

## 2023 Associate Pastor's Report

### Joshua Wypij

As your Associate Pastor, I've been blessed with a mix of roles that keep our church family thriving. It's not about titles or tasks but about connecting hearts and lives to our loving Lord and Savior.

Whether it's hanging out with our amazing youth, offering a listening ear in counseling, or making those house/hospital visits that feel like catching up with old friends, every moment is a chance to share the love of Jesus.

On Sundays, you'll find me not just behind the pulpit or on the worship team but also knee-deep in planning services that hopefully make you feel right at home. And hey, if you've seen our website or social media posts, that's my way of bringing the digital world closer to our church family, always centered around the core values of Loving God and Loving People.

I contribute creatively as your Videographer and Graphic Designer, adding artistic elements to our communication. You might also catch me managing audio/visual equipment, striving to make our worship experiences as meaningful and distraction-free as possible while embodying the essence of Loving God and Loving People.

Life events like weddings and funerals are moments where lives outside of PCF intersect, and I'm honored to be a part of those. You never know what God can do in moments like those. And let's not forget the fun stuff – Baptisms, BBQs, VBS, and all the gatherings that make our church feel like home, fostering an environment of Loving God and Loving People.

I'm not just about the church events; I'm part of the bigger picture too. Elim Fellowship meetings and being on the board for The Forever Weekend and Camp Judah give me a chance to be part of the decisions that shape our culture, always with a focus on Loving God and Loving People.

Looking back, it's been a rollercoaster of a year, and I'm just grateful to be on this ride with ya'll. Let's keep doing life together, learning, growing, and making this place feel like family, rooted in the principles of Loving God and Loving People.

Below, you will see a detailed list of the responsibilities, highlights, and projects from 2023. I'm very thankful for the special events and accomplishments, but I'm also aware that our ultimate goal is loving God and loving people. It would be quite a challenge to minister here without your love, prayer and support. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as an Associate Pastor.

Love y'all! - Pastor Josh

**Rooted Youth Ministry** - Meets Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

#### **Special Events:**

- **Bowling at Arcade Lanes** - This was one of the highlights from 2023! We had 54 students and 10 leaders in attendance!
- **GUYS NIGHT/GIRLS NIGHT** - The girls went to an Escape room with dinner and the boys hung out at church playing video games and eating junk food! Great night and great turnout.
- **The Forever Weekend** - Once again I joined together with Ben Schultz from Family Life Church (Warsaw, NY) and Kevin Ormsby Love Joy Church (Lancaster, NY) to form our very own youth conference/retreat. Over 100 people in attendance in 2023 and we're hoping for a greater impact in 2024.

- **Ice Cream & Movie Night:** We spent the evening watching the musical Between Two Worlds: A Musical based on the life of Daniel.
- **Camp Judah** - Senior Camp continues to be a time where students have fun but also have life changing encounters with the Lord and many of our students served during Junior Camp too!  
Thank you to everyone who came and sacrificed their time and energy!  
This year we will be having a FULL WEEK at camp! Check out [www.campjudah.com](http://www.campjudah.com) for more info.
- **Back2TheGrind** - For years we have held a party that celebrates the beginning of the school year and the beginning of Rooted Youth Ministry. This year we had over 50 students in attendance.
- **Saturate** - This year Dawson & Makayla Gallagher took a group of students and leaders to SATURATE Youth Conference for the day.
- **Christmas Party** - We had our annual Christmas party with more than 50 students!

**Youth Volunteers:** Eric Herman, Dawson Gallagher, Makayla Gallagher, Austin Pierce, Elizabeth Pierce, Jeremy Campbell, Carrie Sentz, J.D. Sentz, Ashley Ameis and Mac Laird.

**General tasks & responsibilities:** Counseling, visitations, preaching, teaching, youth ministry, funerals, weddings, worship leading, PCF , Chicken BBQ, the Baptism service, Sunday morning prep, website design & maintenance, social media managing , videography, graphic design, digital sign management, sound tech, VBS,

**Associate Pastor Responsibilities & Tasks:**

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