



# ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015



## Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.



Dear Members and Friends,

This report is more than a summary of our ministries, finances and accomplishments for the year. It is also a confirmation that our congregation continues to provide hope for the world in a variety of ways. Whether it is through sponsoring a refugee family, creating safe and inviting programs for our children and students, proclaiming a word of grace from our pulpit or a host of other amazing activities, you continue to share the good news of God's love for all.

The culture has shifted away from the church. We Americans no longer plan our activities and events around the schedule of a typical Christian congregation. I know this change is difficult but I love the way our church has taken on this new way of being in the world. Rather than complain, we are dreaming about the new ways God is ready to work here at 61st and Ward Parkway. We are building a vision for the immediate and long-term future of our church.

There is also a new spirit at work in the hallways and pews. People are genuinely excited to be here! I've noticed this on Sunday mornings for worship, on Tuesday evenings for the Congregational Board Meeting and Saturday afternoons serving our neighbors. The list could go on for quite some time. To borrow from an old Carly Simon song, "These are the good old days!"

As always, there are challenges and opportunities ahead. The world is changing and so are we. Nothing that matters is ever done with ease. But the Spirit of God is alive and well in our church. I can't wait to see what the New Year brings for all of us and the world we serve.

Grace and peace to you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glen".

Dr. Glen Miles, Senior Minister



Dear friends,

There are many ways to think about how a church is doing. Is it meeting the needs and satisfying the desires of members? Is it serving its community well? Is it growing in attendance and financial support? Are its programs relevant and compelling? But there is a different measure that trumps all others, no matter how valid and necessary they might be.

The most important criterion of assessment for any church is the extent to which it is fulfilling the purpose to which God has called it. It has to do with individuals and communities, transformed by God's active presence through a particular congregation in a particular time and place. In other words, are lives being changed in meaningful ways because of what the church is doing in response to God's call.

At Country Club Christian Church, we can see that lives are being changed and communities made stronger, by the grace of God, through what we do. Still, we can do better! Always, we can do better. Continuous improvement is not a function of deficiency, but of capacity. That capacity for improvement is one of God's greatest gifts. May we celebrate it as we put it to work!

Faithfully,

Phil

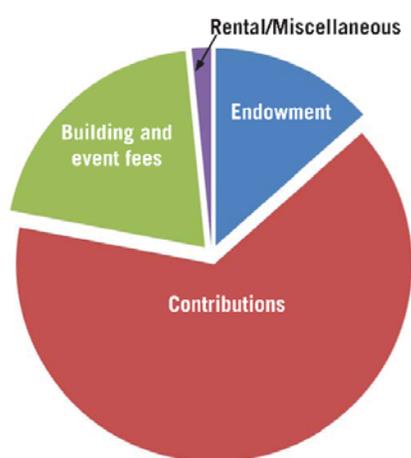
# Financial Report

## Total Income

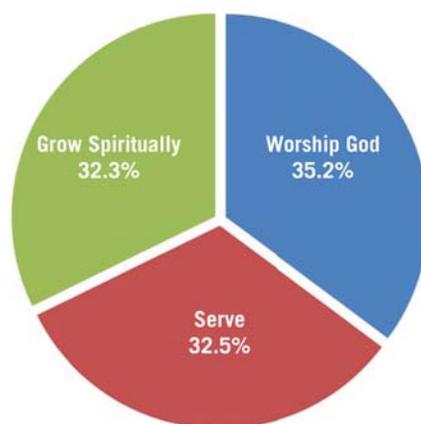
Contributions	2,021,422
Capital Campaign	384,446
Building, Rental and Event Fees	678,828
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	3,084,696

*Excludes gains/losses on investments.*

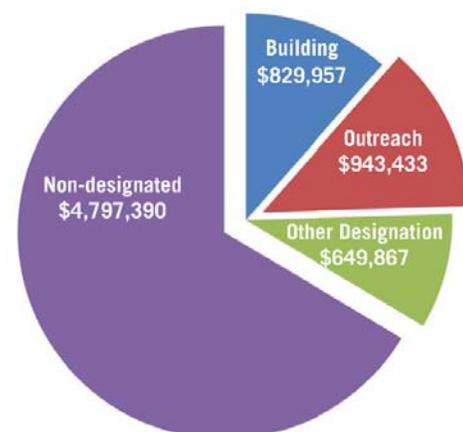
*For a complete review of the 2014-15 audit, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/cccaudit> or see the copy in the church library.*



**How the Church Receives Support**



**How the Church Invests in Ministry**



**How the Church Endowment Supports the Mission**

### Financial Highlights:

- Paid off line of credit for capital campaign
- Increased number of pledges by 1 percent and amount pledged by 2.4 percent
- Special designated gifts for capital (interior) and technology upgrades
- Bequests to endowment \$391,255
- Trustees evaluated 5 investment firms and chose FCI to invest its \$7.2 million
- Generosity of members and friends enables church to share God's infinite grace and courageous love locally and globally.

## Leadership

Your congregational board is at work on several fronts to ensure an open and effective process of continuous improvement.

- **All church meetings:** A number of recommendations are being implemented based on the work of a special task force of lay members focusing on making our four annual all church meetings as effective as possible, including making sure there is ample time for discussion and questions at each meeting.
- **“Listening Time”:** All scheduled meetings of the congregational board are open meetings. During the months of January through June 2016, each board meeting will include up to 15 minutes of time available for up to five individuals to address the board for up to three minutes each. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Paul Cutelli by noon on the Friday prior to the scheduled board meeting.
- **October Board Retreat and Open Questions Planning:** At its October retreat, the congregational board worked with well-known church governance consultant, Dan Hotchkiss. One outcome of the retreat is a focus on the most important open questions facing the congregation as a way to make sure the board is forward-looking and concentrating on the most important priorities. This focus is driving the agenda for the board’s work through the remainder of the year.
- **Communication:** We are always striving to enhance communication efforts. Board agendas are posted to the website in advance, along with financial information. Board meeting minutes are also posted. This year, the proposed budget was posted in advance of its approval, and an opportunity offered for comments from the congregation. A bulletin board display in the parlor helped to communicate which individuals serve in a variety of volunteer leadership roles in the church. The Finance Committee is working hard in a special effort to make sure financial reporting is open, thorough, and clear.

## Ministry Highlights

### Launched:

Stephen Ministry Training Class  
Family Worship Nights  
Lemonade on the Lawn (spiritual formation classes)  
Renovation plan for Children/Student Ministry

### Served:

10,875 meals to impoverished Kansas Citizens  
3,800 Backsnacks for hungry kids  
901 hours at Hartman School  
720 hours at Grace at Work  
Four mission teams sent to: Nicaragua, Oklahoma, Chicago and Northeast KC

### Grew Spiritually:

434 participants in classes and groups  
77 (average) attendance at 12 Pathways to Learning  
61 new members  
85 family members at Christian Community Camp  
217 (average) at four family events

### Caring:

26 funerals  
23 weddings  
Installed new membership software  
Remodeled Bride’s Room  
Grand-reopening of The Well (books and gifts) on first floor

### Outreach/Mission Gifts:

Food drive – \$13,468  
Special offerings – \$67,812  
    Easter Offering (Christian Hospital Mungeli)  
    Christmas Offering (Week of Compassion Ebola)  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – \$42,488  
Grants – \$92,524  
Local and national missions – \$15,955  
International missions – \$29,777