



# JOINING IN GOD'S RESTORATION

DEEPER IN CHRIST | DARING TO SERVE | TOGETHER WITH JOY

BIDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 2019



Dear BPC,

I'm pleased to share with you our annual report. It's filled with stories of God's faithfulness to Bidwell and your commitment to Christ and his Kingdom. It reveals what happens when your story, Bidwell's and the Gospel are united.

We want to highlight your willingness to serve in such times as the Camp Fire that caused our community to galvanize, as Paradise and the surrounding communities were destroyed by several days of horror. Such tragedy has changed our city. Yet stories of courage and hope arose from our faithfulness to Join in God's Restoration. We have seen lives changed and unburdened because of you. We want to extend our gratitude to you, the volunteers. You followed your heart, impacting the lives of so many. You have dared to serve in so many ways this past year.

Our Kidwell leadership was humbled by your willingness to serve and impact the lives of the children in our care. Children's Ministry Director,

Nancy Bultema, highlights just some of the blessings she has received from our volunteers.

## RELATIONSHIPS CREATION JUSTICE COMMUNITY YOUR LIFE

We also want to highlight some of the changes that are happening at BPC. Associate Pastor, Shannon Coon, has worked diligently in her role to put together a solid foundation of how BPC defines "Spiritual Formation" as it pertains to a believer going deeper in Christ and becoming more like him.

BPC's logo received a refresh this year and we are revealing it in this report. Be sure to read more about the meaning behind the logo elements that were chosen. We wanted to depict a sense of timelessness that would stand out to communicate our vision and values, but also speak to who we are as a church.

Finally, we would like to highlight a couple of events, especially the All

Church Conference that crescendoed with a joint worship service on Sunday morning November (four days before the Camp Fire) and led us to deep spiritual moments by “God Conversations” author, Tania Harris. There are several other stories of some of our many ministries that have extended their reach to children, families, and seniors. While our church has changed over the past five years, we’re making remarkable strides and witnessing more and more stories of transformation – which is the work of the gospel when it is faithfully proclaimed.

As your Pastor, I’m personally thankful for you, the body of Christ. You have graciously supported the leadership of BPC. You are a church that stands behind our elders and promotes unity in the Body. You are a congregation that is genuinely open to being led and trusts God’s plan.

As Christ calls us to fulfill our vision to grow Deeper in Christ, Daring to Serve, and Together with Joy; I’m thrilled already at what our next year’s report will include. There’s so much

here to build upon, and I know you’ll appreciate how God’s restorative work is happening in Bidwell through changed lives and through you too.

We hope you value and appreciate the information presented in this report and live your life faithfully in Christ.

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope,” (Romans 5:13).*

WITH MUCH JOY AND  
EXPECTATION IN CHRIST,



HENRY HANSEN,

*Henry Hansen*

Senior Pastor



November 8, 2018 — California's most deadly wildfire began near Pulga, spreading quickly to Concow, Paradise, Magalia, Centerville, and Chico. In its seventeen days of destruction; 86 people lost their lives, 18,804 structures were burned, and almost 240 square miles of land was incinerated. Most of the destruction occurred during the first four hours, sending thousands of terrified residents scrambling down the hill to Chico.

BPC announced its new mission statement just months before the fire started: "Joining in God's restoration." What does it mean to join in God's restoration when a disaster of such immense proportions strikes a community?

Your answer to that was to care and love in sacrificial ways. You not only joined in prayer with those in our church and our community, but many of you opened your homes to fire refugees. You

bought needed items, you volunteered at the church, in the community, and you made posters to help people find loved ones. You hugged people. You listened to people's stories. Many of you were evacuated. Some of you lost your home, loved ones and pets.

Numerous stories can be shared about this tragedy like the grandmother who had come down in her truck without her cell phone, desperate to let her family know that she had made it out alive. She came to Bidwell Pres looking for someone with a cell phone and thought she remembered her granddaughter's number. A volunteer from our congregation offered to help, but the woman was one digit off. However, the volunteer kept trying different numbers until the granddaughter finally answered, relieved to know that her grandmother was safe.

Another story came when one couple contacted the church asking for help with medicine for their service dog. Displaced by the fire, the Camp Fire

# 4 CAMP FIRE RESPONSE



Relief team provided them not only medicine for their dog, but a place to stay for a month and helped them find permanent housing.

