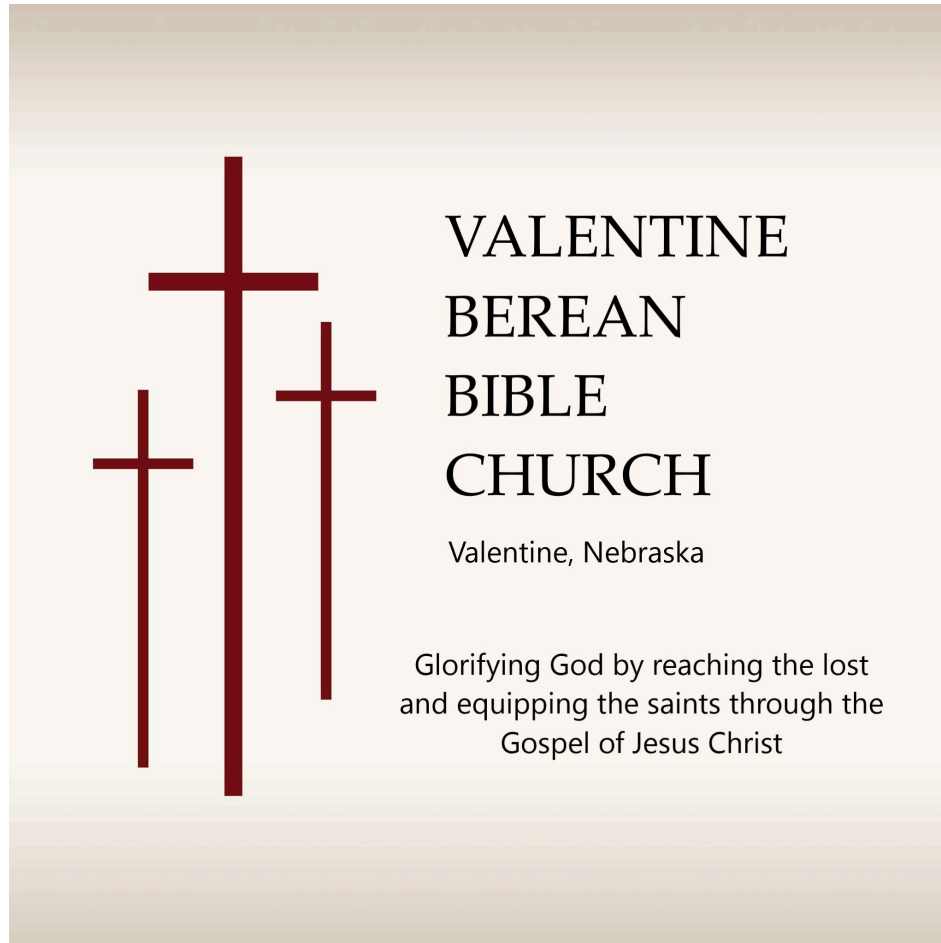


2025 Annual Report

for



Mission Verse:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28: 19-20

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2025 Annual Business Meeting Letter

to the Church Family

2025 is behind us and we move into another year; another year to serve the Lord and to magnify His name wherever we go. My challenge to each of us is to look for opportunities to share Christ with people we come in contact with every day. My prayer is that when people see us, they will see a small representation of Jesus; following Him as closely as possible, our eyes always on Him.

As we look back over this past year we can see areas where we experienced great growth spiritually and areas where there is room for improvement. That's life though, isn't it? We strive to live for Jesus Christ with all of our heart, our mind, our body and our soul, but we struggle with our old fleshly nature that hinders our progress. One day we will be set free from this old fleshly nature and experience life like never before in a glorified body. But until that time comes, we are to be busy about His work.

As I thought of a verse that would summarize this past year, I found Psalm 126:3 "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." As we learn to enjoy worshiping in the new worship center, let's worship with a heart of joy. He truly has done great things, and we are filled with joy.

