



SON RISE
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

2025 Annual Report

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

The Mission Statement of SonRise Christian Fellowship

Bringing people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, gathering them together as a worshipping community, growing them up as His life-long disciples, and sending them out as ministers of the Gospel for the sake of the world.

We believe in

LOVING COMMUNITY: Loving God and loving others, because in Christ we are adopted into His family and formed into a fellowship of faithful friends.

INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP: Integrating the ancient wisdom of the church with the fresh wind of the Spirit, because in Christ we are rooted in a rich heritage and in him all things are made new.

FERVENT PRAYER: Following the voice of the Good Shepherd through prayer and obedience, because true disciples are students of His Word and servants of His way.

EVERY MEMBER MINISTRY: Embodying God's mission of hope and hospitality out in the world, because every member is a minister of Christ's mercy and an instrument of His peace.

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Banning Cantarini,
Pastor



Greg Coppock, Executive Pastor
Care & Culture



Beth Ann Murray,
Children's Ministry
Pastor



Kaedin Kluis,
Youth Coordinator



Shayli Benner,
Contemporary & Youth
Music Director



Jenny Anderson,
Preschool Ministry Coordinator



Alex Gonzales,
Hispanic Pastor & Facility Maintenance

Jim Stowers
Kelly Ullery
Gloria Williams
Justin & Laura Vessey

2025 LEADERSHIP

Jerome Marroquin, Pastor
Banning Cantarini, Pastor
Greg Coppock,
Administrative Pastor

2025 ELDERS

Cory Bitting
Martha Garcia
Gayle Kott
Bob Mann
Kirk Sandvig
Cathy Smelser
Lougene Williams

2025 DEACONS

Lisa Stowers, Deacon Moderator
James Brownell
Mike David
Debbie Hall
Jeff & Barb Hotze
Teresa Johnson
Judy Saunders
Bob & Mary Schaar

2025 STAFF

Pastor

Jerome Marroquin

Administrative Pastor

Greg Coppock

Pastor

Banning Cantarini

Youth Coordinator

Kaedin Kluis

Pastor of Children's Ministries

Beth Ann Murray

Preschool Director

Jenny Anderson

Director of Music

Shayli Benner,
Contemporary & Youth

Church Organist
John Redford

Facility Maintenance
Alex Gonzales, Custodian,
Fuente de Vida Pastor

CALL OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

As provided for in the Church Bylaws, Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for February 22, 2026 following the 9:00 am service for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons, Nominating Committee members, Treasurer's report, Pastor Banning Cantarini's Terms of Call, Ministry Reports and the Pastor's State of the Church.

Beth Deutsch
Clerk of Session

Pastor Banning Cantarini
Moderator

AGENDA

2026 ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

SonRise Christian Fellowship
Sunday, February 22, 2026
Sanctuary

Pastor Banning Cantarini, Moderator
Beth Deutsch, Clerk of Session

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Reading of the Call of the Meeting
4. Presentation and Election of
2026 Elders & Deacons and
2026 Nominating Committee

Pastor Greg Coppock
Gayle Kott
Clerk Beth Deutsch

Bob Mann & Greg Coppock

- 5. Term of Call / Treasurer's Report
- 6. State of the Church

Beth Deutsch, Karl Stephens
Pastor Banning Cantarini

New Members

February 15

Jenny Anderson
Brian Barratt
Bill Carnahan
Mark Frederick
Ann Frederick
Laura Jarnes
Bonnie Ovalle

July 20

Jeannie Hathaway
Patrick Hathaway
Alex Krieger
Annie Sandvig
Shawna Kaylor
Joseph Turek
Lauren Turek

In Memoriam

Gene Rathgeber
Jim Saunders
Justin Vessey
Laura Vessey
Kirk Sandvig

Nicole Bitting

September 6

Chris Dahl
Nicole Dahl
Paul Guida
Barbara Jarnes
Marcelo Rodas
Beverly Tucker

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints ..." Psalms 116:15

January 3 Vera Maldonado
January 15 Becky Rathgeber
January 16 Steve Kelso
March 8 Ginna Ferdyn
March 21 John Chambers
May 10 Rex Gordon
June 12 Keith Rogers

