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his annual report is a testament to God's incredible goodness. If we were to list all

He has done, there wouldn't be enough space to contain it! Throughout 2024, God has been faithful, providing for us in every way. He has blessed our community abundantly, and we have lacked nothing. His presence has been evident in every moment, reminding us that He is everything we need. As we look ahead to 2025, may we never forget His faithfulness and all He has done. He isn't finished yet—God is still working, still moving, and His plans for us are not done!

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about our annual report or how to get involved, please contact us at Connect@AwakenChicago.org



STEP INTO THE UNKNOWN WITH CONFIDENCE



WE HAVE WITNESSED GOD'S HAND AT WORK

Perfect love casts out fear. 2024 saw Awaken becoming more cemented in its roles and offerings as a church. "It's a special season," is a quote that could truly come from anyone on staff or heard anywhere after a service. God continues to build the church and deepen people's relationships with their faith. This year, we witnessed God's hand at work in both big and small ways, reminding us of the power of Christ and His love for us.



One of the ways this was evident was through the generosity of our church family. Money given through tithes and offerings has enabled us to strengthen our community, extend our reach, and continue to build the church. It's not just about resources—it's about love in action and a shared belief in God's provision.



AT THE HEART OF IT ALL ...

is our unwavering belief in the power of Christ. This belief fuels everything we do, from the ways we serve to the ways we love, and it continues to cast out fear as we step into the unknown with confidence. 2024 has been a year of foundations being laid and hearts being lifted, and we can't wait to see what God has in store for the future.

We stepped boldly into our mission this year, organizing events like our block party that brought joy and connection to our neighborhood.

Our prayer walk was a particularly moving experience, as we walked through the community interceding for our city and allowing God to guide our steps. In addition, we ventured into new creative expressions of faith, producing a short film that highlighted the reality and complexity of the seasons of life.

As a congregation, we've also grown deeper in worship. We're worshipping more freely and intensely, learning that sometimes worship is not just about singing out to others but also about singing over yourself—declaring God's truth over your own life.

LOVE IN ACTION PARTNERSHIPS

Perspectives Charter school

The generosity of our community through the Year-End Fund has truly gone far, and we've seen God multiply it to meet the needs of our partnerships. This year, we were able to donate calculators, computers and supplies to Perspectives Charter School (Joslin Campus), right across the street. Beyond that, we opened our doors to help them host their Black History Month celebration, a career fair, and a college visit. Thank you for giving so faithfully—it's amazing to see how your support creates opportunities to love and serve our neighbors!



Light of Love

Through our partnership with Light of Love, we've been able to support their powerful ministry within the largest adult entertainment convention held right here in Chicago. Light of Love creates a safe space by hosting a dressing room for dancers, providing home-cooked meals, and having meaningful conversations about God's love. They meet our neighbors where they are, letting them know they are valued and offering resources if they desire to leave the adult entertainment industry. This year, proceeds from our annual clothes swap went directly to support their mission and efforts, helping to make a tangible impact through love and compassion.

Juvenile Detention Center



We have been able to bring hope and care to the residents at the Juvenile Detention Center through "Adopt-a-Pod". We were also able to host pizza parties for a group of 10-15 residents, providing a moment of connection, joy, and encouragement during their journey. This past Christmas, we all packed and delivered 200 supply bags filled with basic essentials—items that are sometimes hard for them to access. These acts of love remind these young people that they are seen, valued, and not forgotten. Your support has made it possible for us to show God's love in practical ways and build meaningful relationships with those in need. Thank you for being part of this work that demonstrates what it means to care for the most vulnerable in our community!

BE PART OF OUR LOVE IN ACTION TEAM!

Contact us at Partnerships@AwakenChicago.org

COMMON GROUND

Block Party & Trick-or-Treat Trolley

Building community is at the heart of why we hosted our South Loop Block Party. At our first event, we met over 200 neighbors, shared signature Awaken Burgers, and enjoyed fun in the sun together! As a church, we believe we are called to love, and events like the Block Party and Trick-or-Treat Trolley are opportunities to do just that. They allow us to step outside our four walls, connect with our neighbors, and show love wherever they may be. It's about creating common ground and making our community feel seen, valued, and welcomed. Here's to more moments of love and connection!



A YEAR OF LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS!

We are so thankful for the incredible generosity of the Awaken Chicago Community, whose giving and serving make it possible for us to love our neighbors well. Your support allows us to host Common Ground events like the Block Party and Trick-or-Treat Trolley, Dodgeball, Kickball, Christmas Mini-Golf and more! This year, we're excited to steward the Year-End Fund wisely, using it to continue loving our neighbors through these events and our Love in Action ministry. Together, we can meet tangible needs, build relationships, and share love in meaningful ways. Thank you for being part of this!





