

# Salisbury

Christian Church

## 2023 Annual Report

Dear Salisbury Christian Church Family,

“Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice!” -Philippians 4:4

We all have a LOT to be joyful about! The main thing is that Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, has come and lived out the Heavenly Father’s plan of salvation perfectly! It is all about Jesus! I don’t think Paul mentioned to rejoice twice in this short verse because we are hard of hearing. I think he mentioned it twice because it is that important to be a rejoicing people. Why? Because of what Jesus Christ, our Savior has done for us! I am glad that the Body of Believers here at Salisbury are faithful and committed to teach and preach the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus throughout our community and to the world through our missionaries whom we support.

I want to thank everyone that has been a part of the children’s programs. We have started having a nursery Sunday School class as well as nursery alongside Children’s Church! The Church now offers Sunday School classes for nursery through adults. Thank you for all the teachers that prepare and present lessons every Sunday for our students. Thank you to all of those that have volunteered to teach Children’s Church and to help with the nursery. We have had new people volunteer to help in these departments and we are thankful for all of you!

While we are speaking of the children, Thanks to all the children that are coming to Church! Thanks to all of you who helped with 2023 VBS. We had a great turn out and are looking forward to have an even better 2024 VBS! You will want to be a part so watch for more information coming soon!

We do not want to leave out the camp our children attend and the church supports: Lake Springfield Christian Assembly. Last year, seven children went out to camp! Hopefully, even more will be able to attend in 2024!

Thanks to Nathaniel Kern, Pastor, and his family for all they do for the church! Nathaniel also earned a Master’s Degree in 2023. Good job Nathaniel!

Thanks to everyone here at Salisbury. The church needs each and every one to be able to serve each other and the community! Please do not forget to pray and reach out to our shut-ins with a call, letter, card, or visit. Remember they miss being with their church family as well as their church family missing them!

Thanks for all your prayers, labor, and financial support. It is much appreciated!

The new floor was put down in the Fellowship Hall as well as having the walls painted, new baseboard installed, and new curtains purchased and hung. Again, thanks to all for your help in getting this project done and paid for in full!

So, be a part of the church in upcoming 2024. It will be a fun, exciting, rewarding time!

“Always give yourselves fully to the work of the LORD, because you know that your labor in the LORD is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

So, as we move forward into 2024, let us “Count your many Blessings, name them one by one.” “Be Joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s Will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Love in Christ,

Jeff Koles, Elder

## 2023 Treasurers Report

This comes to you with prayers that 2023 was filled with more good experiences than bad for you all.

Salisbury Christian Church continued to receive God's Blessings in many ways through the generosity and dedication of all our members.

As I stated in my 2022 report, the labor expense for installing the new flooring in the Fellowship Hall as well as most of the expense for the painting were posted in the 2023 January financials so reflect in the Annual Financials for 2023.

Again, the generosity of our small congregation makes my work so easy. We have funds available to take care of all the church's repair needs and we can continue to support all of the organizations that we have supported for years doing God's work locally, nationally and internationally.

Our bi-annual collection campaigns for the Pleasant Plains Food Pantry were very successful and Trena Sabo, who operates the pantry, expressed her gratitude for the donations of food items and for the funds which are used to purchase the perishable items they need. We will continue to have those campaigns in 2024.

We redeemed all the remaining CD's we had with Marine Bank and re-invested the funds in new CD's with higher interest rates with Edward Jones.

As always, I look forward to the privilege of serving Salisbury Christian Church in the capacity of Treasurer in the coming year.

I pray that God will continue to Bless you all in 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Buckley, Treasurer

