

# Annual RE PO RT 20 23



Lead Pastor

# Tom Foisy

Dear Pursuit Family & Friends,

2023 was a year of growth and maturity for our church. Not only did we see some of our highest attended services, but we saw tremendous spiritual growth too. Highlights include the completion of the Stanley campus permanent building and celebrating 10 years of ministry as The Pursuit Church!

During the 10-year celebration we shared stories from the past and how God had moved in our church, and I know the past decade was God laying a firm foundation of faith that we can continue to build upon. God has big things planned for this local church. We are just getting started!

Big plans were outlined this past year in the framework of short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals. I was blown away by the radical generosity of our church, as we were able to raise enough funds to go after all the

short-term goals: renovation of a new club 45 space (4th & 5th grade Kids Pursuit), create a sensory space for special needs families, get the Stanley campus daycare operational, and add additional parking at the Minot campus. All these projects are in motion and the church should see progress in the upcoming months.

I cannot thank those of you enough who gave above and beyond to help us fund these projects. They will be great tools for our church to be more effective in ministering to the people coming to our church.

With that said, we would love to move forward with our mid-term goals in this next year. The big goal is to renovate the “Knowles Jewelry Store” to add additional ministry space for the Minot campus. We estimate that this project will cost around \$600,000 and will add over 4,000 square feet to our facility. This new space would enable the expansion of our student ministry Momentum, as well as Celebrate Recovery, and open the possibility for new and innovative ministry opportunities as we continue to grow numerically.

Would you join me in praying for God’s provision for the renovations and use of this space? As I close out this letter, I am incredibly humbled by all the amazing people who are a part of The Pursuit Church. I want to say a HUGE thank you and express my deepest gratitude to everyone who served in the church, prayed for the church, and contributed financially to the church! You don’t just go to church, but you are the church and God is using you to build His Kingdom in Minot, Stanley, and beyond. Let’s be praying, expecting, and believing for God to move in power in 2024!