Having participated in helping during the Oroville Dam evacuation a year prior; Matt Plotkin, Kate Ory and Jenna Christophersen began setting up a distribution center for donated goods.

Plotkin said, "I met with a couple of volunteers at 1PM the day of the fire to set up a resource center. Documents from the Oroville Dam crisis were pulled up to find contacts for volunteers and for housing."

The volunteers responded; calling families to ask if they could house people while others helped organize areas for dropping off goods.

"By 8:30 PM the fire was close to Chico," Plotkin said. "Some volunteers checked in with families and loved ones. Some went home to evacuate their families." The resource distribution center continued until people had the supplies they needed after the initial crisis.

Again, many you came together to create a much needed Pop-up shop, with quality goods donated by you, our congregation. You volunteered to be personal helpers committed to walking through the shop individually with people to help them find items they needed. You listened to their stories. And you handed out gift cards.

You, the church, have hosted five

Restoration Dinners for survivors community-wide – offering a warm meal, a short program, and connecting people with the help they need. Because of this, many fire-survivors have been given much-needed counseling sessions. Additionally, Amy Beadle (the originator behind the pop-up shop) joined our deacon team as the Fire Relief Deacon, working with a team



of people to identify needs within our fire-affected community and providing funding.

Thank you Bidwell! As the damage from the fire continues to affect our county; you have faithfully continued to join in God's restoration of our community. Watch for our year anniversary Camp Fire Service coming November 3 in the El Rey Theater.

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The invitation for Kidwell Park volunteers went out in June, 2018 when we moved away from four overlapping services to three services. You responded with enthusiasm! By spring of 2019, we had gone from a 100% staff team on Sunday mornings to a team that consisted of 75% volunteers and 25% staff. THANK YOU!

Nancy Bultema, Director of Children's Ministry, said, "I have been humbled by the new volunteers serving in Kidwell Park this year. I am inspired by the time they took to learn their weekly lessons as well as the great feedback they gave me as we continue to develop a strong, gospel-centered teaching plan. This is the dream, that the children of Bidwell would be known, loved and taught by the church family of Bidwell Pres! I have also been blessed with a group of five

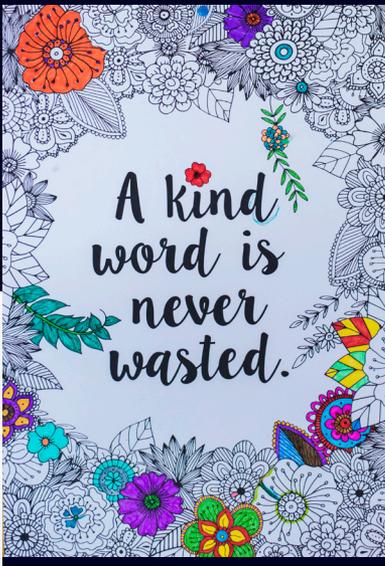
Bidwell women who lift up Kidwell Park in prayer on a regular basis. I could not be more grateful for the support!"

Kelsey Grabin is a Realtor in her mid-twenties. She responded to an invitation she heard at the 131 service and jumped in to volunteer with our kids. She has been consistent, volunteering for many Sundays in a row. She stayed on through the summer and even recruited her boyfriend to help out. Through her work in Kidwell Park, she realized how much she loves working with children and now has plans to get her teaching credential.

If you want to join in, there is always more room for volunteers in Kidwell Park! Whether you want to be a leader, work behind the scenes, participate on a drama team or even read children's books to our pre-kindergarten kids, there is a place for you!

## 6 OUR VOLUNTEERS





Tania Harris led our All Church Conference November 2-4, 2018. This was a multi-generational event offering a time of in-depth teaching, prayer, worship, reflection, and time spent in small groups. Of course, there were also meals together, fellowship and laughter! After the conference on Friday night and Saturday morning, Tania preached Sunday morning during a combined service at the El Rey Theater. It was a time filled with joy and with the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Tania Harris is an author, speaker and pastor from Australia. She is the founder of a global ministry by the same name as the title of her book, "God Conversations". Most importantly, Tania is a woman of faith. While she was with us, she talked about how to know God's voice. During her talk she shared many

stories of her own life. Her main points were to ask God to speak. To prepare our hearts to do what God says...even if it's not what we want to hear. To be open to how God speaks. To test what you think you have heard. And finally, to do what he says.

