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2022

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# PASTORAL LETTER

Dear MTC Family,

Twenty-twenty two, was a whirlwind year with so many changes occurring within our country, city, and church community. It was a year marked with relief as we saw some normalcy return, and a year marked with excitement as ministry opportunities developed and grew.

As with past seasons, we have been leaning into God's promises knowing that through His mighty power He can accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think (Ephesians 3:20) - and He did! In 2022, we continued with our second location until June, established new ministry partners, resumed several ministries that had been on hiatus, and relaunched small groups. Through all of this, we've seen many new people start to call MTC home, have welcomed back familiar faces, and continue to be grateful for all of you who have been steadfast in supporting the ministry God has called us to. From the fullness of His grace, we received one blessing after another in 2022.

*"From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another." John 1:16*

In Him,

Brad Moffatt  
Lead Pastor

2023

# MANAGEMENT TEAM

David Brownless  
Duncan Kroeker  
Cliff McNeill  
Babatunde (Tunde) Ojo  
Brenda Soriano

2023

## ELDER BOARD

Darren Ackerman  
 Cliff Cassidy  
 Jeff Dyck  
 Mike Kozan  
 Brad Moffatt  
 Babatunde (Tunde) Ojo  
 Arin Reitsma  
 Terry Rowsell (provisional)  
 Patou Zeleke (provisional)

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The start of 2022 saw us all feeling a bit weary after the past few years, thankfully however, it didn't take long before the last of the government restrictions were lifted and we could resume to ministry as we prefer - completely in-person! By the end of the first quarter, we had relaunched our Seniors Connect ministry with a luncheon that has evolved into hosting monthly Coffee Connections mixed with quarterly luncheons. We are so blessed to have such a strong and committed group of 60+ who faithfully serve and support the ministry work of MTC and it's a monthly highlight for the staff to sit down and visit with them at these gatherings.

In addition to relaunching our seniors' ministry, we saw tremendous growth in MTC Kids along with our MTC Youth, as more and more families and youth looked for opportunities to engage deeper in their faith while having fun! Another ministry area we relaunched in the fall was our MTC Young Adults group. We were fortunate to be able to bring Grover Bradford on to help oversee this ministry and we look forward to seeing how God will move among this demographic.

One of the biggest changes 2022 brought us was the start-up of small groups through our Rooted study. It was amazing to meet again on a weekly basis to study God's word in more depth. Many of the small groups that formed through Rooted have continued to meet and study His word.

As exciting as it has been to launch and relaunch various ministry initiatives, we are also very thankful for being able to continue to serve the ministries we've been involved with over the years such as Shelter Canada

# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

where another 24 houses were built by an MTC mission team that travelled to El Salvador in the fall. We have also been able to continue supporting our other international mission partners including Sheryl Grunwald with Action International, Donovan & Charla Epp in the Philippines, Rob & Kara Bustin in Ethiopia, and Billy & Rebecca Banda in Malawi. In addition to serving with our international ministry partners, we were also engaged in the forging a new local partnership with Next Step Ministries, continued our For the Towne initiatives by helping 22 people with grocery store gift cards - a tangible reminder that the church is a safe place to turn to in times of need, as well as provided 15 Christmas food hampers to community families. We also continued with Brown Bagging 4 Kids making 200 lunches/week for four different community-area schools.

One of the challenges this past year brought was our beloved Worship Pastor of 6 years, Neil Guiney, felt the Lord calling him and his family back home to Northern Ireland. This has been a great loss of MTC, but we know that *"God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them"* (Romans 8:28) - we know this to be true for Neil and his family, as well as for MTC in our pursuit to find a new Worship Pastor.

This past year has been busy, but how thankful we are to be considered worthy to be used by Him for His purposes. May we continue to be found faithful in the year(s) to come. Thank you for how you have joined in His ministry here at MTC!

## Budget for 2023

| REVENUE              | '22 BUDGET             | '22 ACTUAL          | '23 BUDGET             |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Offerings            | \$ 980,527.00          | \$ 1,062,740.00     | \$ 1,045,038.00        |
| Other Revenue        | 201,328.00             | 258,646.00          | 211,567.00             |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> | <b>\$ 1,181,855.00</b> | <b>1,321,386.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,256,605.00</b> |

| EXPENDITURES            |                        |                        |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Building                | \$ 146,212.00          | \$ 143,787.00          | \$ 150,083.00          |
| Administration          | 72,445.00              | 66,660.00              | 72,624.00              |
| Ministry                | 253,913.00             | 238,242.00             | 269,285.00             |
| Personnel               | 478,135.00             | 484,278.00             | 525,512.00             |
| Outreach                | 100,000.00             | 84,235.00              | 105,000.00             |
| Mortgage                | 128,600.00             | 227,836.00             | 128,600.00             |
| Other Capital Purchases | 2,550.00               | -                      | -                      |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>   | <b>\$ 1,181,855.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,245,037.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,251,104.00</b> |

| SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY) |      |              |             |
|----------------------|------|--------------|-------------|
|                      | \$ - | \$ 76,349.00 | \$ 5,501.00 |



