



2022/2023

# ANNUALREPORT

# 2023 LETTER TO THE CHURCH



Dear Church Family,

We are in an exciting season as a church! God continues to display His kindness and power in tangible ways. I am greatly encouraged how the Lord is drawing in more and more people to join our church family. Over the last two years we have experienced over 40% growth as many are hungering for the Word of God and to know Jesus more deeply.

On behalf of the elders and staff, thank you for your continued participation in the ministry of Pennington Park Church. Your dedication to use your gifts to serve others, be a participant and not a spectator, and your sacrificial and generous financial giving makes it possible to live out our mission to know Jesus and make Him known. Thank you for the many ways you are investing in the ministry at Pennington Park!

We are excited about what God will do in and through us in 2023 as we launch a church-wide campaign called Impact to raise funds for a building expansion project. Our desire is to expand our

capacity to have lasting gospel impact. We can't wait to see how God will work so that together we can help more people know Jesus and make Him known.

Will you join me in continuing to pray for our church? Please pray for God to give us a continued hunger for His Word; His gospel would go forth in power throughout our community and the world; He would raise up more godly, mature leaders in our church; He will continue to spur on faithful generosity with our time, treasure, and talents.

Thank you for being faithful because without you we would not be the church we are today. I love you all dearly and am so thankful for our congregation. Let us be lights in our community as we know Jesus and make Him known to others for the glory of His name.

In Christ,

*Lead Pastor*





**BELONG.**  
**GROW.**  
**MULTIPLY.**

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“Pennington Park Church, from the first visit, gave us a warm sense of **BELONGING**. It’s about Bible-based teaching, community, and generational families. I love the support they have in place for adopted families and missionaries!”

***BETH KELLER***





1182 PEOPLE ATTENDED

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

1182

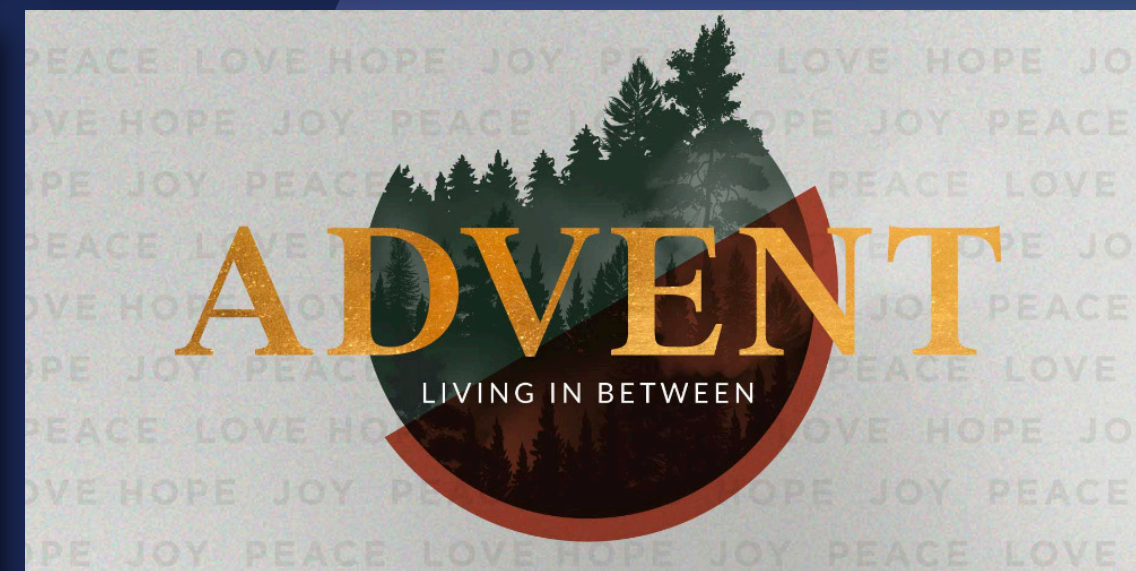
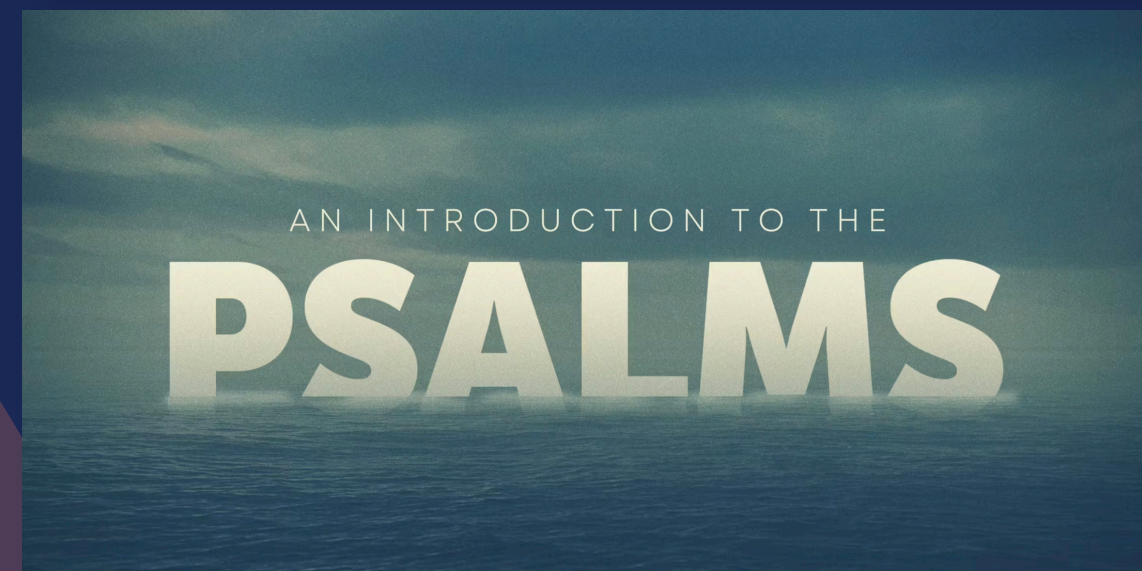
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# EASTER SERVICES



