



2026 ANNUAL REPORT



GL **Gospelife**
Church

“We celebrate
when people
find and
follow Jesus!”



Our Values

Here at Gospelife, these five values drive everything we do.

1

THE GOSPEL ABOVE ALL

We proclaim the gospel to make, baptize, and teach disciples of Jesus Christ. This mission drives everything we do.

2

WARM RELATIONSHIPS

When someone trusts Jesus, they're brought into a family of faith. We strive to foster a warm, friendly, and engaging environment.

3

TEACHING THAT TRANSFORMS

Our authority is the Bible – God's accurate and authoritative Word for our lives.

4

ENGAGING WORSHIP

Worship honors God, builds up the weak, restores the wandering, and unites the congregation. Each service blends sound contemporary worship with modernized hymns.

5

GROWING SERVANT LEADERS

We value growing leaders who thrive by serving. Developing those who lead others grows the kingdom of God.

A Letter from the Pastor

January 18, 2026

Dear Church Family,

As I reflect on this past year at Gospelife, one word comes to mind: Faithful. God has shown himself ever faithful in seasons of growth and celebration, in moments of challenge and hardship, in ways we had hoped, and ways we never anticipated.



Pastor Scott Nichols

2025 ended a three-year spiritual growth journey we called Meant for More. During those three years, God clarified our mission, stretched our faith, and deepened our dependence on Him. Your generosity during M4M fueled more than \$3,000,000 of income beyond our budget, enabling us to add gathering space at Carol Stream, plant Gospelife Washington, and begin construction of dedicated worship space at North Wheaton. During Meant for More, we spent \$912,000 on missions, sent 300 of you on short-term mission trips, and baptized 152 believers – God is faithful!

Last fall brought a challenging season that caused us to wrestle with hurt and disappointment. But amid that hardship, I witnessed our church family band together in love and model gracious maturity. And I am grateful for the patience, prudence, and unity our elders displayed all year. Through it all, God proved himself faithful once again.

So, we look ahead with expectancy and trust. We expect the Lord to bless Gospelife as he has for 25 years. And we trust him to guide our steps into a new season of growth. This February, we will have the honor of sending Tey Mitchell into a lead pastor role – the seventh pastor we have raised up and sent out. Goodbye is never easy for those we love and for whom we have cared, but sending ministry leaders out to expand Kingdom work is at the heart of who we are as a church.

Gospelife is healthiest when we are willing to send our best and trust God to bless what comes next. We have experienced those blessings for decades – we will experience them again. So, I rest in God's promise that he *is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us* (Ephesians 3:20). I am confident that God will bless our church—far more abundantly than we could imagine.

Blessings!



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Pastor Scott

Gospelife

One Church, 3 Locations

Gospelife now serves our communities with three locations. God blessed us with a third location last year in Washington, IL. Pastor Justin Schwarzentraub has led a faithful start up that continues to grow.

Our Ministries

The Good News of Jesus motivates our ministries to disciple our members by teaching God's word, worship, small groups, children's ministry, Awana, outreach, and short-term mission opportunities.

Local Ministry Partners

Gospelife partners with local ministries who serve in places and ways we cannot. Gospelife provides financial support as part of our mission giving to the following ministries:

Caring Network	Outreach Community Ministries
Decision Point	Regional Church Planting (CBA, FVBA, IBSA)
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	

Gospelife Care Team

The Care Team helps to meet needs within our church body and our local community. We minister to spiritual and physical needs – this includes providing food, prayer, counseling, outreach, and community events for our neighbors with gospel generosity.





Our M4M Campaign Finished Strong

Dear Church Family,

As we bring our **Meant for More** journey to a close, I thank God for what he has done among us. **Meant for More** was never about buildings or budgets—it was about inviting God's people into the full life Jesus promised: *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"* (John 10:10).

Over the past three years, you have helped raise more than \$3,000,000 in income beyond our budget. Your generosity enabled Gospelife to add gathering space at Carol Stream, plant Gospelife Washington, and begin construction on worship space at North Wheaton. During Meant for More, we spent \$912,000 on missions, sent 300 of you on short-term mission trips, added new mission partners, and baptized 152 believers – God is faithful!

We thank God for every milestone. But more than what we can see, we celebrate God's work in the hearts of our people. Behind every number is a name and behind every name is a story of faith, obedience, and transformation. The lasting fruit of **Meant for More** is not simply the buildings we built, but the faith God built in followers of Jesus.

This journey has had many challenges – every step of faith brings those. But on every step of this journey, the elders and I have witnessed our church model a unified, generous, can-do faith in the Lord Jesus. You prayed faithfully, gave sacrificially, served joyfully, and persevered hopefully – **THANK YOU!**

Remember that the mission of Jesus continues – our best days lie ahead of us. Let's follow him closely, trust him fully, and celebrate when people find and follow Jesus.

Blessings!

Pastor Scott
Dave Erickson
Anthony Maneiro
Ben Pierson
Brandon Taylor

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen (Ephesians 3:20–21).

Testimonials from our
Meant for More campaign



Missions

Gospelife sets aside 10% of our offering to support missions. During our **Meant for More** campaign, Gospelife spent \$912,000 on missions!