## Actuals for 2022

| REVENUE                 | 2021                   | 2022                   |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Offerings               | \$ 1,021,769.00        | \$ 1,062,740.00        |
| Preschool Program       | 183,807.00             | 199,704.00             |
| Other Church Ministries | 4,521.00               | 18,792.00              |
| Rental Revenue          | 4,493.00               | 9,700.00               |
| Steeple Rental          | 17,068.00              | 17,578.00              |
| Other Government Grants | 4,427.00               | 12,872.00              |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>    | <b>\$ 1,236,085.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,321,386.00</b> |

| EXPENDITURES          | 2021                   | 2022                   |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Building & Facilities | \$ 140,667.00          | \$ 143,787.00          |
| Mortgage              | 175,074.00             | 227,836.00             |
| Ministry              | 210,084.00             | 238,242.00             |
| Personnel             | 473,675.00             | 484,278.00             |
| Outreach              | 87,711.00              | 84,235.00              |
| Administration        | 67,765.00              | 66,660.00              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$ 1,154,976.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,245,038.00</b> |

| EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | 2021                | 2022                |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                 | <b>\$ 81,109.00</b> | <b>\$ 76,349.00</b> |

## ADULT MINISTRIES

by Trevor Berry

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*

Isaiah 43:19

I think this verse is very fitting as we reflect on our Adult Ministries in 2022. It is hard to believe that COVID restrictions only lifted in their entirety in the spring of 2022. Considering this, seeing our church develop community beyond Sundays (and in person) was *a new thing* for MTC after several years of limitations.

It has been incredibly exciting to watch our church grow together, as we seek to follow Jesus in a variety of different settings such as our monthly Seniors Connections, our ministry with the residents of Grand Seton Village care facility, our MTC Ladies resuming their in-person weekly Bible study along with a variety of social events, to our Men's Group, who ate their fair share of smoked meat at different backyard gatherings! We are so thankful for the faithfulness of our Prayer Ministry team who continued to meet for weekly prayers sessions, as well as lead several Prayer & Worship gatherings. And Sundays would not be the same without our Coffee Team who keep us caffeinated along with our awesome ushers. We are also so grateful for our Worship & Tech teams who continue to go above and beyond in leading us so well each week. All of you are so amazing and we are so thankful for the ways you are serving Him!

A big accomplishment in 2022, was the re-introduction of a Group Night. This past fall, we went through *Rooted*, an 8-week small group Bible study that packed out our building on Wednesday nights. We had 130 adults participate and included a kid's program that ranged from 12-20 kids - such a fruitful time for our community!





# MTC KIDS

by Trevor Berry

*"If you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far go together."*  
African Proverb

I think this quote speaks to our MTC Kids program. It takes a village to raise a child and it takes a team to create a dynamic family ministry program. As I highlight the different ministry opportunities that occurred in 2022, I want to take a moment to thank the countless volunteers and incredible staff that Jesus has used to make our ministry possible. Thank you everyone!

This past year saw my role change from the MTC Kids Pastor to Associate Pastor. For me to transition well, it was decided to bring Melanie Friesen and Chloe Parker on to help, in part-time roles, organize our MTC Kids ministries. They have been a huge blessing to our church community! Melanie oversees Nursery - Preschool and leads a bi-weekly Mom & Munchkins group, while Chloe has been running our K-4 ministry program in addition to organizing our frequent family events! What a gift these two have been!

Our MTC Kids Team, includes over 70 volunteers, who have been faithful in investing their time and energy to help create an environment for kids to build community and grow in their relationship with Jesus. I love this team!

## 2022 Highlights

**Sundays:** As we closed out the year, we began to inch closer to our pre-COVID kids numbers (70 - 90 kids on Sunday). We have had several 'Special Sundays' that have included: a slip-n-slide Sunday, waffles, pajamas, and more! We do a monthly Bible theme and every Sunday our kids learn a new Bible story.

# SONSHINE PARK PRESCHOOL

by Aricka Brownless

I am so thankful for my Sunshine Park Preschool team who exude kindness, patience, creativity, and most importantly, a desire to offer an excellent faith-based curriculum, which makes Sunshine Park Preschool such a special preschool!

