The Moody Church

ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025–AUGUST 31, 2026



THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME



KNOW GOD *THROUGH WORSHIP*

FEED YOUR SOUL *THROUGH COMMUNITY*

GROW IN LOVE *THROUGH SERVICE*

CHANGE YOUR WORLD *THROUGH MISSION*

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR PHILIP

This past year, one of the highlights for The Moody Church was the 100th anniversary celebration of our sanctuary. While it is just a building, it serves also as a reminder of God's faithfulness throughout the generations. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Additionally, this anniversary celebration became a time for us to remember our foundational values.

There are five foundational values that have guided us as a church since the beginning. Each of these values consists of a pairing of priorities that complement each other. Like an arch that requires double support, these twin priorities come together to form our stable, balanced, and healthy values.

Trust & Innovation
We are committed to being a trustworthy church, faithfully proclaiming God's Word with integrity. At the same time, we embrace innovation as we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth. Trust means we move with care, while Innovation means we're willing to take risks. We are at our best, when Trust and Innovation are valued together as a healthy tension.

Unity & Diversity
As a church, we seek to be a family unified by the Gospel and the clear teachings of the Bible. But unity doesn't mean uniformity, because we are an amazingly diverse people from all over the world. The sign that has hung outside our doors from the very beginning captures our heart: "Ever welcome to this house of God are strangers and the poor." We are at our best when Unity and Diversity are valued together as a healthy tension.

Evangelism & Discipleship
From our earliest days, we have been an evangelistic church, seeking to reach the lost with the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. At the same time, we also value the deep discipleship of believers and the equipping of the saints. We embrace a holistic vision of Evangelism and Discipleship and believe we are at our best when they are valued together as a healthy tension.

Soul & Body
We believe God cares about whole persons, and so we minister to both Soul and Body. Our founder, Dwight L. Moody described it this way, "I came with a loaf of bread in one hand, and a Bible in the other." All these years later, we still maintain that we are at our best when we value Soul and Body together as a healthy tension.

City & World
We are a church in the City with a heart for the World. We're deeply invested here in Chicago. At the same time, we prioritize lifting high the name of Jesus around the world through our media ministries and missions partnerships. We believe we are at our best when we value both City and World together as a healthy tension.

All five of these foundational value pairings go back to the very beginning of our story as a church when we were founded by D. L. Moody in 1864. As a shoe salesman turned evangelist, Moody had a heart for urban street kids. Chicago was a city bursting with immigrant families, and their kids often were left to roam the streets with no one to care for them. So Moody saddled up his paint pony, which he called his "missionary horse," and rode through the streets, throwing out maple candy and pennies, inviting kids to come to his Sunday school, which met in a rented saloon he had cleaned up. People called him "Crazy Moody," but he didn't care as long as kids were meeting Jesus. At that Sunday school, Moody told the kids about Jesus' love, gave them life-skills, and discipled them for a life of ministry. He promised that if they came for three months complete, he would buy them a new set of clothing. When the kids' parents started coming, our church was born. A century and a half later, we're still sharing the Good News of Jesus here in Chicago and all around the world!

If you look carefully, you will find each of our five foundational values grounded in our origin story. These values, rooted in the life and ministry of D. L. Moody, became the life-blood of our story as a church, and they continue to guide us into the future. The Moody Church is a Gospel movement in the city for the world. We pray we would always remain faithful to these our foundational values as we continue to herald the Gospel of Jesus in the power of the Spirit to the ends of the earth for the glory of God!

A LETTER FROM OUR ELDERS

Dear Moody Church Family,

As we look back on this past ministry year, our hearts are filled with gratitude to the Lord for His steadfast faithfulness to our congregation. This year has been especially meaningful as we marked the 100th anniversary of our beloved sanctuary—a century of God's people gathering in this place to worship, to hear His Word, and to be sent out in His name.

When our sanctuary was dedicated in 1925, those who came before us had no idea about all that God would do within these walls. Yet they trusted that if Christ was exalted, His Word preached, and His Gospel held forth, the Lord would use this place for His purposes. We are the fruit of their faith and sacrifice. Generations have met the Lord here, families have been strengthened, missionaries have been sent, and countless lives have been transformed by the power of the Gospel. Truly, we can say with the psalmist, "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations" (Psalm 90:1).

At the same time, we know that a building—even a cherished one—is not the church. We are grateful for a century of ministry in this sanctuary, but we are even more grateful for the Savior who has been faithful to His people through every season. As we commemorate the past, we do so not to rest on yesterday's blessings, but to renew our commitment to follow Jesus together into the future.