In Christ,

Tom Foisy, Lead Pastor





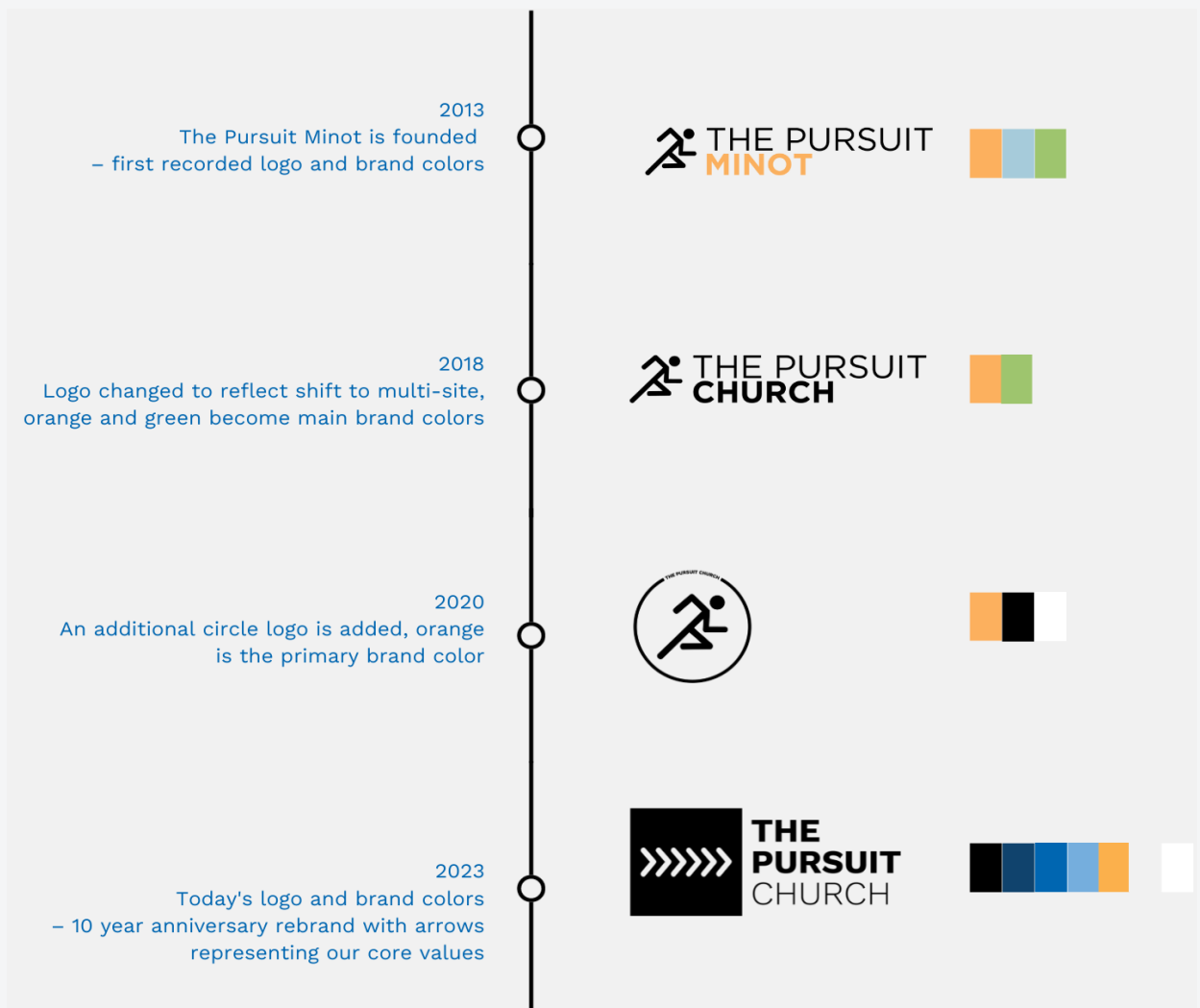
# GROW AND

**We're Just  
Getting Started**

This past October we celebrated a decade of ministry. It is truly humbling that God has allowed us the opportunity to lead North Dakota into a growing relationship with Jesus for over 10 years. Through the ups and downs, moments of big faith, funny stories, and miracles we have had a front row seat to see people's lives change. As we reflect, the thing that stands out over the years is people.

People have sacrificed time to make sure we are a place where anyone can come encounter Jesus. People have given financially so we can have the tools it takes to do ministry. People have prayed without ceasing for God to move. Countless people's lives are forever changed because God moved in their hearts. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our local church over the years.

## OUR LOGO HISTORY





## THE BEGINNING



2013

2014-2017

The Pursuit Church held its first services on October 13, 2013, in an old strip club in downtown Minot. Over 100 people showed up that first day to hear about the freedom that is found in Jesus Christ.

The Pursuit outgrew the old strip club and made the decision to become a mobile church to accommodate the rapid growth. As we met in many different venues throughout the city of Minot, we hoped to secure a stable meeting place in the future.

## PLANTING



2018

2019

2021

In 2018, The Pursuit purchased and renovated the Harley Davidson building as its first fixed location. That same year The Pursuit planted its first campus in Stanley.

In 2019, during the annual Grow ND sermon series, Pastor Tom laid out a vision to plant more campuses across North Dakota.

In 2021, the former Cash Wise grocery store building in Stanley was purchased as the future Stanley campus location.

## GROWING



2022

2023

In 2022, The Pursuit Preschool began holding classes for three to five year olds at the Minot Campus.

In 2023, Stanley's building and Minot's coffee shop, Mission Coffee, was renovated and completed. Additionally, we opened The Pursuit Daycare at our Stanley location.



# 1,461 WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

1216 last year

**1,356** Minot  
**CAMPUS**  
973 last year

**105** Stanley  
**CAMPUS**  
83 last year

**234** All Campus  
**KIDS PURSUIT**  
201 last year

**109** All Campus  
**MOMENTUM**  
106 last year







**143**  
**BAPTISMS**

70 last year

**549**  
**NEW FAMILIES**

479 last year

**404** Unique People  
**SERVED**

380 last year







MINOT

CAMPUS





## Generosity Tree

During the month of November the Generosity Tree had nearly 300 gift cards and gift certificates donated totaling over \$7,000.

In December this allowed us to meet the needs of people financially, it also met the needs of people spiritually as they felt loved and cared for by their church family.

