

WOODDALE CHURCH FISCAL YEAR 2021

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SENIOR PASTOR MESSAGE



Dear friends,

In the summer of 2017, two longtime commercial fishermen—John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski—set out to fish from Montauk, Long Island. About forty miles offshore, Anthony was sleeping below deck while John started to get things ready for the catch they’d soon haul in. As Anthony pulled on a handle with all of his might, it snapped and sent him sprawling backward off the back of the boat. Because the boat was on autopilot, it continued propelling forward. John, resurfacing from under the water, began screaming for help even though he knew there was no way Anthony would ever hear him. And he was right, Anthony didn’t.

John watched the boat go up and over the crest of a wave, and then it was gone. He was alone, treading water in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean without a life vest, thinking this was the way he was going to die. Can you imagine what that must have felt like? If there’s ever been a hopeless situation, that’s got to be it. Or is it?

While John was trying to calm down, quiet his thoughts of certain death and stay afloat, he realized his boots were buoyant. And he got an idea! He took one off, emptied it out and plunged it back into the water to create an air pocket. It did. And it floated. So John stuck his boots under his arms as flotation devices. At least he could stay afloat. A flicker of hope.

Four hours later, Anthony woke up and realized John was gone. He called the Coast Guard and they began search procedures, even though the commander admitted he didn’t have much hope of finding John in the open water. Morning came and John tried to keep his hope alive—but there was still no sign of help. Finally, he spotted a fishing buoy and was able to climb onto it. This was a new surge of hope.

Less than one hour later, a Coast Guard helicopter flew by and spotted John waving and splashing. They pulled him up to safety. “We’ve been looking for you for nine hours today,” the Coast Guard rescue diver told John. “Well, I’ve been looking for you for twelve,” John answered. Miraculously, John Aldridge survived. His hope had kept him alive!

What’s keeping your hope alive? The writer of Hebrews was inspired by God to pen these words for you and me:

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

—Hebrews 10:23-25

We have more than a pair of boots to hang onto—we have Jesus! It’s our hope in Jesus that keeps us from drowning in a cultural sea of despair and discouragement. As we continue to grapple with the pandemic, political chaos, social unrest and moral confusion, we cling to our eternal hope that God is sovereign and in control.

Over the past year I’ve seen our congregation stay focused on Jesus, keeping hope alive. Through the ministries of Wooddale Church here, near and far, many who were once drowning in despair have found hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ—because of you! I’m proud of you for staying the course and I encourage you in Christ Jesus to continue trusting in the Lord and His Word.

You and I have the hope this world needs. Let us look toward this next year of ministry as an opportunity to begin building a Legacy of Hope that will never fade until Christ comes!

In Christ,

Pastor Dale

ELDER
BOARD
MESSAGE



Greetings,

Our mission at Wooddale Church is to Honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ. As in-person worship attendance has grown, God has been faithful to introduce new guests to our ministry. And through online

ministry, the Gospel is penetrating the entire world, inviting many to hear of Jesus for the first time. Our vision to impart the hope of the Gospel—here, near and far—is being realized as even our weekly worship community is now truly global. During the challenges of the pandemic, God has been faithful! Decisions to follow Jesus are being made and discipleship is occurring.

It's been an active and eventful year for the Elder Board. Pastors have been called for Children's Ministry, NextGen and Family Ministry, Connections and Groups, Pastoral Care and our Edina Campus. We received regular reports from Pastor Dale during his sabbatical, as he enriched the Board with his reflection and insight to God's direction for Wooddale. Regular oversight of the church continued with Pastor Kyle attending meetings, and reporting on church matters and trends.

The past year has provided evidence for confidence in our hope, our hope for a future of making disciples. **Future discipleship is in the hands of the next generation.** We must leave a legacy of hope and discipleship to that generation.

I'm excited and encouraged by the impact of Wooddale Church—here, near and far—as we launch our next campaign, "Legacy of Hope." I hope you'll join us at the annual meeting as we provide more information about how you can support leaving a legacy of hope for future generations.

It's a privilege to serve you all and participate in God's great work through Wooddale.

