



What a year 2022 has been! I believe we will look back with gratitude on what God has done both in and through our lives as a church family. I echo Paul's words to the Philippian church in Philippians 1:3-6, I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. As we look forward to all God has for us in 2023, let's also celebrate what God has done in and through our lives this year!

## **ELEMENT CHURCH IMPACT THIS PAST YEAR:**

What a joy it is to look back over this past year to see all God has done as we continue to create life-changing experiences where people can know Christ, show Christ and grow in Christ!

### **PEOPLE REACHED!**

We continue to see God move both at our campuses and around the world! We believe that every statistic is a story and every number is a name. We want to celebrate those stories and names with you! We have seen over 500 new families join us at Element and our physical attendance is up 12% year over year! And over 7,000 people showed up in person or online for our 2022 Easter Weekend this year alone.

## **KNOWING CHRIST, SHOWING CHRIST, GROWING IN CHRIST**

Already this year we have seen 1,420 decisions for Christ and 133 take the step of water baptism! We also launched Pursuit this year! We have seen ### already complete membership and ### are currently going through our recently launched Pursuit of Jesus volume one.

We also have 692 team element active members serving every weekend. This year they have invested 42,432 hours into showing the love of Christ!

## **KINGDOM BUILDERS**

Here are just a few highlights of how your giving impacted through Kingdom Builders:

- \$5,000 per month invested into missionaries and missions' organizations around the world
- \$15,000 sent in relief to the Ukrainian Crisis
- \$5,000 sent to children in Haiti
- \$10,000 in response to hurricane Ian
- 130 girls supplied with Dignity Bags
- \$6,000 to Troy Dream Center
- Multiple community projects completed around the greater St. Louis Area



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# One By One

## ELEMENT CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE LAUNCHED

ECLI has launched in partnership with Global University. Thanks to your generosity we can now provide an authentic Christian college academics where students can become mature Christian leaders. We were able to provide \$12,000 in scholarships to our class of students this year. We are anticipating an even greater increase in 2023 as we partner with local Christian schools and continue promoting a strong academic alternative to higher education where students can begin living lives of consequence.

## AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE NEVER BEFORE

As we come to the close of 2022, we have some great opportunities to do even more. We have a need of \$150,000 for our Kingdom Builders. We have recently partnered with new missionaries, Matt and Becky Murray with OnebyOne. One By One's vision is to prevent exploitation of vulnerable people all over the world. They have offices around the globe and are looking to launch a new office to help keep kids out of sex trafficking in Uganda. But there is a high startup cost that we have committed \$30,000 toward.

Secondly, we have the need to upgrade our places and spaces at our campuses. Did you know someone will make a decision in 28 seconds whether or not they will return to a church? This means before they even get into the auditorium to hear the Gospel they are making up their minds whether or not to come back. Our lobby and kids spaces are in need of upgrades. We want to be able to do that in 2023.

Finally, we want to continue to invest heavily into the development of our future leaders via Element Church Leadership Institute. We are believing God

will continue to send students our way; however, we must continue to invest and promote the opportunity to our broader communities.

Would you consider joining us with this vision to raise \$150,000 by the end of 2023?

## YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS:

Furthermore, here are a few important year-end contribution reminders. In addition to cash contributions, you can also give stocks and bonds as an end of year giving option. Plus, if you date, mail, and postmark your check by December 31st, your gift will be given 2022 contribution credit. Envelopes postmarked later than December 31, 2022, and gifts dated December 31, 2022, but placed in the offering during church services conducted in January 2023 will be given contribution credit for 2023.

## FOUR SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE:

**ONLINE** — at [elementchurch.com/giving](https://elementchurch.com/giving).

**BY MAIL** — use the enclosed self-addressed envelope and mail your contribution.

**IN PERSON** — you can give during weekend services or by stopping by our offices during regular business hours, 9:00am – 5:00pm, Tuesday-Friday.

One final thought, because of your generosity our Church family is making a big difference in our community and beyond! I believe the best is yet to come!

It's an honor to be your pastor,

*Pastor Erik Lawson*

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