



**Love God | Grow Together | Serve Others**

**Annual Report for 2019/2020**

**This report is shorter than previous  
years due to COVID-19.**

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# **Lead Pastor Report - Rev. Mike Agrell**

## **Vision**

We exist to help families find Jesus, community, and purpose.

God placed a high value on family when He created Adam and Eve, positioned Himself as our perfect Father, and modeled the church after it. Biological family is important, but Jesus expanded our view of it to include anyone who has a relationship with Him.

The Ridge church is committed to family ministry. A quick count shows that there are 13 families with two generations attending on Sundays, 13 with three generations, and two families with 4 generations! These numbers represent only the families who attend regularly and does not include the generations who came before but have passed on now. Wow! God has done amazing things through our church to reach families for Jesus in our region.

## **Mission (purpose)**

We are a group of people who love God, grow together, and serve others.

## **Metrics**

**Purpose:** Love God, Sunday morning average attendance: 131, Salvations: 1, Baptisms: 2

**Purpose:** Grow Together, 10 small groups met throughout this year, average attendance: 39

**Purpose:** Serve Others, weekly volunteers average: 29, missions giving: \$17,199.75

Thanks to my wife Kate, daughter Julia, and son Nathaniel. Their love and care are a blessing I draw on daily.

Thanks to Pastor Ryan. Ryan has thrown himself into the youth ministry wholeheartedly. He has recruited people who are passionate about serving teens through relationship. Ryan is growing in leadership, and it has been a pleasure to see how he is maturing in his role. Kids are excited to come to youth group, and are growing in their faith and their relationships. His

leadership in this role has given students a safe place to grow in their faith and their relationships.

The past few months of quarantine under covid-19 would have been much more difficult without Ryan. His expertise in editing and creating online content has helped our church create a quality experience and helped people stay connected to the Ridge Church under difficult circumstances.

Thanks to all of you for giving so much of your time, talent, and finances to the Lord's work.

Thanks be to our Lord, the maker and sustainer of all these things.

## **Family Life Report - Rev. Ryan Genereaux**

I am wrapping up my third year at The Ridge and once again I find myself so grateful to be part of such an amazing community!

After Marilyn moved to a new position within the church as the Serving Coach after being an A+ leader, Una stepped up in a major way and began to prepare the curriculum each week for the children. If it wasn't for Una, there'd be no Nursery this year. She has done an amazing job at this vital behind the scenes task! We are also very thankful for Alaina who stepped up to do the scheduling! It is no small job!

After Vanessa resigned from the Ridge Kids Director role, we took a couple months to find a replacement for her without any luck. We are so thankful that Marleigh stepped up to take on this role at the church! Under her leadership, attendance has grown, and children are applying the knowledge of Ridge Kids in a way that is very exciting! For more information, check out her report!

Youth was amazing this year! During the months before COVID, we were averaging low 40s in attendance with spikes up to nearly 50 students each week. It has been so awesome to see so many unchurched students come through our doors and hear about God each week - and stick around! We are thankful for the trust that parents place in us. We'd be lost without our A+ team of Vesta, Brent, Honey-Lee, Josh Liston, Nathan Moore, and Marleigh. They all play a crucial part in making youth a place where students can be invested in.

During COVID, we were able to still reach students and families online through awesome videos by Marleigh, Marilyn, and Una, resourcing parents through our website with weekly devotions and activities for families to do together, and checking in with Students on Zoom. It looked different, but we were still helping families find purpose, community and Jesus.

Our nursery and children's programs combined averaged 19 and youth averaged 37.

There have been a billion awesome things that God has done this past year in Family Life, but here are some highlights.

**Camp Ridge Kids** - We had over 60 kids come out to this week long day camp and they collected over 100lbs of food for the Valley Food Bank!

**Jingle Jam** - This year we ran Jingle Jam twice - once for our church family and once for the community. One person at the community show said "Your church really loves and serves the community!" We hope that our service to them draws them closer to Christ! Huge thank you to Michael Liston and the Nackawic Middle School staff for allowing us to host there.