# Salisbury Christian Church

## Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	TOTAL	
	JAN - DEC 2023	JAN - DEC 2022 (PY)
Income		
Benevolence Offerings	200.00	381.00
Calendar Sales	225.00	225.00
Tithes/Offerings	53,979.00	38,457.01
Memorial / Gift		3,370.00
<b>Total Tithes/Offerings</b>	<b>53,979.00</b>	<b>41,827.01</b>
Youth Group		120.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$54,404.00</b>	<b>\$42,553.01</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$54,404.00</b>	<b>\$42,553.01</b>
Expenses		
Bank Service Charges	260.42	43.18
Benevolence Fund	1,100.00	381.00
Books and Teaching Materials	400.14	663.52
Calendars	225.00	225.00
Charitable Contributions	1,129.00	
Church Dinners	400.43	87.16
Dues and Subscriptions	220.00	100.00
Insurance Expense		
General Liability Insurance	5,401.00	4,466.00
Worker's Compensation	225.00	231.00
<b>Total Insurance Expense</b>	<b>5,626.00</b>	<b>4,697.00</b>
Kitchen / Bathroom Supplies	141.45	120.92
Landscaping Expenses	2,170.00	2,600.00
Ministry Expenses		108.00
Funeral Flowers	417.36	195.89
Women's Ministry		224.06
<b>Total Ministry Expenses</b>	<b>417.36</b>	<b>527.95</b>
Missions	6,158.50	7,936.00
Rapha House	1,830.00	1,800.00
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>7,988.50</b>	<b>9,736.00</b>
Office Supplies	1,473.02	782.98
Payroll Expenses		
Minister	20,350.00	19,875.00
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>20,350.00</b>	<b>19,875.00</b>
Repairs and Maintenance	5,087.64	6,055.66
Taxes Paid		
Property Tax	550.38	531.14
<b>Total Taxes Paid</b>	<b>550.38</b>	<b>531.14</b>

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## Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	TOTAL	
	JAN - DEC 2023	JAN - DEC 2022 (PY)
Utilities		
Electricity	1,198.04	1,432.50
Garbage Service	246.00	231.00
Propane	3,216.83	3,564.46
Water	234.00	216.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>4,894.87</b>	<b>5,443.96</b>
Worship Service Expenses	5,237.11	3,916.52
Youth Ministry	1,136.45	839.16
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$58,807.77</b>	<b>\$56,626.15</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$ -4,403.77</b>	<b>\$ -14,073.14</b>
Other Income		
Interest Income	418.69	1,667.68
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$418.69</b>	<b>\$1,667.68</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>\$418.69</b>	<b>\$1,667.68</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$ -3,985.08</b>	<b>\$ -12,405.46</b>

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	SPLIT	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Ordinary Income/Expenses							
Expenses							
Youth Ministry							
05/28/2023	Deposit	6072	Kern, Daniel:Kern, Alice Debit	For Camp	Expenses	-200.00	-200.00
07/28/2023	Check		Sams Club	General Fund Soda, Bottled Water, Condiments, Buns, Sliced Cheese, Chips	General Fund	128.50	-71.50
07/28/2023	Check		Debit Gordon Food Service Debit	VBS Family Cookout - Hamburger Patties, Hot Dogs	General Fund	81.96	10.46
07/30/2023	Check		County Market - # 0228	Hamburger, Hot Dogs For Cookout	General Fund	48.49	58.95
08/02/2023	Check	8480	Lake Springfield Christian Assembly	Camper Expenses	General Fund	1,077.50	1,136.45
<b>Total for Youth Ministry</b>						<b>\$1,136.45</b>	
<b>Total for Expenses</b>						<b>\$1,136.45</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>						<b>\$ -1,136.45</b>	

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## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2023	AS OF DEC 31, 2022 (PY)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
1 Yr. CD - 02/02/2024 4.75% (ending AN8)	14,000.00	
18 Mo. CD - 04/26/2023 (ending 705) (deleted)	0.00	10,895.89
18 Mo. CD - 04/26/2023 (ending 999) (deleted)	0.00	25,935.29
18 Mo. CD - 08/15/2024 4.70% (ending 6F8)	28,000.00	
2 Yr CD 02/24/2025 4.65% (ending PL1)	15,000.00	
2 Yr. CD - 02/10/2025 4.55% (ending BB1)	14,000.00	
3 yr. CD - 01/12/2025 (ending 212) (deleted)	0.00	18,702.98
3 yr. CD - 01/19/2023 (ending 285) (deleted)	0.00	12,851.83
3 Yr. CD - 02/09/2026 4.25% (ending PD9)	14,000.00	
5 Yr CD 02/22/2028 4.00% (ending W98)	15,000.00	
5 yr. CD - 01/19/2027 (ending 501) (deleted)	0.00	13,041.42
5 yr. CD - 01/22/2023 (ending 158) (deleted)	0.00	24,073.79
5 Yr. CD - 07/05/2028 4.40% (ending AZ1)	10,000.00	
5 Yr. CD - 07/05/2028 4.40% (ending WK5)	10,000.00	
5 Yr. CD - 07/07/2028 4.45% (ending EP7)	10,000.00	
Building Account	814.39	692.89
General Fund	19,186.95	46,892.33
Benevolence	700.00	1,600.00
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>19,886.95</b>	<b>48,492.33</b>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$150,701.34</b>	<b>\$154,686.42</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$150,701.34</b>	<b>\$154,686.42</b>
Fixed Assets		
Land	8,000.00	8,000.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$158,701.34</b>	<b>\$162,686.42</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity {4}	31,821.15	31,821.15
Unrestricted Net Assets	130,865.27	143,270.73
Net Income	-3,985.08	-12,405.46
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$158,701.34</b>	<b>\$162,686.42</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$158,701.34</b>	<b>\$162,686.42</b>