We hope you were able to attend at least part of this weekend and to share in God's blessing through Tania.

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## ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

# NEW CONNECTIONS

The first event for the “60 Plus Connection” took place in March with food, testimony, song, and many smiling people! According to the event organizers, this ministry came as an offshoot from book studies that started many months ago. It became very apparent there was a need to do something for seniors in the area of fellowship, program content related to pertinent issues, and ‘Telling One’s Story’.

Following the March lunch event, the group hosted an ice cream social in June. There are plans for eight more events with three of them being located outside of BPC. 60 Plus Connection focuses on interests for those over sixty. If you are sixty or older, this is definitely a place to connect, share stories and have a great time! For those under sixty, this is a group to watch. Your time will come to join in the fun!



60 PLUS  
CONNECTION

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**EGGED**



**VBX 2019**



**FATHER / DAUGHTER DANCE**



**8:15 WORSHIP SERVICE**



**KIDWELL PARK**

# 10 EVENTS & MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHTS



**YOUNG ADULT  
MINISTRIES**



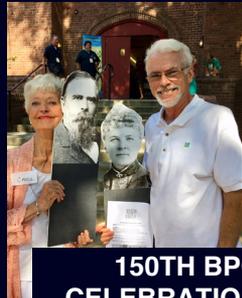
**131 WORSHIP**



**COLLEGE  
MINISTRIES**



**YOUTH MINISTRIES  
SR HIGH & JR HIGH**



**150TH BPC  
CELEBRATION**



The God we believe in and serve takes on a three in oneness to communicate the message of one heart, His heart. Similarly, there are three specific elements in the new BPC logo that represent a three in oneness to communicate the heart of BPC. Each element incorporates what we as a congregation want to convey in our community and to the world; to Join in God's Restoration by learning and acting upon our faith for His kingdom, abounding on earth as it is in heaven, (Matthew 6:9-13). We have taken the liberty to define each of these elements so that the message of our congregation's heart would be

made known, and that we desire God's desires to become ours as well.

### **THE "b:"**

The lowercase "b" represents a position of humility and willingness to surrender to the will of God, focusing on our values (Deeper in Christ, Daring to Serve, and Together With Joy) to go where God is leading us. Should God transform our values due to His restoration in us, (Isaiah 64:8); the "b" remains the same, just like our posture remains the same to our hope and faithfulness in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It symbolizes that our hope and faith are a timeless foundation in our God who is always faithful to not only work through us but to finish His good work in us, (Philippians 1:6).

Not only does it speak of our values, but the lowercase "b" speaks of our approachability as a people. We believe we have the confidence to approach the throne of God to receive mercy, grace in our times of need, and to ask God to reveal His desires for our

# 12 NEW BPC LOGO DEFINED

lives, (Hebrews 4:16, Matthew 6:33). Likewise, we desire to create confidence in those we reach out to that they also know the love of God as we minister to them in all walks of life, to love them the way God first loved us, (1 John 4:19).

### **THE PERIOD:**

A period at the end of a sentence means, the things said in the sentence are final and no change is allowed. This represents our hearts bonded in Christ, and that as a congregation; we are not going to waiver in our desire to go where God is leading us. We are going to remain steadfast to our vision by Joining in God's Restoration and being faithful in what God has called us to be, (Colossians 4:2, Psalm 73:26).

Respectively, a period is not only just the end of a sentence but is also the beginning of a new one. It symbolizes our story and how God is not done writing it. With each new generation, He is looking to write another amazing chapter, (Romans 8:28). We are not only devoted to having a vision for

where God is taking us but allowing Him to teach us why He desires to take us there, (Matthew 6:21, 1 John 2:17).

### **THE LINES:**

The two lines that encompass the "period" and "b" of our new logo are one element, unified in their meanings. First, these lines represent the movement of BPC toward our vision and values, our desire to include others, with openings to emphasize our hospitality moving in and out of our congregation, (Hebrews 13:2, Romans 12:10-21).