**Trunk or Treat** - Even though it rained, we were able to be a light on a night that is known for darkness. We had two food trucks, and served over 600 people that evening, providing a safe place for families on Halloween.

**Free Baby Sitting** - This event started last year, and this year we had tons of help from the Youth group to make it amazing. We did a lesson, worship, and activities for the kids, while providing a date night package for couples!

**Grad and Baccalaureate** - This year we decided to leverage being online and host a celebration service for the NHS class of 2020. After the school administration saw our plans, they asked us to become the official baccalaureate for their grad! We were honoured for the opportunity to share the gospel with families who don't know Christ.

## Ridge Kids Report - Marleigh Genereaux

Since I began attending the Ridge Church, one thing that immediately stuck out to me was the way the church family values the youth and children's ministry. With this being the case, I was honored and so excited to step into the role of Ridge Kids Director in September and have been blessed to have a front row seat to all the amazing ways God has been working!

Prior to Covid-19, when we were able to be meeting in person, we had seen growth in attendance and involvement. The Ridge Kids were showing excitement over learning memory verses, bottom lines and main takeaways from the weekly lessons. The Ridge Kids team aims to make Sunday mornings fun and exciting, but it has been truly rewarding to see that the kids have grabbed hold of the bigger purpose of it all: learning more about and growing closer to God.

We have been blessed by great leaders and junior leaders! Arlene Dore and Vesta McIntosh have gone above and beyond to plan, coordinate and teach on Sunday mornings. We were also so excited to welcome Darci Bernard to the team in December. Her excitement and joy have been such a gift to the Ridge Kids!

It is no surprise that due to Covid-19, the last several months have looked very different than anything we could have imagined or planned for but God has remained so faithful! During this time, it has been our goal to continue offering lessons, resources, and content for the Ridge Kids, while also not overwhelming parents. While we certainly are eager to return to our regular Sunday mornings, this time has been a special opportunity to see families learning, worshiping, playing and growing together. Receiving messages and photos of all the ways families participated with the lessons or challenges together was a true gift. I truly believe in the midst of this pandemic; God has allowed many families to reconnect and grow together.

As we look forward, there are many elements that are still up in the air. However, regardless of the details, it will remain our goal to help families find Jesus, community and, purpose.

## Worship Leader Report - Sarah McGuigan

"Regardless if you are on the platform or not, you are first a worshiper, and second a leader. God's called you to minister to all and to guide his people in praise. Importantly, He's called you to Himself." The Worship Priority

This quote has held true at a time like no one anticipated. The church building has not been the meeting place for our worship during these uncertain times – our team and our church have been forced to see worship in a new light. Learning to “guide His people in praise” without seeing them in person on a week to week basis has pushed us to develop in ways we didn’t expect.

Our online small group has continued this year with an average of 4-5 people responding and discussing the week’s scriptures and devotion. One of our band members is being baptized this spring! PTL!

The band has gotten smaller in number over the year – losing a drummer and keyboard player. We have felt the strains of fewer members to help out each week. In saying this, our current leaders and core members are resilient and thankfully, flexible.

We would love to see more musicians step up to join on a regular basis. There is always a need for people to play guitars, bass, percussion or to run media. Practice nights are open and a great time to learn. (What you see each week, takes a lot of people and behind the scenes planning!)

We take what we do very seriously and are working very hard to serve God with excellence. We laugh a lot, pick on each other at times, but support each other in life always. We are a family. We will continue to lift the name of Jesus and pray that His light is visible in what we do.

## Bereans Report - Marilyn Moore

2 Corinthians 5:14 "Whatever we do, it is because Christ's love controls us."

Our group does a lot to reach out to those in need in our surrounding communities. Cards, dinner plates, fruit baskets, gas and grocery cards, are sent out almost daily to those in hospital, recovering from illnesses, mourning the loss of loved ones, and those struggling with extra financial burdens.

We have also supported such local organizations as "Teen Challenge", Green Hill Lake Camp, Share a Wage and RVCA. Money comes in from our potato sales, the Ridge Church and our own individual members who attend our small group. Each week, as we gather, we discuss who needs prayer or help in some way.