God Bless,

Pat Mazorol

MISSION

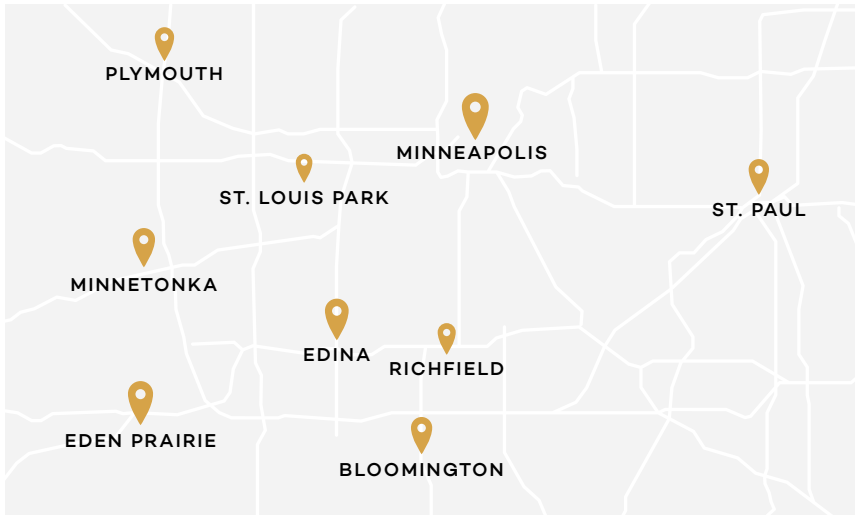
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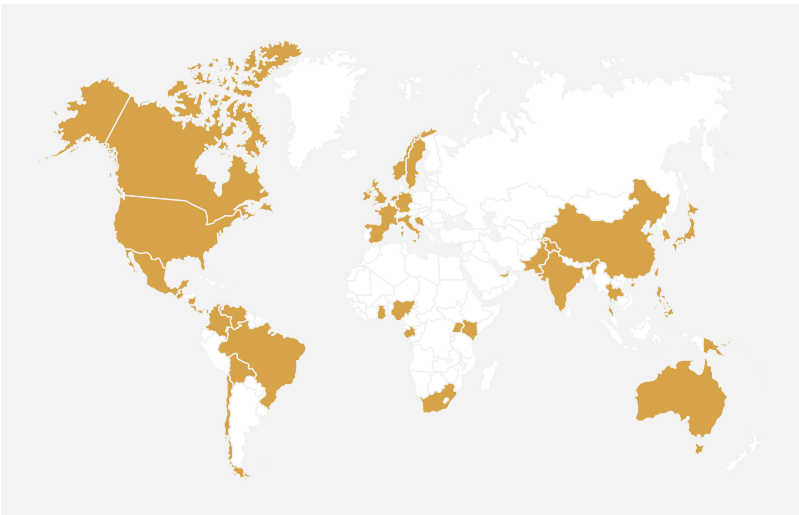
To impart the hope of the Gospel to over one million people here, near and far by 2022 and to provide a clear pathway toward spiritual maturity

PHYGITAL

adj • the concept of using technology to bridge the digital world with the physical world with the purpose of creating unique interactive experiences



ONLINE REACH AROUND THE TWIN CITIES
The top cities reached within the Twin Cities



ONLINE REACH AROUND THE WORLD
34,000 people from 57 different countries around the world joined us for Church Online this year



YOUVERSION

Since publishing our “I Said Yes” Bible reading plan, we’ve helped **1,282 people** start or restart their journey of following Jesus!

Plan	Subscriptions	Unique User Completions	Completion Rate	Rating
I Said Yes	1,282	776	61.7%	★★★★★ 4.67

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

99 BAPTISMS **1,437** FIRST-TIME GUESTS
364 PEOPLE SAID “YES!” OR RECOMMITTED THEIR LIFE TO CHRIST



7 CORNERS COFFEE COMES TO EDEN PRAIRIE

There’s something special about a corner. It’s a place of intersection in life—an opportunity to go a new way. Throughout Scripture the number 7 represents perfection, completeness and intentionality. 7 Corners Coffee is an intentional place of intersection in life. We desire 7 Corners Coffee to be a place

where people’s lives will intersect with the perfect path of Jesus. This past year, we were excited to launch a second location for 7CC inside our Eden Prairie campus. This location will allow for more people in the community to experience exceptional coffee, engaging customer service and an invitation to experience the hope of Jesus.

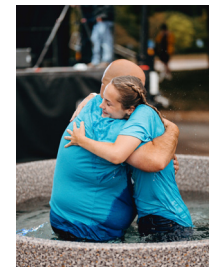


SUMMER FESTIVAL 2021

18 NEW GUESTS
932 ATTENDEES
44 BAPTISMS

On August 22, we held our first annual Summer Festival outdoors in the parking lot. This event was an opportunity to share the hope of Jesus with our community through a celebration of baptism, worship, family fun, classic cars, food and more!

