



**SUNRIDGE**  
Community Church

2021  
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REPORT

Sunridge Mission Statement

**LEADING PEOPLE  
TO BECOME  
PASSIONATELY  
COMMITTED  
FOLLOWERS OF  
JESUS.**



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# A LETTER FROM

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Well, 2021 didn't seem to be much of an improvement over 2020, right? There still seemed to be a lot of polarization. There still seemed to be the indecision of whether to work from home or from the office. People wrestled with which outside-the-home activities to engage with or not. And just as we hoped we were turning a corner, we got hit with another covid variant.

So yes, it felt like 2021 had a lot of the same uncertainty as 2020.

**Reflecting to the beginning of 2021**, I wanted our church family to **persevere** through many of the things that were proving to be quite difficult, so we did a series called PERSEVERANCE, and we tied it to words that Jesus' younger brother said:

*James 1:2 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*

Consider it pure joy – this statement from James is given to those who are in the middle of difficult circumstances. We are to 'Choose Joy'. This was so important to us as a church that we actually had hoodies made up with the statement 'Choose Joy' written down the arm (speak to Alecia Dyck if you would like to still get yours!)

Even though we had several things this year that were less than ideal, these circumstances gave us the opportunity to 'Choose Joy.' Here are a few:

**All Sunday Gatherings from January until the end of June were only online.** The message was recorded and then uploaded along with a song on the end where we were encouraged to sing our praise to the Lord!

**Another way we stayed connected was through the 'Sunday Connect'** -- a zoom gathering where we would discuss the message and then pray for one another. For those who regularly joined this zoom group, it was quite enjoyable as we shared our lives together 'Choosing Joy!' In fact, some remarkable things happened on those Sundays, including getting to know others who were less familiar with church and faith.

**The Family Room.** Another thing we explored with our Sunday Gatherings came from these words from Paul where he said: *1Cor14:26 ...When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.* We called this monthly online gathering the 'Family Room' and right away experienced it as an amazingly refreshing time where several different people shared from their devotions what God had been showing them personally. Again, together we were able to 'Choose Joy!'

**Our Small Groups have always been so crucial to our church family, as it is in our small groups where we are truly 'known' and 'loved'.** But 2021 was not so easy on our small groups as they were continually needing to pivot along with new provincial restrictions on gathering. This meant going from being able to meet in our homes, to being limited to only having our 'safe six' in our home. Some made the most out of zoom meetings, while some met outside at their homes or outside the church or literally...outside! To say that this was easy to do would not be honest, but it sure gave us all another opportunity to 'Choose Joy'.

**Then came July and for the first time in 16 months we were able to do Sunday Gatherings IN PERSON!** I must say that there were many tears by those of us who had so badly missed being able to be together in this way. Even as I write these words I can remember the emotion I experienced being together with you all. But then what made this season quite challenging was the protocol that changed the way that we could gather once again. After 4 weeks of in-person we went back to online. This was hard – 'Choose Joy.' I tried.

**September brought another protocol shift which allowed us to gather on Sundays again with certain restrictions;** though not completely without challenges, this change was really important for us as a church family. For me personally, however, it came with a surprising setback: for the next 2 months I found myself dealing with some concerning health issues seemingly related to my heart that required me to step back from my involvements for a time. I so appreciated the 'prayers of the saints' as I was able to recover and return for November and to finish out the year with the refreshment that comes with being back with our church family.





**As we move out of 2021 and into 2022 I suspect that everything is not going to be smooth, we will still face challenge, but my hope and prayer is that we will move in strong unity as we Choose Joy!**

No matter what is going on around us, Jesus' mission hasn't been put on hold. We do not need to wait to 'keep going.' We just need to keep going with more...

- ▶ instruction from the Holy Spirit
- ▶ more steadfast obedience
- ▶ and more daily connection with Jesus through our devotions

to...

**not grow weary in doing good!**

**I looked forward to** another 21 Days of Prayer and this already has started the year off really well. Discipleship groups are happening and I look forward to seeing more added. We are planning on a Set Free, a marriage retreat again in April and I am looking forward to how the Lord will practically call us to B.L.E.S.S. our city (our 5 prayer requests for this year) and answer our prayer to see people far from Christ find salvation. I know there will be practical projects we will engage with, facility issues to pay attention to, hospitality extended to new people, additions to teams and small groups. In all of this, plans are made but we put ourselves in the Lord's hands to show us really: what's next?

We never know the journey ahead, and we never need to. **We once again place ourselves in the hands of our Heavenly Father who is good and all His ways are good.** As 2022 has now taken flight, here is some encouragement from a post I saw recently, slightly edited for our church family:

## Sunridge Flight 2022 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022, SunRidge.

We have taken off into the New Year.

Please make sure to 'Choose Joy' once again by

Making sure gratitude is secured and locked in the upright position.

All self-destructive devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride and resentment  
Should be turned off at this time.

All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be handed over to Jesus for the duration.

Should your faith feel under pressure at any time, reach up and pull down a prayer.

Prayers will automatically be activated by Jesus.

Once you are encouraged by our Lord,

Please assist other passengers who may be struggling.

There will be no extra baggage needed for this flight

So please allow the Holy Spirit to remove this hindrance.

God, our captain, is reporting a New Year

Filled with hope, joy and new beginnings,

Even if we hit turbulence along the way.

**SunRidge if there is anything I can call you to, loud and strong, let's start the year with prayer, pray all through the year, and finish our year with prayer. Let's meet with Jesus daily and let Him refine us and define us through His Spirit. And let's be one of those churches the Lord can smile on and see a people who are still pursuing passionate devotion to Jesus Christ.**

Pastor Mike



# A TIMELINE OF THE YEAR

The effects of Covid-19 have definitely been felt at SunRidge in 2021. We were meeting online for a good part of the year - making sure that we stayed connected, walking with our small groups, and meeting as we were able. This past year was marked by variants, vaccines, and varying restrictions. YET, through it all we have trusted Jesus to lead, and we have been resilient in our commitment to Him and to each other. God has been so good! Covid details taken directly from this article (<https://globalnews.ca/news/8438033/year-in-review-bc-covid-2021/>)

Here's a quick recap of what we've seen:

## Timeline

January -  
February

**Vaccine rollout to vulnerable residents in long-term care and assisted-living facilities.** SunRidgers meet online for prayer experiences and devos from each other. We continued reaching out to our Community Christmas Dinner guests with a little Valentines gift pack.