July 1 Karin Beske
August 18 Linda Brown
August 26 Charlotte Glasgow
September 10 Alex Vasquez
October 20 Roseann Tebo
November 1 Penny Bowles
December 17 Agatha Anderson

Emma Hardy

June 22

Danette Daley

Baptisms

April 20

Ford Turek

Ivy Huertas

Henry Jones

August 31

Jesse Cross

October 12

Laura Jarnes

Baby Dedications

January 19

March 9

December 21

Raelyn Grace Benner

Adda and Clementine Turek

Hallie Blair Marroquin

Wedding Celebrations

March 8

May 2

Mary 23

June 14

October 18

Drew Griffiths and Corina Ixter

Harmony Prado and Jake

David Chick and Katie Hunt

Charles Robertson and Nikki Hunt

Paul Guida and Barbara Jarnes

2026 ANNUAL MESSAGE

Pastor BANNING CANTARINI

Beloved SonRise Family,

What a joy it is to serve the Lord alongside each of you. Of all the gifts that come with pastoral ministry, few bring me more gratitude than the privilege of laboring shoulder to shoulder with people I deeply love and sincerely admire.

Since accepting the call to serve as your Senior Pastor, I have been continually humbled by the Lord's providence in this season. Again and again, He has prepared the way before us. He has steadied us when we needed steadiness, stretched us when we needed growth, and reminded us who we are when we were tempted to forget. I am deeply grateful for where we stand today and even more expectant about where He is leading us next.

Over the past year, we have welcomed many new faces through our doors. Yet this moment did not appear overnight. It is the fruit of years of prayer, faithfulness, sacrifice, and quiet obedience. For years we have prayed to see the next generation take its place in the life of this storied church. Across the broader landscape of American Christianity, many congregations long for the intergenerational vitality we are just beginning to experience. What we are witnessing is not accidental. It is the answered prayers of generations that came before. For me personally, it has been a beautiful thing to watch unfold.

The relationship between growth and identity can be complicated. Every church desires to grow. Yet growth, if not anchored in Christ, community, and conviction, can subtly pull a church away from its calling. In past seasons, as we navigated cultural shifts and the changing landscape of the Church in America, SonRise faced the growing movement among churches to trade in their unique calling for whatever appeared to be the prevailing formula for success. That might have meant uprooting the traditional aspects of worship or abandoning the liturgical practices for the sake of forced growth (which is never healthy growth).

By God's grace, we did not.

I will forever be grateful for the leaders who helped us hold that ground. Pastor Jerome's steady, Christ-centered leadership kept our eyes fixed on Jesus through seasons that required reflection and courageous stillness. Pastor Art Blodgett's community building and musical gifts strengthened a culture of worship that continues to shape us. John Redford's excellence and craftsmanship set a standard that still calls us upward. We stand on the shoulders of faithful saints, and because they were faithful, we are positioned for fruitfulness.

Sowing seeds requires effort and patience. Harvest requires stewardship.

And stewardship is the call before us now.

We honor the labor of the past. We continue building on the vision the Lord has laid out for our SonRise community. And we step forward into the work required for the harvest yet to come. And we must keep our eyes on the future harvests. The seeds we plant now are for the very children we see running up and down our sanctuary aisles each Sunday. Soon they will be the ones planning worship and singing our songs. What a glorious day that shall be!

One Church, One Scripture

For many years, our leadership longed to see our entire church aligned around a unified teaching rhythm. During my time as Family Ministries Pastor, I came to understand why that goal had remained elusive. The developmental and theological needs of children, teenagers, and adults are distinct. Faith formation requires language people can understand. One of the challenges of being an intergenerational church is learning to speak multiple languages at once. Because of this, many churches outsource their curriculum. Creating something from scratch each week is no small task for a small staff.

And yet our children and youth teams sensed that the time had come to build something uniquely ours.

What if every person at SonRise, child, teen, and adult, engaged the same passage of Scripture each week? What if families left Sunday unified around one shared Word? What if we could deepen theological richness while strengthening intergenerational discipleship?