Maria Barbato (pictured on the right) was one of the 44 people baptized at Summer Festival. Maria calls her baptism the “full send,” where she goes all in (literally) with her faith, proclaiming publicly that she is excited to follow Jesus for the rest of her life!



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 50,081 pounds of food to 7 local food shelves.
- **Boot Drive:** We collected more than 30 pairs of boots 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 17,500 items were gathered, providing supplies for more than 770 students.
- **Angel Tree:** We provided Christmas gifts to 24 children who have a parent who is incarcerated.
- **Blood Drive:** Sixty-five people signed up to donate blood through two blood drives, saving up to 195 lives.
- We supported **Source Ministries' Lake Street Food Giveaway** with funds and volunteers. They have given away over 700 tons of food this year, with more than 800 recipients of food each month.

PARTNERSHIP WITH FOUNDATIONS CHURCH

RACIAL RECONCILIATION Wooddale Church has forged a partnership with Foundations Church in Minneapolis. Our two congregations are serving together and learning with and from each other as we share the hope of the Gospel across the Twin Cities.

Wooddale Loring Park campus has done at least four outreach events with Foundations Church and Pastor Jordan in our communities together.



Volunteers from Wooddale and Foundations Church worked together to clean up the block and connect with neighbors in downtown Minneapolis.



*Wooddale and Foundations Church partnered to serve **200+ meals** to those in need in downtown Minneapolis.*



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*“Bridges are being built, relationships are being formed and conversations are happening. Over the past year, a lot of work has been done with only more work to come—with JESUS being at the center.”
—Pastor Jordan, Foundations Church*

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Foundations Church and Wooddale Church partnered to collect and give away 350 backpacks filled with supplies.



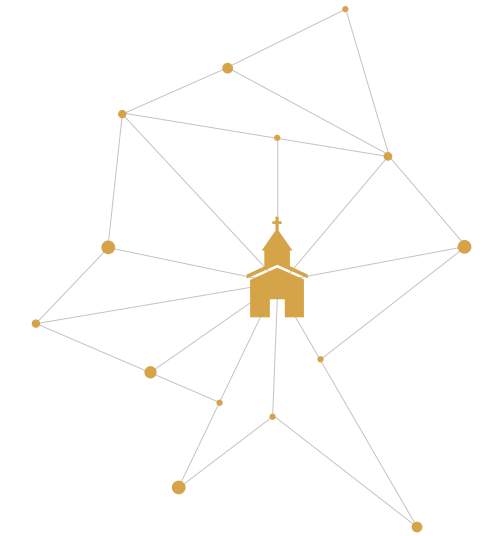
WOODDALE ADVANCE

Wooddale Church is committed to resourcing congregations around the world. For over three decades, leadership has believed God's blessings on the church must be shared broadly. And today, we call this ministry Wooddale Advance.

The goal of Wooddale Advance is to help established congregations experience Gospel transformation and again be healthy, which leads to growth in making new disciples for Jesus Christ. Over the past year, Wooddale Advance has begun ministering in a digital context by resourcing congregations virtually. Three digital seminars have been created and also offer virtual coaching and consulting. Since launching in June 2021 more than 75 seminars have been purchased, serving congregations of all sizes in various contexts across North America.

MICROCHURCHES

Wooddale is committed to multiplying the Kingdom through church planting in homes, neighborhoods and workplaces. This year, our first microchurch training center launched under the leadership of Pastor Dale and Pastor Luke. Ten people are being trained on how to make disciples who make disciples by planting microchurches in the Twin Cities.

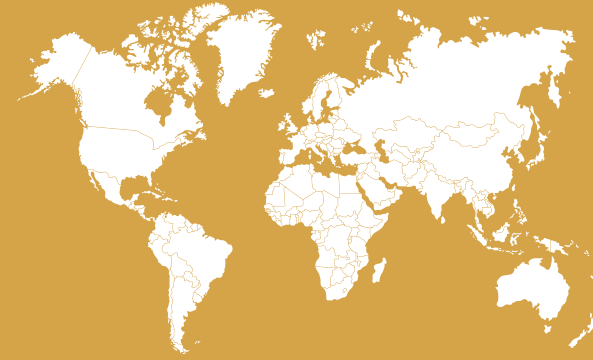


BACKYARD BAPTISM

Matty Palmer said "Yes!" to Jesus! He was beyond excited to publicly express his faith while surrounded by family, friends and neighbors in his own backyard, at one of Wooddale's neighborhood microchurches.

