



**LIVING
VICTORY**
CHURCH

Annual Report 2025



The Year of Creative Grace
Confidence to create & build in God



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The Year of Creative Grace

2025 was definitely a year to be remembered. As God created us as creative beings, he has placed gifts inside of us, purpose before us, and opportunities all around us. For those of us who intentionally traveled this focus faith journey with this theme in mind, we experienced God revealing both strengths and weaknesses within us. We learned of areas of our lives that need attention and heard, through God's word and wise counsel, ways to address those areas. Many in our community also experienced the revelation of new giftings, the re-igniting of current giftings, or the reminder and empowerment from God to use the gifts we have.

I am truly encouraged by the number of people in our congregation who have shared testimonies of how they were encouraged to start a new project, establish a new business, implement new innovations in their spaces, participate in new hobbies, engage in a ministry at church, and even return to school. Through our highest highs and our lowest lows God had remained faithful in our lives. And for that, I am truly grateful.

As we enter 2026, we embrace the theme for the year, *Preparation Through Imperfection: Embracing who we are, our need for God, and our pursuit of God's path for our lives*. It is important to carry the previous year's theme with us while pursuing God's perfection through our imperfection. I am excited to see what God will do with us, and through us, as He includes us in His mission to advance His Kingdom. May God richly bless you and all to whom you are connected this year.

In His Victory,

Dr. E. Dwayne Cantrell
Senior Pastor





Mission

To advance the Kingdom of God by lifting up the name of Christ, building His people through His Word, and reaching the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Vision

To be a relevant significant ministry of Christ to all people in the City of Bakersfield and around the world.

We are a living church that strives to reflect God's kingdom by being interracial, intercultural and interdenominational. We strive to grow God's kingdom by reaching all people with the love of Christ.

Core Values

- L**ove-Driven (Romans 12:9-21)
- I**nclusive (Galatians 3:26-29)
- F**reedom (John 8:31-36)
- T**ransparent (James 5:13-16)
- I**nspired (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- N**on-condemning (Romans 7:21-8:4)
- G**od-focused (Matthew 6:33-34)





LIFTING



The Worship Experience

In 2025 we continued having a worship team consisting of LVC members and guests from the community. The team provided us with a worship experience that was spirit-led and authentic. We are grateful to have a team that followed the leading of the Holy Spirit and created an environment that was welcoming to everyone.

Baptisms

Baptisms were held every fifth Sunday. Before being baptized, each person met with one of the church leaders to ensure they had a thorough understanding of their outward expression of their faith.



BUILDING

His People



The Kingdom Community Ministries (K.C.M.) & LVC Partnership in 2025 marked the seventh year of their connection. This partnership allows for LVC family members to take advantage of a discounted rate to receive Christian counseling from trained ministers within KCM. In 2025, **13** LVC members received individual Christian counseling and services throughout the year.

On October 19th, Dr. Anderson led a seminar called 'Love and Respect.' Its purpose was to teach couples how God created vast differences between men and women and how to identify and meet the needs of their spouse. Spiritual, mental and emotional healing continues to be a cornerstone of our ministry, and this kind of support will continue to be available to LVC family members in 2026.



Leadership Development

In 2025, our Staff and Leadership Teams continued to meet monthly. In these meetings we focused on spiritual and leadership development and dove deeper into the Mission, Vision, and Core Values of LVC.

Victory Kids

This year Victory Kids was offered every Sunday except fifth Sunday - Family Sunday. Volunteers help with set up, teaching, assisting, clean up, and administrative duties. We served on average a total of 18 kids per week and 74 kids per month! Victory Kids continues to be a place where children look forward to going to church. Children learn about the love of Jesus, how to love like Jesus, and how to lead people to faith in Jesus.

Hospitality

The Hospitality Team provided a wonderful fellowship opportunity for congregants after service on the last Sunday of every month. This included healthy refreshments and festive ambiance for everyone's enjoyment.



REACHING



The Mission at Kern County

In 2025 we spent \$1,500 to support The Mission at Kern County's Annual Golf Tournament. We ended the year by participating in the Shoebox Project, in which LVC family members filled 147 shoeboxes with gifts for those residing at The Mission at Kern County. Gifts included items such as gloves, scarves, socks, toys, games, and toiletries.



Reaching the People of Bakersfield

The LVC outreach team, led by Pastor Keith Hollins, would go out into the community on a monthly basis. They assembled and distributed care packets consisting of toiletries and self-care products. In the winter they handed out over 100 hoodies to those in need. They also served 100 hot meals during the holiday season. Most of all, they gave out the love of the Lord.