Second, in their purposeful placement; these lines become indicators that are moving outward to symbolize our dedication to missions, outreach, and extravagant generosity. We are daring to serve, indicating also to show movement inward to signify our unity as one body to be ambassadors of Christ by Joining in God's Restoration for relationships, creation, justice, community, and our lives, (2 Corinthians 5:20).



## GREETINGS BIDWELL PRES

My name is Ricky Hayes, and I am Bidwell Presbyterian Church's Marketing & Communication Director. I began this position in June of this year and have been working to improve the communication strategies of BPC's branding, the website, the graphics, and other print materials such as your Sunday morning bulletins. I am a Chico native with prominent experience in Graphic Design, Web Development, Marketing, and an educational background in Journalism/Public Relations. Being chosen for this position is a privilege and working within such a hospitable environment has already been more than a blessing.

This year has already held many blessings for me; the best one in particular was marrying my best friend and the love of my life, Jennifer Eslick-Hayes. Our story is actually intertwined with your own, as it was a previous BPC admin and mutual friend who introduced us last year (Jenna Christophersen). Jennifer was also employed at BPC during that time. After leaving BPC's



employ, she has now returned into the admin role for children's ministry, youth ministry, college, and young adults.

Ironic how such a marvelous story such as ours is wrapped up with Bidwell Pres. For it is the very thing I have been hired to do; to help BPC communicate its story. Stories have tremendous marketing power, and I can see how God is creating an amazingly powerful story through the people at BPC through your vision of Joining in God's Restoration. I am truly excited about this opportunity as I am also a self-published author in theology and poetry, and I see the impact stories have in the human heart. The Gospel of Jesus is the greatest story of all, and it is fully alive in us today as it was when it first began. I look forward to helping the people of BPC bring their stories to light, of how they are being transformed by Christ so that our God may be glorified in a country and our culture who are only one "yes" away from knowing our Heavenly Father's unconditional love.

# 14 NEW STAFF MEMBER

## GREETINGS BIDWELL PRES

Please welcome Peyton Hathaway as our new Youth Ministry Director!

Peyton is a recent graduate of Grand Canyon University and has a degree in Youth Ministry. He has a strong call to youth and has a passion for relational ministry, discipleship and mentoring. Having family in Yuba City he sought out a position that would allow him to be in ministry in Northern California.

Over the last four years, Peyton has been involved with Young Life, held an internship with North Phoenix Baptist Church with youth, and served as a High School Staff Leader at a Christian ranch. When you talk with Peyton, you'll see that he is a very relatable person for both parents and youth.

"I love being able to live life with students, going to sports events, teaching kids the value of living with

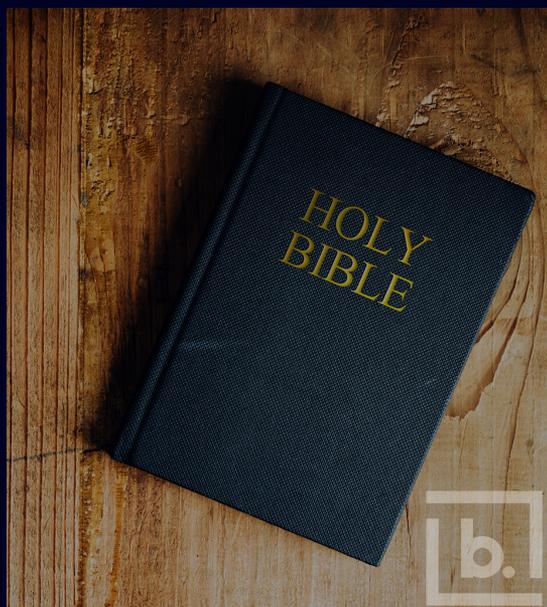


Christ; living life with them, and lead as an example of making Christ the center of your life."

We asked Peyton what he thinks are some of the biggest challenges facing our youth today when it comes to their faith? He said that acceptance plays a big part as students are trying to fit in and sometimes following God might not be the "cool" thing to do.

He's friendly, smiles easily, can talk video games with our students and loves disc golf.