One of the great gifts of this past year has been journeying through the book of Acts with Pastor Philip Miller. As we watched the early church depend on the Holy Spirit, preach Christ boldly, and carry the Gospel from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth, we were reminded that the same Spirit is at work in us today. The book of Acts does not end with a conclusion because, in a real sense, the story continues through the church in every generation—including ours.

Our sanctuary's centennial and our walk through Acts have come together to remind us who we are and why we are here. We stand in a long line of believers who have trusted Jesus, proclaimed His Gospel, and loved one another in His name. Now it is our turn to be faithful in this generation—to know God, to grow together in love, and to take the good news of Jesus to a world in need.

Over this past year, we have seen that faithfulness expressed in so many ways: in your service to children and students, in hospitality extended to newcomers, in care for the hurting, in generous giving, and in neighborhood and global outreach. These are the quiet, often unseen acts of love that make the beauty of Christ visible in and through our church family. We are deeply thankful for how you have embraced the call to serve one another and our city.

As we look ahead, our prayer is that the Lord would continue to shape us into a people marked by devotion to His Word, dependence on His Spirit, and sacrificial love for one another. May the next hundred years (should the Lord tarry) be marked by the same Gospel faithfulness that has brought us to this moment, and even more.

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel. We count it a privilege to serve alongside you, trusting that "He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

With gratitude to God for you,

The Elders of The Moody Church

THE MOODY CHURCH ELDERS
Kevin Baloue, Max Bermudez, Joseph Carré, Tony Durns, Stephen Farish, Steve Giere, Jonathan Hauser, Philip Miller, Berv Peterson, Tom Sawyer, and Phil Zahn

ASSOCIATE ELDERS
Bill Bertsche and Michael Pitts

LIFE ELDER
Don Dix

2025–2026
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS





I love history. Not so much what happened yesterday, but a bit further back. Seeing the photos of our church when it was being built, along with photos of a full sanctuary taken in the early 1900s fascinates me. I think about how many people have sat in the seats in our sanctuary over the years and what their lives were like. The people in the earliest photos I've seen have likely all gone on to their eternal reward by now. It's a reminder of the brevity of our lives.

When I think about how special our sanctuary is, now at 100 years old, I go back to a very unusual time in world history—the pandemic of 2020. For over a year, we were unable to worship together in our sanctuary, something that would have been inconceivable before then. I've often heard we have never closed our doors on Sunday in over 160 years as a church! During the pandemic, we would have, at most, twenty people in the sanctuary participating in or supporting the worship service. It was very strange. I love how we had families record the "Welcome" in their homes and participate in other ways online, but the importance of our sanctuary was brought home to me a few months into the pandemic when a long-time church member came to participate in one of our worship services. Upon entering the sanctuary, she began to cry because she so missed worshiping the Lord with her brothers and sisters.

What the Lord accomplishes here day after day, Sunday after Sunday, can at times seem a bit routine, can't it? The components of our worship services are largely settled upon, as we believe they are biblically based, worshipful, and profitable for our spiritual growth. Our church calendar changes a bit from year to year, but not usually in dramatic ways. But there's so much more going on than we realize. In the spiritual realm on every single Sunday, the Lord is using what we bring to change our affections, renew our minds, and draw us to Himself. That's what we are celebrating: the work of God in and through our church family. His faithfulness never ends.

So, as you look through our Annual Report and see some of the many highlights from Fall Fest to the Christmas Concert, to our retreats, the Redemption Project, Missions Week, Summer Blast, and more, let's give thanks to our great God for all He has done!

To God be the glory!

Bill Bertsche
Executive Pastor





MOODYFEST

MoodyFest 2025 was another wonderful church family gathering on a beautiful September Sunday. The sun sure felt warm—but cold ice cream, dunk tank, and plenty of fun helped us beat the heat. Our Communities went all out, hosting bounce houses, pony rides, face painting, and so much more. It was truly a day to remember! We are so grateful for the incredible volunteers who made the day possible.



FALL FEST

We celebrated the beautiful fall season with our church and neighborhood community in our West Lot. There, we dressed up, played fun games, and enjoyed LOTS of candy. This outreach event was a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbors, build relationships, and introduce them to the heart of The Moody Church.



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANCTUARY

On November 23rd, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of our sanctuary. This event included a special worship service and reception with an exhibit of the sanctuary's rich history! The exhibit included videos, photographs, and details of our sanctuary including our historic organ, chandeliers, and blueprints. It's events like these that cause us to pause and reflect on how God has been extraordinarily faithful and generous to us.