September 2022 saw Sunshine Park Preschool back doing what we do best - educating preschoolers with no restrictions! With over 90 children enrolled, our amazing teachers and aides have been kept busy. Building on the rhythms from the previous year, we decided to offer two 3-year-old classes twice/week, three 4-year-old classes three times/week, and one Junior Kindergarten class three times/week (6 classes total). I am so proud of the quality of staff we have at preschool and for how they pour into each of our students and their families.

A significant change that happened this past year was in January 2022 when the government began offering new grant and subsidy programs. These programs have been beneficial for many of our preschool families, albeit a bit of an administrative challenge for me - being married to an accountant has certainly come in handy!

We are so thankful to see the ways God continues to use Sunshine Park Preschool in the lives of so many families and for how we continue to glorify God through our quality programs.

# MTC YOUNG ADULTS

by Grover Bradford

It was apparent to the leadership of MTC that this demographic has really been disconnected over the past few years, so it has been a real privilege to be part of the rebuilding of this ministry. Since the fall, our young adults group has grown, transformed, and is now developing into regular rhythms of connection and going deeper. Serving a growing number of young adults who are seeking to deepen their faith and connect with others in meaningful ways, has been truly awesome.

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- Increased participation in community connection gatherings that have provided opportunities for young adults to grow in their faith and form close relationships with one another.
- Numerous one-on-one and small group coffee chats where we have been sharing stories and experiences, which has provided opportunities for our young adults to care for each other.
- We are grateful for the social gatherings we've been able to have such as our monthly Open Table lunches, wing nights, Rec Room, dinner & a movie night - all providing fun opportunities to build community and of course, welcome new faces!

I am grateful for the support and involvement of all who have helped to make our Young Adults Ministry possible and am looking forward to continuing to serve and minister to the young adults in our community in the coming season.

# MTC KIDS

## 2022 Highlights *continued*

**Events:** We were able to run several well-attended gatherings throughout the year, which included a visit to the Calgary Zoo for a scavenger hunt, Village Ice Cream & park hangout, Calgary Farmyard, movie night, and more!

**Sports Camp:** We were thankful to run our MTC Sports Camp again in partnership with Athletes in Action. It was a great week despite the colder weather and bugs we had to battle! We had 120 kids ages 5-11 participate and 20 leaders who were able to develop skills, build community, and share the Gospel message with these campers!

# MTC YOUTH

by Chris Williams

Great people doing life with great students. Boiled down, that's what MTC Youth is all about. We know that significant relationships are key to lasting faith in students. Parents first, followed by friendships, and mentoring relationships (an older, non-family member). That's why we say, *"friendship fuels discipleship."* Everything we do from events, to messages, to small groups, to games and more - all of it is to help those relationships take off!

## 5/6

Our 5/6 program has become wildly successful. Not just in numbers - though we've had over 40 students already attend at some point - but in forming relationships that transition to Jr. High. We are losing less students in the grade 7 transition, as they have deeper relationships due to their time in 5/6. We have reached more first-time students in this age bracket than any other! Another success has been that we developed our own curriculum series for Sunday classrooms and run bi-weekly events.

## JRH/SRH

If you want to get to know someone, spend a week in a giant canoe together! That was one of many highlights this year with our students. From trips to retreats (for the first time in many years), to a developing leadership group, 2022 was a big step forward to MTC Youth. Here are some highlights and a little about WHY we do what we do.

# MTC YOUTH

## 2022 Highlights

Big events are fun and important for sparking friendships, but regular youth nights are where we really get to pour into our youth, so we were very grateful to be able to hit a groove with those again.

- JRH & SRH overnights at the church - doesn't 60 JRH kids running around at 2:00 am make you want to be in youth ministry!
- We had fun joining with other JRH youth groups for city-wide events, including a fun night at McMahon Stadium kicking field goals in the rain!
- We also took a group of students for a week to Green Bay Bible Camp to serve as cabin leaders. It was an amazing week and one of our student's got baptized while there!
- We joined other SRH youth groups for a fun weekend retreat at Southern Alberta Bible Camp (SABC) - something we have missed doing.
- Our annual Christmas parties are always a great way to celebrate God's faithfulness to MTC Youth over the year - and we sure did that in style!

## Leadership

We've seen such growth in our leadership team. Many of them, who are in their second or third year of serving, are developing into great leaders, which makes what we do so much more effective. We also have many first-year leaders who are rocking it!

All these experiences serve a bigger purpose. When we can live out what it means to follow Jesus together, and in all of our differences, students have the opportunity for God to transform the direction of their lives.

Our prayer is that they see, in their leaders and friends and community, a God who can give them a greater purpose than anything else the world has to offer.