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# Annual Report

September 2024-August 2025



# A LETTER FROM BETH

This year at Prairie Heights has been one of growth and excitement. Every Sunday, we are meeting new people in the lobby, celebrating new decisions to follow Jesus, and watching people take fresh steps of faith. The lobby refresh created new space for connection, and it has been incredible to see people experiencing belonging the moment they walk in.

When I think about this past year, I think of stories like Tim's. He came with his daughter just to give her a ride, and instead he found the hope of Jesus for himself. Or Solvay, a college student who realized she could not live for the world and for God at the same time. Stories like these remind me that God is at work in ways far beyond what we can see.

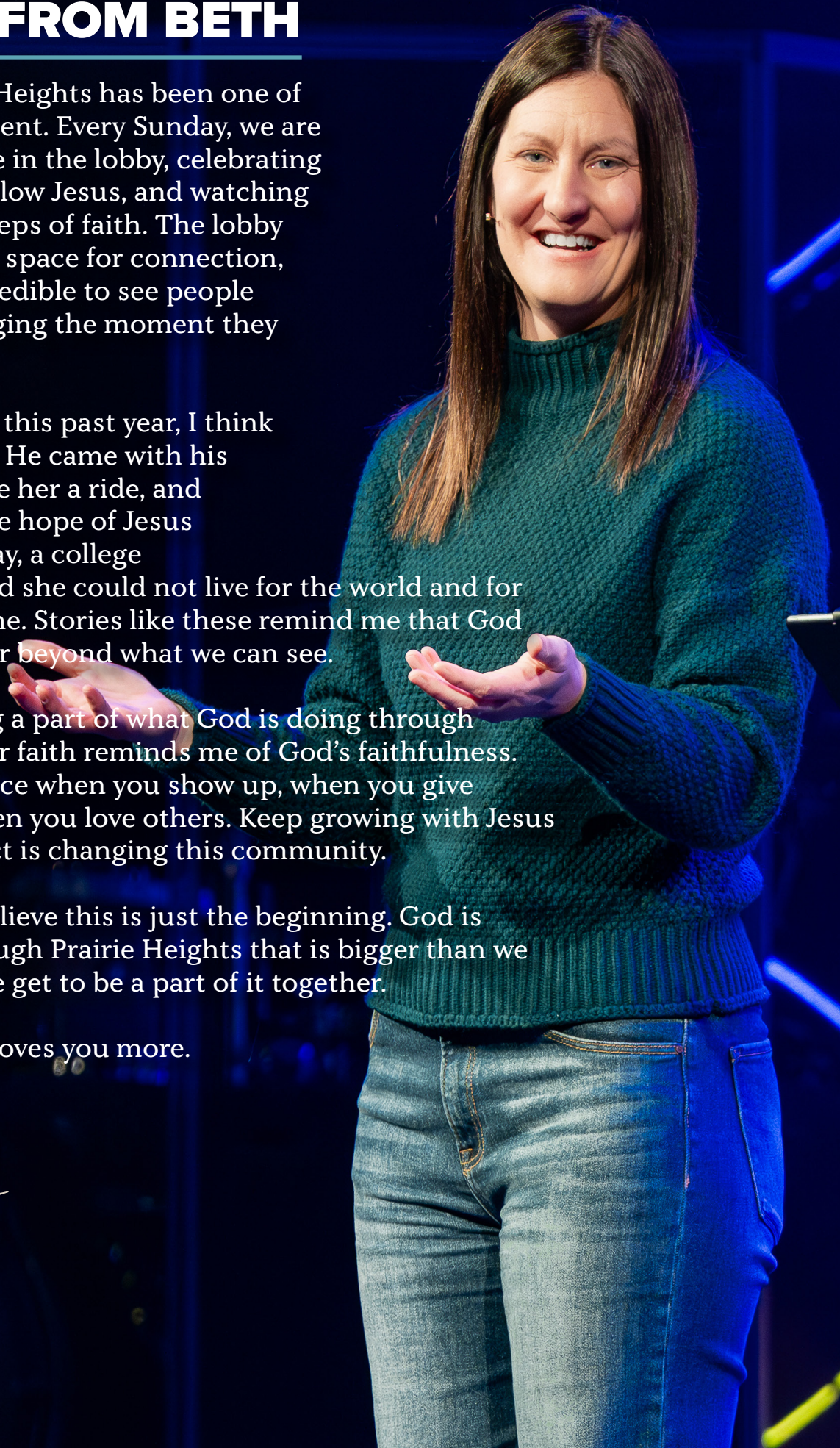
Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through Prairie Heights. Your faith reminds me of God's faithfulness. You make a difference when you show up, when you give generously, and when you love others. Keep growing with Jesus because your impact is changing this community.