March

Facing limited supply of vaccine, British Columbia became the first province in Canada to extend the gap between first and second doses of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines from the manufacturer recommended 21 days to up to four months.

**The Sunland Team launches a Zoom for families and children** to hang out, play games, and learn biblical truth at an age appropriate level.

**Outdoor meetings are once again permitted**, allowing our Small Groups meet in parks, patios, and backyards.

April

The province's large-scale vaccine campaign was underway with convention centres, arenas and civic halls transformed into clinics staffed by nurses and in some cases supported by firefighters or laid off tourism industry workers. A new variant with two key mutations, later dubbed Delta, was already driving record new case numbers in India — and in fact, had already been confirmed in B.C. in April. Delta, too, proved to be much more contagious than earlier forms of COVID, though it remained largely in the background throughout the spring — representing fewer than one in 10 cases until beginning its breakout in June.

**SunRidge's online efforts continued.** We used the Marriage Course from Alpha to enrich and strengthen couples. Easter was on Zoom for the second year in a row!

May -  
June

BC releases a multi step reopening plan based on vaccination rates, low case numbers, and declining hospitalizations.

**We added Jon Ransom to our staff team** who took on managing Out of School Care and directing our Sunland Family Ministry. What a blessing! During these uncertain days, we know that God is certainly still on the move.

**The Student Court begins** to become a reality as designs are finalized and construction begins.

July

**The next step in BCs reopening plan enables us to meet IN PERSON!** It was an amazing month with face to face reconnection and being able to celebrate together at our Sunday morning Gatherings.

August

By August, Delta had come to dominate, representing a majority of new cases and on a clear track to become ubiquitous, driving the fourth wave and pushing case numbers to their highest since April.

**We once again moved to online** due to rising case numbers in our valley. We were grateful for July, but understood that another pivot needed to be made.

September -  
December

**We began in person gatherings again, which was so refreshing.** Sunday mornings have been uplifting, Small Groups have been using our facility to meet and grow in faith together, and we even saw the return of our beloved Community Christmas Dinner. There's a lot to be thankful for!

Delta was still around, and Omicron would soon become the dominant variant. While there are many different perspectives on Covid and the responses to it, we have maintained a unity and togetherness that must make the Lord smile. Seasons like this aren't easy to navigate, but we do so with the love Jesus gives and the kindness we're to be known for.

**This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”**

**Joshua 1:9 NLT**

# STAFF FOCUS

With more pivots in 2021, here is a summary of the primary roles and responsibilities of SunRidge staff:



**Mike Klassen**  
Lead Pastor

- Providing **visionary leadership** especially through COVID times
- Providing **teaching** for the equipping of the saints
- Providing **coaching** in developing and implementing the church's strategy that move Christ-followers towards spiritual maturity
- Identifying the church's community for **outreach** and leading the way in establishing culturally relevant evangelistic ministries to reach lost people
- Leading as a **shepherd**, disciple-making and developing disciple-making processes
- Serving as a **counselor**, providing pastoral counsel as appropriate
- Leading **administratively**, leading the church's staff and participating in overseeing the church's finances
- Striving to **raise up Christ-followers** into leadership of His church, equipping, empowering and supporting them in their God-given ministry.

## How I write a Sunday Message

As a pastor of SunRidge for 24 years I have prepared, preached, and recovered from well over 1,000 messages! It's quite a humbling experience to be placed in a role as a pastor and to trust in God's good grace to have a message make a difference in the lives of people. I was asked to give a window into the way that message preparation looks, so that for those of you who are interested, can understand a bit better what a large part of my working week looks like.



### 1. Engage in the world of the Listener

- ▶ this includes both believers and non-believers
- ▶ I assume that both groups are listening in
- ▶ Many concerns of both these groups are the same (eg marriage, parenting, etc)
- ▶ I befriend and meet with people regularly from both groups



### 2. Read, Read, Read

- ▶ I read across the spectrum of any given subject
- ▶ Often the books, articles, summaries, reviews give me a taste of the differing views
- ▶ I am selective on the books that I read as there is only so much time



### 3. My Devotions

- ▶ So often I find message ideas and even series ideas from my devotions and journaling
- ▶ When God is pointing at something in my own life I easily can relate
- ▶ My application in my devotions often can become something to be aware of as I prep the message







#### 4. Themes Identification

- ▶ With some themes that have come from #1, #2, #3, I prayerfully plan
- ▶ Things I consider are: seasons (eg Christmas, Easter, Summer, Fall, etc.)
- ▶ What is needed in the life of our church; sometimes a topical series: (eg parenting, finance, evangelism, discipleship). Sometimes a biblical book series: (eg Galatians = Gospel, Song of Solomon = Marriage etc.)



#### 5. Calendar Time

- ▶ Now that I have themes identified, I get my calendar out and I prayerfully plot the weeks / months ahead
- ▶ I try to work this exercise out with the staff team for refinement
- ▶ Here is where we also consider the placement of: Family Room, 21 Days of Prayer, Marriage Retreat, etc.



#### 6. Actual Message Prep

- ▶ I begin with doing a read over the passage of scripture that is central to the message
- ▶ I make notes on what really grabs me as I read and reread the passage
- ▶ Then I write a one sentence summary of the passage – the “big idea”
- ▶ Along with reading that I have already done in research for the message series, I also go to commentaries and other preachers on how they have to say about it



#### 7. Ask Questions of the Message

- ▶ I ask: what, why, how, where or what issue is met or resolved in Jesus
- ▶ This helps me build the skeleton in which the message flows



#### 8. Time To Write

- ▶ Take the parts and prayerfully put the parts together
- ▶ Bring in supporting examples, illustrations, books read, etc.
- ▶ The time for this varies. It begins in small pieces over the course of a few days as I approach it and step away from it to let it “brew.” After that I always reserve one full day of bringing it together, writing and revising (not counting if I need to post the message online and prepare SG Questions)



#### 9. Live With The Message

- ▶ I try and give time for the message to marinate – after it is written
- ▶ As I step away, God often brings to my attention something in the message that needs attention



#### 10. Final Revision

- ▶ I prayerfully go through the message asking God to use it for His Glory and Purposes
- ▶ I often will make changes at this point adding or deleting from my manuscript



**Shawn Klassen**  
**Connections Pastor**

### **Meetings** 17-20 hrs/week

- Leading Small Group Meetings (Young Adults & Monday nights)
- Devos with men from SR (meeting with various men for discipleship)
- Various Meetings with others (eg. marriage counseling, baptism discussions, faith exploration, volunteer coaching, Small Group Leaders, Serving Team Leaders)
- Running Classes (Starting Point, Money Matters, Partnership)
- Staff Meeting (weekly)
- Leadership Team (once a month)
- Connecting with people new to SR