The radical generosity, as a local church, created opportunities for evangelism, and allowed us the chance to invite people to come experience the life-changing message of Jesus.



## Redefined Men's Conference

On a night filled with dynamic speakers, breakout sessions, and activities, one hundred and eighty men came to learn more about God's desire for them to be the leader in their home and community. Everyone that attended took the King's Ranger Creed to vow that they will lead the way God desires them to as men.

*"Recognizing that I have been chosen before the foundations of the world, I will honor my relationship with Jesus Christ, forgetting what is behind and pressing forward. (Ephesians 4:1)*

*Acknowledging the fact that I am a King's Ranger, I fully accept Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. I know I not only battle against the principalities of darkness, but against my own sinful nature I will daily put to death the deeds of the flesh (Ephesians 6, Colossians 3:5). I will rage war on my knees in prayer for my wife and children, and I will lead more intentionally..."*

- Excerpt of King's Ranger Creed








## Mission Coffee

Ministry centers around relationships. This past year allowed us to make a dream come true by incorporating a coffee shop into our lobby. A warm cup of coffee lowers walls and helps to connect with others. Mission Coffee is more than a coffee shop, it's a starting point of connection!

Currently Mission Coffee serves free drinks and donuts to anyone who comes to the 8:30 service on Sundays. This allows more space to be created at the busier services by saying thank you to those who come early. On a given Sunday you will see them give away over a hundred free drinks.

Special moments were created at Mission Coffee when we were able to participate Day of Hope. Mission Coffee was able to give away four hundred drinks to bless families that came to be served.



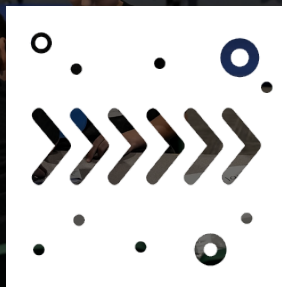


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207

Weekly



KIDS  
PURSUIT

180 last year



OUTREACH



102

Weekly



MOMENTUM

YOUTH

95 last year

153 new students



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CAMP  
BAPTISMS

Out of 70 students



225



PEOPLE  
IN GROUPS

New

**64**  
**Average**  
**Attendance**

**31**  
**Complete**  
**Step Studies**

**7**  
**New**  
**Leaders**

**2** Helped train & equip  
**Locations**  
**Beluh and Rugby**

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CelebrateRecovery is a safe  
place to find real hope in Christ.

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# STANLEY



# CAMPUS







## Easter Weekend

Stanley celebrated their last Easter as a mobile church. God showed up in big ways and we are so thankful for Stanley Elementary allowing us to be there for multiple years. Many people have experienced spiritual breakthrough that built a foundation for a life time of faith.

At the Good Friday worship and prayer night, forty people came to prepare there hearts for Easter. The summary of the night can be explained by the verse Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." We saw two hundred people attend services on Easter Sunday.

These were our largest Easter services since launching our campus in Stanley. People got to experience and celebrate the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

## Fall Spectacular

The Fall Spectacular has become one of the highest attended outreach events we do each year. Partnering with other churches and local businesses to create a safe space for family fun is important to us. Our hope is that the one thousand three hundred and fifty people who attended experienced the love of Christ in a way that will encourage them to explore who Jesus is.







## The Pursuit Daycare

The Pursuit Daycare officially opened November 20, 2023. As we were planning on opening our building we saw a need in the community to provide daycare. By building a bridge to the community, we know people will also give church a chance and hopefully they will encounter Jesus.

We currently have the space to care for thirty kids at any given time. There will be many other opportunities that will come available in the future. We are excited to meet this need for the Stanley Community.