LVC EVENTS

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LVC THANKSGIVING



LVC CHRISTMAS

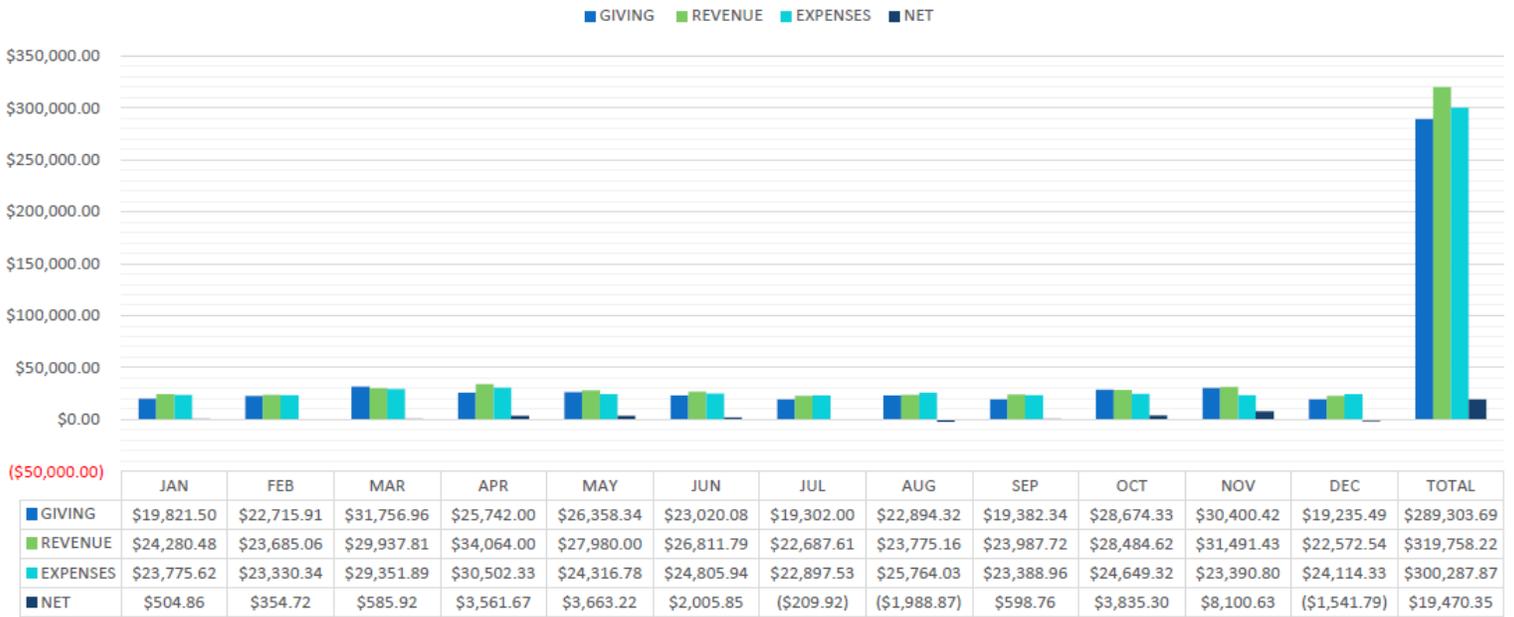


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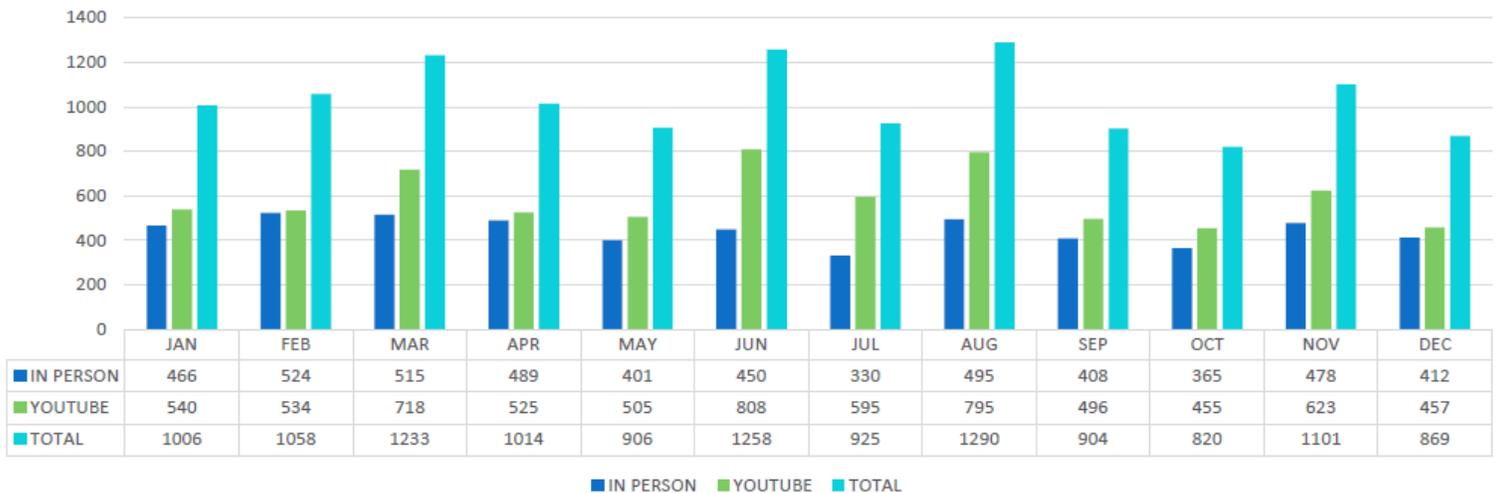




2025 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET SUMMARY



Monthly Attendance





REVENUE
\$319,758.22

EXPENSES
\$300,287.87

Top 5 Spending Categories

1

Occupancy

Included here: Lease payments and utilities

2

Payroll & Insurance

Included here: Payroll, taxes, worker's compensation, and insurance.

3

Love Offerings

Included here: Offering gifts made to band, worship team, hospitality, media, guest speakers and other gifts provided to those who extended their gift to LVC.

4

Pastoral Support

Included here: Speaking engagements, fellowship opportunities, and travel expenses, etc.

5

InReach

Included here: Benevolence requests and supplies for ministries within the church such as MVP, REAL Beauty, and Victory Kids.



GET INVOLVED

GIVE

By giving of your tithes and offerings, you are helping to advance the Kingdom and support the ministry of LVC with your financial contribution. All of your contributions are tax deductible and can be given online or during service.

SERVE

Find a ministry where you can get involved and be a blessing to others by serving. A commitment to serve faithfully in a ministry will not only bless you and our LVC family members, but it also helps fulfill the Great Commission.

PRAY

At LVC, we believe in the power of prayer! Please pray for the LVC church family and the community we serve.

