  
Church Life Director



**Ellen Machiele**  
Events Coordinator



**Sedonia Tringali**  
Middle School  
Coordinator

# NUMBERS

What happened at Christ Central in 2025

# 726

Total Members  
141 New Members

 **SUNDAYS**

890 attendees (total average)

**2024-25 FISCAL YEAR**  
giving

**\$3,514,455**

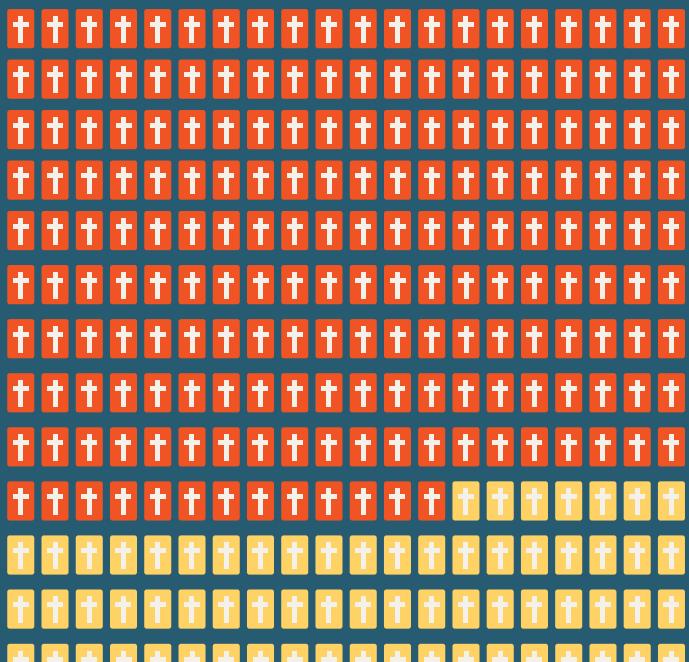
expenses

**\$3,508,970**

**2025-26 FISCAL YEAR**  
budget

**\$3,470,000**

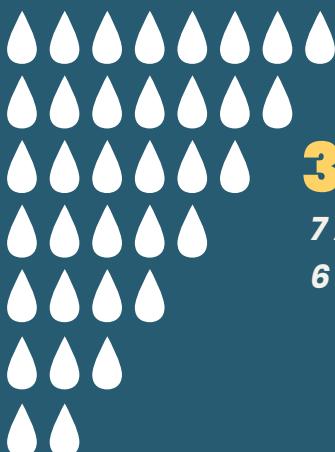
**264 BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS**