2025–2026 MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)











THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Thanksgiving Offering supported fourteen trusted partners serving on the front lines of Gospel witness around the world. Together, these partners impacted more than 1,000 preachers, teachers, and church planters who were reaching people in difficult and needy places, including those who had never heard the Gospel before. From Chicago to Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, we were privileged to see and support the power of the Gospel to transform lives. Together, we gave $225,767 toward Gospel work around the world.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again, we partnered with Samaritan's Purse to bless children around the world through Christmas shoebox gifts and gave the gift of the Gospel. As a church family, we packed 1,344 boxes filled with toys and essentials for kids across the globe. Best of all, every child who received a shoebox also heard the life-changing message of Jesus Christ and was invited to a discipleship program in their own language. What an incredible way to celebrate the greatest gift ever given!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

This year's Christmas Concert was one to remember, welcoming a record attendance of 5,901 people across the 2:30 and 6:00pm concerts. Led by Pastor Tim Stafford and our faithful Music Ministry, the beautiful music blessed all who gathered to celebrate the Christmas season. The concert also reached an even wider audience online, with more than 271,000 views after the concert was shared on YouTube and enjoyed as part of their Christmas celebrations.

On Christmas Eve, we gathered again—this time in candlelight—to reflect on the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ. Both celebrations welcomed many new faces and gave us the joy of worshiping together in true holiday cheer.



CHILDREN'S CHORUS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

When the kids come to the clinic suffering from the overkill of Christmas, Dr. Newheart diagnoses their malady as the "Christmas Day Dumps." Through the help of the clinic staff, the kids realize they have a heart problem that can only be cured by accepting Christ. The children's performance filled the room with Christmas cheer and reminded us all of the true reason for the season.



ARCTIC BLAST

Forty-five of our 3rd–5th graders and chaperones headed to Camp Timber-Lee in Wisconsin for an overnight camp experience! They enjoyed the beautiful—and chilly—winter weather while deepening their relationships with God and with one another.



GULL LAKE YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Year after year, the TMC Youth Winter Retreat is a highlight of our youth ministry as students build lasting friendships and grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ. This year, 175 students and leaders gathered for a meaningful time of spiritual growth at Gull Lake Ministries in Michigan. We are deeply grateful to see the Lord working in the hearts and lives of our youth.



HOLY WEEK

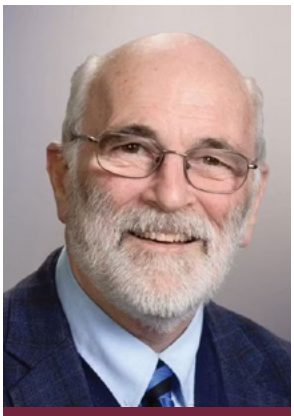
He is risen! We had a wonderful Holy Week, celebrating Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and our annual TMC Kids Easter Egg outreach in the park. On Easter Sunday, we gathered in the sanctuary to worship and rejoice in Jesus' victory over sin and death—and even enjoyed a few bundt cakes together afterward.

2025–2026 MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)



REDEMPTION PROJECT

Across Africa, thousands of children with disabilities are isolated, unable to attend school or fully experience life, all because they lack something as basic as a wheelchair. That's why we partnered with Hope Mobility International for the 2026 Redemption Project to share the hope of Jesus through the gift of mobility. Our goal was to provide 500 pediatric wheelchairs, each costing $275. Together, we were able to give $167,823 to Hope Mobility so that over 500 children could receive wheelchairs and experience freedom, dignity, and the love of Christ.



MISSIONS WEEK

In June, we celebrated God's work through global and local missions by welcoming missionaries home, hearing powerful stories from the field, and learning from guest preacher Dr. Jerry Root. We were blessed to pray with missionaries, be encouraged by how God is moving worldwide, and be challenged to live out the Great Commission in our daily lives.



SUMMER BLAST

In July, we welcomed around 500 students and volunteers to Illumination Station Summer Blast, where we shone a light on who Jesus really is. Kids discovered that Jesus is the light that brings hope to a dark world. Each day, kids learned more about Jesus, exploring God's Word through games, songs, teaching, crafts, and even snacks! It was a week full of fun, new discoveries, and new friends.



TMC KIDS & YOUTH SUMMER FUN

TMC Kids & Youth made the most of the summer with Drama Camp, Basketball Camp, Summer Blast, Lake Ann Camp, and more! Each camp was a special opportunity for kids and students to grow in their faith, connect with God, build friendships, and make lasting memories. And none of it would have been possible without our incredible volunteers! Thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy, and hearts to invest in the next generation this summer.

MISSIONS

We praise God for His faithfulness and amazing work around the world to expand His kingdom. What a privilege to be invited into what He is doing!

We participated in Operation Christmas Child once again, creating over 1,344 shoeboxes to send around the world. It's always a joy to partner with Samaritan's Purse in sending the hope of the Gospel.

Our Thanksgiving Offering raised $225,767 to fund a variety of church-planting projects with our ministry partners. Due to the faithful giving of our church family, we were able to send funds across the globe to help such initiatives in Cuba, Ireland, Albania, Quebec, Mexico, the Middle East, and even our own backyard!