These words are as true today as they were when the Psalmist wrote them, let's stay busy until He returns to take us home. Let's utilize the new worship center to its maximum potential.

I often say; "All that matters here on earth is serving Jesus Christ" and I believe that statement to be true. No matter what we are doing or where we are at, we ought to glorify the Lord with our words, our actions, and our attitude. As your pastor I will work to model for you a life of dedication to Jesus Christ and to lead you in ways that would please Him.

There is much work to be done, there is no time to waste, as you read this, we are drawing closer to the Lord's return one second at a time. I long to see my Savior face to face, but then I am reminded of those who are lost around me and I hesitate and say; "Just one more day, dear Lord, please give them one more day to trust in you."

Let's join arms and stand together as we face 2026 and its challenges. Let's stand back to back and shoulder to shoulder. No doubt this New Year holds new challenges and new tests and trials, but with the Lord's help we are assured of the victory.

Stand strong in Him and the power of His might!

2nd Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind"

Pastor Scott McClellan

Secretary's Report

During the 2025 calendar year, the secretary continued the responsibility of keeping records for the church. This included recording the minutes from elder meetings, congregational meetings, and other official church business.

Throughout the year, several Elder Board meetings were held to guide the leadership and direction of the church. In addition to regular meetings, additional meetings were called as needed. Many of these extra meetings focused on discussions and planning related to the church building project. These meetings involved prayer, discussion, and decision making as the elders considered the needs of the church and how best to move forward.

Minutes were recorded for each official meeting so that the decisions and discussions would be properly documented and kept as part of the church records. These are available for review as needed.

During 2025, the church continued its regular ministries and activities, including weekly worship services, Bible studies, youth and children's ministries, and opportunities to serve others in the community. Church leadership worked together throughout the year to support the spiritual growth of the congregation.

The secretary also continued to maintain the church's official records, including meeting minutes and other administrative documentation needed to help the church operate in an orderly manner.

It is a privilege to serve the church in this role and to see the Lord continue to work through the ministry of Valentine Berean Bible Church. May God continue to guide and bless the church in the year ahead.

Submitted by,

Clint Burney - Secretary

Treasury Report

All praise and glory to our savior Jesus Christ.

What a blessing to have a church family that are great givers, not only in a financial way but great givers of time also. I want to thank all of you for making our year go so smoothly.

It's been a great year for us and our focus has been the Building Fund and continuing to build the new church. On December 31st of 2025 our Building Fund had a balance of \$559.72, which isn't enough to complete our new building. The Elder board made the decision to borrow additional funds so that we could expedite the building process so it can be finished much more quickly. We are using Security First bank for this loan. We have been approved to borrow \$500,000 but we are praying that it won't take that much.

Total Income for 2025 was \$513,073.82 with Total Expenditures of \$818,088.38 which gives us a Net Income of (305,014.56) for the year.

As of 12/31/2025 our long-term liabilities is \$85,835.84 (church loan) which will grow in 2026 to complete the church.

With the Lord guiding us and with much prayer, we will overcome this debt.

Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

This verse tells us that we give to honor God by giving back the first fruits of all we produce. This means giving the best of what we have. It shows our gratitude to God for bestowing upon us so much blessing. In return, He will bless us abundantly.