2025 Missions Giving \$360,939

Missionaries Supported

Steve & Julie Olsen
Central Europe and South Asia

Steve & Lois Dresselhaus
LaPaz, Mexico

Dr. Beatrice Kadangs &
The Gweimen Centre
Kwoi, Nigeria

Brandon & Hannah Muncy
LaPaz, Mexico

Pastor Samuel & Gifty Boateng
Accra, Ghana

Brad & Rachel Greco with Wycliffe
North Carolina

2026 Local and International Missions Opportunities

Law Enforcement BBQ - May
National Night Out - August
La Paz, Mexico - Fall
Accra, Ghana - October
Cuba - October



The Big Picture

Every number has a name.
Every name has a story.

79 New Members

52 Baptisms

41 Small Groups

396 Small Group Participants

821 Weekly Attendance

137 Awana
Average Weekly Attendance

112 Student Ministry
Average Weekly Attendance

183 Kids Ministry
Average Weekly Attendance

253 Summer Camp
Average Weekly Attendance

686 VBS Kids & Volunteers

Find Community at Gospelife



Growth Track

Growth Track is a welcoming on-ramp into community at Gospelife. You'll explore your unique calling, discover your strengths, and learn where your passions can bless others and help build the church.



Small Groups

Small Groups create space for real relationships and spiritual growth. Because we're better together, groups help you connect, serve alongside others, and truly belong.



Gospelife Students

Gospelife Students offers weekly gatherings where teens can have fun, build friendships, and grow in their faith in an engaging and encouraging environment.

Want to know more about opportunities to find community?

Visit Gospelife.com

Our Team

Gospelife Pastors



Scott Nichols
Lead Pastor



Daniel Kim
Associate Pastor



Justin Schwarzenaub
Washington Pastor



Eric Marquez
Associate Pastor



Dan Istvanik
Groups & Teams
Pastor

Gospelife Staff



**Raechel Anderson
Dressler**
Special Events



Keith Cote
Ministry Coach



Karen Craig
Finance Administrator



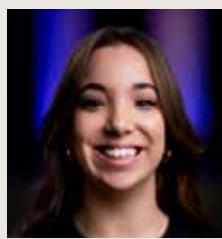
Cheryl Darrow
WA Administrative
Assistant



Kayla Davenport
Experience Producer



Daniel Her
Resident Worship
Leader



Jenna Istvanik
CA Kids Ministry
Director



Grace Lee
Communications



Snezhana Minyakov
NW Kids Ministry
Director



Isaiah Nichols
Experience Director



Victoria Nichols
Operations Director



Dennis Parrish
Care Team Director



Charlie Rogers
IT Director



Bri Williams
Special Operations

Treasurer

Jerry Phiri

Trustees

Ben Pierson
Brandon Taylor
Scott Vavrinchik

Elders

Dave Erickson
Anthony Maneiro
Scott Nichols
Ben Pierson
Brandon Taylor

Deacons

Ana Ahlenius
Mark Ahlenius
Juliet Deadman
Karen Del Boccio
Heather Dooley
Raechel Anderson
Dressler

Steve Dunning
Laura Erickson

Suzie Lobdell
Linda Lomax

Patti Rhoadarmer
Charlie Rogers

Michelle Frey

Rick Lomax

Torin Schonta

Josh Gish

Logan McRae

Patrice Sherer

Rick Johnson

Julie Myers

Sergey Spisovskiy

Amie Kasper

Mark Myers

David Tuttle

Jordan Kasper

Amanda Nowag

Tony Wilder

Eric Kirchhoff

Kurt Nowag

Alex Kurz

Dennis Parrish

Our Financial Picture

2025 Finances

\$2,112,976
Total Offering
+ \$125,632
Other Income
+ \$549,398
M4M Giving
\$2,788,006
Total Income
 \$2,369,374
Operational Expenses
+ \$533,253
M4M Expenses
 \$2,902,627
Total Expenses
 -\$114,621
Net Revenue

Account Balances

General Fund - \$142,573
 Missions Fund - \$49,811
 Building Fund - \$2,310,432

Assets & Liabilities

Assets - \$9,585,666
 Liabilities - \$5,827,872

Gospelife 2026 Proposed Operational Budget

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Offerings	\$2,150,000	\$2,112,976	\$2,400,000
Other Income	\$100,000	\$125,632	\$100,000
Total Income	\$2,250,000	\$2,238,608	\$2,500,000
Personnel	\$1,150,000	\$1,138,455	\$1,120,000
Facilities	\$400,000	\$435,962	\$790,000*
Ministry	\$385,000	\$434,018	\$350,000
Missions	\$215,000	\$360,939	\$240,000
Total Operational Expenses	\$2,150,000	\$2,369,374	\$2,500,000
Net Revenue	\$100,000	-\$130,766	\$0

* Includes Mortgage Payments of \$490,000

2025

Meant for More

Income: \$549,398

Expenses: \$533,253



Our annual report is available at Gospelife.com/give



Gospelife North Wheaton

SUNDAYS 9 & 10:30AM

11100 GARY AVE, CAROL STREAM, IL



Gospelife Carol Stream

SUNDAYS 9 & 10:30AM

600 KUHN RD, CAROL STREAM, IL



Gospelife Washington

SUNDAYS 10AM

1113 PEORIA ST, WASHINGTON, IL



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