It is a privilege to walk together in partnership year after year and celebrate the faithful ministry of God's workers, with 43 families receiving care and support each month in addition to our ten Key Global Initiative ministry partners. This past year we've walked with missionaries getting married, becoming first-time parents, facing visa questions, navigating relocations, and dealing with health challenges. One highlight was celebrating with two of our missionary families entering retirement, Bob and Jan Springer, and Stan Downes. We praise God for the Springers' decades of faithful radio ministry on the island of Saipan and in Indiana, and we are thankful for Stan and his late wife Donna's years of church planting, leadership, and teaching in Africa, Europe, and the US. We pray for these dear saints in the next chapter of their lives as they seek to serve Christ!

In March, longtime missionary Alene Dix went to be with the Lord. For over 30 years, Don and Alene Dix served Christ in what is now the DR Congo with Africa Inland Mission, and they continued to minister to the African diaspora in England and the USA. We celebrated Alene's life in April with a worshipful memorial service and heard testimonies of God's work through her faithful service. What an encouraging legacy for all of us as we seek to serve God wherever we are called.

For our 2026 Redemption Project, we praise God for the opportunity we had to partner with Hope Mobility International.

We raised $167,823 over 500 pediatric wheelchairs that will be distributed in Kenya and Tanzania to needy communities! With each wheelchair distribution, the Gospel is shared and recipients, families, and pastors alike are taught their value to God as image-bearers. Our friends at Hope Mobility share the impact this has:

> "We are witnessing a profound and Spirit-led shift within churches across Kenya. Pastors are pausing, reflecting, and often moved to tears as they rediscover that persons with disabilities are created in the image of God, worthy of dignity, belonging, and meaningful participation in ministry. Churches that once overlooked disability are now embracing inclusion—not as charity, but as obedience to the Gospel. Persons with disabilities are no longer seen as objects of pity, but as co-laborers in God's mission." Praise God!

June brought another exciting Missions Week filled with visits and updates from our missionaries and partners. We prayed for ongoing kingdom work in closed countries with our friends from Call of Hope during our Missions Confidential event, and we heard from Pastor Miller and Dr. Jerry Root, who encouraged us to be on mission with Jesus.

Almost every day we hear reports from around the world about what God is doing through our workers. One encouraging example is how the Holy Spirit is working in beautiful ways in Southern Brazil, where unreached tribes are hearing the Gospel and pastors are being equipped to lead church plants in challenging areas. Pastors Philip Miller and Bill Van Tuinen had the joy of visiting and taking part in this ministry with missionaries Lee and Regina Bloch this past summer!

As we reflect on the 100th anniversary of the sanctuary, we are so blessed to think of the rich legacy of The Moody Church's commitment to Gospel work and reaching the lost. The dozens of missionaries we've commissioned and sent from this building have gone on to serve Christ all over the world. Praise God for His unstoppable Gospel!

MOODY BY THE NUMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

1,244
Members

47
New Members

78
Associate Members

16
People Baptized



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

1,213
Sunday Morning Online

1,050
Sunday Morning In-Person



SPECIAL ATTENDANCE

1,348
Easter Sunday Online

2,007
Easter Sunday In-Person

5,901
Christmas Concerts

2,506
Christmas Eve



GENERAL FUND

$7,575,904
Total Giving

1,992
Giving Households

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

$225,767

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

REDEMPTION PROJECT

$167,823

1,344
Shoeboxes



CHILD DEDICATIONS

11

COMMUNITIES

15
Communities

1,527
Total Participants

GLOBAL MISSIONS

43
Missionary Households Supported

11
Key Global Initiatives

70
Countries Served

SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Facebook	YouTube	Instagram
15,013	24,795	3,344

WEBSITE

Unique Users	178,000+
Countries of Origin	202

Moody Church media

Gospel Resources for Your Spiritual Journey

From the pulpit of The Moody Church

By God's grace, Moody Church Media carried the Gospel further this year through five syndicated programs, video and audio podcasts, and a YouTube channel with 285,000 subscribers.

In January 2026, Pastor Philip Miller's daily program, *Living Hope*, launched via radio and video podcast featuring his sermons and practical discussions with co-host, Pastor Larry McCarthy. It is now heard on 158 outlets in 36 states, sharing the hope of the Gospel across many generations.

"I feel the power of the Holy Spirit so strongly during the Living Hope *program. It is exceptionally beautiful. It is bringing me closer to God. It is powerful because it's opening the Word. I set my alarm so that I don't miss it!" – Rosemarie*

Pastor Erwin Lutzer's daily program, Running to Win, now airs across 50 countries in seven languages with the eighth launching January 2027. He also released four titles covering the topics of unanswered prayer, discipleship, God's eternal purposes, and a 365-day devotional.

