WOODDALE CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2022

SENIOR PASTOR MESSAGE

Dear friends,

This year we have chosen Philippians 1:27 as our theme verse. It says:

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.

We live in a fragmented society. People identify themselves by their feelings, sexuality, ethnicity, political party, nation, generation, etc. However, Paul reminds us of our one true identity—citizens of heaven! As heavenly citizens, Paul calls us to think and behave accordingly. He makes it clear that if we all embrace a godly and biblical world view, it unifies us and keeps us focused on one purpose: contending for the faith, "which is the Good News."

Looking ahead to this next year of ministry, I want to ask you to join me in thinking of ourselves as the citizens of God's Kingdom and nothing less! Sure, we may have different preferences, likes or dislikes, but we all belong to Christ and in Him we find our true identity. As society becomes increasingly polarized, let us become more unified in Christ.

Paul wrote to a divided church in Corinth and said to them:

I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.
–1 Corinthians 1:10

Paul's words remind me of a prayer I recently came across. It states:

A Prayer for Unity: God, we need You. Some days feel so broken and uncertain. We're hurting, we're struggling, and we're aware, more than ever, of our own weaknesses, and of the dark forces that constantly surround us, fighting to gain ground in our lives and families. We choose to stand our ground today and say, "no more." We ask for Your help to set aside our differences and look to the greater cause, the cause of Christ. We ask that You would help us to truly live a life of love. We ask that You surround this country and cover us with Your mighty hand. We pray for unity in our land, that in spite of our differences, we would be willing to stand strong together and live out our days with compassion and grace. Remind us to live aware, to redeem the time, listen to Your words, and be willing to make a difference in this land. Give us the courage to speak out. Amen.

I wrote a shortened version of this for our prayer for the year:

Father, we offer You our gratitude for Your only Son Jesus, Who has made it possible for us to live as citizens of heaven while sojourning on this earth. We ask that Your Holy Spirit would cause us to live in unity. We pray He would help us to fulfill Your purpose in contending for the Gospel here, near and far. May our lives and our lifestyle be pleasing to You. May we bring glory to Your Name. Amen.

In Christ,

Pastor Dale

ELDER BOARD MESSAGE

Greetings,

Our mission at Wooddale Church is to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ. At our 2021 annual meeting, we launched Legacy of Hope. And this year, we have much to celebrate as we make progress toward accomplishing our Legacy of Hope initiatives—all made possible through your generous giving. God continues to call us to a future of hope and this year's annual meeting is an opportunity for us to pause to celebrate the blessings that have sustained Wooddale through times of abundance and challenge, as well as celebrating our future of hope and blessings to come.

As we move into this next ministry year, Pastor Dale is leading us to focus on the next generation, imparting the hope of the Gospel to them while leaving a Legacy of Hope. To support that future, our Board has been identifying and developing future lay leadership, planning for unexpected staff transitions, and maintaining our purpose, values and direction in an ever-changing world. This year we will also consider amendments to our constitution that recognize changes in ministry leadership, terminology and opportunity, all for the purpose of making more disciples for Jesus Christ.

Seven years ago, the stated vision of Vision '22 was to impart the hope of the Gospel to 700,000 people here, near and far over the next 7 years, and to provide a clear pathway toward spiritual maturity. Through Wooddale programs, partnerships and efforts, and God blessing those efforts, Christ has been presented to at least 1,489,998 people here, near and far. As we launch our new vision, Legacy of Hope, our desire is to build a resilient hope in the generations here, an innovative hope to being the Gospel near and an exponential hope to proclaim Jesus far.

Let's celebrate God's sovereign glory and trust Him for the result.

God Bless,

Pat Mazorol

MISSION

To honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ.

VISION

To bring the transformative power and hope of Jesus to 30,000 homes locally and 30,000 villages globally by 2032.

HERE

We partner with people and organizations serving throughout the Twin Cities communities to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

HOW GOD MOVED THIS YEAR

1,846 FIRST-TIME GUESTS

123 BEGAN SERVING

173 SAID "YES!" TO JESUS

84 TOOK THE FIND YOUR PURPOSE ASSESSMENT

264 REDEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO JESUS

100+ CHILDREN AND STUDENTS SAID "YES!" TO JESUS

ROANNE'S STORY & BAPTISM

My mother passed away when I was a teenager, and I was adopted by my stepdad. Unfortunately, he was an alcoholic and became abusive to me and my siblings. I remember hiding in the dryer with a book and a flashlight to escape the reality of my home life. We went to church as a family on Saturday nights, and then my stepparents would take us all to the bar in town to drink excessively afterward. I became an alcoholic at a young age because of this pattern, and quickly became isolated and lonely.
I remember thinking to myself: If this is what Christianity is all about, why would anyone want to feel like I did? I vowed 41 years ago to never become a Christian to stop this hurtful pattern.

