BA 2024 ANNUAL GIVING REPORT

#### Dear Blue Ridge,

As we close out another year, we are filled with gratitude and awe at God's abundant provision and the incredible generosity of His people. Because of God's faithfulness expressed through you, we once again see that giving exceeded our expenses, allowing us to steward His resources wisely and invest in the mission He has given us.

"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

- We know that each of us is on a unique giving journey, yet each gift is ultimately a response to God. So as a bit of encouragement:
- To those who gave out of faith, trusting God to provide, even as you gave sacrificially—well done for demonstrating your confidence in His promises.
  To those who gave for the first time, taking that initial step of generosi-
- ty—well done for trusting God with your resources.
  To those who gave consistently and sacrificially, making a lasting impact through your faithful stewardship—know that God is pleased because of your obedience and your heart for His kingdom.

Your generosity is not just about finances; it is an act of worship and a tangible expression of God's heart. Through your giving, lives have been transformed, disciples have been equipped, and the good news of Jesus has gone out into our community and beyond.

Our mission as a church is "Helping people follow Jesus by equipping disciples to make other disciples." The year-end giving report that follows is more than numbers; it is a story of God's faithfulness and the ways He is working through your generosity. These resources have fueled ministries that change lives, supported missions that bring hope, and created opportunities for people to encounter Jesus in fresh ways. Behind every dollar given are stories of lives transformed, hearts renewed, and hope restored.

We pray that as you read through this report and watch the accompanying short video stories, you will see how God has used your faithfulness to accomplish His purposes. We are excited about the year ahead and trust that God will continue to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel. Together, let's continue to trust God, follow Jesus, and make disciples who make other disciples.

With gratitude and anticipation,

The Elders

# WHAT YOU GAVE \$2,090,694

#### WHERE IT WENT | OVERVIEW

ADMIN / FACILITIES	\$726,205
BR KIDS	\$225,634
MISSIONS	\$194,188
ARTS	\$152,790
CARE	\$129,350
BR YOUTH	\$120,609
NEXT STEPS	\$98,239
PASTORAL	\$88,484
GUEST SERVICES	\$53,475
COMS	\$37,292
BE RICH	\$91,610
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS	\$9,320

**TOTAL SPENT: \$1,927,196** 



with God using me in any situation and trusting that He will guide me in the right direction. I have more women surrounding me now than I have ever had, and a strong support system of friends that come along side us and walk through life together. Having Blue Ridge Community

Church be our home made me feel like our move from our "hometown" was the best decision we have ever made. The people here have welcomed us and adopted us into their lives and I couldn't feel more blessed to call our church family." -Ashley McCready, January 2025



"Throughout the past year live seen so many blessings after surrendering my life to Christ. Had I been asked where I thought I's be today over a year ago, I could not have said in Lynchburg, VA pursuing my passion for aviation, surrounded by amazing Christ followers that I'm fortunate to call my friends and family, and a beautiful church community that I was able to share my testimony with. I don't believe in coincidences, God reached me by placing me in isolation as a semi-truck driver. I felt the conviction of my sins, doubts, and the weight of an uncertain future, but after trusting in Jesus Christ and asking Him for forgiveness, I left that truck saved! I'm so grateful for the work I've seen Christ do in and around me, and look forward to reaching others with good deeds and through the power of the Word, all for His Glory." -Ian Chandler, January 2025



God's been working in Blue Ridge, in the surrounding areas, and across the world! Here's a few examples!



#### NEPAL MISSION TRIP SEPTEMBER 2024



"It's always exciting to know that God is purposefully asking you to do something uncomfortable. We may not always want to do it, but when we say YES, we not only experience personal growth, but He reveals himself to us in ways we could never imagine." -Barry Napier, January 2025



#### BEDFORD DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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A dinner was hosted for the Bedford Department of Social Services to love and serve them, knowing how draining and exhausting their jobs are! A group of people gave their time to cook, serve, and love on these local servants. They sent us this thank you note!



YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

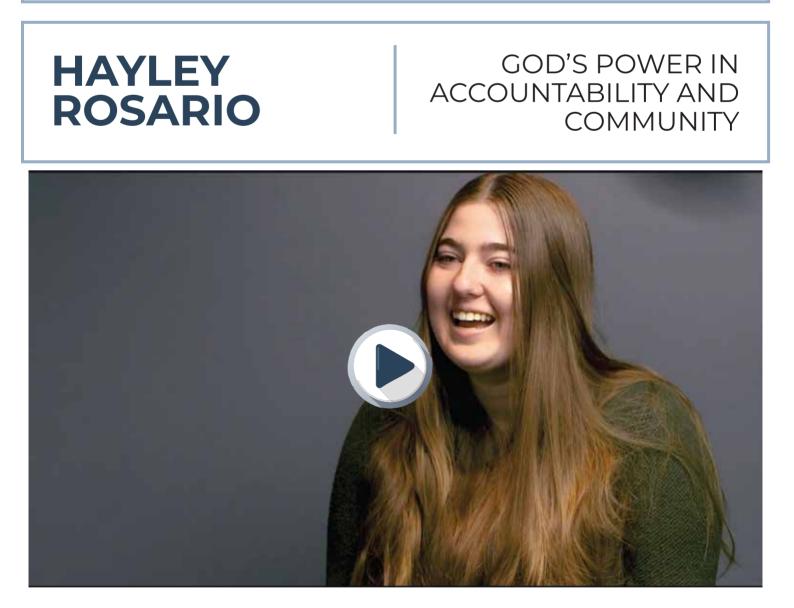


"The year 2024 has been one of "building" for Anxious for Nothing. We kicked off the year with renovations to our space, delved deeper into God's Word with the youth through small groups, and broadened our outreach to include mothers! God's faithfulness has been evident, and our collaboration with churches like Blue Ridge Community Church