"When I first discovered Running to Win*, I was angry and frustrated toward God because of many unresolved questions. Through your ministry, I discovered God's love and redemption. Over time, I became more open spiritually and eventually prayed to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. My hope is renewed because God is our support and helper in times of trouble." – An Arabic-speaking listener*

Thank you for praying, giving, and sharing this ministry. It's a joy to see lives changed through the ministry of God's Word.



9.5+ Million Digital Listens

Includes 3.9M short-form video views

194,000+ Hours on Air

Life-changing messages on 1,000+ outlets nationwide, broadcasting *Living Hope*, *Moody Church Hour*, *Running to Win* (15- and 25-minute editions), and *Songs in the Night*.

naomi's house



10 YEARS OF HOPE

Celebrating a decade of women finding freedom, healing, and a fresh start, free from commercial sexual exploitation.

ANA'S STORY

This year, Naomi's House is celebrating ten years of hope for survivors! Over the last decade, 1,500 women have experienced hope and healing, including more than 500 women this year alone—an extraordinary testimony to God's faithfulness and the community that has made this work possible.

Because of you, women like Ana* are finding a fresh start. Ana recently graduated from Rise and has moved into her own apartment through our Independent Living program. She came to us carrying deep grief, trauma, and responsibility, but also a determination to build a different future for herself and her children. During her time in Rise, she worked with her care team to pursue meaningful career goals and make the kind of steady progress that eventually allowed her to move towards greater independence. Along the way, she was surprised to find her faith deepening too. She was inspired by the faith of those she met at Naomi's House—and realized she wanted that for herself. Unsure where to begin, she opened the Bible to Genesis.

When she reached the story of Joseph, she saw pieces of herself in his story: walking through suffering without understanding why, while trusting that God could still use it for good. It gave her hope that He might be doing the same in her life.

Ana's story is a beautiful reminder that healing is rarely one big moment. More often, it is a long series of courageous steps taken when a woman is ready and surrounded by people willing to walk with her.

Your partnership has helped build Naomi's House into the organization it is today, allowing us to serve more women, for longer seasons of their healing journeys, and even deeper care.

Together, we get to imagine what the next decade could hold: thousands more women finding safety, rebuilding their lives, discovering their God-given worth, and daring to believe that their stories are just beginning. Thank you for being part of these first ten years—and for helping make the next ten possible.

*name changed for privacy

OUR 2026 IMPACT:

500 women served this year | 1,500 women served over the last decade

828 hours of case management

242 hours of therapy

939 hours of life skills support

85% of clients secured safe housing

67% of clients are out of exploitation^

^compared to 9% nationally

67% of clients now hold a stable job

TRUSTEES' REPORT

By and large, the biggest (and most expensive) project undertaken this year was the exterior tuckpointing of the sanctuary's east and south walls. However, the most significant event of the year was the 100th anniversary of the sanctuary celebration occurring last November, as it was a great time to reflect on how God has led, protected, and provided for His church.

The Moody Church Trustees have oversight responsibilities for all physical assets of the church, and in conjunction with the annual budget process, the Facilities Team and Trustees discuss and plan projects for the year. Our ability to undertake (funding) projects is largely a function of weekly capital contributions from members and friends of The Moody Church as well as estate activity. Additionally, throughout any given year, a number of smaller projects are also undertaken; these are typically maintenance-type projects and some, on a small scale, are enhancements.

An example of one maintenance project was due to the heavy rains we experienced this summer; we had some water infiltration requiring some cleanup and pump repairs and/or replacement. As a side note, we also briefly looked at the possibility of adding external lighting to our building; we have tabled that for now as cost was a factor in not moving forward.

From a room use tally, we approved 20 weddings or outside room requests. These are in addition to the several community groups we routinely approve for various meetings, examples being The C.S. Lewis Institute, Classical Conversations, Chinese Church Plant, Moody Bible Institute, and other city connections with the 18th District Precinct and Alderman's Office.

For the fiscal year ending August 31, the Facilities budget was under plan by over $106k. We are thankful for the leadership of the Facilities Team as they experience several challenges in managing the budget, not to mention the number of variables that can and do occur in any given month.

The Trustees would also like to extend their gratitude and congratulations to Richard Hasse on his retirement earlier this year and to Kristian Chelstrom for stepping into this demanding role. The Trustees are also grateful for Michael Pitts' leadership over our facilities, especially considering the many "hats" he wears. We are, have been, and continue to be blessed by God's provision for The Moody Church.