# SUNDAY SERVICES RECAP





# GROW

Over the past five years God has used student ministry to help me **GROW** spiritually. From Sunday nights to summer bible studies, I'm so thankful for how I've grown in my knowledge of the word and my love for God. I also have built some strong friendships through student ministry. Whether we are playing fun games on Sunday nights or staying around chatting long after student ministry has ended these friendships encourage me to follow God.

Summer bible studies have also been especially meaningful to me and have probably helped me grow the most by learning how to study the bible personally. During the week we study a passage on our own and then come together to discuss what the passage taught us and the true meaning behind it. This past summer we

studied the book of James, and I learned so much about perseverance through trials and how to look to God.

Student ministry also does lots of fun trips and day activities. The most memorable trip for me was the winter retreat. The winter retreat was an overnight ski trip which combined fun with some spiritual teaching.

As I head off to Purdue next year and officially "graduate" from student ministries, I am so thankful for all the leaders who have poured into me over the last five years. They've given me lots of guidance as well as prayed for me and encouraged me. I have truly grown so much through student ministry.

**ELLIE LILLESTRAND**

# STUDENT MINISTRY

Student Ministry creates an intentional space for junior high and high schoolers to have fun, establish biblical community with one another, and grow in their understanding of and obedience to God's Word and God's will. On Sunday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m., anywhere from 40 to 60 students meet for games, fellowship, biblical teaching, and small group discussion as we seek to live out our mission to know Jesus and make him known. In addition to Sunday night youth group, our Student Ministry also has lots of other activities going on, including an annual Winter Retreat, outreach events, 4th Quarter hangouts, and summer Bible studies. If you're in 7th through 12th grade and have never experienced our Student Ministry, visit [penningtonpark.com/students](https://penningtonpark.com/students) and join us on a Sunday night!

60

**STUDENTS**  
gathered weekly

55

**STUDENTS**  
attended winter retreat

58

**STUDENTS**  
participated in  
summer bible studies



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry offers programming for ages 4 months to 6th grade on Sunday mornings and serves families of Pennington Park by creating rhythms and resources which train children in understanding the redemptive arc of Scripture and the story of God saving his people for his own glory. On Sunday mornings, anywhere from 270-300 children experience large group worship times, Scripture verse memorization, a Bible lesson, intentional crafts and activities, and small group discussion led by faithful volunteers who are passionate about teaching the gospel to our youngest generation. Learn more and find helpful family resources at [penningtonpark.com/children](https://penningtonpark.com/children).