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.



To date, as part of Vision '22 through Wooddale's partnership with The Timothy Initiative (TTI), **8,727 churches have been planted** (from 2015 through June 2021) with a goal of 12,000+ being planted by the end of 2022!

Naren's life fell apart after the death of his parents. Because Jesus was never a part of his family, he had no hope for the present, future or eternity. As the eldest child, he needed to provide for his family. He began working whenever and wherever he could, which exposed him to COVID-19. As Naren lay in the hospital bed, he remembered the verse Cha, his friend who was a TTI church planter, had told him as she shared Jesus with him during a meal together: "In the day of trouble, I will call upon You, for You will answer me." (Psalm 87:7) Tears started rolling down his cheek. He pleaded with God to save him. Miraculously, his body started responding to the medication and he was healed, being discharged from the hospital after 19 days. Naren accepted Jesus, was baptized and is part of a local church—and now his family has the hope of Jesus!

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.



BAPTISMS AROUND THE WORLD

South Asia:

Karh, after worshipping many false gods and having no peace, suddenly had peace when he gave his heart to Jesus and was then baptized.

WORLDWIDE IMPACT

- 85 global partners in 35 countries
- 2,018 churches planted
- 227,923 people exposed to the hope of the Gospel
- 39,473 people said "Yes!" to Jesus
- 12,432 leaders developed
- 1,390 Bible studies started
- 7,724 baptisms

Note: for calendar year 2020



Community. Farming. Jesus.

Global partners Brian and Rachel create local business opportunities (such as a central farm and artisan projects) to be owned and run by locals in the Middle East. Through the relationships they build, they start Bible studies and engage in discipleship.

LOOKING FORWARD

FY'22 CHURCH-WIDE OBJECTIVES

1 CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE AS VISION '22 CONCLUDES!

Vision '22 will remain open and gifts will be accepted until the Legacy of Hope campaign officially launches. These funds will continue to be allocated to Vision '22 projects and capital campaign expenses. The anticipated launch timeline for Legacy of Hope is the spring of 2022.



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LAUNCH LEGACY OF HOPE.

- Finalize plans to develop resilient, innovative and exponential Hope.
- Communicate the vision throughout Wooddale
- Fund the vision with a capital campaign