THE MOODY CHURCH TRUSTEES

Earl Bowers, Daniel Favero, Kim Lahti, Berv Peterson, Phil Zahn




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EXHIBIT



By The Hand Club For Kids

Celebrating 25 Years of Possible

Our 25th anniversary was an opportunity to remember God's faithfulness, celebrate lives changed and look ahead to the next generation. Since starting at The Moody Church 25 years ago, God has turned impossible dreams into reality, helping thousands of Chicago students move from failing to flourishing, struggling to supported and into abundant life—mind, body and soul. In fiscal year 2025–2026, 2,120 kids were served, students achieved a 2.99 average GPA, 100% graduated high school and 287 made first-time decisions to follow Jesus. Energized by His faithfulness and emboldened by The Power of Possible, we look ahead with greater faith and urgency to reach more students and bring hope and transformation to Chicago. Throughout the year, we gathered to celebrate our 25th Anniversary milestone through special moments including our anniversary worship concert held at The Moody Church featuring Big Daddy Weave.



We celebrated our 25th anniversary with a Big Daddy Weave Worship gathering at The Moody Church, where By The Hand Club first started meeting in 2001.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

We completed the purchase, raised the capital needed, and completed predevelopment work for the Altgeld expansion, positioning By The Hand to serve more children and families in Chicago's highest-need neighborhood.



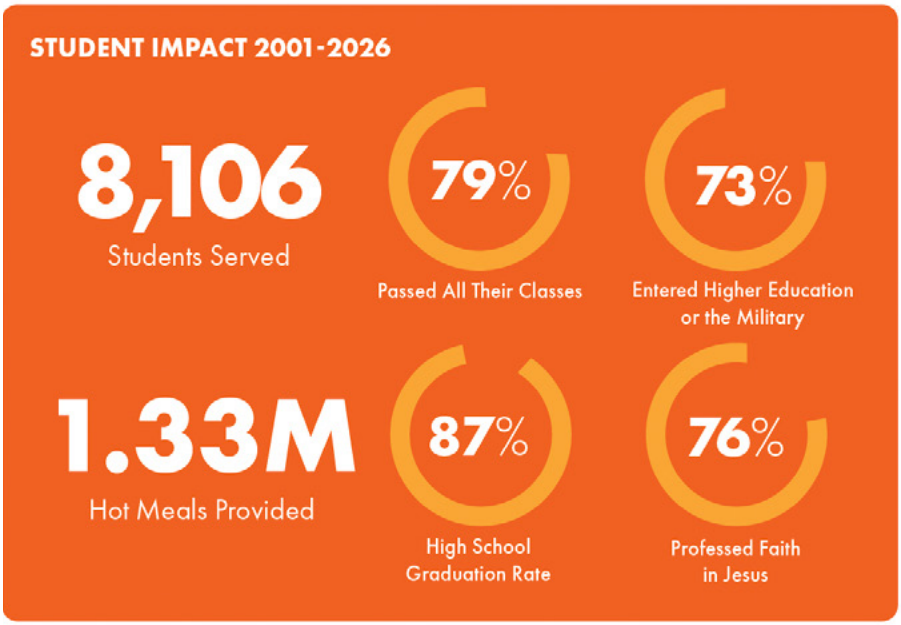
BY THE HAND USA

Dallas, Texas

By The Hand opened in Dallas, Texas, on September 8, 2025 to extend our ministry model beyond Chicago and bring the hope of Christ and holistic care to a new community. By The Hand Dallas served 82 children holistically with 20 children committing their lives to Christ this last year.

Louisville, Kentucky

We identified a CEO and have secured a facility to open By The Hand Louisville on September 13, 2027. As the network expands, By The Hand is the first national faith-based after-school program.





TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Once again, the most important highlight this year is to give glory and thanks to God for His continued provision for the financial needs of The Moody Church. The generosity of almost 2,000 partners in ministry enabled General Fund contributions to exceed budget by $123,904.

As we continued to rebuild staff and programs following the pandemic, the Elders expected this to be a challenging year and anticipated a shortfall of more than $733,000. With income above expectations and expenses below budget in many areas, the church needed to release only $201,568 from Estates, far less than what had been projected.

Contributions totaled $7,575,904, which was $123,904, or 1.7%, above budget and $413,400 above prior-year contributions. Total expenses were below budget by $347,125 or 4.2%.

MEDIA MINISTRY

Media Ministry income, which includes product sales, general donations, direct mail responses, and offering envelope contributions, was $5,570,468, or $169,532 below budget. Due to lower production and distribution costs and savings in other areas, expenses were $431,497 below budget, leaving a surplus of $261,965. This amount was transferred to the Media Reserve and is available for future expansion into unreached regions around the globe.