Marina Hull does a lot of the leg work delivering for us and several others may join in as needed. So many people have been overwhelmed with our giving hearts...2 or 3 individuals have even made a donation back to the Bereans after having received from them!

Presently, our group averages 10-12 participants each week, often with visitors from other places. For the last few years we have had an 86 year old Catholic gentleman travel from Plaster Rock to attend our Tuesday morning group. Although he has suffered strokes and has difficulty speaking, he blesses us over and over again with his love for our Lord and his knowledge of the bible.

A year and a half ago "Dee" visited with us for about 3 months. She was a relative of Patty and Weldon's and when she joined our group she had recently lost her husband and suffered a debilitating stroke. We poured love all over her and she made some dramatic changes in her life and was baptized at our church...even though she had to climb those stairs to the baptismal on her hands and knees!

Home Care workers have come and gone at the McGuire household but Owen has always insisted that the worker sit in on our group. I believe that God planned it that way. They came, they were fed, they moved on...one even to heaven.

We have a prayer list that is updated almost every week and we spend a good portion of time in prayer. Of course bible study has become our time for learning. We have been studying Colossians for a year and a half and there are only 4 chapters! Each week someone brings something good to eat and Owen always has a big pot of coffee on. Often we share each others burdens, pain and suffering as we listen to their concerns and pray for them. Lots of tears are allowed to flow!

Since we are a group of seniors, we have not been able to meet on line but our ministry has continued to many people over the past few months. My hope going ahead is that we will be able to get together in the McGuire door yard this summer, share a good cup of coffee and someone's yummy eats. We will all be talking at once and Christine will be sharing a funny story or 10 of them that have happened since we were last together. Beryl will be reading scripture, Una will be sharing notes on that scripture from her bible, Patty will be digging in her purse for her glasses, David will be arguing with someone, the dog will be barking as he sings with us, Owen will be drinking his 4th cup of coffee, Carolyn will be laughing out loud, Nancy will be involved in 3 conversations all at once, Thelma will be looking for the most comfortable chair, Jenn Pike might roll in late looking for her cup of TEA, Marina and Betty will be discussing what it was like in the "good old days" and Marilyn will be trying to keep a lid on it all! I can hardly wait! God has been so good to US! I know there are many good times ahead.

## **First Impressions Report - Maggie Reid**

First Impressions is a weekly ministry here at the Ridge Church, one which began as a vision almost three years ago, lifting off the ground in October 2017. Today in June 2020 our First Impressions team consists of over 30 volunteers. Many volunteer and serve together as couples or whole families. It is such a unique ministry that invites children and parents to serve together on a Sunday morning.

First Impressions covers roles including: greeting at the front doors, passing out bulletins, operating the lift, and serving at the coffee bar. First Impressions also serves to help the elderly up stairs, hang coats, point out washrooms, and introduce new families to nursery and Ridge Kids programs.

First Impressions' mission is to love. To make each person feel known and loved upon entering the Ridge doors, to introduce them to Jesus. Coming into church for the first time, into a place where no one knows your name can be very intimidating. Holding a door, starting a conversation, and brewing a cup of coffee allow our team an opportunity to create relationships, build connections, and show love to people in simple yet real ways.

In these days of COVID 19 - our ministry looks quite different. In this wilderness season, I am so humbled to watch my brothers and sisters in this ministry loving their neighbours and our greater community in creative and tangible ways. Bringing baked goods, making phone calls to check in with our elderly community, and finding ways to reach out and show love. We are excited with raised restrictions this month to be a part of the Fathers Day 'drive in' service. In the midst of these unforeseen days we walk - we are thankful as a team for the ways in which we are being stretched to learn how we can be creative in being First Impressions-ers in our neighbourhoods and on our streets.

Looking and praying into where God would have us take this ministry moving forward. Our vision for the future to "love God, grow together, serve others" sets our direction as we embark into this new season/year. Praying we will listen, leaning in to

learn from the One who is Love. We are so thankful to be THREE YEARS into this mission God has laid on our hearts in First Impressions! Looking forward to what He has ahead.

