



Mountain Springs Community Church

2014 Annual Report



And

Proposed Budget for 2014-2015

Introduction

This short document is intended to be a look back at the past year at Mountain Springs Community Church. We are publishing it, because so much has happened and it is far too easy to forget. God has been at work in our fellowship in many ways. What you have in your hand is some highlights of this past year. Perhaps these stories will spark memories of your own experiences at Mountain Springs Community Church this past year. We hope the pictures and the stories encourage you and remind you, of how God is continuing to shape our congregation for his purposes.



Worship

We have been blessed in our worship with the musical gifts of CJ Travis and the band. They help us center ourselves in the presence of God each Sunday. We thank CJ Travis, Pat VanHeyst, Clifton Sanders, Jim Jenson, Tim Biel, and Michael Minch for sharing their musical gifts with Mountain Springs Community Church.

In September we focused for several weeks on the theme of Evangelism. One of my favorite parts of that series was the message on the four guys who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus by lowering him through the roof of a house. These guys stopped what they were doing to help a person in need, and they wouldn't take no for an answer. When Jesus saw their



faith (plural – all five of them) he healed the man. For us it was the story that connected evangelism and faith in action. This has been a strong theme throughout the year.

We also spent time on the “Fireside” stories in Genesis, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Joseph and more.

In November the IMPACT youth group led us in a magnificent Thanksgiving service. In December we gathered for a special Christmas celebration on a Sunday morning.



When Sara Biel danced she inspired two little girls to join her.

There was the Christmas Eve service and the

Maundy Thursday service. It is hard not to be moved by the flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday Morning. Every Sunday is our celebration that, "He has risen!"



IMPACT

Four leaders, Sheri Biel, Meghan Sucher, Cortney VanMilligen and Peter DeVries lead a group of ten teens in biweekly meeting and other social and service activities. Our Bible focus for this year has been Ephesians 4:4-6.

"There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

We have worked to grow spiritually by studying God's Word, investigating hard questions, exploring doubts, serving others, and having fun in our fellowship.

We have been learning how to read and interpret the Bible, using Ephesians as our focus. In Ephesus, just like here, there is a small Christian community surrounded by another dominant religious group. We have explored what it means to live in a place where our understanding of God is the minority perspective.

Our leaders always make trying to answer our questions a priority. We have a discussion question board in the room, so that even if we don't get to a particular question in one meeting, we will address it in a future meeting.

This past year IMPACT led the Pentecost and Thanksgiving Day worship services. We had a yard sale, which raised more than \$1,000 for the volleyball court. We hosted a fundraiser dinner, which raised more than



\$3,000 for our SERVE trip to Sioux Falls, South Dakota this July. We invited Dr. Michael Minch to speak to us about his work as a professor of peace and justice studies.



On the fun side, we went hiking, had an outdoor picnic, conquered a corn maze, went sledding at the nearby park, and enjoyed a great game night.



We thank the congregation for its support of the IMPACT group. Thank you for helping us go on SERVE. Thank you for including us in worship and leadership in many ways. Thank you for your prayers.



GO! DO! Our Faith in Action ministry.

It was just last June when Council took the bold step of canceling a morning worship service, so that Mountain Springs Community Church



could worship God by serving others. That weekend, members of our congregation served by sorting clothing at the Crossroads Urban Center, making breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House, prayer walking the neighborhood around the church, and cleaning up the Jordan Valley Parkway. When we came together that evening, it was clear that the weekend had transformed us.



Since then we have prepared meals for neighbors in need. We have been back to Ronald McDonald

House and the Crossroads Urban Center. We also went to the Utah Food Bank as a large group and sorted food for distribution.

On June 22, 2014 we will take a Sunday morning to clean up part of the Jordan Valley Parkway. And in the fall, late

September or early October, we hope to send a work crew to High River,

Alberta to work for a week on a World Renew disaster relief project under the auspices of World Renew.

This past January, we posted a board on which we invited people to write how they are serving their neighbors in the name of Jesus. There were many great services written on that board. Some included:



- Served at W4R (Winos for Rhinos) a wine and cheese fundraiser for wildlife care.
- Taught piano to a child who couldn't afford lessons
- Helped a neighbor move.
- Sponsored a child in Africa
- Helped my friend with math tutoring
- Raked my neighbor's leaves
- Let someone borrow my Batman cape

It has been a great year of exploring ways in which Life, flowing from the heart of God, flows through his people, and out into our neighborhoods, our city and the world.