### **Family Ministries**

First 1/3 of year 8hrs/week

- Learning this new ministry role (articles, books, conferences)
- Exploring resources (books, curriculum, covid options)
- Finding resources to equip parents & connecting with parents personally
- Transitioning Jon into taking on this role

### **Administration & Technology**

12 hrs/week

- Running the booking of the facility (for our Small Groups, elections, other churches)
- Developing & posting online content:
  - Messages (editing, uploading, sometimes preaching, live-streaming)
  - The Letter (filming, editing, posting)
  - The Family Room (putting it together)
- Learning new tech to help with shifts (various software & hardware solutions)
- Details for events throughout the year (Community Christmas Dinner, 21 Days of Prayer, Family Camp, Christmas Eve, etc)
- Minor facility upkeep as able
- Learning via conferences, workshops, articles, books

### **Production** 12 hrs/week

- Scheduling & training Musicians, Sound, Media, Livestream people
- Creating the song list & arrangements
- Setting up the stage & rehearsal with the team
- Coaching Worship Leaders
- Crafting spoken segments between songs to highlight important themes in the music
- Creating slides for media build
- Build weekly flowchart for Sunday morning

## **What goes into music at SunRidge?**

Since we've been able to gather in person back in September, I've wanted to create a familiar music experience for our church. I've been selecting songs we know very well (and a few from years past) so that the room is "alive" with the sound of voices. We'll get going on some new songs in the near future, but as we returned, I thought we should revisit the favourites. To plan songs each week:



I take a look at what we'll be exploring in the message and see if there's thematic elements in known songs that we can use.



I build a band from the musicians who are available.



Then the songs are styled around the players on the band. (e.g. big builds are great for a full band, but not so much for a 2 person team)



The songs are put into singable ranges so that the most people possible can sing along.



Then it's a matter of running cables & microphones on stage, and having a couple decent practices with the band - Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. We make sure that we've got all our starts and stops in sync and that we know how transitions between songs will go.



**Jon Ransom**  
**Manager of Out of School Care /**  
**Director of Family Ministries**

**Primary Purpose:** “Strengthen Families for Christ”

**As Manager of Out of School Care (OOSC)**

- I oversee the day-to-day operations of the program,
- I uphold the requirements that we must adhere to as a licensed facility,
- I manage four staff on my team,
- I execute a faith-based character education program for our OOSC kids,
- I finding ways to bring Christ into the lives of our OOSC families; OOSC is as much an outreach ministry as it is a service to the community.

**As Director of Family Ministries:**

- I run the Sunland program on Sundays which brings biblical teaching to the children in our fellowship
- I align Sunland teaching with the teaching that Pastor Mike brings to our adult fellowship so that parents and children are aligned with a common message throughout the week
- I look for ways to support and strengthen families in our fellowship. As such, I also devise, plan and execute events, training and meet ups that will “strengthen families”

**Division of Work:** 60% Manager of Out of School Care, 40% Director of Family Ministries



**Mindy Aaserud**  
**Bookkeeper**



**Alecia Dyck**  
**Designer**

- Website Maintenance
- Weekly Email Communication
- Social Media
- Design



# THE SUNRIDGE TEAM

## Staff



Mike Klassen  
*Lead Pastor*



Shawn Klassen  
*Connections  
Pastor*



Jon Ransom  
*Sunland Director /  
OOSC Manager*



Teresa Klassen  
*OOSC Director  
Admin*



Mindy Aaserud  
*Bookkeeper*



Alecia Dyck  
*Designer*

## Leadership Team



Brian Hawkins



Kyle Dyck



JoAnn Kuchma



Sara Corothers



Hans Neumann



Mike Klassen



Shawn Klassen

## Ministry Leaders



Steve & Sara  
Corothers  
*Small Group  
Leaders*



Wayne & Val  
Zilkie  
*Small Group  
Leaders &  
Facilities*



Hans & Marion  
Neumann  
*Small Group  
Leaders*



Norm & Cindy  
MacIntosh  
*Small Group  
Leaders*



Brad & Tannis  
Gamble  
*Small Group  
Leaders*



Bernie & Sue  
Schmidtk  
*Small Group  
Leaders*



Jon Ransom  
*Family  
Ministries*



Kyle & Alecia  
Dyck  
*Student  
Ministries*



Mike & Teresa  
Klassen  
*Small Group  
Leaders*



Shawn Klassen  
*Small Group  
Leader &  
Production*



Brian Hawkins  
*Finance Team  
Leader*



Lisa Klassen  
*Small Group  
Leader &  
Frontlines*

# MINISTRY UPDATES

# RIDGE YOUTH

I'm so grateful that we were able to run youth ministry for the whole year! We started out gathering in the auditorium around tables until mid march. We then went back into the portable which we hadn't done in almost a year and a half!

We gave the portable a refresher with some new fun set ups, we've even got monkey bars now. The basketball court has been AMAZING and I'm so excited for the snow to melt so we can get back out there!

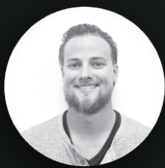
We said goodbye to lots of graduating students in June of 2021 and welcomed lots of new faces!

Our numbers have fluctuated more then I've ever seen, where some nights we've gotten close to 40 of us and other weeks there's 10 of us. I try to schedule youth so that every other week we are playing games and having events and then the other nights of youth we are walking through something called, "living Christian" which is the discipleship class we've been walking through but modified slightly for a younger audience.

For myself, youth continues to be such an incredible journey and something that I'm so grateful to be a part of. I'm surrounded by great leaders, Cole and Mary Hubshur, Kaden, Nikki, Matt Unrau, Alecia and myself. The team is awesome and each person brings something unique to team. Having Skye ( my 10 month old daughter ) at youth is a really amazing thing. It's incredible to see the generational piece in my own life. It's been such a reminder to me to continue to meet with students and teach them about scripture, devotionals and what we are called to do and to be as Christians.

For myself personally, it's been a trying season. The back and forth between new protocols is hard from a practical planning standpoint and youth culture standpoint as its hard to have a really hype youth night while online and even through all the shifts! This has pushed me to dig deep. The hard seasons are necessary and where growth takes place. I've never experienced growth in my own life doing easy things. I'm excited for what lays on the horizon for youth. I'm excited and grateful to continue to lead in this capacity.