## 2023 Minister's Report

### Fellow Workers in the Gospel,

Here we are. Another year passed and another year before us. As always, our Annual Meeting gives us an opportunity to assess our ministry activities from the previous year and to prayerfully consider what God desires for our local congregation in the wider Body of the church. In last year's report, I mentioned our focus in 2023 being centered on the activities of the church as mentioned in the last verses of Acts 2. While our focus in 2024 will shift, our devotion to the activities in Acts 2 must never waver. These are the essential activities of the church: the apostles' teaching (the Gospel), fellowship, breaking of bread (the Lord's Supper), and prayer.

For 2024, the year before our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration, our focus will be on two primary things in addition to what has just been mentioned. As we maintain our commitment to biblical teaching and preaching, we will also concentrate on Discipleship and Leadership. These two elements of a healthy church are intimately linked. If a church has a solid commitment to making disciples, then there will be a greater number of mature, qualified individuals to serve as leaders. If a church has a healthy and biblical view of leadership, then it is most certainly desiring to make disciples

**Making Disciples.** In all reality, we do not make disciples of Jesus. This is a work of the Holy Spirit. Nonetheless, Jesus has commanded us to "go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matt. 28:19a). It is through the Church's work that the Holy Spirit's work is carried out. Jesus' command includes the primary ways in which disciples are made and sustained: "baptizing...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (28:19b-20a). Here, in this short verse, we can see the entire progression of the disciple-making process. First, we see that those who are already mature followers of Jesus (the Church) are called to engage in the activity of discipleship: "go and make." Second, the beginning of the new disciple's public expression of being a Christ-follower: baptism. And lastly, the continuing maturation of the disciple: learning and obeying what Jesus has commanded. Of course, real-world Disciple-making can be a bit more complex. At Salisbury Christian in 2024, we will be working to build closer discipling relationships with each of our brothers and sisters in Christ (both newcomers and established members) in addition to maintaining our weekly times of preaching and teaching. In essence, we want to build one another up in loving, maturing, Christ-like relationships beyond our Sunday-to-Sunday interactions.

**Leadership.** As you have seen today, we have begun expanding and distinguishing the two biblical offices of the church: Elders and Deacons. This past year we spent several weeks teaching about the distinctives of each office, their qualifications, and the biblical precedent for their existence. The bottom line is that healthy (biblical) churches have healthy (biblical) leadership structures. 2024 will be a year in which we move from Elders and Deacons being jointly responsible for all activities of the church to an Elder-overseen, Deacon-executed structure. (See Acts 6:1-7) This will allow for Elders to focus on overseeing, teaching, and prayer and for Deacon to carry out the agenda of the church. This results in leadership being able to better connect with the congregation and to ensure that discipleship is taking place. We ask that you pray for those in Leadership (both old and new) as well as for your fellow Christians at Salisbury.

Additionally, SCC will be devoting energy to the planning of our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration. This will require everyone's input and assistance as we thank God for His faithfulness to us.

My prayer is that God's Spirit would draw us closer to Him, to one another, and to His Perfect Son.

Keep your hand on the plow (Luke 9:62),



Pastor Kern