What once felt ambitious has now become reality. Since the beginning of this year, we have been producing fully integrated curriculum across the entire church. It has required prayer, foresight, and teamwork. And in those prayers, we have seen God's blessing.

Thanks to the gifted leadership of Kirk Sandvig (Elder) and the collaboration of our staff and other elders, we are already seeing meaningful fruit. With Kirk and his wonderful family's help (special thank you to Annie, Meilynn, and Lena!), we have launched a weekly children's series, *The Adventures of Terry and Jerry*, reflecting both theological depth and creative imagination. Even more beautiful than the production is the impact. Families are talking together. Children are asking deeper questions. A shared spiritual language is forming across generations.

I encourage you to check out the short episodes of *Terry and Jerry* on our SonRise Christian Fellowship YouTube page.

Livestreaming and Our Digital Congregants

During the COVID season, prerecorded sermons helped us remain connected. That season taught us the importance of digital presence, but it also revealed opportunity.

This year we are transitioning to full livestreaming, with hopes of completing the shift by Easter. We have been encouraged by the individuals and families who consistently engage with our services online. Soon they will worship alongside us in real time. And for those who can no longer attend in person, they will once again see and hear the sights and sounds of the church they are still very much a part of.

The Lord's House

Whatever nerves I may have had entering this role have been quickly eased by the tremendous people

God has called to serve here. Each week I witness creativity, faithfulness, and excellence. Even in a small San Diegan town, our worship rhythm requires relentless focus on the Lord's will. In all things, we aim to glorify Him.

For the incredible efforts that are given each week to our mission by our people, I am deeply thankful. I am thankful that the Lord brought Patrick Hathaway to lead our choir. As grateful as I am for his musical intelligence, I am even more grateful for the quality of his character. I am thankful for our choir members, whose vibrant community spirit is evident each week. I am grateful for Bradley, who has faithfully stepped in as organist and accompanist in this season. And I am thankful for Shayli, whose leadership helps shape the movement of worship among us. Making space for both schools of worship within our services is a unique and beautiful part of who we are, and it has required unity and hard work.

I am thankful for Pastor Greg, who faithfully sets the tone each day. For Beth Ann and Jenny, who love our children and families. For Joey and Kaedin, who are building something meaningful within student ministry. For Pastor Alex, who prepares our space and hearts for holy worship. For Ryan, who faithfully serves behind the scenes. For our greeters, deacons, missions team, finance team, digital media team, ministry leaders, children's ministry volunteers, LifeGroup leaders, Preschool team, and our faithful elders. The list truly goes on.

And ultimately, I am thankful for you.

None of this happens apart from the sacred act of gathering in worship and choosing to live as a community, together. While community always brings challenges, this truly is a loving church, and I am honored to serve alongside you.

A Church for This Moment

We are living in a time marked by division, uncertainty, and cultural strain.

History reminds us that the Church shines most clearly when the world feels most unstable. When others are shaken, *we stand on the Rock*. When fear spreads, *we practice faithfulness*. When the world grows louder, *we grow deeper*.

We are people of the empty tomb.

As those created in the Image of God, we are invited into the Mission of God, the ongoing restoration of all things through Christ. The question before us is not whether the world is troubled. The question is whether we will be a community where different generations worship together, serve together, and love one another in a way that draws the world toward the Lord's presence.

And I truly believe *we can*, because I know we believe in a *God who does*.

May we continue to **believe together**.

May we continue to **build together**.

And may we continue to **follow Christ together**.

Grace and Peace,

Reverend Banning Cantarini

SonRise Prayer Team 2025 Annual Report

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6:18

Your SonRise prayer team has been honored to serve you this past year. We once again held a prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday in the Prayer Cottage, giving members of the congregation the opportunity to “stand watch” with Jesus during the time leading up to the crucifixion and spend some time alone with the One who loves us enough to give His life as a ransom for ours.

We also continue to have prayer teams available near the cross after Sunday services for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, their loved ones, or who want to know more about what it means to surrender their hearts to Jesus. It has been and continues to be our privilege to intercede on behalf of God’s beloved.