Kyle Dyck  
*Youth Pastor*





# PRODUCTION

Our goal in Production is to build an environment where the Lord is glorified and His people are edified. Our hearts and voices lift the goodness of God and our souls are fed by His Word. We hope to accomplish that by the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, and messages we teach when we Gather.

SunRidge loves to sing together as we gather for worship. I know that because quite often I have a drummer right behind me and I can hear you singing over that! There's many moving pieces involved for our singing to happen week after week: A band needs to be assembled and rehearsed, a sound person needs to run the mixing board, a media person needs to operate the slides, and since we began to livestream, a video person needs to run the stream. These are all volunteer run and I extend my sincere gratitude to all involved.



Shawn Klassen  
Connections Pastor

Most of 2021 was very simplified for this ministry. We would put together a weekly online message followed by a single song (with words on the screen). If you had a "behind the scenes" viewpoint on that operation, what you would've seen was a tripod with my iPhone mounted on it and a sheet of music taped to it. Quite the "production" to be sure. We would schedule these online messages & songs to go live on Facebook at 10am Sunday mornings, and then chat in the comments with whoever joined the livestream.

When that changed in July and we began to meet in person, I was thrilled to be playing alongside SunRidge musicians once again. Since then, we've enjoyed singing with each other during our Sunday Gatherings whether it's a big band or more acoustic styled. During the Family Room (last Sunday of the month), it's been amazing to get children involved with percussion, helping with the soundboard, and running the slides.

# SMALL GROUPS

**9 Groups: students, ladies, adults, families, online, young adults**

Our walk of faith is something we do together. When Jesus began His earthly ministry, one of the first things He did was call a group of guys to join Him. He called fishermen, tax collectors, and zealots to follow Him, learn from Him, and lead like Him. Our Small Groups take that call seriously. We regularly meet up to get into the bible, into the message of the week, and do our best to apply what we've learned to an area in our lives.

Our desire is that everyone would find their fit in one of our Small Groups. These groups happen on almost any day of the week and they truly are the place where friends become family. Throughout this past year, many of our meetings have had to happen online, in backyards, or at coffee shops. SunRidge has also made our facility available for groups to book and we have a number of comfortable spaces to connect. 80 people are connected in Small Groups at SunRidge!

There have been many interesting ways to connect in Small Groups. Covid has presented us with challenges for sure - meetings that would've typically happened in living rooms had to change things up. Young Adults met at a coffee shop to watch the message and then walk to discuss it. Other groups would do a lunch in the Church Foyer. Some found that meeting on Zoom was actually more convenient for people to connect - especially if some people were joining in from a different continent! Other groups found that their numbers were too big so they had to branch off and create 2 groups. Whatever covid changed, our desire to continue meeting together stayed strong and we found a way!

We would like to thank our Small Group Leaders and the efforts they have put forth to care for our people in 2021. You have exemplified endurance and a lasting faith. The way you prepare and engage week after week is an inspiration. Well done!

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Even though 2022 is starting off with many uncertainties, I believe the learnings of 2021 have actually served to prepare and strengthen us for the days ahead.

A word we used a lot in 2021 was 'Pivot.' Every time I hear it used I am pulled back into my past highschool basketball-playing days. It was here that my coach would stand in front of the team and demonstrate how important a pivot was as he left one foot planted on the ground while moving the other foot in a multitude of directions – adapting our position.

It is clear that a church that has not pivoted during the pandemic is in trouble, because we have to adapt. Jesus pivoted—He was on his way to do one thing, but another need came and He pivoted to the need in front of Him. We too have had to and will have to make appropriate changes to reach a changing culture as well.

A new reality moving forward will also be summed up in this phrase: We have to go to where the people are. For us, this is going to require an even more intentional online presence so that people, wherever they are, will be able to join us digitally just as the rest of us gather in person. We learned something about that in 2021 and this will help us in 2022; we will need to make this a priority moving into this new year.

What we want to stay clear on is what Jesus has asked of us as His followers:

Make Disciples that will Make Disciples. There has never been a year when this command has been benched. Over 2,000 years in times of favor and in times of persecution, peace and war, famine and plenty it has never been retracted. It wasn't retracted in 2021, but the "how" became more creative and we learned from this too.

Discipleship needs to be central to everything that we do as a church. 2021 gave us a new way of doing this as it pushed us to meet online; this has become a great platform to easily meet for one hour, once a month without requiring anyone to leave their home! It is so doable! So in 2022 we are again offering Discipleship Groups which meet online once a month.

Where we intentionally work through both the teaching of and the practicing of 'spiritual practices.' This gives us the necessary preparation to teach them and practice them to someone else. Disciples making disciples.

My hope is that everyone in SunRidge would take the mandate of Discipleship seriously. For 2022 we are going to do our best to encourage all our Small Group Leaders to participate in one of these groups so that they in turn can spread it out to others.

Time is short and so we want to do our best to equip each one of you for the days that lie ahead.

We don't live in the past nor try to recapture the past. We move forward and break new ground, grabbing onto the new opportunities Jesus always puts in front of us. His voice rings out as loud as ever in 2022 to do "new things" to Make Disciples that will Make Disciples.

- ▶ For more info and to join this course, go to: [www.sunridge.org/discipleship](http://www.sunridge.org/discipleship)

Pastor Mike







# SUNLAND & OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE

A new volunteer team for Sunland was formed and trained

- ▶ We currently have 11 volunteers on the team (but we need more!)

A summer program called “Play Dates” was formed. We supported families by creating safe connections and fellowship for parents and children during the isolating times of COVID.

- ▶ Several new families discovered SunRidge as a result and are now regular attendees to our church.

A Fall/Winter program called “Date Nights” was formed. We offered OOSC/SunRidge families a place to babysit their children so that parents could strengthen marriages, have some time to meet friends or just have some “me time”.

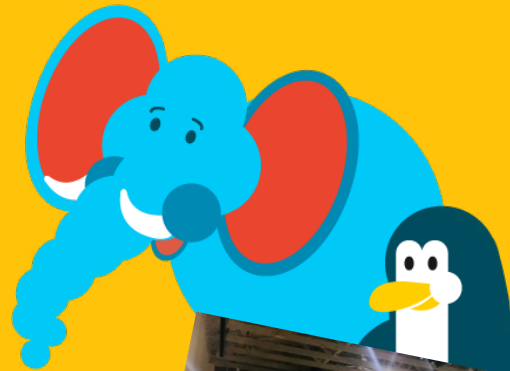
- ▶ Date Night events have been at full or near full capacity.
- ▶ About 60% of the parents are from our OOSC program, with the remainder being from SunRidge.
- ▶ Many of the participants have used Date Night to enjoy dates with spouses, with a parent, or with other couples on a “double date”. The feedback has been very positive and there seems to be a great need for this event continuing into the future.
- ▶ In January, we will be trialing “Daytime Date Night” for parents of very young children. This event will be Date Night, but from 11am-2pm, which we think will be better for parents with toddlers.
- ▶ We currently offer Date Night events once per month and charge 2 dollars to cover the cost of food.