NEW STAFF  
MEMBER **15**



## DEEPER IN CHRIST: THE PATHWAY TO GROWTH

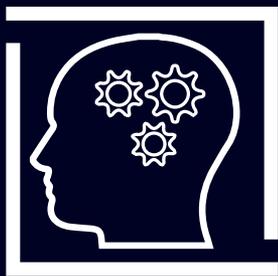
“The great omission from the great commission is the fact that Christians generally don’t have a plan for teaching people to do everything that Jesus commanded....that explains the yawning abyss today between being Christian and being a disciple.” These are convicting words of the late Dallas Willard — philosopher, theologian, and prolific author of many Christian books. He believed strongly in the power of the gospel to transform our lives, but also recognized that more is required than

# 16 SPIRITUAL FORMATION

just knowing the gospel. Experiential “heart knowledge” of Christ is vitally important.

## WHAT IS SPIRITUAL FORMATION?

The Apostle Paul taught in his letters about being transformed into the image of Christ (2 Cor, Rom, Gal). The process of being formed more and more into the likeness of Christ is what we call “Spiritual Formation.” It is true discipleship. We engage our minds by learning about God through worship, Scripture, and other forums such as classes and Christian community. We also engage our hearts with more “experiential knowledge” of

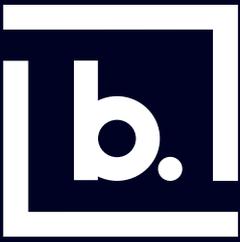


God through certain practices such as prayer, examination of conscience, silence and solitude, fasting, and others. Our growth is never meant to be for our own benefit, so we engage with our hands as well. We grow together in community and then we share the love of God with those beyond our Christian community.

We are excited to be transitioning into a dynamic model of Spiritual Formation at BPC. You will notice some changes occurring in the upcoming months with regards to how we structure our midweek classes, life groups, service opportunities, and various other offerings which will support you in taking steps in your own spiritual growth. This upcoming year we will focus on studying the Word of God, from Old Testament to New Testament. We will also explore various ways to pray during monthly prayer sessions. In addition, we will all be given the opportunity to participate in a life group

so that we can experience Christian community. And because our spiritual transformation is never meant for our own benefit, we will hear a lot from our mission partners in the upcoming months about how we can reach out to a world in need.

This new direction for Spiritual Formation is directly related to one part of our church vision statement: "Deeper in Christ." One of the initiatives for this vision involves developing a pathway to spiritual growth. While the details of that pathway look different for each one of us, anyone who wants to grow in Christlikeness will be given the opportunity to engage in Scripture, prayer, and various other spiritual practices in a community of believers. What a vibrant vision it is for us as a church to engage our heads, hearts, and hands together as we live the gospel in all aspects of our lives!



**BIDWELL PRES**

# FINANCIAL REPORT

**2019 - 2020**  
BUDGET EXPENSES

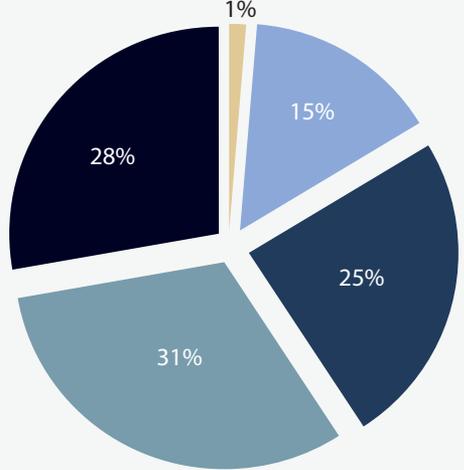
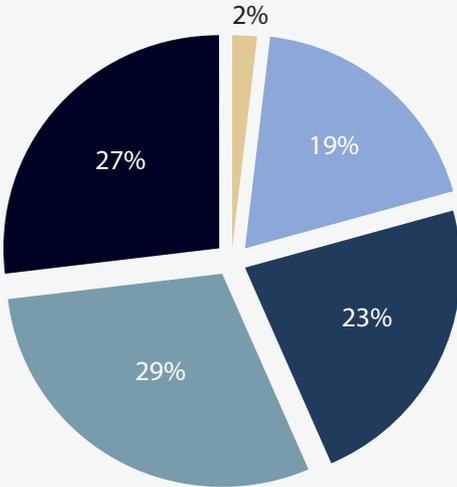
**2018 - 2019**  
OPERATING ACTUALS