Soup Supper

The MSCC soup supper is held each November. This is a friendly competition of homemade soups prepared by our talented chefs. The soup recipe with the most votes at the end of the night is declared the winner. Even



though the chef of that particular soup has bragging rights for an entire year, there are no losers since everyone goes home with very satisfied full stomachs, and a great night of fellowship.



Annual Mountain Springs Community Church Campout



The camping trip over Labor Day weekend has been an annual event for about 25 years!! The entire weekend is focused on fellowship, working



together as a family, and spending time in God's magnificent creation. Come rain, snow or sunshine, the die-hards stick it out each year!



Meal Ministry

Mountain Springs Community Church's meal ministry reaches out to those in need of a meal or two or three or... Whether it's welcoming a new baby into the home or recovering from surgery, the meals provide a great comfort to the family so they don't need to worry about 'what's for dinner'. We thank Bette Hysong for her leadership of the meal ministry during her years as deacon. We also thank all of those who have contributed generously to loving others in Jesus' name.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study has been active for two years now. This Bible study, which is open to all women, meets at the Ministry House on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We often use Fisherman Bible Study guides. We have studied Growing through Life's challenges, The Fruit of the Spirit, and the Book of James. After each study, we take time to listen to and pray for each other. Through this, the Holy Spirit has created a vibrant, ongoing, and open fellowship.



Saturday Morning Bible Study:

This year saw the beginning of a Saturday Morning Bible Study open to everyone. Michael Minch led the season long study of the Gospel of Mark. Meeting from 8:30 to about 10:00 AM, we would dig deeply into the Gospel of Mark, discerning its message for our time.

This summer, our group will meet on several Thursday evenings for a time of food, fellowship and a study of Rob Bell's book, *"What we talk about when we talk about God."* Everyone is invited to what should be a delightful conversation.

Kids of the Kingdom (KOTK)

Every Sunday morning, after the pastoral prayer, children from three years of age to sixth grade depart to the KOTK – Kids of the Kingdom program. We have been blessed with a highly qualified staff of adults and teen assistants, who engage the children in age appropriate learning of the Bible. This part of our Sunday morning is a reflection of our covenant commitment to participate in teaching and mentoring faith to our children.



Nursery

Nursery is often the unseen but crucial ministry of a church. Because of the commitment of the volunteers who staff the nursery, parents have a safe place to leave their children while they attend the worship service.

This year, we have moved to the neighboring room while the nursery is under renovation. We are excited about the new, enlarged space with more windows providing natural light.



There will also be a new window from the main fellowship room so that parents can see in at all times. We are also planning to have a monitor and speakers installed so that nursery attendants may follow the worship service upstairs.

We thank all of the people who selflessly serve our children and their parents in this ministry. As the new facilities come online, we encourage others to join us taking turns to care for the children.

Facilities

Over the past year we have embarked on a number of facilities repairs and updates.

Last Summer, the congregation approved repainting the Sanctuary. This was completed by the first week of September. The Sanctuary looks fresh and warm with the new colors and the beams freshly stained. Other decorations are on the way. Soon you



will see

new
pictures

on the East wall and this fall we hope to install acoustical panels on the back wall.

About two years ago, cracks were discovered in the outside wall of the Nursery. This required that a support wall be installed to stop the original from shifting. Once we began planning for that repair, we evaluated the space available and decided to remove a wall and expand the





functional size of the Nursery. The result was a plan to totally renovate the nursery. We are hoping that this renovation will be completed by June 8.



Another basement wall was discovered to have a major water leak, causing problems behind the old paneling.



All the old material was removed, and the wall waterproofed. New drywall was installed inside. Two other parts of this project are in the works, new



rain gutters around the building and a tile drain to eliminate water buildup against the outside wall.

Outside, a sand volleyball court has been installed. IMPACT youth group funded the court through their successful yard sale last summer.

Work is continuing on picnic pads and a grassed picnic area in front of the ministry house.

We thank all the people who have given their Saturdays to help us accomplish these tasks. We particularly thank Mike VanMilligen, who has led the projects.