LiTE program (an OOSC program): We re-started a program called LiTE which stands for “Leaders in Training Experience. This program is a leadership/character education program for OOSC students who are in grade 4 and 5.

- ▶ LiTE offers leadership training to these students and gives them roles of responsibility
- ▶ LiTE leaders plan events and execute them with the younger children
- ▶ LiTE leaders are taught how to be positive role models to the younger children
- ▶ LiTE leaders enjoy special events outside of OOSC hours

## Looking Ahead:

- ▶ Date Night will continue to be a monthly event; hopefully on the second Friday of every month.
- ▶ Play Dates will resume in June.
- ▶ I am hoping to host a Parent Training Event called: “Parenting in a Tech World” which is a program developed by Parent Cue. I am trialing the content and will likely offer it to OOSC/ Sunland in the Spring.
- ▶ I would like to host a Home School Co-op at SunRidge to home schooling parents in the community. This idea is in early stages of development.



Jon Ransom  
Sunland Director  
OOSC Manager





# 2021 STORIES

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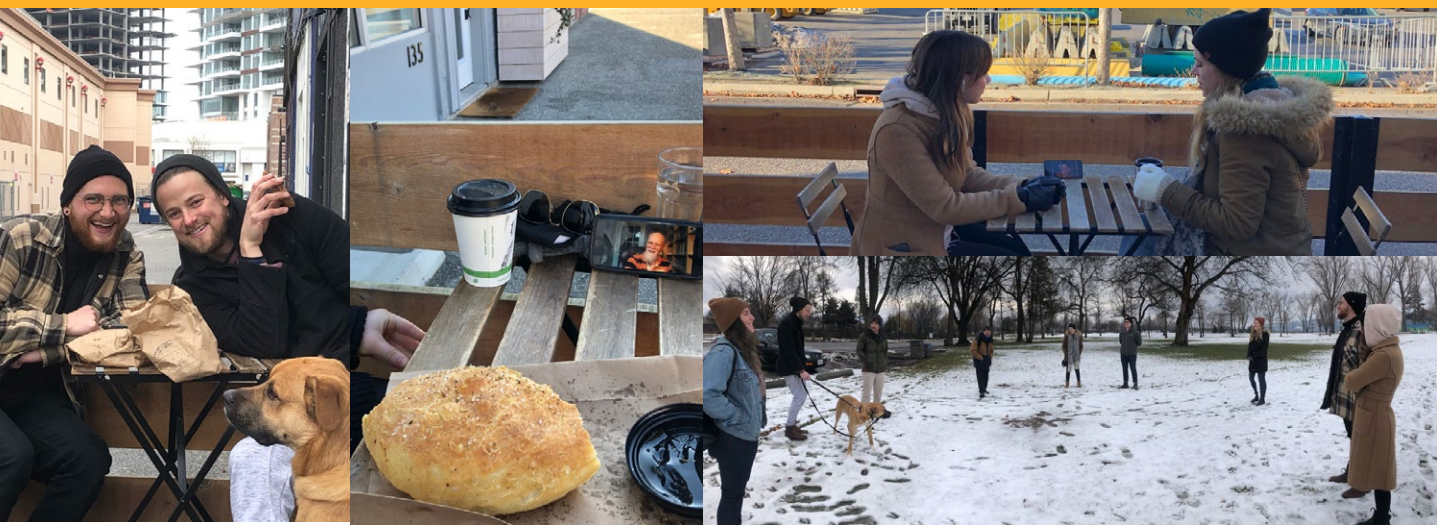
**Psalm 111:2-4 NLT**

**21 Days of Prayer** Jan. 7 - Feb. 17 Days focused on learning & practicing prayer online due to COVID protocols.

☑ SunRidgers shared their devotions through short videos posted during the 21 days.



**Sprout Church** Jan - March Even small groups could not meet in-person during this time. The Young Adults group would meet at City Park, pair up in 2's or 3's, walk to Sprout Coffee, watch the message in the cafe, walk back discuss it, and pray together.



**Youth Online** Jan - March 03 RIDGE Youth met online for devotions, a ladies night, eyes closed drawing games, and more!





**Community Gifts February** In February we had the chance to send gift bags out to our Food Bank community. Thank you to the many people from SunRidge who dropped off treats to fill these gifts! Out-Of-School Care help assemble them all but they also built the cards to go along with them!



**An International Small Group**

This Small Group embraced the benefits of zoom and was able to continue to meet across two continents! Members at different points were in Columbia, Canada, Mexico, and Ecuador.