has enabled us to share the gospel with even more people. BR played a crucial role in collecting school supplies for our annual back-to-school event, which turned out to be our largest yet! We provided 137 back-packs and served 357 individuals! During the event, we were privileged to lead several people to accept Jesus as their Savior for the first time! We look forward to what God has planned for the upcoming year and are confident that partnerships like BR are instrumental in transforming our community!"

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God's been working in the small communities around Blue Ridge!



"2024 Was a year for me of revival and change. It was a complete change from isolation to doing life with community that included intentional accountability and a new life with Christ. I'm looking forward in 2025 to deepening these relationships with others and Him. I am excited for all the new things I can say yes to when God asks, and being able to help others have a relationship with God that they never had as I follow His lead."

-Hayley Rosario, January 2025

PAUL & MEGHAN CARLSON

#### FINDING COMMUNITY IN SERVING AND GROUPS



"We are thankful for the humble and discipleship-focused leadership we've encountered at Blue Ridge, and we are looking forward to continuing to invest in BR in 2025. It's been a joy being discipled and discipling others." -Paul & Meghan Carlson, January 2025



#### GROWING IN JESUS WITH OTHERS



"I want to express my gratitude to Blue Ridge Community Church for the positive impact it has had on my faith. I have called myself a Christian for a long time but I need regular inspiration, encouragement, and connection to stay charged on my faith journey, and I've found Blue Ridge offers a warm and welcoming environment that supports my growing faith in Christ.

I've found community in the men's group at Blue Ridge, which has been invaluable. I look forward to our small group time. I've been encouraged unpacking the gospel and praying with other men looking for the same direction. Life can be complicated at times but the shared experiences with other believers has strengthened my walk with Christ. And I'm grateful to Blue Ridge Community Church for facilitating that." -Steve Ruby, January 2025



God's incredible work in the next generation this past year!







"I'm so thankful for what God did through and in me in 2024, and I am even more looking forward to what will happen in 2025. I know God is using me to bring revival in my school and class, and in the later part of the year, I will be attending Liberty University to study youth ministry so I can do all of this full-time!" -Thaxton Lee, January 2025



"We saw God move in tremendous ways in BR Youth in 2024. The most visible of those was seeing 18 students baptized. It's always a special joy getting to witness God transform the lives of young people, and we're blessed to be able to partner with Him to reach the next generation." -Logan Little, January 2025



God bringing hope and healing!



GOD'S WORK THROUGH LIFELINE

"I sought counseling to get help with my struggle with boundaries in relationships. I seldom knew where the boundary lines should be drawn, let alone how to enforce them. Communication is the other skill I sought help with. On the rare occasions when I knew where boundaries were supposed to be established, I was unable to communicate my boundaries to the party involved. Teresa helped me become more aware of and comfortable with healthy boundaries, which gave me much hope and brought much healing. Then we talked about different ways I can communicate my boundaries in love, without shutting down, yet also without being defensive. As I practiced these communication methods, my confidence grew, and a sense of peace and "I'm going to be OK" settled in me. For the first time, I'm experiencing walking healthy boundaries without pushing the other party away. My fellowship with the Lord is growing, because I've been learning how to be more real with the Lord, how to talk with Him while I'm doing the mundane daily tasks. Teresa and I talked about that guite a bit. She helped me to see how the Lord loves to be our Guide in every area of our lives. It's not boring to Him. He loves to fellowship with us. I saw that in Teresa's life and through her prayers and testimonies, and I wanted that in my life. That fellowship is growing in me day by day.

I'm deeply grateful for Teresa, her wisdom, her counsel, her love, the peace and hope she ministered to me, and the spiritual growth it brought me. It all came from the Lord, I know. Thank you to all of you at Lifeline!"

-Jennifer L. December 2024

## BE RICH / MISSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Sierra Leone Children's Home Wall \$26,174 Ukraine Refugee / Church Support - \$47,320
- Hurricane Helen Relief \$10,000
- Local Palestinian Refugee Care- \$1,859
- Bedford Christmas Store Hygiene Kits \$2,500 (2024 Christmas Initiative)
- Bedford Elementary School Book Fair \$1,000 13 Families served through Benevolence - \$13,945
- Missionary Support \$48,800

# What night God do in 2025?

### 2025 | BUDGET OVERVIEW

ADMIN / FACILITIES	\$806,217
BR KIDS	\$242,290
MISSIONS	\$188,997
ARTS	\$179,069
BR YOUTH	\$131,110
CARE	\$125,083
NEXT STEPS	\$148,241
PASTORAL	\$98,501
GUEST SERVICES	\$37,456
COMS	\$42,425