Dallas Dodson - Elder

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04/07/26
Cash Basis

Berean Bible Church
Profit & Loss
January through December 2025

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>
Income	
General Fund Offering	310,051.01
Interest Income	769.75
Mission's Income	3,664.94
Other Income	3,220.00
Spec Desig	
BF Offering	194,883.12
Spec Desig - Other	485.00
Total Spec Desig	<u>195,368.12</u>
Total Income	513,073.82
Expense	
Building	
Building Insurance	14,217.70
Building Project	636,631.16
Interest Expense	815.92
Maintenance	14,141.19
Total Building	<u>665,805.97</u>
Missions	
ABWE International	1,765.00
Anderson's	3,530.00
Benevolence	1,625.70
Berean Church Council	1,765.00
Camp Witness	1,765.00
Deborah's Legacy House	1,500.00
FCA,RR	1,920.00
FOI	200.00
Grace Missions	1,875.00
Men's Breakfast	4,674.51
My Bridge	1,740.00
One Way Mission	5,295.00
Restoration Ministries	1,765.00
Right Now Media	2,309.90
Webb's	3,530.00
Missions - Other	642.25
Total Missions	<u>35,902.36</u>
Pastoral	
Pastors Business Exp.	5,400.00
Pastors Salary	59,999.90
Retirement Exp	6,480.00
Pastoral - Other	500.00
Total Pastoral	<u>72,379.90</u>
Prog Exp	
Church & S.S. Supplies	2,278.61
Cleaning Supplies & Toilet...	74.50

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Berean Bible Church
Profit & Loss
January through December 2025

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>
Electronics/media	5,806.24
Guest Speakers	855.00
Kitchen Supplies	3,354.15
Men's Ministry	591.28
Misc.	
Special Events	3,576.00
Misc. - Other	11,866.74
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Total Misc.	15,442.74
Office Supplies	2,259.16
Teen Activity Exp	66.30
Women's Ministry	346.34
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Total Prog Exp	31,074.32
Utilities	
Electric/Water	7,139.33
Propane	2,849.54
Tele,Intnet,TV	2,936.96
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Total Utilities	12,925.83
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Total Expense	818,088.38
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Net Income	<u><u>-305,014.56</u></u>

Berean Bible Church
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025

	<u>Dec 31, 25</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Gen. F. - UB	
Bldg. F.	559.72
Gen. F. - UB - Other	104,444.59
Total Gen. F. - UB	105,004.31
Savings	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	105,104.31
Other Current Assets	
Equipment	5,445.00
Total Other Current Assets	5,445.00
Total Current Assets	110,549.31
Fixed Assets	
Real Estate	2,500,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	2,500,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	2,610,549.31
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Church Loan	85,835.84
Total Long Term Liabilities	85,835.84
Total Liabilities	85,835.84
Equity	
Chg in Investment Value	9,218.88
Equity	2,419,169.32
Retained Earnings	401,339.83
Net Income	-305,014.56
Total Equity	2,524,713.47
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,610,549.31

Building Project Report

As we enter 2026, we found that our church building project has become a reality. There are only a few contracted items to be finished to complete our building project.

Jackson Concrete out of North Platte has a contract to do concrete outside consisting of driveway approaches, sidewalks, and some gutter work from 7th street north along the east property line to 8th street. Work started late last fall but was put on hold due to the weather. Sean has stated that they will be back to finish as soon as the weather stays warm enough at night to pour and cure.

Northstar Electric will be giving us a quote on exterior parking lot lighting and driveway signage at the entrances to the parking lot.

Ward Plumbing and Heating is still in the process of balancing the HVAC systems to get the maximum performance out of each of the five units.

Some minor work is still being done to the sound system and should be finished in the near future.

We did receive from the State Fire Marshal's office our Certificate of Occupancy on January 26, 2026. Our first church services were held on Sunday February 8, 2026. The dedication services were held on Sunday March 1, 2026.

Additionally, we received another 150 chairs on February 20, 2026, to give us around 210 chairs in the sanctuary.

In closing I would like to say thank you to the elder board for allowing me to be a part of this building process. It has truly been an honor. Please let me know if you have any questions.

David Billings - Owners Representative

Missions Report

Our VBC Missions include the following monthly or annually supported families and organizations:

1. John & Genise Anderson with ETHNOS 360. Their main job is to connect and encourage missionaries as they are on their home assignment in the USA. They cover a seven-state area: Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska (as well as part of Colorado and Wyoming).
2. Ryan & Shelby Webb and their children Avery, Rylynn, Caleb, & Scotty. Serving with ETHNOS 360 in Papua New Guinea. They serve on an extremely remote volcanic island off the north coast of Papua New Guinea. They have been faithfully serving the Manam people for over 10 years while they work with faithful & dedicated translators on a Manam Oral Bible their mission is to ensure God's word will be understood, preserved, spoken, and shared among the Manam people. Ryan has recently taken on a director's roll over the pastors they have been training and as of last fall are currently furloughed.
3. Les & Eva Olsen with One Way Evangelistic Ministries share the gospel on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. They continue to serve with children's ministry, the White River Nursing home, & lead

