

Connecting Point

February

2024

**Annual
Report**

A Review of Brevard and Vero Gathering

In this newsletter you will find a financial report for 2023. As we enter 2024, we are very thankful for the support and faithfulness of our families, our volunteers and our supporting churches.

This year's financial report shows both The Brevard Gathering and The Indian River Gathering (Vero) because we merged into one program in 2023.

This report shows the activity of the Vero Gathering, the Melbourne Gathering, the Island Gathering and also the Titusville Gathering.

The 2023 Program Income and Expenses show what money has come in this year and how money was spent. We show the sources of our Income as well as a list of supporting churches.

Please look at the list of supporting churches and if you are connected to one of them, please thank them. If you are related to a church that is not listed, please encourage them to support us.

We conducted two 3-day Retreats at a beautiful Retreat Center in Titusville. They were a great success. We call them 'Retreat Joy'. They were very well received and were very well attended. We are already processing applications from members who are committing to attend one of the two Retreats in 2024, *God's Promises Bring Joy*.

Our Special Gathering Church Choirs receive many invites to sing at various churches. This is always such a blessing to the church and also to our Choir Members.

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Our Supporting Churches in 2023

Central Brevard



Cocoa Beach Community Church
Cocoa First Assembly of God
Cocoa Presbyterian Church
Cross Bridge Church of the Nazarene
East Coast Christian Center
Faith Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church Cocoa
First Baptist Church Merritt Is. Georgianna
Grace United Methodist Church
Lighthouse Christian Church
Merritt Assembly of God
Merritt Island Presbyterian Church
River of Life Assembly of God
Riverside Presbyterian Church
Rockledge Christian Center
Rockledge Presbyterian Church
St. David's by-the-Sea Episcopal
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

North Brevard

Indian River City Church
Launch Point Church of the Nazarene
Park Avenue Baptist Church
Titusville First Baptist Church

South Brevard

Bowe Gardens Baptist Church
Calvary Chapel of Melbourne
Church for the Beach
Church on the Rock
First Baptist Church Melbourne
Freedom Christian Center
Lighthouse Assembly of God
Suntree United Methodist
The House Family Ministries

Vero Beach & Sebastian

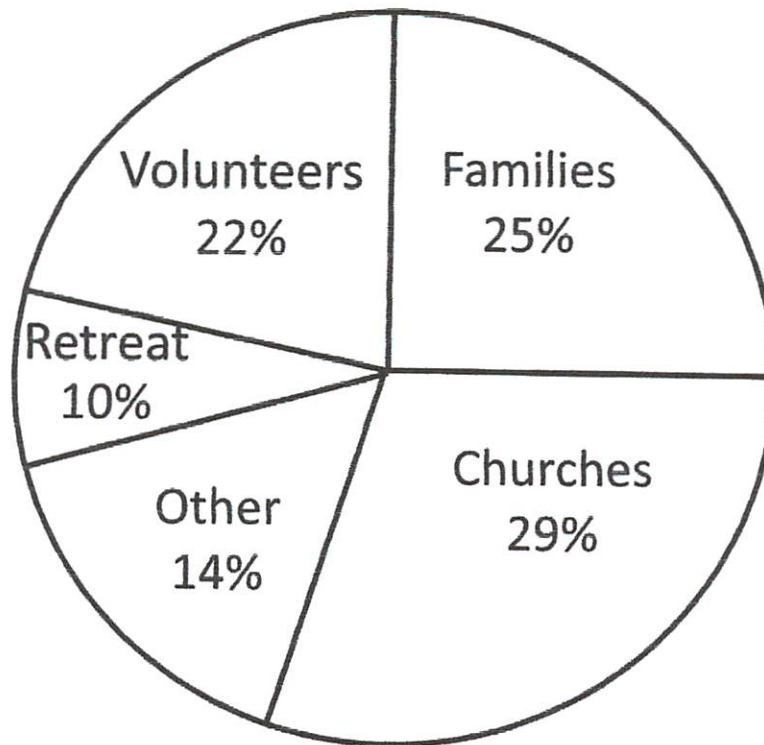
Christ by the Sea UMC
Cornerstone Baptist
Crossroads Christian Fellowship
Pathway Church
First Presbyterian Sebastian
Riverside Assembly of God