ESTATE GIVING

Donations from estates totaled $1,013,944. Funds were allocated to specific ministries as designated. For undesignated estates, 10% was allocated to Missions Projects and the balance to the Capital Fund. Stewardship materials for those interested in providing for The Moody Church ministries through their estate plans are available from Pastor Bill Van Tuinen in the church office.

FISCAL 2027

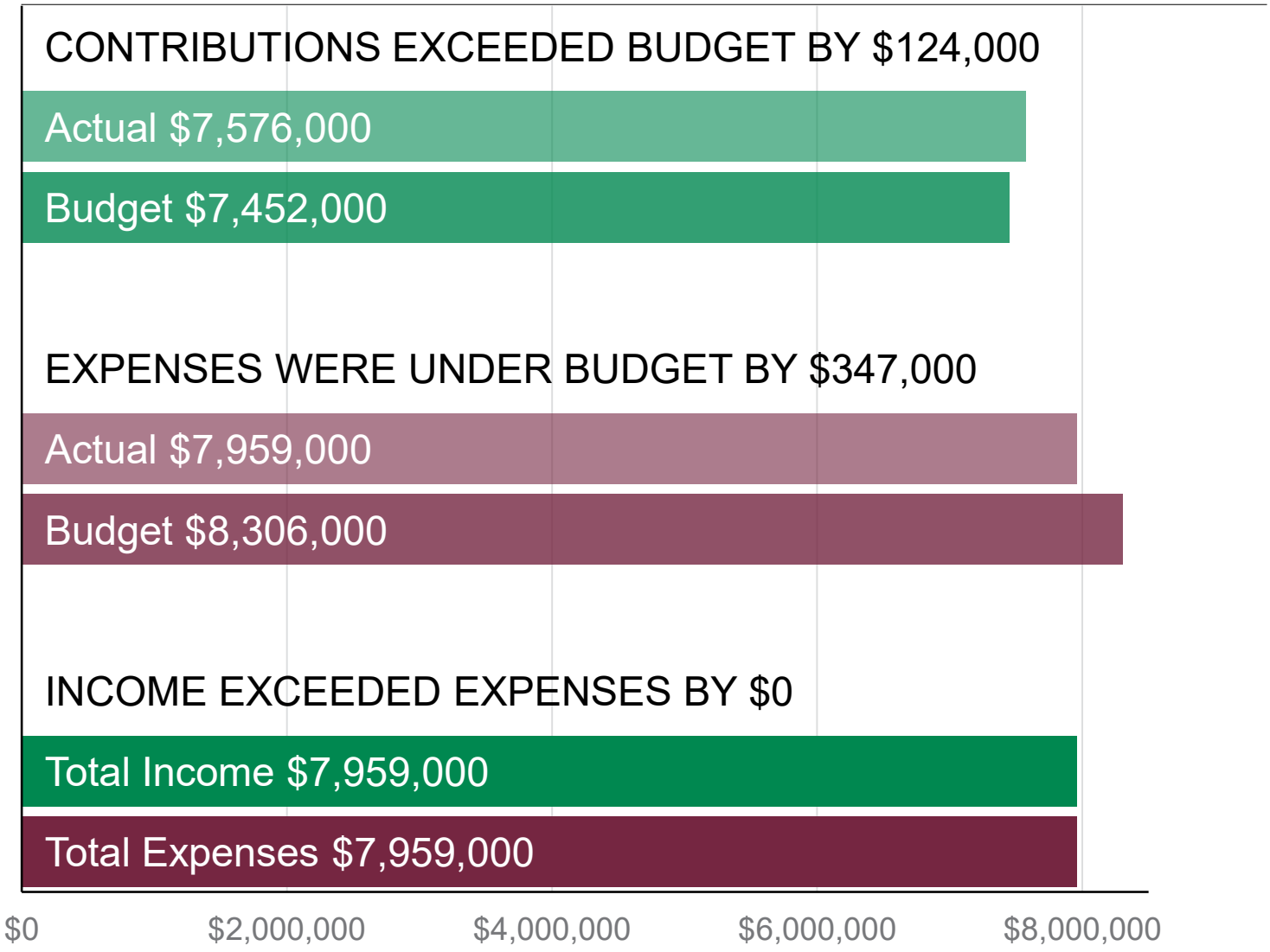
In recent years, the Elders recognized that it would take time for General Fund contributions to fully fund the ministries to which we believe God has called us. A multi-year gift from an estate allowed us to cover the resulting shortfall during this transition. We have now reached the end of those estate funds. For fiscal year 2026–2027, General Fund revenue must cover all expenses. Budgeted contributions for next year are $8,625,110, a 15.7% increase over this year's budget and 13.8% higher than this year's actual giving. An important ministry emphasis in the coming year will be encouraging those who call The Moody Church their church home to grow in the grace and joy of faithful giving. All of this planning and budgeting would not be possible without strong support from Michael Pitts, Managing Director of Operations; Kent Schmidt, Director of Finance and Administration; Hunter Smit, Financial Coordinator; and Neelu Joseph and Jean Jacobsen, Financial Assistants. This outstanding team is committed to careful stewardship, sound financial controls, and responsible management of the Church's finances each day. The Finance Committee appreciates your prayers.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jeff Knapp, Timothy Kerr, Jose Gomez, Jonathan Hauser, Rick Kosloskus, Michael Pitts, Kent Schmidt, James Shilling, Micah Shumate, Hunter Smit, Marcus Trivedi, and Ruth Zahn