On behalf of the prayer team – Ann Pack, Bob Schaar, Celia Griffiths, Cindy McAvoy, Judy Saunders, Martha Garcia, Mike David, Tom DuMont, and myself, we pray the Lord’s blessings and favor over each of you and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Gayle Kott,
Elder of Prayer

2025 Christian Education Report

Dear SonRise Family,

It is a privilege to serve as an elder with responsibility for Christian Education, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share an overview of the work currently underway in this area of our church life. Christian Education at SonRise is intentionally shaped to support and extend what God is doing through our Sunday worship, preaching, and community life, with the goal of forming disciples of all ages who are grounded in Scripture and growing in faith.

A central part of this work has been the ongoing development and coordination of curriculum for elementary, middle school, high school, adult life groups, and intergenerational settings. This work seeks to ensure theological consistency, age-appropriate engagement, and alignment with the spiritual direction of the church. One important component of this has been the continued development of our *Bible Adventures* episodes, posted on our SonRise YouTube channel, which are designed to share biblical messages especially with our youngest members, from preschool through 5th grade. These episodes are intentionally coordinated with our sermon series and weekly Sunday lessons, allowing children and families to engage the same biblical themes being explored by the wider congregation and reinforcing learning across generations.

We are also working to refresh and update our New Member training and workshop materials, known as *SonRise 101*. This process focuses on clearly communicating who we are as a church, what we believe, and how members can grow, serve, and belong within the SonRise community. The goal is to ensure this material is both welcoming and formative, helping new members connect meaningfully with our mission and with one another.

I am thankful for the support, collaboration, and trust of our pastoral staff, ministry leaders, teachers, and volunteers who make this work possible. It is a joy to see how God is using Christian Education to nurture faith, deepen understanding, and strengthen our shared life in Christ at SonRise. I look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead.

Grace and peace,
Kirk Sandvig
Elder for Christian Education
SonRise Christian Fellowship

2025 Worship

SonRise Family,

2025 was a wonderful year in worship! We still focused on intergenerational worship, blending contemporary and traditional music each week. Most weeks we have stayed small and acoustic, but on occasion we were able to have additional singers/musicians and offered them a monetary stipend for their time and talent. We continued to post our online service each week as well, always including at least one song of worship.

Through all the transitions and changes, I believe that as a whole our church was open hearted and came with a spirit of reverence each week that was really special to be a part of and lead. The pastoral transition, the choir director transition, and the organist transition was a lot to happen in a short amount of time. I personally was very positively impacted by all three of them, and will forever appreciate my time working with Jerome, Art and John. At the same time, I am ready to see what the Lord has in store this year with Banning leading us and Patrick Hathaway leading the choir! It was truly special at our Christmas Eve service to collaborate on a few pieces that included the contemporary band and the choir, and I'm excited to be able to do that more in creative ways.

Looking forward to next year, I'm excited to work alongside Patrick and any new organist/pianist to help lead us all into authentic, meaningful worship experiences. I'm also hoping to have another worship night soon! As always, I pray the Lord uses me in any way according to His will. I am humbled and grateful to be a part of this church family and to be able to lead in worship of our beautiful Savior!

Shayli Benner
Music Director

SonRise Mission Committee 2025 Annual Report

The current members of the Missions Committee are:

Banning Cantarini

Tom DuMont

Brad Fox

Martha Garcia

Jeannie Hathaway

Bill Saunders

Jim Stowers

Lisa Stowers

The Committee meets monthly throughout the year. Our church supports ten full-time Missionaries financially and in prayer. Each Missionary receives a minimum of \$2,600 per year in financial support. In some cases, individuals in our church choose to provide an increased stipend to provide further support. These Missionaries communicate regularly with the committee and update the congregation on their ministry whenever possible.

In addition, members of our congregation support the Fallbrook Homeless Alliance (FHA), which provides housing for up to twelve formerly homeless men in Fallbrook. Families from SonRise regularly prepare and share Sunday dinner with the men living in the home. Those funds are maintained at SonRise and used, as necessary for the men in that home and for the general maintenance of the home. In addition, FHA conducts weekly feeding and social outreach to homeless people living on the streets of Fallbrook.

The committee also makes special contributions and conducts fundraising efforts to support additional ministries, including emerging needs.