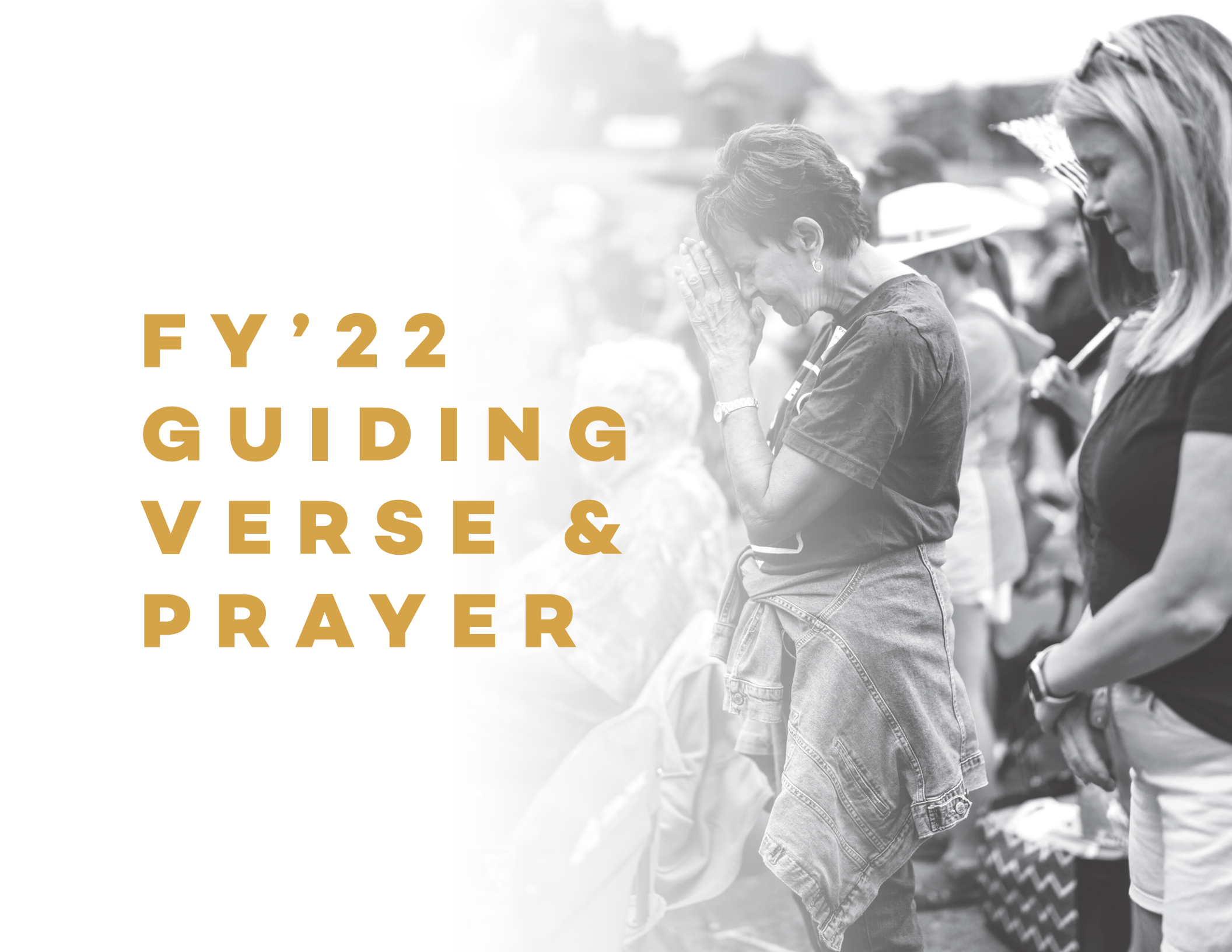
Building upon our past and looking toward our future, God is calling Wooddale Church to realize a vision of living and leaving a Legacy of Hope. We're called to build a resilient hope in the next generation of believers. We're called to an innovative

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.

3

EXPLORE WAYS TO REALIZE THE VISION OF LEGACY OF HOPE.

- Develop a spiritually resilient next generation
- Expand the Kingdom with micro movements, Business As Missions (such as 7CC) and online
- Plant 30,000 churches in India



FY'22 GUIDING VERSE & PRAYER

VERSE

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

– Romans 15:13 NLT

PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, we give you thanks that you are our true source of hope. We pray that you would fill our lives and church with the joy and peace that comes from trusting Jesus completely. May Your Holy Spirit cause us to overflow with such confident hope that it touches the lives of people here, near and far.

Amen.

FY'22 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.

**FY21 numbers are unaudited. The final audit will be completed in November 2021.*

If you would like to review the full unaudited financial statements email Florian

Girthofer, CFO, at florian.girthofer@wooddale.org.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Ministry/Missions

Total Contributions

FY2021 Budget

**FY2021
Actual***

FY2022 Budget

\$ 9,106,510

\$ 9,015,468

\$ 9,350,672

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EXPENDITURES

Staff & Benefits

\$ 4,596,700

\$ 4,324,667

\$ 4,803,589

General Facility

735,900

621,436

709,400

Corporate

245,000

282,875

227,500

Ministry

2,028,910

1,676,119

2,110,183

Worldwide Missions

1,500,000

1,451,066

1,500,000

Net Other Income & Expense

97,699

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Total Expenditures

\$ 9,106,510

\$ 8,453,861

\$ 9,350,672

FY'22
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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.

BOARD UPDATE

Two elders will be leaving the Elder Board this year. Sharon Rask has served for ten years, the maximum number of years permitted. Sharon is the current Vice Chair. Tim Brands has served for eight years and is leaving the Board to commit more time to other obligations and ministry responsibilities. Both Sharon and Tim have been active with other ministries, Sharon in Prayer Ministry and Tim in our ministry to Guatemala. Their probing questions and wise insight have been vital during recent challenges and will be missed.



EDEN PRAIRIE CAMPUS

6630 Shady Oak Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344



EDINA CAMPUS

5532 Wooddale Avenue S.
Edina, MN 55424



LORING PARK CAMPUS

AT THE MUSIC BOX THEATRE

1407 Nicollet Avenue S.
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WEST BANK CAMPUS

AT 7 CORNERS COFFEE

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