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH

PROPOSED BUDGET WORKSHEET

				CURRENT	PROPOSED	
				Projected	2013-2014	2014-2015
				July '13 - June 14	Budget	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
4000 · Contributions Income						
			4100 · Faith Pledges	110,000.00	118,000	124,000
			4200 · Plate Collections	2,500.00	10,000	4,000
			4250 · Other Income	-00	0	-00
			Total 4000 · Contributions Income	112,500.00	128,000	128,000
			4500 · Interest Income	300.00	300	300
			4600 · Rent Income	1,200.00		1,000
			Total Income	114,000.00	128,300	129,300
Expense						
6000 · Personnel Costs						
6001 · Pastor's Compensation						
			6010 · Salary	46,363.00	46,500	48,825 5% Increase
			6017 · Housing Allowance	24,000.00	24,000	24,000
			6020 · Health & Life Insurance	13,165.02	13,600	13,600
			6022 · Retirement	7,704.00	8,000	8,000
			6025 · Continuing Education	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
			Total 6001 · Pastor's Compensation	92,232.02	93,100	95,425
6300 · Other Staff Expenses						
			6301 · Administrative Assistant	2,275.00	2,700	2,500
			6320 · Custodian	1,650.00	1,600	1,700
			6322 · Grounds	750.00	1,000	1,000
			6327 · Worship Planning Leader	3,725.00	4,000	4,400
			6330 · Treasurer Honorarium	-00	500	500
			6350 · Payroll Tax - Other Staff	650.00	850	750
			6360 · Workmen's Comp Insurance	407.00	400	425
			Total 6300 · Other Staff Expenses	9,457.00	11,050	11,275
			Total 6000 · Personnel Costs	101,689.02	104,150	106,700

			6500 · Program Expenses				
			6510 · Admin Office Expense	1,000.00	2,000	1,500	
			6515 · Pastor Expenses				
			6516 · Car Allowance	1,800.00	1,800	1,800	
			6518 · Hospitality	1,000.00	1,000	1,000	
			Total 6515 · Pastor Expenses	2,800.00	2,800	2,800	
			6520 · Building Expenses				
			6522 · Utilities	7,200.00	7,300	7,300	
			6523 · Repairs & Maintenance	1,100.00	1,500	1,500	
			6524 · Snow Removal	792.24	1,000	1,000	
			6526 · Cleaning & Yard Maintenance	550.00	700	700	
			6527 · Insurance	1,849.00	1,800	1,900	
			Total 6520 · Building Expenses	11,491.24	12,300	12,400	
			6570 · Audio & Video				
			6575 · Operating/Repairs & Maint.	-00	250	250	
			6578 · Capital Expenditures	-00	250	250	
			Total 6570 · Audio & Video	-00	500	500	
			6600 · Worship	321.00	400	400	
			6615 · Education				
			6620 · Nursery	100.00	100	200	
			6650 · Kids of the Kingdom	365.73	450	450	
			6670 · Impact	-00	200	200	
			Total 6615 · Education	465.73	750	850	
			6675 · Visual Arts & Design	200.00	400	250	
			6690 · Guest Pastor Honorariums	-00	700	500	
			6700 · Fellowship	579.48	1,500	1,500	
			6722 · 50th Anniversary (2014)	500.00	500	500	
			6750 · Special Causes/Benevolence	(1,091.66)	(100)	-00	
			6800 · Classical Ministry	567.36	2,400	1,400	
			6500 · Program Expenses - Other	138.99			
			Total 6500 · Program Expenses	16,972.14	24,150	22,600	
			6780 · Faith In Action	124.82			
			Total Expense	118,785.98	128,300	129,300	
			Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	(4,785.98)	0	-00	
			Net Income	(4,785.98)	0	-00	

Council:

Retiring Council members:

Elder Clifton Sanders
Deacon Bette Hysong
Deacon Pat DeJong

We thank Clifton, Bette and Pat for there service on council.

Council submits the following nominations for Council, beginning July 2014

For Elder: **Pat VanHeyst** - for a three year term
For Deacon: **Collin Sucher** - for a three year term
 Karen Terashima - for a one year term. *Karen has agreed to complete the term of Pat DeJong, who has resigned for health reasons.*

The congregation will be asked to ratify these nominations at the Congregational meeting scheduled for June 8, 2014.