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There are special places in life, both physical and mental, that provide peace and protection. Sometimes, when it is raining, I like to sit in my vehicle for a while, listening to the rain hit the roof and windows. I don't always know why I find that as satisfying as I do, but ultimately, I realize that in the midst of the storm, I am safe and dry. I become very thoughtful and grateful. Another safe place is when I would walk into the front door of my home. Whether it was the home in Indiana I grew up in, or the home Heather and I have created together. It is a safe place, a place I belong in, and a place in which I am included, welcomed, and invested. There are many other examples we could all share, but we are all seeking those safe spaces.

As a community of faith in the work of Jesus, Christ's Church desires to be a place for you to be safe, protected, and prepared for the good days and the hard days of life. In other words, our prayer is that Christ's Church can become a "home" for you, where you are loved, where you invest, and where we find the satisfaction of being brothers and sisters in God's great big and universally growing family.

This report celebrates not what we have done but what God is doing at Christ's Church to help people experience completeness in Jesus. We know there is a lot we can improve at, but we are hopeful and optimistic about each individual's potential for growth. We are grateful for what God is doing and how you have and can help us serve one another well in a spirit of unity and love.

I am grateful to be a part of Christ's Church and grateful that you are as well.

Mark Christian Senior Minister



### How is CHRIST'S CHURCH OF ORONOGO home?

"We decided to come to Christ's Church because our foster kiddo needed an inclusive space to worship. Bekah and the staff in the sensory room made Jesus accessible to him. Even when our kiddo moved on, staff continued to reach out, pray and support our family. We came to find out that Christ's Church is an overwhelmingly huge resource for foster families. We decided to call Christ's Church our home because of the consistent love that was being poured over us.

Habitat for Humanity defines home as a place to build memories as well as a way to build future wealth. I can't think of a better place to do this very thing....build memories through fellowship in this community & build future wealth that is everlasting in Him."

#### **MADDIE + JUSTIN JACKS**

## **KIDS**

"I love that Kid's Klub tells stories about God. They allow kids to get to tell people about God themselves and the kids and the people who work there are really, very kind."

#### CAMPBELL HAHN, AGE 6

"I love the friends that I have there and it's fun learning about Jesus! Also Kid's Klub Live, Camp and Glow [Retreat]!"

DREW CARRIKER, AGE 8 KIDS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD ON SUNDAYS + THURSDAYS\*

KIDS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS\*

323

**68** 

293

110

191

KIDS IN KID'S KLUB ON SUNDAYS + THURSDAYS\*

KIDS IN KID'S KLUB ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS\*

K-4TH CAMPERS ATTENDED MARANATHA BIBLE CAMP

**\*WEEKLY AVERAGE** 

# STUDENTS



5•12 STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS\*

172

302

281

308

**60** 

STUDENTS IN DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

STUDENTS ATTENDED CIY + CAMP

STUDENTS WENT ON MISSIONS TRIPS

"Christ's Church of Oronogo has been a significant part of my walk with Jesus and has helped shape my love for Him and passion for ministry. I am blessed to call Christ's Church my home for the majority of my life and am forever grateful for the opportunities given, friendships made and — most of all — the family I've become a part of along the way. I've been blessed to witness and hear the testimonies of those in our town and many across the world thanks to these opportunities and the support of this family that has become an active part of my testimony. My faith and newfound passion for ministry truly would not be as strong without the community of believers that have taught and encouraged me here at Christ's Church. Wherever I may be in my journey with Christ I can confidently say that I will always have a family to turn to for guidance, laughs, and prayers when I need them most."

Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble. Proverbs 17:17 (MSG)

#### **EMERSON BOULWARE**

\*WEEKLY AVERAGE

## IMPACT



#### **NATHAN STORMS**

"The past two years have been one long transition. I've lived in 8 different houses—all culminating in my move overseas to Japan! Across multiple houses (and now countries), I've been grateful for the aspects of "home" that have remained constant. Regardless of the location of the house, I know I'm home when I'm connected to community — and especially to the community of believers. While I am already building relationships within my new church home in Japan, it's greatly encouraging to have the support of my "home church" behind me. May many more come "home" to the family of faith in Jesus!"

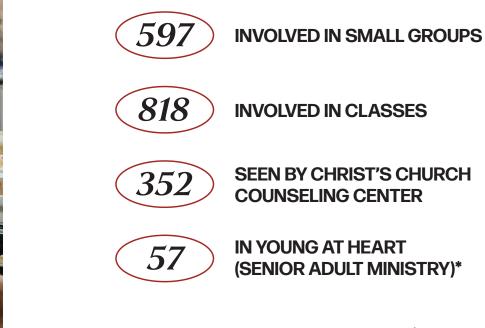
Nathan serves with Mustard Seed Network in Yokohama, Japan.



#### **RUSTY + VICKIE STANFORD**

"We have attended this church for many years, but Sunday worship was the only thing we participated in. If a church is truly our home, we must not only be receivers of Christ's words but doers, so we started getting more involved. One of the more important ways we involved ourselves was going to a senior's group called Young at Heart. A small group is so important in a large church such as ours, meeting people, getting to know them, and then helping each other as we all journey together through life. This makes a church a home and the people in it, family. As in a family, the more you pour into it, the closer you become. We are all united under Christ's leadership.

CONNECTION



That is why we call Christ's Church our home."

# GATHERINGS

HEAR YOUR PEOPLE SING HOLY TO THE KING OF KINGS HOLY

#### NEW GUESTS A WEEK WITH 48% RETURNING

REGULARLY SERVING WITHIN THE CHURCH

GATHERED FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP\*

BAPTISMS

24

737

**93** 

2,954

#### **ELLYSSA + MIKE WOMBLES**

"Christ's Church is like home to my family in many ways. From day one, everyone has been so friendly and inviting - we can't get enough of it! I've been involved in Mom's Connection, Ladies Nights, and Wednesday night groups, and this past year, we went through Rooted. We all love our church so much that even our 3-year-old asks, "When is Sunday so I can go to church?!" Christ's Church is so special to our family. The sermons are deep and you can feel God's presence and His love through each and every staff member. Christ's Church has deepened my faith and challenged me to grow by learning more about God and His word, serving others, and developing deep friendships. We are so incredibly grateful to call Christ's Church home."

\*WEEKLY AVERAGE

## **GIVING** INFLOW

# FINANCE

#### CHRIST'S CHURCH MINISTRIES:



children & students: \$162,265 adult: \$170,199 worship: \$131,871

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES:**



missions: **\$762,100** right here right now: **\$197,045** communitvy impact: **\$29,375** bible college scholarships: **\$34,914** 

#### PROPERTY/INSURANCE/ADMIN:



capital improvements: **\$404,993** utilities, repairs & maintenance: **\$168,376** insurance, office & admin: **\$172,528** 

#### **STAFF EXPENSES:**



## **OVERALL GIVING:**

## \$5,621,382

general giving: \$4,873,635 right here right now: \$245,755 missions giving: \$426,732 other: \$75,260