As I look ahead, I believe this is just the beginning. God is writing a story through Prairie Heights that is bigger than we can imagine, and we get to be a part of it together.

I love you and God loves you more.  
With gratitude,



Beth Nelson  
Lead Pastor







**1096** IN PERSON

**352** ONLINE

AVERAGE WEEKLY  
ATTENDANCE

**336**

YES! TO CHRIST

**1194**

KIDS IN  
PRAIRIE HEIGHTS KIDS

**192**

STUDENTS  
IN OXYGEN

**123**

BAPTISMS

**260**

GIVING HOUSEHOLDS



# A PLACE TO BELONG

This year, we refreshed our lobby and updated our brand to create a consistent, welcoming space. From signage to seating, every detail helps people feel at home and take steps toward Jesus.

The look is new, but the mission is the same. The refresh has already led to more first-time guests, more conversations, and more next steps on Sundays.









**PURSUE JESUS**

*365 days a year*

**SERVE PEOPLE**

*no strings attached*



Prairie Heights exists to connect those apart from God with Christ and a church family.

**CHOOSE COMMUNITY**

*church is the people*

**GIVE GENEROUSLY**

*in all circumstances*







# PURSUE JESUS

Healthy relationships require time and effort, including our relationship with God. We are passionate about regularly spending time with Jesus through prayer, study, and personal growth.



“At my lowest point my daughter invited me to Prairie Heights. I came to give her a ride but ended up finding the hope of Jesus for myself. Today, even though my circumstances have not changed much, my heart is lighter and my future is brighter because I have placed my burdens on Him.” -TIM L.

“I said yes to Christ after years of addiction, jail time, and brokenness. Two years sober, I can see the blessing of how He has restored my family and given me a new life to live fully committed to Him.” -JAMES M.



# CHOOSE COMMUNITY

People are the heart of the church. Authentic community is what God intended the church to be. We choose to be in each other's lives, take care of one another, and invite others on the journey.

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GROUPS  
PARTICIPANTS

1471

NEW PEOPLE TO  
PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

“Grow group days are a highlight of my week. The women in my group remind me that being vulnerable is a blessing, not a weakness.”

-KELLY M.



“Our group became a safe place to share doubts and struggles. That honesty brought us closer to Jesus.”

-DEREK J.



# SERVE PEOPLE

We live out our faith by meeting the needs of people with no strings attached. We are willing to go above and beyond for people and seek out proactive solutions to the felt needs of our community.



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PRAIRIE HEIGHTS  
VOLUNTEERS

330+

HOURS SERVED IN  
THE COMMUNITY

372

FAMILIES SERVED AT  
FALL FAMILY EVENT



# GIVE GENEROUSLY

We trust God with all our resources: financial, emotional, societal, and giftings. All we have been given is from God; that is why we give generously, as a tangible way to love God and love people.

“Early on in our marriage, we took Financial Peace University to help us get on the same page with our finances. The course helped us make giving a priority. We give because it honors God and helps us keep our priorities centered on him. It’s God’s money that we are managing. As we have stretched our giving over the years, we have seen so many miraculous blessings. We give to Prairie Heights because we trust the church to make a real difference and we see the impact every day—in the lives of people who walk through the doors, in our local community and schools, and in our own family. Our kids are growing up watching us live out faith and generosity and that matters to us.” —DAVID M.













# BAPTISM SUNDAYS

This year we celebrated unforgettable baptisms.

We witnessed people from all walks of life take this step of faith, and the joy in the room was unforgettable. Every baptism reminded us that God is writing a unique story in every life, and His goodness has no limits.