 **193 Women, 71 Men**

  
**CITY GROUPS**

**478 PARTICIPANTS**  
**26 CITY GROUPS**



**35 BAPTISMS**

**7 Adult** (profession of faith)

**6 Child** (profession of faith)

**22 Infant**

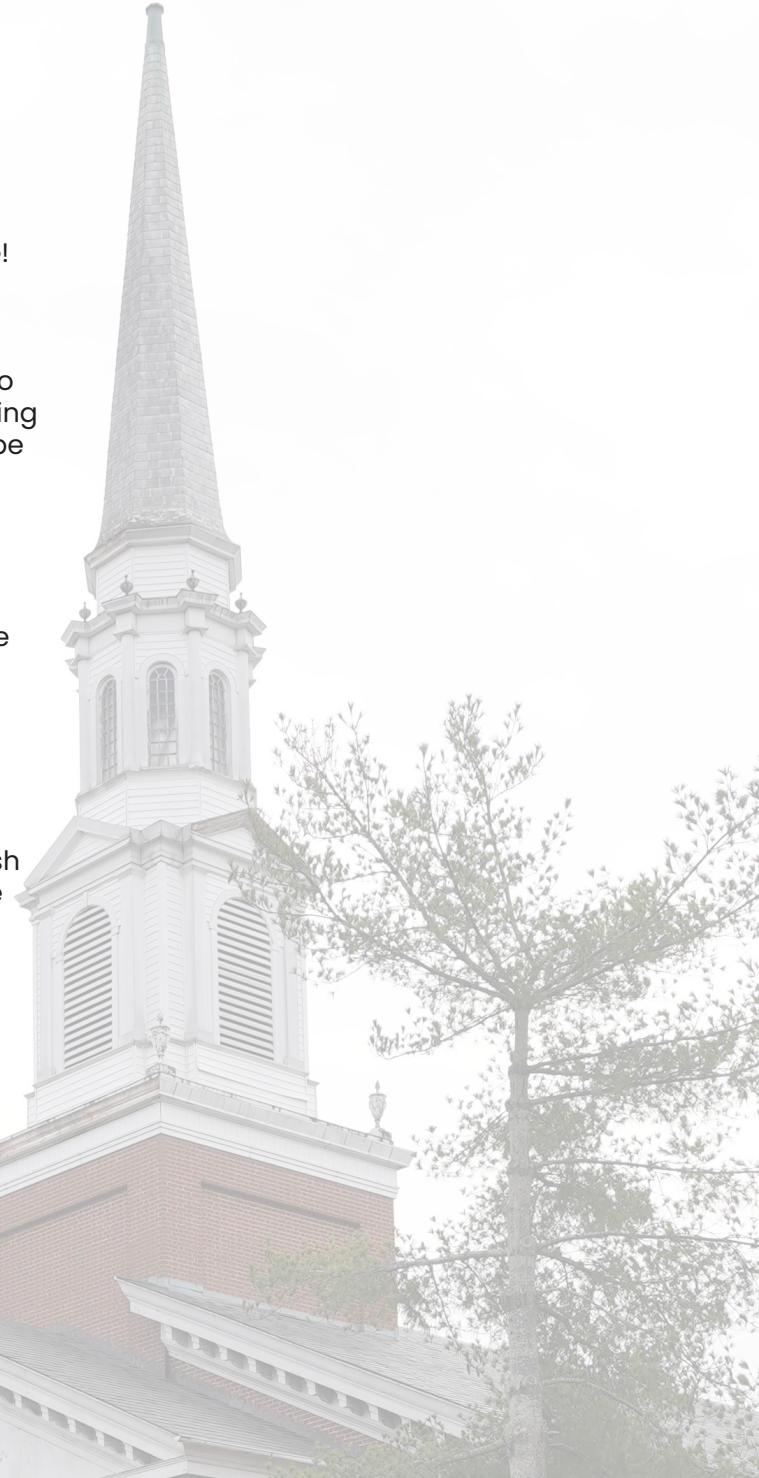
## **meet us at 807 West Chapel Hill Street**

The biggest news of 2025 is our new long-term home!

Thanks to your generosity and God's provision, we purchased 807 W Chapel Hill Street on June 1, 2025. Formerly Second/Temple Baptist Church and home to Durham Charter School for 20 years, we will be restoring it as a church in the heart of the city to reflect the hope of Christ for generations.

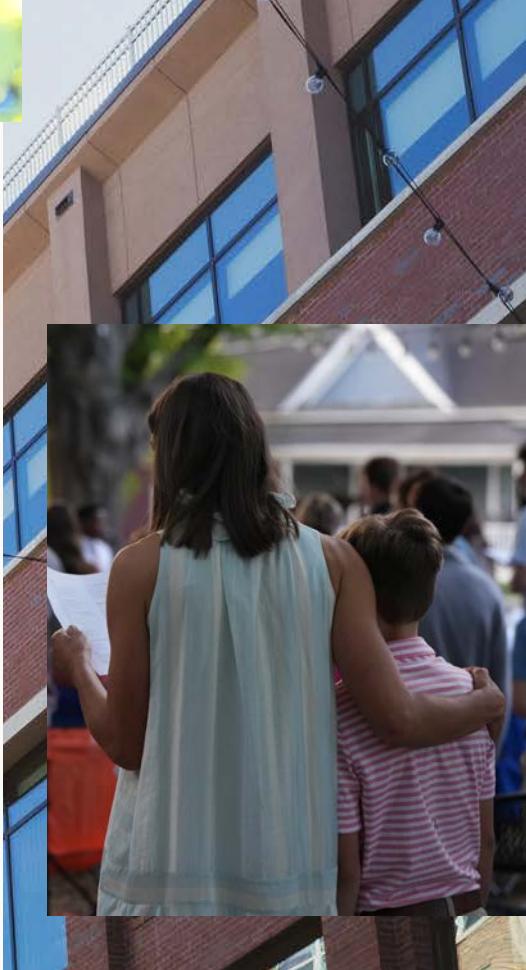
Converting the building will take time. We submitted Phase 1 of our site plan last month and are obtaining revised quotes from contractors for the initial renovations. The work will be phased, starting with the office/classroom side in early spring, allowing us to move in by August. However, the sanctuary overhaul will not be completed until summer 2028, and we will continue to worship at Durham Nativity School in the meantime.

We are immensely grateful for this blessing. If you wish to support the renovation and haven't pledged to the Make Visible campaign, please learn more about it below.