NEWEST

25

Weekly

9

Weekly

63

PEOPLE  
IN GROUPS



KIDS  
PURSUIT

21 last year

MOMENTUM  
YOUTH

6 last year







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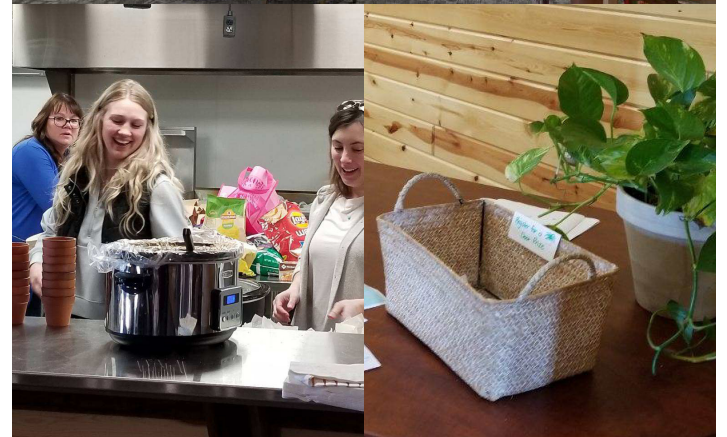
CAMPUS





## IF: Gathering - Minot

Minot saw continued growth with two hundred women attending IF: Gathering. One attendee had a life changing transformation. After years of declining invitations from friends to join, she reluctantly agreed to come on Friday and came back Saturday! Her coming to IF: Gathering turned into attending Sunday services with her family. On November twelfth she was baptized, and since Christmas Eve services has joined the connections team. Families and generations can be transformed when sisters in Christ encourage and love each other.



## IF: Gathering - Stanley

Stanley had thirty-two ladies attend from the community with representation from a variety of churches. The connections made also inspired women in the neighboring community of Tioga to start their own local IF: Gathering, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout North Dakota.





# 400 BAPTISMS

In ten years, we have had the privilege to see over four hundred people get baptized.







# CITY SERVE

**1,048 People**  
**\$78,228 est.**

worth of working wages.

15 Churches in 5 Cities in North Dakota.



# DAY OF HOPE

**343 FAMILIES**

Day of Hope is about more than just inspiring families struggling with hopelessness. It is a day where we meet tangible needs for people in our community. We partner with community organizations to get as many resources as we can under one roof on one day to serve our community. In 2023, we served three hundred forty three unique families on Day of Hope.

It was a true community effort with eighty volunteers, ninety local business donated money or goods, fifty-one area agencies, and ten local hairdressers gave over a hundred free haircuts. Other physical needs were met by giving away two hundred eighty seven coats, two hundred seventy-six pairs of gloves, and two hundred seventy-five hats.