FINANCIAL REPORT

GOD PROVIDES

Through the generosity of nearly 150 donors, Awaken received over \$1,441,000 in total gifts. **Thank you, God!**

Thank you



- ▲ General Fund (68.9%): \$993,053
- ▲ Building Fund (27.7%): \$398,910
- ▲ Year-end Funds (3.4%): \$49,386

2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

GENERAL FUND GIVING
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GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

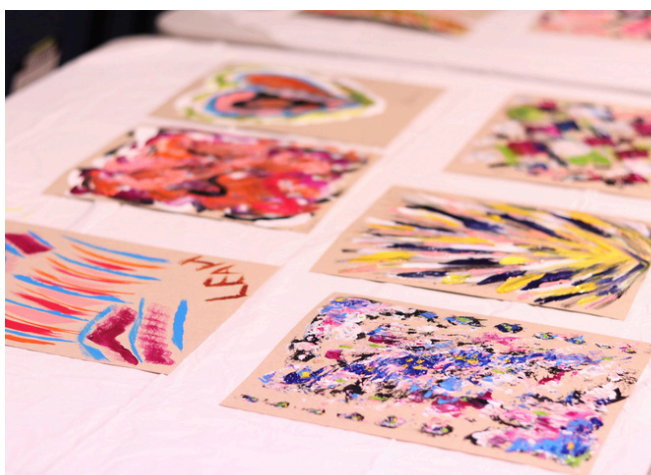
Payroll	\$475,341
Ministry	\$110,910
Rent	\$37,860
Interest	\$130,105
Professional Fees	\$10,644
General & Admin	\$46,942
Building Operations	\$26,263

Total	\$838,101
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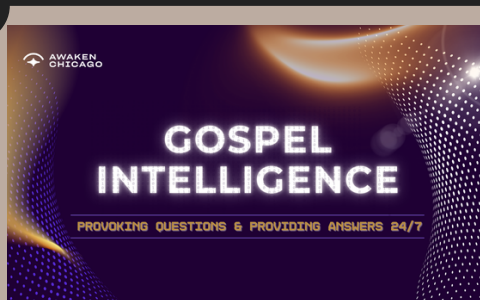
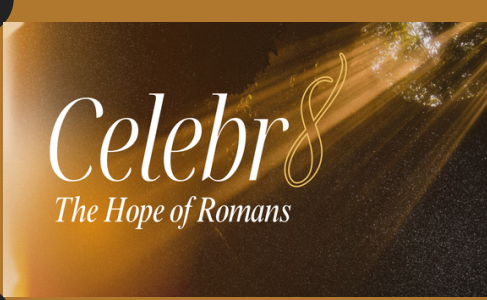
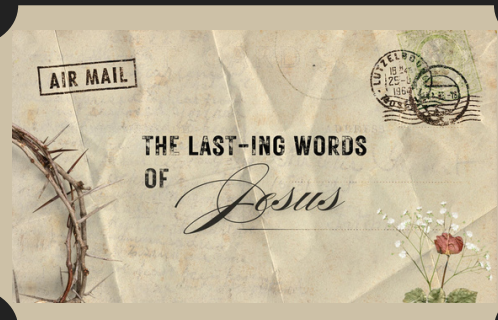
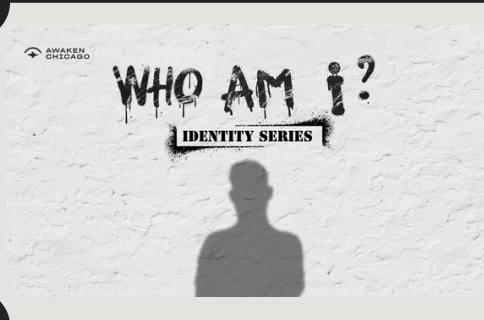
Better Together: ART IN SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

The 2024 Awaken Block Party gave rise to a new but desired endeavor-community art pieces. Formerly displayed most prominently in our window displays, like last winter 3000 paper flow piece and various other pieces. Artist Molly Z and Tammy Campbell led a project where members of the South Loop were able to express themselves and contribute to a single art piece which we displayed in our front window. In addition, we hosted a worship-based art class that gave us the opportunity to create art pieces.

Note: A special thank you to Molly Z for generously allowing us to feature her artwork as the coloring sheet in this report!



2024 SERIES *Snapshot*



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