This year, I was invited by my neighbor to come to a barbecue and worship service at Wooddale Church in Loring Park. I live just across the street, but I was skeptical to say the least because of my upbringing. However, a supernatural feeling came over me when I walked inside the church. The people were genuinely kind and I knew this was a place where I belonged. For most of my life, I held onto anger and felt an immense burden because of it. But when I came into Wooddale, I felt incredibly light and wanted to forgive people in my life.

It was through Wooddale that I began to understand the truth about who God is and what Jesus has done for me. God's love demonstrated through the Gospel was very different than what I understood as a child! After a few months, I decided I wanted to give my life to Jesus Christ. I surrendered my past, my sin and all of my anger to God. I now love to worship God and rejoice in Jesus because He makes me truly joyful. You'll often find me going to the bus shelters, to Target and to the homeless in Minneapolis to tell them about the hope of Jesus!

NEAR

We come alongside our local and global partners serving in our region to reach people with the hope of Jesus.

#WEAREFOR

This is a love mission. Every day, we have opportunities to share hope with those in need. Whether it's feeding the hungry, donating school supplies, providing winter boots or Christmas gifts, or helping to save lives through donating blood, we want our neighbors to know we're here for them. Through your effort, thousands were shown the hope and love of Jesus!

- **Food Drive:** Through our fall and spring food drives, we donated the equivalent of 60,116 pounds of food to 7 local food shelves.
- **Boot Drive:** We collected boots, hats and gloves at our campuses for Involve MN. In addition, many boots were ordered from their Amazon Wish List and delivered directly to Involve MN.
- **School Supply Drive:** More than 23,000 items were gathered, providing supplies for more than 1,548 students.
- **Blood Drive:** Thirty-four people signed up to donate blood, saving up to 102 lives.
- We supported **Source Ministries' Lake Street Food Giveaway** with funds and volunteers. They have given away over 180,000 pounds of food this year, with more than 5,000 recipients of food each month.

FAR

We send global partners throughout the world, with a focus on reaching those who have never heard the name of Jesus or have a local church in which to belong and serve.

WOODDALE WORLDWIDE

Wooddale Worldwide is the missions arm of Wooddale Church. Wooddale Worldwide seeks to lessen suffering and extend real friendship, while sharing the message of hope offered through Jesus Christ. We achieve this through evangelistic and humanitarian efforts here, near and far.

Throughout Vision '22,

13,000 churches have been planted

through Wooddale's global partners and partnership with The Timothy Initiative (TTI).

TRUST ME

Upon hearing the need for volunteers to provide housing for Ukrainian teenage soccer players, I felt God prompting me to say yes to the opportunity—but I began rationalizing.

"I'm just a single woman."
"I'm in my 60s."
"These teenagers won't want to hang out with an old lady."

God's nudging persisted: "Trust me. Share what I've blessed you with to bless others."

Soon after, I was hosting four Ukrainian teenage boys—energetic, fun-loving boys—who ate a lot! They loved their families and enjoyed sharing pictures of them with me. And because of the war, they were concerned about their families, friends and the independence of their country. I realized how much my family had often taken for granted instead of seeing life as blessing after blessing from God.

At the end of the week, "my" Ukrainian boys each gave me a gift (items of their own): the remaining funds on a Target gift card; a team pin; the medal for playing in the USA Cup; and a pair of used, autographed goalie gloves. Each item had special meaning to the boys, yet they insisted I have them. As we hugged and said our goodbyes, I had to convince them my tears were of joy. They had no idea how much they blessed my life!

-Heidi Peterson, Wooddale Church attendee

For more stories like this, visit wooddale.org/blog.

I ONCE WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE!

After hosting a medical clinic, we often go back to check on patients and continue to build relationships over the next several weeks. As we checked on patients, our team felt as if we were being pushed out by some leaders in the village. In seeking God, I heard Him say, "When a door closes, I will open a window." That day as we were walking in the village, I said to one of the ladies, "I heard a blind woman in your community can now see. Can I meet her?"

Upon arriving at this woman's home, she greeted us warmly, hugged us and wouldn't let us go!

She shared her story of how one of our team members had prayed with her at the clinic and that night she had multiple visions of heaven and saw Jesus. When she woke up, she was able to see! She and her friends told us, "We want to learn how to pray like you, and read and learn the Bible with you!"

May her physical sight now give a path to her and her friends' spiritual sight, and come to know and believe in Jesus!

-*Alan & Rachel, global partners *not their real names

WORLDWIDE IMPACT

- **85** Global Partners in **35** Countries
- **373,564** People exposed to the Hope of the Gospel
- **56,320** People have said "Yes!" to Jesus
- **22,336** Leaders Developed
- **1,806** Bible Studies Started
- **3,929** Churches Planted

Note: for calendar year 2021. Results from our global partners and partnership with The Timothy Initiative (TTI).