**151  
AGENCIES &  
BUSSINESSES**

**80  
VOLUNTEERS**



# GROW ND RECAP



## **COST**

### **STANLEY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

\$1,978,730.09

### **STANLEY BUILDING FURNISHINGS**

\$66,972.83

### **ADMIN COSTS**

\$50,052.16

### **MISSION COFFEE (MINOT)**

\$70,139.40



## **INVESTED**

### **CASH ON HAND**

\$377,455.70

### **BUILDING PURCHASED (12/2021)**

\$150,000.00

### **CASH RAISED**

\$538,438.78

### **FINANCED**

1,400,000.00



## **GIFTS**

### **941 GIFTS**

### **OVER 190 FAMILIES**

### **RANGING FROM \$5-\$50,000**



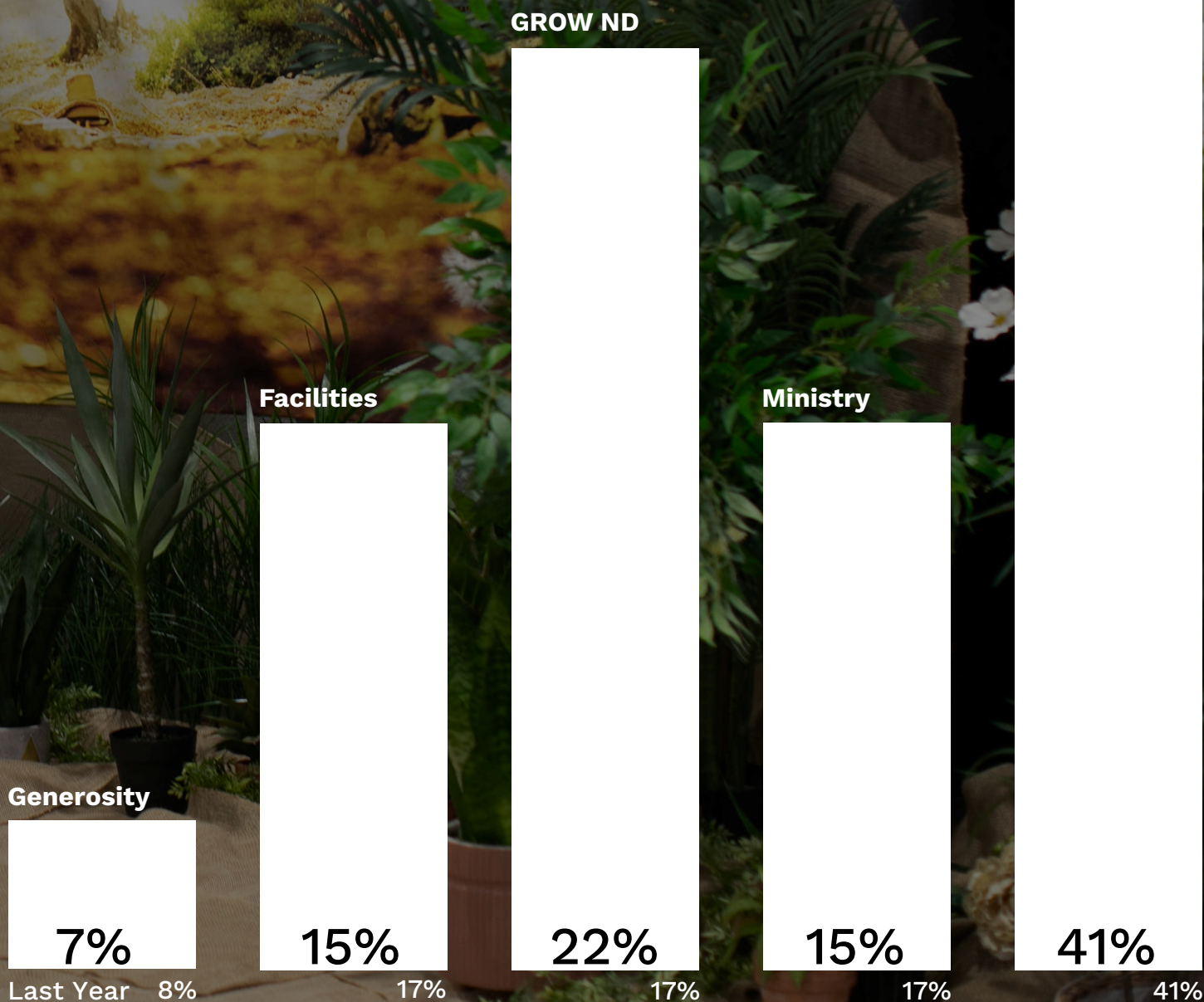


# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	2023	2024
General Fund Budget	\$1,413,168	\$1,570,860
General Fund Contributions	\$1,530,509	\$1,628,377
Generosity Fund	\$131,819	\$136,170
GROW ND	\$361,532	\$615,176
Total Contributions	\$2,023,860	\$2,379,723
Total Expenses	\$1,940,787	\$2,097,518



# TOTAL SPENDING





# SHORT-TERM GOALS

## 6-12 MONTHS

Continue to maximize our space by encouraging people to attend the 8:30am service. This will continue to create room at our most popular 10:00am service time.

Move Club 45 into the Lounge and make that space a dynamic kid's area. Add a Sensory Space for kids with special needs in the current Club 45. \$60,000 est.

Reconfigure our Kids Pursuit space to be more effective at ministering to children and families.





# MID-TERM GOALS

## 1-3 YEARS

Renovate the recently purchased “Knowles Jewelry Store” for additional ministry space. \$600,000 est.

Add parking for 20th Ave Campus to accommodate the numerical growth, and pave the Stanley Campus lot. \$170,000 est.

Expand The Pursuit Preschool to begin offering childcare: meeting a critical need of the community.

Upgrade our production and technology to be more effective for online and multi-site use. \$100,000 est.

Be financially positioned to launch new campuses as God opens new doors. \$75,000 est.



# LONG-TERM GOALS

## 3-10 YEARS

\$10 million dollars into long term savings for future ministry expansion.

**\$1,005,000  
TOTAL EST.**