"Love each other with genuine affection,  
and take delight in honoring each other."

*Romans 12:10 NLT*

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other;  
let us show the truth by our actions."

*1 John 3:18 NLT*

## **GriefShare Report - Sandra Clark**

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. This is a 13-week, Christ-centered support group seminar for people who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend through death. In January Sarah McCutcheon and myself started the GriefShare at the church. It is an amazing program and those that attended felt that it was helpful. We had finished our 5th session when Covid started and we had to put everything on hold.

GriefShare, went online and we felt that we would offer an online GriefShare starting in June, there was some interest, but they were not ready. We will offer another GriefShare in September online/or in person.

Grief Share is an important ministry. I am thankful for Sarah's support and heart for this ministry and look forward to the opportunities and people God is going to send into this ministry.

May 12, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, I alone examined the financial records of  
**THE RIDGE CHURCH, 1125 Route 605, Maple Ridge, NB**, for the fiscal  
period MAY 1, 2019 ending **APRIL 30, 2020.**

According to my findings, the church financial records are well maintained,  
with information kept current and orderly and invoices paid in a timely  
manner. In my opinion, good accounting practices are being followed.

On a personal note, if I may, I want to mention that Bonnie Wallace does  
an OUTSTANDING job as Church Treasurer. Shoot out to Barry Elsiger  
as well, as they work together for offerings, balancing offering teller sheets  
each week, recording tithes and making deposits.

During the 2019-2020 fiscal year, Bonnie made 860 journal entries, on  
approximately 182 accounts. That doesn't count all the month-end reports.  
Bonnie ensures payments are made for everything from paper cups to  
paying for lawn mowing, to paying the pastors each pay period and  
ensuring deductions are made and paid to the Receiver General for  
Canada.

No doubt, Bonnie is The Ridge Church volunteer who puts the most hours  
into any ministry. I wish to personally thank Bonnie for her dedication to the  
Work of our Lord and comment on how fortunate THE RIDGE CHURCH is  
to have her serving in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,



Dot MacElwain

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Maple Ridge Wesleyan Church					
Financial Report					
Year Ending - April 30,2020					
INCOME		2020	2019	Comparison	Comparison
				2018	2017
General	\$ 163,673.91	\$ 165,018.01	\$ 163,189.28	\$ 169,469.55	
Building	\$ 13,895.00	\$ 3,235.00	\$ 3,892.00	\$ 3,846.00	
Missions	\$ 13,268.00	\$ 18,176.85	\$ 17,583.50	\$ 19,161.00	
Youth	\$ -		\$ 257.00	\$ 250.00	
Trunk or Treat	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Benevolent	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 1,785.00	\$ 1,042.20	
Bereans	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,932.00	\$ 1,841.00	\$ 2,578.00	
Interest	\$ 6.75	\$ 5.55	\$ 1.31	\$ 6.21	
Missions Trip	\$ 2,982.00	\$ -	\$ 3,221.50		
Memorial Donations	\$ 130.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 560.00		
Off the Ridge	\$ 396.86	\$ 1,104.75			
Miscellaneous	\$ 340.00	\$ 500.00			
Revenue 2020	Revenue 2019		Revenue 2018	Revenue 2017	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 196,467.52</b>	<b>\$ 191,441.16</b>	<b>\$ 196,179.45</b>	<b>\$ 198,819.46</b>	
Note: the items for the previous years do not necessarily add up to the total - as not all categories of giving are noted here					
Total Income	\$ 196,467.52	\$ 191,558.16	\$ 196,179.45	\$ 198,819.46	
Less Expenses	\$ 192,866.36	\$ 188,151.94	\$ 191,217.70	\$ 200,600.90	
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,601.16</b>	<b>\$ 3,406.22</b>	<b>\$ 4,961.75</b>	<b>-\$ 1,781.44</b>	
Bank Balance					
General Chequing Account	\$ 13,265.92	\$ 17,284.82	\$ 17,081.31	\$ 15,875.34	
Building - Saving Account	\$ 17,640.28	\$ 9,930.24	\$ 6,689.69	\$ 2,797.63	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,906.20</b>	<b>\$ 27,215.06</b>	<b>\$ 23,771.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,672.97</b>	