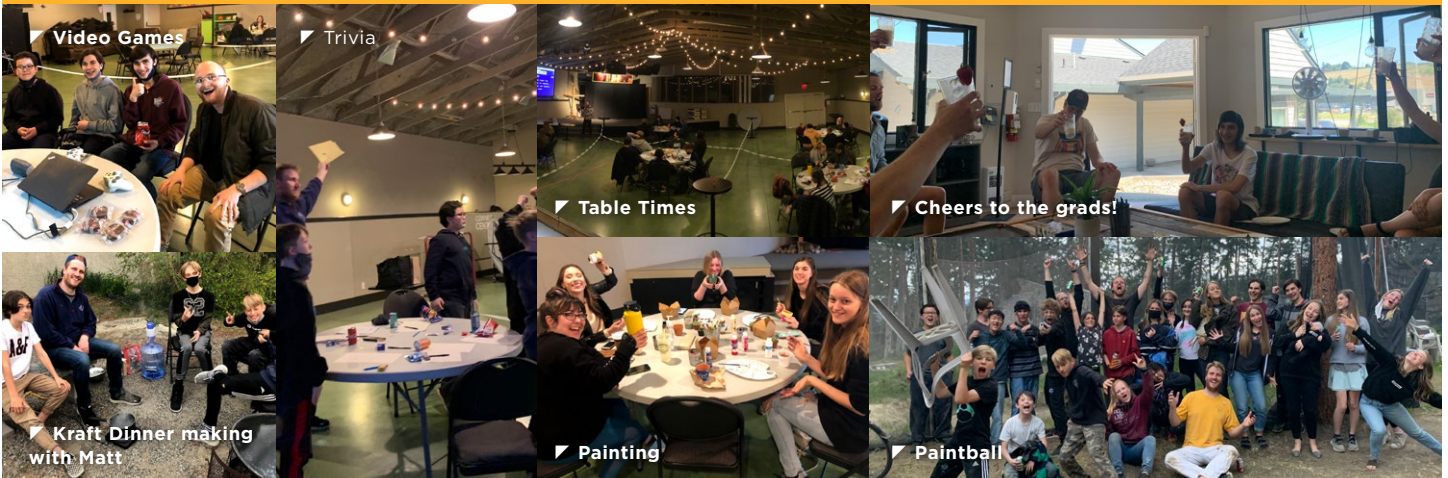


**AGM Online March 05**

Our Annual General Meeting served as a time for us to come together, look back on the past year, and be reminded of the many ways SunRidgers are helping each other navigate life and grow in faith.

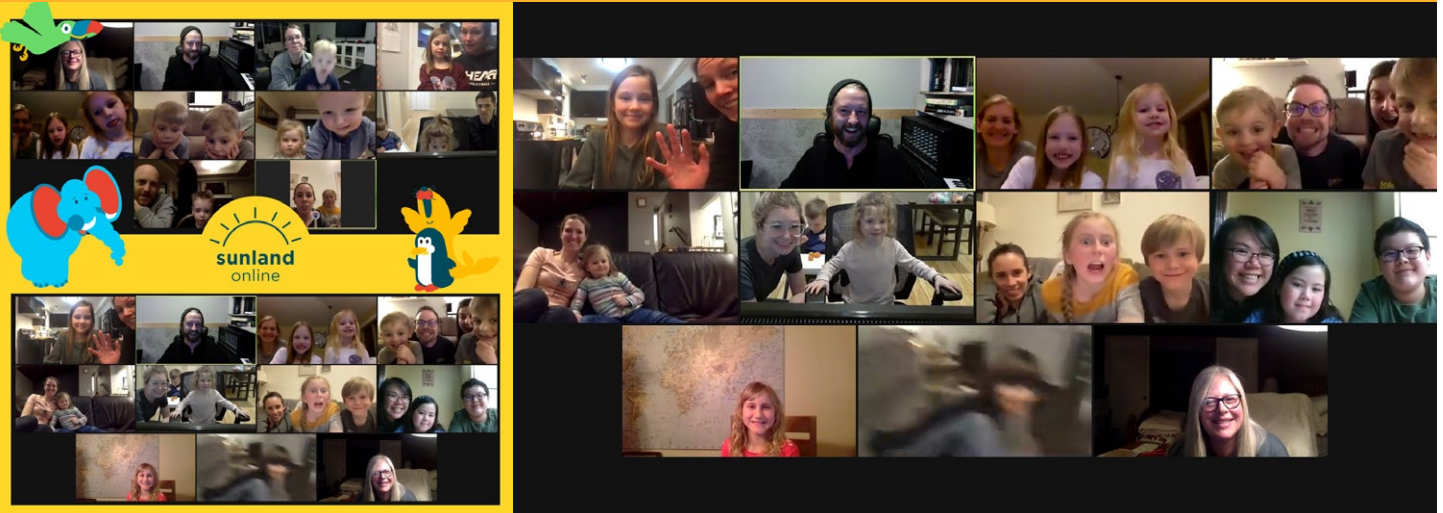


**Youth In-Person March 03 - May 26** It was such a blessing to be able to meet in-person in March! We started with what we called "Table Times" which were games and discussion in small groups, we had a movie night, paintball, and a toast at the end of all the students who graduated this year!





**SunLand Online** March Families and kids connected online for games and faith lessons



**Small Groups on Patios** March 19 Small Groups embraced the cold and met outside as protocols allowed outdoor in-person gatherings again! It was such a blessing to be able to sit together again!



**Prayer In-Person** March 28 "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." Psalm 133:1 We shared, we prayed, we listened to the message together. We remembered Jesus through communion. Yes how good it is.





**Marriage Retreat & Course April 9 & On** Some stayed at Summerland Resort and some stayed home to connect on zoom over a weekend to focus on building strong marriage relationships. Much of the group continued on after to do the remaining 6 marriage course sessions.

# MARRIAGE RETREAT

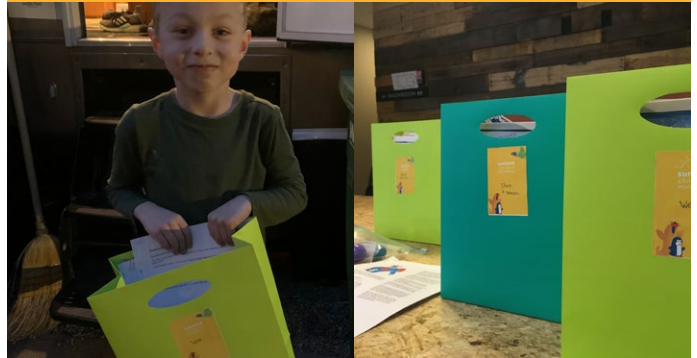


**Easter Online April 20** Crazy to think we just had our second Easter weekend online! Friday night we met online, reflected on the 7 things Jesus said from the cross, and then shared communion together. Easter Sunday we met online again to enjoy some worship music and hear from a few people on their Easter thoughts.