Thursday morning Bible Study. Health issues took up a lot of the Olsen's time last year: Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

4. Deborah's Legacy House in North Platte, NE. A faith-based haven for desperate women facing homelessness.

5. Andrew & Rebecca Johnson their son Kairos, ABWE. Andrew and Rebecca Church planting in Ghana & West Africa. Recently they celebrated Kairos's 1st Birthday and their move to Southern Togo. The Johnson's are planning trips to Ghana and South Africa in 2026.

6. Grace Missions headquarters is in Henderson, NE. Their motto is, "Unleashing the gospel through National Ministers in Haiti and Mexico." They have an orphanage, orphanage school, senior home, leadership, character ministry, and 42 churches in Haiti. In Mexico, they are planting churches with Nationals, using 3 different Mother Churches with 6 satellite churches being planted.

7. Restoration Ministries, Roger & Brenda Daum. Christian marriage counseling services located in Cozad, NE. They also hold relationship conferences to help people strengthen relationships and do training seminars designed to help people resolve emotional and spiritual problems that hinder them from giving and receiving love as God intends.

8. Camp Witness at Long Pine, NE. Christian summer camp for kids of all ages.

9. Friends of Israel, Bruce Scott. Serving from New Jersey. Teaching biblical truth about Israel and the Messiah and standing with the Jewish people.

10. Berean Fellowship of Churches. Supporting our own fellowship of churches and its leadership.

Monthly Missions related updates are posted as we receive them. Feel free to review our Missionaries' updates throughout the year.

Daniel Bauer – Deacon of Missions

Service Group

Last year's report said, "We have been blessed to see the Body of Christ at VBBC." - Amen and even moved into our new building.

It has been a blessing to serve in the position and know we have new and "younger" blood taking the reins. Thank you Tonia Kaup for stepping up. I know you will be blessed to work with our congregation.

We have our co-chairmen and service groups in place for 2026. Please let Tonia know if you would like to be a part of the service group or if you need to make any changes by serving at a different time of the year.

Because of HIM,

Jeanne Blackford - Service Group Coordinator

Worship Report

Psalm 98:4-7

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

The VBC Worship Team started 2025 with a Worship Team Mini Workshop on Jan. 26th. We enjoyed a meal together and then spent a couple hours watching 2 training video sessions (What is Worship and How Do We Lead Worship by Spencer Leading Worship Well). We had a good discussion about what it means to worship and concerning our role in leading our church family to worship on Sunday mornings.

Here's a great definition of Christian worship - A treasuring of God above all other things that overflows into external acts of glorification. As worship leaders we strive to point people to the WORTHINESS of God and provide them with the opportunity to respond.

Our Easter Sunday Worship Service began with a beautiful arrangement of Amazing Grace, performed by our VBBC orchestra. We appreciated everyone who dusted off their instruments (clarinet, trumpets, saxophones, flutes, tuba and baritone horns) and put in the dedicated practice time they committed to for performing well.

The team led worship for Cowboy Church at the fairgrounds on Aug. 10th. It's work to load everything we need and haul it over there, but we very much enjoy the opportunity to worship with others in our community.

Our Team was asked to provide the music for the Ribfest held in Platte, SD in September, hosted by Bethel Church. We enjoyed tuning up our voices and instruments to sing off and on from 4:00 to 7:00 that evening. What a privilege to worship our Lord outside on a sunny Saturday!

Kandi sends out videos occasionally, challenging the team to sharpen their voice skills. Ask a team member about "YAWNING". They'll tell you about what it means for singing well! We also have listened to podcasts about the real meaning of leading worship. It's not about musical skill, it's about leading people to God and to worship Him with passion. We are not just filling a spot on the stage. We are creating a space for our congregation to experience the presence of God.