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2026



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	8/31/26
Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents, at cost (Note 5)	$ 13,282,599
Other Current Assets	611,095
Promissory Notes	300,245
Long-Term Investments, at cost (Note 5)	1
	$ 14,193,940
Liabilities & Fund Balances	
Accrued Expenses	$ (65)
Fund Balances	14,194,005
	$ 14,193,940

See Notes to Financial Statements as an integral part of these statements.

FUND BALANCES

	8/31/26
Unrestricted Funds	
General Fund	$ -
General Fund Reserve	871,700
Capital Reserve	871,700
Strategic Capital Initiative	4,463,883
Capital	742,722
Auditorium Media Capital	36,765
	$ 6,986,770
Restricted Funds	
Camp Capital/Reserve	$ -
Recreation	4,362
Mission Projects and RTT	283,260
Media Reserve & Strategic Initiative	4,483,600
Fellowship Fund	367,446
Naomi's House	1,704,198
Naomi's House Capital & Estate	(7,864)
Class Funds	213,288
Elder Designated	16,283
Other Restricted Funds	142,662
	$ 7,207,235
	$ 14,194,005

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CASH FLOWS FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2026

	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET FOR FUND		BUDGET	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	%	Variance	%
GENERAL FUND						
Income						
Contributions	$ 7,575,904	$ -	$ 7,575,904	96.8%	$ 123,904	1.7%
Investment Income	(7,012)	-	(7,012)	-0.1%	(7,012)	
Other Income (Note 4)	58,270	-	58,270	0.7%	-	
Transfer from Estates	201,568	-	201,568	2.6%	(488,108)	
	7,828,730	-	7,828,730	100.0%	(371,216)	-4.5%
Summarized						
Ministries	52,417	2,986,550	(2,934,133)	-37.5%	17,295	0.6%
Camp	14,738	83,597	(68,859)	-0.9%	(1,359)	-2.0%
Missions	14,944	951,777	(936,833)	-12.0%	38,367	3.9%
Facilities (Note 5)	36,573	2,325,365	(2,288,792)	-29.2%	106,340	4.4%
Administration	11,360	1,611,473	(1,600,113)	-20.4%	229,673	12.6%
	130,032	7,958,762	(7,828,730)	-100.0%	390,316	4.7%
Total General Fund (Note 6)	$ 7,958,762	$ 7,958,762	$ -	0.0%	$ 19,100	0.2%
BUDGETED RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Recreation	$ 2,582	$ 2,392	$ 190		$ 190	
Naomi's House	2,933,072	2,912,448	20,624		20,624	
Media Ministry	5,570,468	5,308,503	261,965		261,965	
	$ 8,506,122	$ 8,223,343	$ 282,779		$ 282,779	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2026

1. The Moody Church is a not-for-profit religious organization and is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. In order to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available, the accounts of The Moody Church are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Under these principles, resources are classified into funds according to their nature and purpose and financial transactions have been recorded and reported by fund group.

3. These financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis, but all significant liabilities are believed to be recorded or noted. The preparation of financial statements has required management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of revenues and expenses recognized during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

4. Other Income reflects receipt of a class-action settlement related to BlueCross BlueShield subscriber fees. Naomi's House and Media Ministry income also includes their share of the settlement.

5. The Moody Church owns virtually all facilities used for its ministries. Those facilities are not recorded in the financial statements. Noncancelable operating leases for space and equipment are not significant.

6. Strong giving and good expense control enabled the General Fund to finish the year ahead of plan which had projected using $732,947 from previously received or promised Estate gifts to end without a deficit. By God's grace just $201,568 had to be transfered from Estates.

7. Most funds are maintained in cash equivalents or other short-term investments, for which cost approximates market value. Longer-term investments are also carried at cost and may or may not be held to maturity. Investment objectives emphasize the safety of principal. Futures and forward contracts are not permissible.

8. The Moody Church receives and provides substantial non-monetary contributions of services and goods in connection with various ministries. Those contributions have not been quantified and are not recorded in the financial statements.

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