270+

**KIDS PARTICIPATING IN  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

350+

**KIDS PARTICIPATED  
IN BACK YARD BIBLE CLUB**



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

15

**BIBLE STUDIES  
OFFERED**

281

**BIBLE STUDY  
PARTICIPANTS**

113

**WOMEN IN  
DISCIPLESHIP**

# MEN'S MINISTRY

The men of Pennington Park gathered on a quarterly basis to open God's Word, to engage with each other and to strive to take a step or two towards greater spiritual maturity. We talked about Biblical literacy and the need to know God's Word and to hide it in our hearts, Martin Rennie came and talked to us about our identity in Christ and prioritizing our pursuit of him over man's approval, and we spent time fellowshiping together over meals and a night out at Victory Field. The goal of men's ministry is to build deeper relationships with each other and a deeper relationship with Christ. We will continue to build on this vision in the years to come.

This past year we also saw over 30 men gather together on Tuesday mornings to study God's Word and to walk through "Knowledge of the Holy" by A.W. Tozer. As we look forward to a new year, we'll continue to provide opportunities to consistently engage in larger groups while also working to equip all of our men to come alongside one another in discipleship relationships.

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YEAR LONG  
BIBLE STUDY

30

BIBLE STUDY  
PARTICIPANTS

05

MEN'S MINISTRY  
EVENTS





Belong, Grow, and **MULTIPLY** has been the strategy of PPC for how we will fulfill our mission to know Jesus and make Him known. Women's discipleship opportunities are a direct application of that mission and strategy in the lives of the women of our church. I was excited about the opportunity to serve in Women's discipleship this year and my involvement has allowed me to meet and interact with so many women of our church differently than a Sunday morning service. Meeting with the ladies of PPC through large

groups, small groups, Bible study, and one-on-one conversations has strengthened my prayer life, provided opportunities to tangibly serve others and encouraged my faith through meaningful conversations about how the Bible applies to everyday life. While I was excited to serve in this way this year, God has abundantly blessed me through the ladies of PPC.

***KIRSTEN SWINGLE***

# LOCAL OUTREACH

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We have seen God continue to work in local outreach at PPC. Over the last year, our Family Advocate Ministry continued to grow with more Care Communities opening and other opportunities like foster parents night out, foster parent connect nights, Life Center's baby bottles donations. We also saw more community events like the quarterly blood drives and a Backyard Bible Clubs celebration in July. Outside the Family Advocate Ministry and community events, our Local Outreach Strategy Team worked hard to interview and vet more ministry opportunities and partners provided to the church through the Christmas Offering and the Local Outreach Ministry Fair in January.

# LOCAL OUTREACH

**2K**

**2000 VISITORS  
AT THE FALL FESTIVAL**

**9**

**9 LOCAL OUTREACH  
EVENTS HOSTED**

**\$178K**

**\$178K RAISED FOR OUR  
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

**5**

**5 TOTAL BLOOD  
DRIVES HOSTED**

# GLOBAL OUTREACH

37

**ATTENDEES**

PARTICIPATED IN A  
PENNINTON PARK VISION TRIP

9

**MISSIONARY FAMILIES**

FROM PENNINGTON PARK  
CHURCH ARE SERVING OVERSEAS

**\$169,057**

**WAS GIVEN TO SUPPORT OVERSEAS MISSIONS**



# OUR MISSIONARIES

## BUFKIN FAMILY

Serving globally from  
Fishers, IN

## LILLESTRAND FAMILY

Serving globally from  
Fishers, IN

## COLE FAMILY

Serving in  
southeast Asia

## VANDERPLOEG FAMILY

Serving in  
southeast Asia

## MORAN FAMILY

Serving southeast Asia,  
living in Indianapolis, IN

## BUNCH FAMILY

Serving in the  
Arabian Gulf

## HENNEY FAMILY

Serving in  
southeast Asia

## HUMPHREY FAMILY

Serving in the  
Arabian Gulf

## HANA FAMILY

Serving in the  
Arabian Gulf



# FINANCIALS

We praise God for His provision of this church, through generous people like you, who want to build God's Kingdom both here and overseas.

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**2022-2023**

**\$2,219,400**

**2021-2022**

**\$1,779,000**

**2020-2021**

**\$1,340,000**



TO *KNOW* JESUS AND MAKE HIM *KNOWN*.