The online group we use through the VBBC member site is PRICELESS! It's such a great way to communicate with a team of 25 people! I'm able to send out new music for the team to become familiar with ahead of time, reminders for upcoming events, scheduling and song & playlists.

We "decked the halls" well in our sanctuary, knowing this would be the last December of worship in that building. Christmas is always such a joyous and precious time to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Advent readings were shared each Sunday with messages of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

We are thrilled when individuals come and ask to serve at VBBC on the Worship Team. The process of joining our team involves a simple audition. And the first question I ask is “Tell me about your walk with Jesus.” This Worship Team family cares about its members’ devotion to God first and we want to lift each other to grow closer to Jesus as we serve with our musical gifts together.

Sincerely in service to our King

Kandi Dodson - Worship Leader

Funeral Report

This past year we were privileged to serve several families in their time of grief. They are always appreciative of this service. A sign up sheet was sent around a year ago for those who were willing to serve in this ministry. If you were not able to sign up at that time and are willing to help in either providing food and/or helping in person, or are not sure if you signed up, please let me know. Call and leave a message (if necessary) giving your name and contact number. There is usually a choice of food items needed. I do not contact by email, but by phone 402-425-3292 (home) or 402-376-5519 (cell).

Janet Tate

Cleaning Report

There is nothing small in the service of God (Francis De Sales)

Cleaning is one of those jobs that isn’t noticed unless it is left undone. Thankfully there are many willing to take on this task to keep God’s house clean. God bless each of you. Right now we will still be cleaning the old church, so if you signed up for this year you are still on. If for any reason you aren’t able to clean that month or any week, let me know and I will get it covered. Thanks for serving God in this way.

Janet Tate

Sunday School Report

Sunday School at the Berean Bible Church in Valentine is offered during both worship service times. The kids were being dismissed for their classes following the offering in each service. We were blessed and grateful to have many teachers volunteer to teach Sunday School. Ten teachers are necessary to adequately cover both services and the 5 various classes. Substitutes are necessary to step in when the regular teacher has to be absent. Classes are held in the basement of the church and 5th-8th graders meet at the parsonage.

Grades Preschool through 4th grade are currently still using the Engage Curriculum. This curriculum has lessons with some Old and New Testament each year being taught. This past year, students learned events from Genesis 27 through Exodus 20. The Wall Maps and Time Line help students understand God's story and their place in it.

Valentine Berean Bible Church middle school Sunday school material is part one of The Bible Study Guide. www.thebiblestudyguide.com

During 2025, Middle school Sunday school teachers strove to connect with students personally and spiritually. The Bible Study Guide was implemented as Middle School material just prior to January 2025. The class studied the first 36 lessons in Part One of the Guide.

Subject matter related to Joseph, Daniel, John the Baptist, and Jesus throughout 2025. Corresponding books included later parts of Genesis, Daniel, Matthew, Luke, and John. Teachers' discussion style class increased student confidence in reading scripture aloud, encouraging open discussion during the lesson, and allotting time to answer student questions. Teachers witnessed increased engagement from students and understanding of scripture. Students' recall of scripture, understanding of metaphors in scripture, and personal application of scripture increased throughout 2025. By Sarah Bauer:Co-teacher

We took a break during the summer months from the regular Sunday School schedule and offered Children's Church (ages 3-1st grade) during both services, when teachers were available. Thank you to those who volunteered to teach a Sunday so that we could have a Children's Church.

Teaching children is such a blessing and requires volunteers willing to share their time and abilities with these kids. If you would like to be added to the substitute list, contact Keri McClellen or if you would like to teach a class for a month or several months, also contact Keri.

Proverbs 22: 6 "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Deuteronomy 6: 6-7 "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Keri McClellen – Sunday School Director

Nursery Report

The nursery is offered year-round during both Sunday worship services for children under 2 years old.