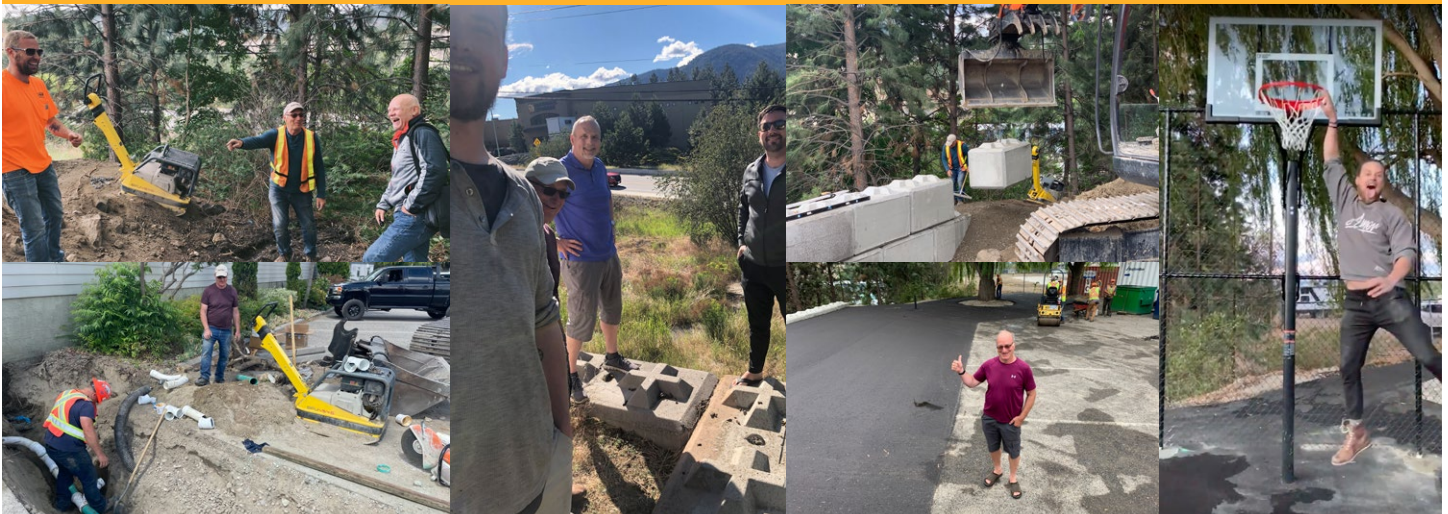
## SunLand Easter Deliveries April 12

The SunLand Team took it to the next level for April as packages were put together and delivered. These packages are awesome! There are pages full of activities and content for families to discuss faith at home. There's also some tasty treats to enjoy! Raising the next generation to follow Jesus is an incredibly important thing to us and it's a joy to walk alongside families as we do that together.



## Student Court Begins May 11 - August 18

A space where people will gather, children can play, and basketball showdowns will definitely happen!





**Jon Ransom is Hired** **May** We couldn't be happier to welcome Jon to our Staff Team. He is serving as the Manager of Out of School Care (OOSC) and leading Sunland Family Ministries. Jon spent the past 17 years in China where he was involved in starting schools, training teachers, and it's also where he met his wonderful wife, Mei. Jon has a passion to see families follow Jesus together and we're looking forward to his ministry in our church!



**Facility Work** **June** We made use of the time we could not meet in-person and got to some facility projects around our campus. Our Auditorium had a problem with falling debris from the ceiling. It was an issue stemming from the thermal barrier coming loose and dropping to the floor.



**SunLand Playdates** **Started June 25** Every week we are meeting together as families for a time of fellowship, prayer and play. There is also a time for parents to chat about the challenges and victories they are facing as they disciple their children.



**In-Person Church Gathering** **July 4** We got to meet in-person in our church building for the first time in 16 months! It was so so good to see friends again, to sing together as a large group, and to enjoy the little things we missed like the toast bar and lingering together after the service.





**Soup/Sandwich Sunday July 25** What a blessing to be able to enjoy a meal together again on July 25 before needing to stick to smaller groups again! We love these times, not only for great food, but for the time it gives us to connect and to get to know new people we haven't met.



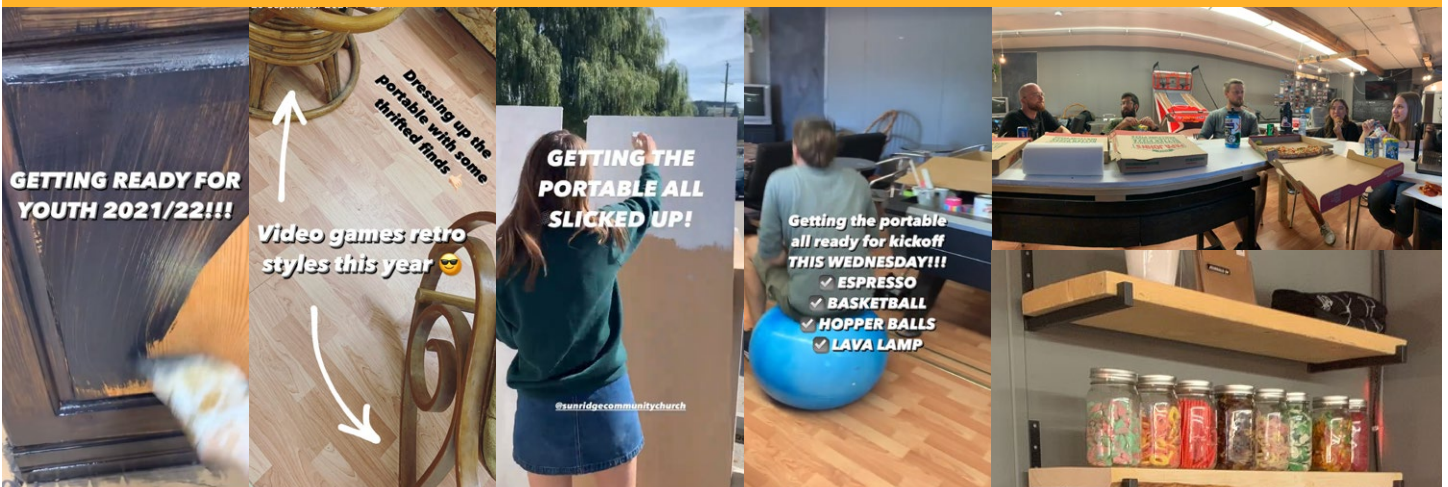
**Back Online August 1** Due to growing COVID numbers in the Okanagan Valley and new Interior Health protocols we paused our in-person gatherings. "And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." Jeremiah 29:7



**Baptisms August 20: Shea, September 03: Isaiah, October 10: Autumn**



**Portable Refresh Early September** RIDGE Youth did not get to use the portable too much last year due to gathering restrictions. In anticipation of an in-person youth kick-off, the youth team did a little refresh/reno of the portable!





**Back In-Person September 12** After meeting again in-person after 16 months in July we had to go back online. Sept. 12 we were back in-person to kick-off the Fall!



**Brand Refresh & Website September** This past year has been a year of change! All the curve-balls COVID-19 has thrown at the world and us has taught us new things, and made us try new ideas. Practically, with so much emphasis being put on online resources through the pandemic, we realized we needed some new capabilities with our website, so we rebuilt it. The pandemic has also made us dig deep as a community, and hold tight to values we share as a church. We wanted to start the Fall with a fresh symbol built on things we love!