### **Permanence in Durham. Radiating the Light of Christ far beyond it.**

The Make Visible Capital Campaign is a vision for a permanent home in the center of Durham—to reflect the hope and heart of Christ for generations to come. To learn more about our campaign visit [makevisiblecampaign.org](http://makevisiblecampaign.org).



## worship

Worship & Arts in 2025 at Christ Central Church has continued to teach and admonish one another through song, using a variety of styles to effectively reflect the diverse population of Durham and lead the body of Christ.

Worship & Arts currently has a rotation of musicians and singers skilled in sight reading, ear training, choral tones, and gospel timbres, and welcomes beginners as well as professionals.

Worship & Arts has continued to invite new participants, the choir welcoming all from youth to adult, while the band and worship team remain invitation-only. This year, we are utilizing Paul Tripp's *Sunday Matters*, a 52-week devotional as a formational tool. This fall, youth have begun leading worship for Central Youth gatherings.





## central kids

2025 was a joyful year in Central Kids, highlighted by Camp Kidventure and our Advent Box giveaways, as we intentionally helped God's Word grow in the hearts of children.

Camp Kidventure welcomed 116 kids and over 80 volunteers, including 30 youth. Kids explored the book of Matthew, found their true north in Jesus, and loved crafts, songs, and memory buddies that helped them return each day quoting scripture.

This fall, we built community through Craft Time, Glow Night, and a reimagined Central Kids Serves at the Carolina Reserve, where families and children played, read, and prayed with residents across generations.

We distributed over 100 Advent Boxes, including 11 Spanish-language boxes, filled with resources to help families grow God's Word at home. The Seedshop also grew rapidly with 18 new babies since August 2025, an overflow room, and our first Sip & See.

We're grateful for a nearly full, multi-generational volunteer team and for parents' stories of how Central Kids impacts life at home. May God's Word continue to grow in their hearts!



## central youth

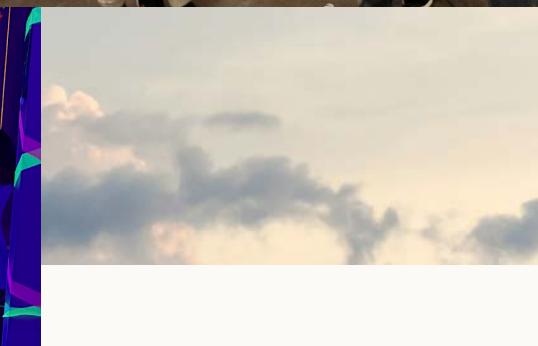
Central Youth is a community of students learning to rest in Christ and glorify God for renewal in the city and the world. In 2025, we've made significant strides toward this goal, highlighted by our hiring of Sedonia Tringali as the new Middle School Coordinator. With two years of middle school teaching experience in Durham, Sedonia is passionate about supporting middle schoolers and their families.

To foster renewal, we've launched two initiatives: a leadership initiative and a prayer initiative. In January, we began monthly Student Leadership meetings for middle and high schoolers to explore leadership, spiritual gifts, and community service.

In October, we initiated "The 6:10," based on Matthew 6:10, praying for one elementary, middle, and high school each month. This initiative has led to amazing opportunities, such as praying inside schools and receiving invitations to serve students and families. We've experienced God's favor through these bold prayers.

Looking globally, we're excited to announce our first mission trip to Casa Bernabe in Guatemala City in the summer of 2026, where we will support its community for children.

With over 150 participants at various events and initiatives, we are grateful for all God is doing in and through Central Youth, inspiring the next generation for His glory and the good of Durham.



## **formation at Christ Central**

Early this year, we hosted our Renew conference with Andy Crouch. He spent the weekend helping us to consider how we can leave a legacy as Christ followers.

We also had our first-ever Marriage Enrichment Class. Licensed therapist Matt Schneider led the time with 60 couples.

City Fellowships took place this summer with the theme "Church Matters." Pastor Emilio led us in youth matters, Phabienne led us in evangelism matters, and Matthew led the final fellowship on engagement matters.

As is our annual rhythm, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality was offered in the fall as our foundational discipleship course, and 30 people participated. We also provided a module on engagement this fall through our City Groups. Matthew Madonia connected the Ruth sermon series to engagement, using resources such as our podcast to expose our church to some of our mission partners.



## **men in community**

The men's ministry had another great year of connection and formation. This year, we had our largest Bible Study group ever, with over 70 men taking part in *Practicing the Way* by John Mark Comer. The highlight of the year, as always, was the men's retreat. This year, we hosted Rev. Joe White, who did an incredible job of painting a picture of what it looks like for us, as men, to be healthy and whole. Last, but certainly not least, this fall we began piloting two men's formation huddles. These huddles are high-commitment formation groups for men who want to dig in a little more both formationally and relationally.