**Maple Ridge Wesleyan Church**  
**Expenses Year Ending April 30, 2020**

Bank Charges	\$ 69.00	Snow Removal	\$ 4,736.00
Benevolent	\$ 433.10	Sound System	\$ 515.71
Benevolent Grocery	\$ 50.00	Telephone-church	\$ 1,280.76
Bereans	\$ 1,025.00	Trunk or Treat	\$ 990.58
CCLI - copyright	\$ 546.70	USF	\$ 15,977.50
Cleaning supplies	\$ 140.19	Youth	\$ 2,862.98
Contents/equip	\$ 429.45	Tuck - canteen	-\$ 27.24
Décor-rooms-occ's	\$ 696.43	Water/coffee	\$ 182.29
Debit Fees	\$ 596.51	<b>TOTAL ALL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 192,866.36</b>
Donations	\$ 470.00		
Fuse - Youth Events	\$ 209.62		
Gifts/Appreciation	\$ 340.91		
Honorarium	\$ 700.00		
Hydro - church	\$ 6,295.60		
Hydro - gym	\$ 310.40		
Instruments	\$ 32.25		
Insurance - property	\$ 8,357.00		
Internet -Xplornet	\$ 1,268.38		
Interest	\$ 14.10		
Janitorial	\$ 6,530.00		
Jingle Jam	\$ 347.13		
Kingswood University	\$ 500.00		
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 1,213.65		
Lawn Mowing	\$ 1,690.00		
Leadership Development	\$ 425.00		
Lift-wheelchair	\$ 702.50		
Media	\$ 356.28		
Missions-Gen	\$ 14,177.75		
Missions Trip	\$ 3,022.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ 15.44		
Meals-Guests	\$ 708.20		
Nursery	\$ 418.95		
Off The Ridge	\$ 76.10		
Office Supplies	\$ 381.04		
Outreach	\$ 176.17		
Parking Lot	\$ 113.27		
Pastoral Expense	\$ 96,628.82		
Pest Control	\$ 1,048.06		
Photocopier	\$ 1,287.91		
Programs	\$ 1,122.20		
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 11,730.13		
Ridge Kids Program	\$ 730.01		
Ridge Kids Camp	\$ 588.53		
Scholarships - Youth	\$ 374.00		

**Proposed Budget - Maple Ridge Wesleyan**  
**May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021**

Bank Charges	65.00
Benevolent	500.00
Benevolent - Grocery	250.00
Book Allowance	250.00
Building /Property Projects	2000.00
CCLI - Copyright	580.00
Cleaning Supplies	350.00
Contents - equipment	1000.00
Debit Machine Fees	565.00
Decoration	500.00
Donations	300.00
Family Life - Core	2850.00
Family Life - Miscellaneous	1850.00
Gifts/Appreciation	500.00
Honorarium	1000.00
Hydro-church	6100.00
Hydro - gym	60.00
Instruments	200.00
Insurance - property	8500.00
Internet - xplorenet	1380.00
Internship	1600.00
Janitorial	5320.00
Kingswood	500.00
Kitchen Supplies	1000.00
Lawn Mowing	2080.00
Leadership	3000.00
Lift (wheelchair)	765.00
Missions	1700.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Office Supplies	800.00
Outreach	3120.00
Parking Lot/Yard/Driveway	0.00
Pastoral Salary & Benefits	96282.00
Pest Control	1044.00
Photocopier	1000.00
Meals	500.00
Media	450.00
Programs	1500.00
Repair & Maintenance	2500.00
Snow Removal	2500.00
Sound System	7000.00
Telephone- Church	1350.00
Tithe envelopes	250.00
United Stewardship Fund	18229.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>197090.00</b>