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**Youth Kick-Off & Fall Events September 29** RIDGE Youth this year has been an awesome mix of Basketball, candy, espresso, campfires, Taskmaster games, teaching on some Church basic, and devotions.





**Service Sunday October 03** Huge thank you to everyone who showed up for Service Sunday on the 3rd!!! We accomplished so much! We painted the bench, and grape trellis; we cleared a lot of leaves and pine needle build up; we also did some sprinkler maintenance. Overall it was a great time of fellowship and service in the name of Christ.



**24th Anniversary October 10** Happy 24th anniversary SunRidge!!!! "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1



**SunLand Lessons From The Stage Throughout the Fall** We've enjoyed these little moments Jon leads from the stage at church on Sundays! The kiddos head on up to the front for a quick start of a lesson and prayer before heading to their class.



**Date Nights Started November** SunLand Family Ministries invited parents to drop-off their kids at SunRidge so they could go and invest time into themselves or a significant relationship. We look forward to continuing these events in 2022!





**17th Annual Community Christmas Dinner December 04** After missing a year due to COVID protocols it was so good to be back doing this event! Guests from all around our city joined us for dinner and dessert to live music followed up by some hilarious group games. Jesus sat and enjoyed a meal with so many. So it is based on his example that we place value on sharing a meal with people. It's amazing how rich these times around a table of food can be! Such a huge thank you to the many volunteers who worked hard to pull this dinner together!



**Christmas Eve** Christmas Eve carols by candlelight. We had such a special time on Christmas Eve gathering over two in-person services! Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening happen! We had a time of worship to Christmas hymns, heard teaching on faith being more precious than gold, and finished the evening to a candlelit O Holy Night song. Our church family Christmas Eve offering was \$4,886.00 for Child of Mine in India!



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# FINANCE UPDATE

# Sunridge 2021 Financials

	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Offerings	284,576	279,771	(4,805)
Special Gifts & Fundraising	-	6,110	6,110
Rental income / misc. other income	-	2,370	2,370
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>284,576</b>	<b>288,251</b>	<b>3,675</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Wages and benefits	175,752	184,190	8,438
Cell Phones	1,920	1,320	(600)
Mileage and Meetings	3,000	2,578	(422)
	<b>180,672</b>	<b>188,088</b>	<b>7,416</b>
<b><u>Facility</u></b>			
Mortgage payments	23,544	23,544	-
Snow Removal / Parking lot	2,500	2,158	(342)
Garbage disposal	750	712	(38)
Sewer & Water	1,050	1,553	503
Security	260	486	226
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	3,500	2,833	(667)
Janitorial	800	352	(448)
Gas	1,850	1,836	(14)
Electricity	3,200	2,928	(272)
Facility insurance	4,500	5,329	829
Church Van	2,000	6,255	4,255
	<b>43,954</b>	<b>47,986</b>	<b>4,032</b>
<b><u>General Operating</u></b>			
Website	500	217	(283)
Photocopier/Printer	350	234	(116)
Printed materials	750	106	(644)
Digital Arts/Design	1,200	3,498	2,298
Audio/Video/Computer maintenance	2,000	2,949	949
Bank charges	1,500	1,670	170
Office Supplies	1,000	471	(529)
Subscriptions/Memberships/Licences	2,000	2,942	942
Phone/Fax/Internet	1,650	1,613	(37)
	<b>10,950</b>	<b>13,700</b>	<b>2,750</b>
<b><u>Ministries</u></b>			
Sunday Services/Special Events	1,000	994	(6)
Prayer	1,000	100	(900)
Worship	1,000	392	(608)
Sunland Ministry	2,000	1,101	(899)
Hospitality	2,000	1,153	(847)
Small groups/Mens/Womens/Moms	1,000	948	(52)
Student Ministries (net of income)	3,000	3,193	193
Leadership Training	3,000	469	(2,531)
	<b>14,000</b>	<b>8,350</b>	<b>(5,650)</b>
<b><u>Missions</u></b>			
BCMB Conference (5% of offerings)	14,000	14,000	-
Missions	10,000	13,183	3,183
Family Camp	-	-	-
Child of Mine (Christmas Eve)	-	4,887	4,887
Child of Mine - income (Christmas Eve)	-	(4,887)	(4,887)
Benevolent fund / TLC	1,000	298	(702)
Community Christmas dinner expense	-	627	627
Christmas dinner - income	-	(575)	(575)
India/Mexico missions trips expense	-	-	-
India/Mexico missions trips fundraising	-	-	-
	<b>25,000</b>	<b>27,533</b>	<b>2,533</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>274,576</b>	<b>285,657</b>	<b>11,081</b>
<b>Excess of income over expenses</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>(7,406)</b>
<b><u>Other items:</u></b>			
Out of School Care (net of expenses)	-	8,027	8,027
<b><u>Capital items:</u></b>			
	(10,000)	(3,453)	6,547
<b>Surplus (loss)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,168</b>	<b>7,168</b>



## Summary

Although slightly short of budget, Sunday offerings were less than 2% below expectations, which is a testament to God's faithfulness to our Church through the generosity of our people.

Overall income was slightly ahead of budget at \$288.3k. The overage was primarily driven by special offerings related to Student Ministries and some unexpected facility rental income.

The total expenses for the year were marginally overbudget, primarily due to some one-off costs and a strategic shift in digital arts investment. Here are some of the highlights regarding our spending this year:

The slight overage in wage spend comes from the good fortune of finding Jon Ransom earlier than budgeted, so we carried the extra wage for slightly longer than budgeted.

Facility spend was basically on budget except for some unanticipated church van expenses.

The digital arts and design spend reflects an increase focus on the digital arts as an expression of our ministry efforts, as well as the recent re-brand. We expect this level of investment to continue.

Ministry budgets reflect a somewhat disjointed ministry year. Covid restrictions prevented some ministries from operating the full year, which contributed to an underspend in some areas.

The Out of School Care "surplus" is somewhat overstated as there are some expenses that are not included in the financial statements for that ministry. The important ones would include facilities rent, all costs associated to the church van, and insurance. The ministry is effectively breakeven after these costs are included, which is our intent. OOSC was always designed to be a ministry to families in our area rather than a for-profit enterprise and we are grateful for the work Jon and his staff do there.

Overall we have finished up 2021 in very good financial health. Operational spending was largely in line with income and we also completed the student court during the year as our primary capital expenditure to support Student Ministries. As our facility continues to show its age we are anticipating some more capital expenditures in the next 1 - 2 years to refresh the building and ensure it can support us for years to come.

Thank you SunRidge for your ongoing faithfulness and generosity.

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