## women in community

The women of Christ Central had a robust year of fellowship and rich Bible study! Our women's Bible study had 152 participants and began studying the book of Daniel this Fall. We look forward to continuing with Daniel this spring. For our fall retreat, we returned to St. Francis Springs Prayer Center to slow down and learn about the practice of Sabbath. Here, women enjoyed time focused on soul care and rest, while being reminded of why Sabbath is vital to our weekly rhythm. Throughout the year, events such as our pickleball social and annual prayer breakfast kept us connected! We are thankful for what the Lord is doing in the hearts and minds of women at Christ Central!



## **college students abound**

This year, we said goodbye to our beloved Mikahil Harris, who had been serving as a ministry intern for the past two years, leading the college ministry. Maddie Shober continues to serve in the college ministry.

This fall, we offered “Pancakes on the Porch” for the first time. 60+ college students came to connect and enjoy pancakes on Maddie’s front porch and yard. We also offered adopt-a-college-student again this year, in which families partner with a college student for the year, providing prayers and support as a home away from home. We offered Bible studies and meet-ups as a way to foster community and formation.

Girl Dinner and college worship night happened for the second time this year, and we’re thankful for the experience. The girls’ dinner saw greater involvement from women in the church, fostering strong fellowship with the college ladies who attended. We continue to welcome more students from Duke, UNC, and a few from North Carolina State!



## **20s & 30s thriving**

Our 20s & 30s community continues to thrive as a vibrant part of our church family. This group knows how to blend fun and fellowship, and it's been amazing to see friendships deepen and new folks welcomed through so many memorable gatherings this year. From a bonfire in Duke Forest and a concert featuring an up-and-coming singer-songwriter, to a lively Game Night, a thrilling Murder Mystery Party, hiking through the Eno, a summer day trip to Wrightsville Beach, a joint party with our 50ish group, and our festive Christmas Trivia Party — the year has been full of laughter, belonging, and purpose. This ministry has truly been a gift, nurturing authentic community and spiritual growth in a world that often feels disconnected.

## **50ish ministry keeps rolling**

The 50ish Grow Sunday School Class remains a mainstay of this ministry. In the fall, the class covered the Nicene Creed, and 20-30 people consistently attended. The 50ish ministry continues to meet regularly for fellowship, including the annual Something Old, Something New party, where 50ish partners with the 20s & 30s ministry to bring generations together. About 100 people attended this year.



## local missions

The Family Advocacy Ministry supported adopting and fostering families, partnered with DSS and The Village Durham, hosted mixers and panels, and sent a board member to Cape Town to learn from Beautiful Gate Ministries.

Circles of Support provided wrap-around care for refugee families, single mothers, and individuals seeking employment and education.

Repair teams completed home repairs, supported families in Circles of Support, and partnered with Central Youth and Creation Care on projects.

Through Educational Partnership, the church distributed thousands of dollars in gift cards, winter coats, and Thanksgiving meal kits, advocated for families in crisis, supported schools facing ICE-related challenges, and hosted "Love Your Neighbor."

Creation Care launched its first full year, partnered with Durham Community Fridges, distributed over 220 vegetable kits, supported refugee families through food access, learned key lessons for sustainability, and prepared for a full launch in 2026.

The City Engagement Team facilitated civic participation through "Call to the Hall," explored new nonprofit partnerships, joined community events such as MLK Day and Juneteenth, and worshipped alongside neighboring churches.



## global missions

In 2025, the Global Missions Board focused on deepening relationships with existing partners, strategically adding new ones, and inviting our congregation to live out our calling to be “explicitly in Durham for the world.” Christ Central disbursed \$220,000 to support 26 missionaries and missional organizations, including six new partnerships—three in Cape Town and three through RUF at UNC, Duke, and UVA. With a goal of maintaining meaningful, sustainable relationships, the board affirmed a capacity of 25–30 missionaries and instituted monthly prayer partnerships between leaders and missionaries to foster deeper care, connection, and congregational prayer.

A major highlight was a vision trip to Cape Town in October–November 2025, where staff and leaders walked alongside ministry partners in townships, schools, and diverse congregations, experiencing firsthand the mission God is advancing in that region. The trip affirmed Cape Town as our first partner region and strengthened the vision for launching congregational mission trips in 2026. As we close the year, we are preparing for our first Missions Conference in 2026, praying that God will use it to make Christ Central’s global mission vision tangible and compelling for our whole church.