14,424 Baptisms

A few of Wooddale's global partners celebrated 3 baptisms at the beautiful, natural water park at Los Manantiales while on the annual excursion with the Chiconautla Church. The following weekend, Pastor Fernando baptized 8 people during the new Zumpango Church's first excursion. Praise God for these new believers!

CELEBRATING VISION '22

In 2015, God gave Wooddale a new vision: "To impart the hope of the Gospel to 700,000 people here, near and far over the next 7 years, and to provide a clear pathway toward spiritual maturity." As we celebrate all God did over the 7 years of Vision '22, we are humbled and encouraged by the many ways God has advanced His Kingdom in and through the ministry of Wooddale Church.

Here are some highlights of what God has done!

HERE

DEBT FREE

In August 2019, Wooddale became debt free. This has allowed the contributions generously given by Wooddale to go directly to supporting our ministry.

PREPARING THE HOUSE (BUILDING UPDATES)

EDEN PRAIRIE CAMPUS

Woods Kids space transformed

Nursery renovated for Wooddale Academy and children's ministry

Bookstore became Lydia's Coffeehouse, then 7 Corners Coffee

Room 100 transformed from a gym into a student ministry space

NEAR

EDINA CAMPUS

- Campus relaunched with worship center, lobby, café and Woods Kids space (with a slide!)
- Wooddale Academy launched at the Edina campus

LORING PARK CAMPUS

- Launched Wooddale's third multi-site location at The Music Box Theatre in Minneapolis
- Renovated and purchased The Music Box Theatre as our long-term home in Loring Park

WEST BANK CAMPUS + 7 CORNERS COFFEE

- The West Bank campus was launched as another Wooddale Church multi-site to reach Minneapolis, especially students on the University of Minnesota West Bank.
- Launched 7 Corners Coffee as a center of hope

FAR

WORLDWIDE IMPACT

- **13,000** Churches planted
- **3,350** Widows and orphans cared for
- **236,400** People have come to faith in Jesus Christ
- **54,000** People have been baptized
- **1,500,000 - 1,700,000**
  People have been exposed to the Hope of Jesus Christ

Results from our global partners and partnership with The Timothy Initiative (TTI).

VISION '22

LEGACY OF HOPE

Building upon our past and looking toward our future, we believe God is calling Wooddale Church to realize a vision of living and leaving a Legacy of Hope. We're called to build a ***resilient hope*** in the next generation of believers. We're called to an ***innovative hope*** that finds new ways to share Christ with new people in new places. And we're called to an ***exponential hope*** where disciples make disciple makers who expand the Gospel here, near and far.

God has given Wooddale a vision for a Legacy of Hope.

Resilient Hope

We are called to develop a spiritually resilient generation. Through the generosity of our church, by the end of August 2022 Legacy of Hope was nearly fully committed with $6,230,500. Because of our congregation's profound generosity, the hope of the Gospel will be shared here, near and far to develop many spiritually resilient generations.

Innovative Hope

We are serious about the expansion of Christ's Kingdom. As the Gospel continues to advance, we are seeking to go with God and find new ways to share Christ with new people in new places.

Exponential Hope

The call to follow Jesus is a call to be a disciple maker. When disciples make more disciple makers, the Gospel message grows at an exponential rate as more people follow Jesus, are changed by Jesus and then live committed to a disciple-making mission of Jesus.

Family Resource Initiative

Wooddale Church is preparing to launch our new Family Resource Initiative.

Pastor Brian Schulenburg has shifted from his role as discipleship pastor to outreach pastor and director of the Family Resource Initiative. Pastoral care and support groups are partnering with Wooddale's new Family Resource Initiative. New offices have been constructed at the Eden Prairie campus to house the Family Resource Initiative and pastoral care/support ministries of Wooddale.

THIS FAMILY RESOURCE INITIATIVE WILL FOCUS ON:

PARENT EQUIPPING

Plans are underway to support parents around the community with equipping on issues of childhood development, discipline, mental health, school preparation and faith formation. Seminars will be offered at Wooddale and in community centers around the Twin Cities to encourage and provide resources for parents.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (HELPS) TEAM

Every day there are thousands of needs around the Twin Cities that could be addressed by people being the hands and feet of Jesus. Our community service/helps team will be available to help with various community and personal service needs.

COUNSELING SUPPORT

A team is being formed to provide seminars, facilitate cohort groups and provide recommendations for support needed for individuals and families struggling with mental health.

MARRIAGE

One in 4 couples in the church report struggling with their marriage. Those numbers are higher outside of the church. Re | Engage is a discipleship ministry to enrich and restore all marriages in the church and community. A pilot program with 19 couples launched in September 2022, with our full program launching in January 2023.

re|engage

RE | ENGAGE

Whether your marriage is good and you want it to be great, or you are at rock bottom and wonder if there is hope, Re | Engage is a safe place to grow in your marriage.