2023 Unaudited Annual Report*

INCOME DETAILS	Y.T.D.	BUDGET
Titusville Income	\$ 19,894.74	\$ 20,000.00
Island Income	\$ 68,937.34	\$ 70,000.00
Melbourne Income	\$ 47,708.12	\$ 50,000.00
Vero Income	\$ 25,871.95	\$ 40,000.00
Other Income	\$ 7,365.17	\$ 12,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 169,777.32	\$ 192,000.00
EXPENSE DETAILS		
Salary	\$ 86,538.24	\$ 96,000.00
Telephone	\$ 6,282.95	\$ 4,200.00
Transportation	\$ 7,308.32	\$ 13,500.00
Retreat	\$ 18,515.54	\$ 21,000.00
Postage	\$ 2,710.41	\$ 2,500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,739.73	\$ 2,450.00
Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 1,279.40	\$ 4,000.00
Program Expense	\$ 1,425.92	\$ 3,300.00
Printing	\$ 394.94	\$ 1,550.00
Newsletter	\$ 653.77	\$ 900.00
Fees, Registration&Oth	\$ (282.38)	\$ 2,200.00
Insurance	\$ 1,619.09	\$ 3,900.00
Accounting	\$ 14,279.91	\$ 15,200.00
Recreation	\$ 2,574.57	\$ 2,600.00
Education Supplies	\$ 5,022.52	\$ 2,100.00
Music & Drama	\$ 1,894.15	\$ 6,600.00
Donation	\$ 6,451.69	\$ 9,000.00
Other	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 158,408.77	\$ 192,000.00

*Report available upon request when available.

Proportioned giving to Brevard and Vero Gathering



We so appreciate our faithful supporters.

Reminder



Choir practice resumes in February!

Choir

We have openings for new choir members.

Please ask your Chapel leader for more information.

Island Choir has a new location for Friday rehearsals:

*First Baptist Church of Cocoa
750 Brevard Ave*

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Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Friday	Saturday
February 2024				1 Vero Chapels Call Rebekah 772-770-1011 Extension 2	2 ● 4:00pm Island Choir at 750 Brevard Ave Cocoa Village	3 ● 2:30pm Vero Choir ● 3:30pm Vero Gathering 1105 58th Avenue
4 ● 8:15am- Melbourne Choir at 2700 Sarno Road ● 9:30am- Melbourne Gathering at 2700 Sarno ● 10:00am- Island Gathering at 65 Needle Blvd ● 2:00pm- Titusville Choir at 1355 HWY 50 ● 3:00pm- Titusville Gathering at 1355 Hwy 50	5	6 5:30pm Every Tuesday Promise Bible Study All are Welcome	7	8 Island Chapels Call Lynn 321-632-0130 Extension 3	9 ● No Island Choir Night to Shine	10 ● 2:30pm Vero Choir ● 3:30pm Vero Gathering 1105 58th Avenue
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Request Your Retreat Joy Application Form Now **Dates of Retreat are April 26-28 and May 10-12, 2024**

1) **Independent \$275** per person. Attendees stay in hotel-type rooms with one other person attending the retreat. You must be legally competent. You are not supervised. You come and go at will. You are treated as any non-mentally challenged adult. You must function independently, including the ability to self-medicate. At **Andretti Thrill Park**, you will move around freely. Volunteers will be stationed at each entrance and exit.

2) **Low Supervision \$285** per person. Attendees stay in hotel-type rooms with one other person attending the retreat. You must be legally competent. You may choose your activities/rides, the food you eat and what you do with your time. You must be able to self-medicate. For safety, we will make a roll call check on attendees at each meal and once at bedtime. At **Andretti Thrill Park**, you will move around freely. There will be a volunteer stationed at each entrance and exit.

3) **Moderate Supervision \$300** per person. Attendees stay in hotel-type rooms with one other person attending the retreat. You are able to choose your activities/rides, the food you eat and what you do with your time. We will make a visual check on you every hour during the day and will administer your medications. At **Andretti Thrill Park**, you will stay in a group with a volunteer unless written permission is given to NOT be in an assigned group.

Mail in your Request for Application Form TODAY or go to

<https://brevardgathering.com/retreat-joy/>

Make \$10 Checks out to *Special Gathering*

Vero Gathering
20 Sutton St
Rockledge, FL 32955
Return service requested

**Free Matter
for the Blind
and Physically
Handicapped**

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We implemented several new things 2023, including the REMIND program, which permits us to communicate via text in real time with our members and their families regarding changes and other information. We have also put in place a new phone system that allows callers to choose an extension to talk to the staff person they are trying to reach, or if unavailable, the call will be forwarded to someone else who is available. We now have an amazing web page (VeroGathering.com) where visitors can see photos, videos, and learn much about us, our chapel services, our calendar of events and our other programs. Please check it out.

Attendance numbers at our Chapel Services continue to move up, and include new members as well as members who are now returning.

We look forward to a blessed and beautiful year ahead!