Baptism Sundays continue to be some of the most meaningful days in the life of Prairie Heights, where people declare their faith in Jesus and choose to follow Him.



“I grew up in a chaotic home where faith felt distant. Even as an adult, I carried fear that if God or others really knew me, they would turn away. Saying yes to Christ has been a process of learning to trust and let my guard down. Today, I am more grateful, more open, and I believe that God is walking beside me and carrying me through the hard days.” -RHONDA H.





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“Growing up, my family played a big role in my relationship with God. I learned about His love from an early age, and by the time I was confirmed in high school, faith was a steady part of my life. But as soon as it became my choice whether or not to go to church, I stopped. My relationship with God became lukewarm. I turned to Him only when I needed help and forgot to give Him the glory when life was going my way.

College made everything even harder. I felt lonely and tried to fill the emptiness with relationships and weekends of drinking. I let my worth be defined by people who didn't have my best in mind. For a while I lived like that, searching for confidence in all the wrong places.

But in a small group at Prairie Heights, other young women reminded me of the truth. They showed me what it meant to live for God, not the world. I had to make a choice, and I chose Him.

Since then, I have found security in Jesus, in my worth, in my education, in my friendships, in my future. He has given me confidence to walk away from things that pull me off course and strength to trust Him in all seasons. Prayer has healed me in ways nothing else ever could. Through God's goodness and grace, He has shaped me into the person I am today.”

-SOLVAY I.





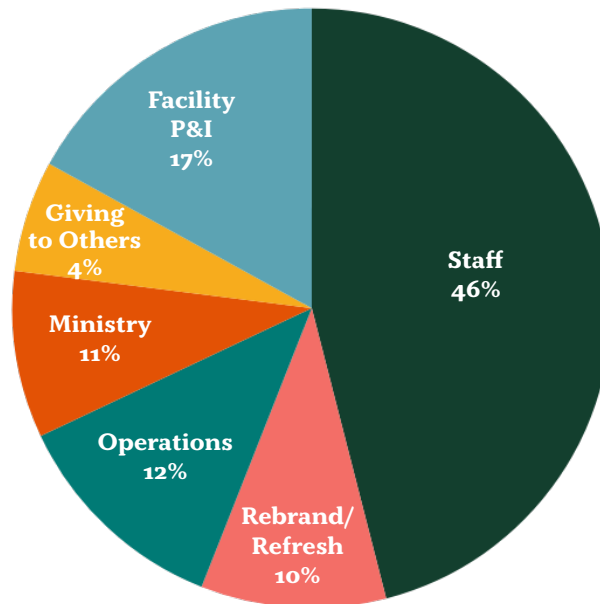
# FISCAL YEAR 2025 FINANCIALS

## Income Summary

Fiscal Year 2025

Giving & Income	\$2,272,868
Expenses	\$2,752,706
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 479,838</b>

## Expenses Summary



This year, your generosity powered \$2,752,706 of meaningful impact throughout our church family and community. With total income of \$2,272,868, we made strategic decisions to invest in the future of Prairie Heights, including the completion of our Lobby Refresh and Rebranding project, a \$275,000 initiative fully funded through savings designated for this purpose through STAND.

Beyond this one-time investment, our ministry operations exceeded regular giving by about \$200,000. This gap reflects our commitment to provide growing programs and staffing that serve both our church family and our community.

We are deeply grateful for the faithfulness and obedience of everyone who gave this year. Your generosity makes every baptism, every life changed, and every moment of worship possible. Prairie Heights continues to flourish because of your generosity, and we are excited to see how God will work through our church family in the year ahead. -Doug Peters, Executive Pastor



# LOOKING AHEAD

As we close this fiscal year,  
we celebrate the countless lives that have  
been changed and the growing impact  
Prairie Heights has in our community.

Our mission remains the same:  
to connect those apart from God with  
Christ and a church family.

**The best is still ahead.**





**PRAIRIE HEIGHTS EXISTS  
TO CONNECT THOSE APART  
FROM GOD WITH CHRIST AND  
A CHURCH FAMILY.**



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