PROJECTED INCOME: \$1,834,000

INCOME: \$1,793,047

PROJECTED EXPENSES

EXPENSES



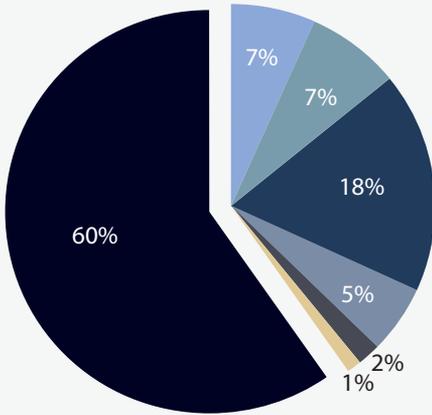
	Operating Expenses	\$493,574
	Mission	\$34,200
	Pastoral	\$345,195
	Physical Facilities	\$417,637
	Discipleship	\$543,394

	Operating Expenses	\$498,028
	Mission	\$23,350
	Pastoral	\$269,451
	Physical Facilities	\$438,547
	Discipleship	\$563,671

# 18 EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

YOU REFLECT THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD THROUGH YOUR GIFTS OF GENEROSITY, TALENT, AND TIME. THANK YOU FOR JOINING IN GOD'S RESTORATION THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES OF BIDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

## TOTAL 2018 - 2019 MISSION & DEACON GIVING BEYOND GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

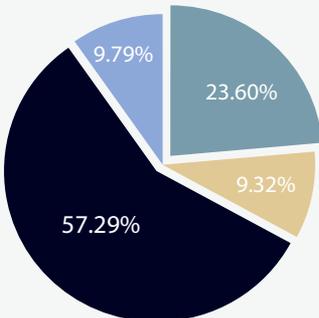


TOTAL: \$320,565

Other Mission Giving	\$191,460
Alternative Gift Fair	\$21,475
Christmas Eve (Camp Fire)	\$23,805
Deacon's Fund	\$56,844
Easter (Cristosal)	\$17,458
Youth Mission	\$5,897
2 Cents a Meal	\$3,626

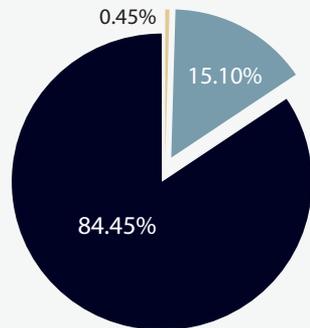
YOUTH ENDOWMENT,  
INVESTMENTS & SUPPORT AS OF  
JUNE 30, 2019

TOTAL 2018-2019 INCOME FOR  
FISCAL YEAR  
(JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019)



Investments - Market Value	\$288,612
Youth Endowment - Market Value	\$49,299
Support Cash & Designated Funds	\$118,895
Manse Loans	\$46,975

TOTAL: \$503,781



Operating Income	\$1,793,047
Other Giving	\$9,657
Mission & Deacon Income	\$320,565

TOTAL: \$2,123,269

# 19

YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO REACH AND TOUCH THE LIVES OF SO MANY WITH OUR MINISTRIES THROUGH YOUR GIVING, VOLUNTEERING, AND SUPPORT. THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A BIG PART OF BIDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Bidwell Presbyterian Church provides an adaptive program for kids with autism and other disabilities. In the Kidwell Park Adaptive Program, we aim to create a safe space where children with disabilities can experience Sunday school in the way that best meets their needs. We offer a sensory friendly classroom, accommodations for inclusion in the grade level classrooms, one on one support, Sunday programming, a once monthly support group, and special events.

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**ADULT MINISTRY:** *Life Groups, Discipleship, Classes, 60 Plus Connection*

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** *Kidwell Park, Adaptive Program, VBX, Art Camp, Children's Choir, Time Out For Moms*

**COLLEGE MINISTRY:** *College Bible Study, College Connect*

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** *Deacon Ministry, Stephen Ministries, Support Groups*

**COMMUNITY LIFE:** *Hanging of the Greens, Advent Flowers, Bidwell Camp, Church Dances, Boomers & Busters*

**MEN'S MINISTRY:** *Barnabas*

**MISSIONS:** *Global, Local, Alternative Gift Fair*

**WORSHIP:** *8:15, 9:30, 10:45 at 131*

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** *Presbyterian Women, WEB*

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** *131 Outreach*

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** *Refuge, Underground, Youth Missions*

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