Each week, you will hear from couples whose marriages have been transformed, learn practical ways to grow in oneness with your spouse and gain insight from others in a small group setting as you walk through the 16 lessons. Re | Engage is about reconnecting, reigniting and resurrecting marriages. Our prayer is that God will use this ministry to transform thousands of marriages throughout the metro area.

INTERNSHIP

Through the Internship Program, we will develop spiritually resilient leaders who will glorify God by leading a healthy, Kingdom-building ministry. Curated in three layers, this program helps equip and release future ministry leaders who will spread the hope of the Gospel.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

This is an opportunity to learn from Wooddale leaders in specific ministry areas. Experiences are tailored by each supervisor for optimal ministry leadership development. This aspect of the program provides experience in ministry events and programming, volunteer coordination, relationship building in a multi-generational community, team activities and more!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

Regular interactive classroom sessions provide the opportunity for interns to learn through teaching, perspectives and stories from various ministry leaders and experts. Interns will learn how to lead strategically and practically, as well as discuss the complexities that come with leading in a ministry setting. Topics revolve around themes of God's unique wiring of each leader, growing and cultivating deep roots in God, bearing fruit through each layer of leadership, and releasing healthy teams to make disciples.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Periodically throughout the program, there will be offsite retreats for a day to rest and refuel in the presence of God as well as opportunities to build community through fellowship, ministry and other activities.

It is our prayer that there will be an eternal impact through our Internship Program. We're eager to see how God moves through the life of each intern!

Our first intern, Brenna, was placed with Pastor Heather Flies in the junior high ministry and jumped right in by attending Fall Retreat!

FINANCIALS & FY23 TRAJECTORY

LOOKING FORWARD

FY23 CHURCH-WIDE OBJECTIVES

RESILIENT HOPE

- Launch the Family Resource Initiative to be an outreach and serving ministry of Wooddale Church
- Create an Internship Program to develop disciple-making ministry leaders

INNOVATIVE HOPE

- Start new microchurch training centers
- Explore opportunities from God to expand the Kingdom of God

EXPONENTIAL HOPE

- As the Lord provides, Wooddale Church hopes to plant at least 3,500 churches through our TTI and other partnerships while serving at least 1,000 widows and orphans

FY23 GUIDING VERSE & PRAYER

VERSE

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-Philippians 1:27

PRAYER

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Amen.

FY23 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

The total amount to ministries outside the walls of the church includes missions, compassion offerings and Christmas Eve offerings. These three together meet or exceed the 20% target for worldwide missions.

** FY22 financials are unaudited. The final audit will be completed in November 2022. If you would like to review the full financial statements after audit completion, please email Florian Girthofer, CFO, at florian.girthofer@wooddale.org.*

	FY22 Budget	FY22 Actual*	FY23 Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS			
Ministry/Missions	$ 9,350,672	$ 8,961,222	$ 9,090,000
Total Contributions	**$ 9,350,672**	**$ 8,961,222**	**$ 9,090,000**
EXPENDITURES			
Staff & Benefits	$ 4,803,589	$ 4,414,904	$ 4,874,993
General Facility	709,400	671,830	680,572
Corporate	227,500	241,489	311,000
Multi-site (Edina, Loring Park, West Bank)	857,313	776,137	861,378
Ministry	1,252,870	1,076,344	1,022,057
Worldwide Missions	1,500,000	1,400,265	1,340,000
Net Other Income & Expense	-	133,887	-
Total Expenditures	**$ 9,350,672**	**$ 8,714,856**	**$ 9,090,000**

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BOARD UPDATE

Gina Truitt will be leaving the Elder Board this year. During her tenure, she served faithfully as Board secretary and provided Board insight to Wooddale's multi-site ministry. At our annual meeting, the nominating committee will propose the congregation approve returning past Elder Sharon Rask to the Board of Elders.

WHAT THEY DO

The Board of Elders at Wooddale Church serves three functional roles: legal, cultural and relational. The legal role is to govern Wooddale Church in accordance with its mission, constitution, strategy, policies and objectives. The cultural role is to maintain Biblical integrity, spiritual accountability and excellence in serving as Christ's church. The relational role is to represent the congregation in leadership and to support the congregation and staff in prayer.

The Board meets monthly to pray and review measures of spiritual, financial and leadership health. It shares perspectives and supports Wooddale's plans for future ministry.

Elders are elected by the congregation for a term of two years and may stand for ratification for additional terms, with a limit of ten consecutive years. Elder qualifications include Biblical directives, belief in Wooddale's Statement of Faith, spiritual maturity and commitment to Wooddale. Elder candidates must have demonstrated ministry leadership.

EDEN PRAIRIE CAMPUS

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