We are excited to have a larger space for the kids during the services. Please be patient as we adjust to our new space and settle into a new routine. We are grateful for the upgrades which allow the services to be streamed to the nursery. We can easily participate in the worship service!

Parents are welcome to stay with their children or drop off their children. We are asking parents to sign-in children. This allows us to get to know names and have contact information, if we need to reach you during the services.

At this time, I believe, we have all our regular volunteer spots filled!! Thank you to those who have volunteered! If you are interested in volunteering, we can always use subs to fill-in when needed.

Jennie Salters - Nursery Director

Small Groups Report

Right now, we have 11 active small groups meeting regularly. There are also a few additional groups that have not started back up yet after the holidays but we expect those to resume soon. As our church continues to grow, we are always looking for more people who might be willing to host a small group.

The current active groups are:

- Women's Small Group led by Jeanie
- Wednesday Small Group Bible Study led by Daniel Bauer
- Brownlee Women's Group led by Joy
- Women's Small Group led by Cindy
- Dodson's Small Group led by Dallas and Kandi
- Elders Small Group led by Pete
- Encouraging Mother's Group led by Tonia
- Kilgore Women's Group led by Kimberly
- Kilgore Men's Group led by JP
- Friday Men's Group led by Ricky
- State Line Small Group led by Fronings, Hockenbarys, & DeLawyers

As a church body, one of our goals has been to help more people get connected through small groups. We are encouraged to see more people getting connected and building relationships through these groups. If you haven't yet found a place in a small group, we encourage you to consider joining one in 2026.

Submitted by,

Clint Burney

Meal Train

Meal Train began 9/24

Meal Train administrators: Coley Dux and Sarah Bauer

We set up a meal train using the "meal train" website according to the preferences of the family being served. A link with a sign up schedule is sent out in an email and texted to those who are registered to serve (approx 25 people). It is also posted on the church website for anyone else who wants to participate. We check in on the meal recipient and also sometimes extend the meal train if necessary.

There is not a system for asking people if they want a meal train. We simply arrange one when requested. Anyone is welcome to request a meal train for anyone, at any time, and for any reason.

To date, we have not had conflicts or issues and the response has been positive from both those who serve and those who have been served.

Coley Dux

Blessing Bags

3 women and 3 men blessing bags available to Pastor Scott at all times.

Cindy Schaefer

Women's Bible study on Wednesdays

1-2 pm in the worship center.

Most recent studies are: Revelation, 1,2,3, John, Jude.

Using study guides by David Jeremiah.

Ministries under the Bible study are: Adopted a single Mom and her 3 children for Christmas,

Helping with the bereavement ministry, putting items in the back of chairs in the sanctuary.

Have sent a sister to encounter.

Our attendance is usually 12-14.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Schaefer

The Well - Women's Ministry

The Well is a place of refuge and renewal where women gather to worship the Lord without distraction, bring their burdens to the feet of Jesus, and find prayer, encouragement, and genuine community—so that every woman leaves feeling seen, heard, known, and loved.

We meet on the first Monday of every month and serve 30-40 women. We plan to offer more discipleship and teaching, as the Lord leads.

Coley Dux and Kimberly Johnson

Ladies Fellowship and Breakfast

We continue to meet the second Thursday morning of every month, at 9:00 AM at the Senior Center. We welcome new ladies at intervals with an average attendance of twelve to fourteen each meeting. We are nondenominational and welcome all ladies. Our goal is to develop friendships with one another that help encourage each of us in our Christian walk. It is exciting to see how friendships have developed over the years. We continue to take a monthly free will offering which has grown. The summer of 2026 we will be able to send four young people to Camp Witness in Long Pine, NE.

In Christian Love,

Diane Hartwig - Coordinator

Samaritan's Purse Report

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Our church supported Samaritan's Purse by filling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that go all over the world to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our church responded to the outreach with great enthusiasm and generosity. The congregation filled 132 boxes. Thank you, Valentine Berean Bible Church members, for your generosity!

Dave & Nancy Hafer