Following is a brief look at Missions Committee Finances for 2025:

- Total gifts received for Missionaries and FHA in 2025: \$33,675
- Total Gifts for FHA in 2025: \$ 9,521
- Missionary expenses in 2025: \$27,200
- Current Missionary Balance: \$3,642
- Current FHA Balance: \$9,084

The Committee has established a goal of \$36,000 for 2026.

The SonRise Missions Committee also supports several ministries here in our community that help people locally and around the world. These include:

- Deeper Still-Providing Hope, Healing, and Restoration to women and men impacted by abortion
- Fallbrook Food Pantry-Provides healthy, nutritious food to those in need in Fallbrook
- Hope Clinic-Provides both medical and emotional support for men and women facing challenging situations
- Senior Ministry-Provides weekday Bible study at two local retirement homes.

In 2025, thanks to the leadership of a new member, Jeannie Hathaway, SonRise Missions Committee renewed their commitment to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Ministry. This ministry sends gift-filled Christmas boxes with a Christian message to children in need around the world. Many in our congregation participated in two "packing parties" and others shopped to provide boxes themselves. Funds were raised to cover the cost of shipping. 425 children throughout the world were blessed by receiving boxes from the SonRise congregation. Our church was blessed as well.

In the year ahead we intend to work with Pastor Banning to create a connection between Missions and each of his sermon series. In this way, each member of our congregation can connect the sermon with Jesus' commandment to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

We are also exploring new opportunities to connect with a current ministry at Fallbrook's Skateboard Park.

Also, possibly find a way to meaningfully support our own Pastor Tomas as he expands his "street" ministry in Guatemala.

Submitted by

Jim Stowers for SonRise Christian Fellowship Missions Committee.

2025 Children & Family Ministries Report

Theme: God's Word—A Treasure Too Keep In Our Hearts (John 14:15)

The primary focus of Children's Ministry is to be a church centered resource to help the parents to nurture the faith and commitment of their children. After all the children are the next generation of our church. And it is through God's Word they will prosper and grow. In 2025, our goal was to model the way of Christ through both our lives and our teaching, helping children grow in their understanding of God's Word and in their love for Jesus.

Through our **Shine Sunday school programs**, children encountered life-changing biblical truths that support them on their faith journeys. Each week, children were encouraged to **open their Bibles, read Scripture aloud**, and actively engage with God's Word. They memorized and recited Bible verses connected to the stories they were learning, reinforcing Scripture in meaningful and lasting ways.

At the heart of our teaching are the **Big Picture Truths**—who God is, who we are in Christ, and how we are called to live. These are the treasures we want our children to carry with them long after they leave the classroom.

This ministry is made possible by a devoted and faithful team. Our **Elementary Shine** teachers include **Cathy & Peter Smelser, Jim & Melinda Madden, Mike-David & Laura Jarnes and Beth Ann Murray** who joyfully invest in our children each Sunday.

Our growing **Preschool class** is supported by **Jenny & Lela Anderson, Ivy Huertes & Annie Sandvig, Jen & Ken Bitting, Martha Garcia & Aria Johnson, and Lisa Britschgi**, who create a welcoming and nurturing environment for our little learners.

We are deeply grateful for our **Nursery team**, who lovingly care for our youngest children: **Debbie Hall, Bonnie Ovalle & Ellisa Beutler, Chris Walls & Ann Pack, Chris & Kristin Moore, Beth Deutsch & Gloria Williams, Brittney Cantarini & Nicole Bitting and Lauren Turek**.

Our **Family Ministry Team- Pastor Banning, Joey Turek, Kaedin Kluis, Jenny Anderson and Beth Ann Murray** meets weekly for planning, prayer, and training ensuring that all Shine programs remain intentional, safe, and spiritually rich.

During our midweek program, **Shine Midweek**, children are engaged with Bible stories through memory verses, crafts, games, and hands-on activities that made learning about God joyful and fun. On Sundays, our Shine program follows a Gospel-Themed curriculum, grounding children in the message of Jesus from beginning to end.

We also work hard to stay connected with all our SHINE families through emails, texts, group chats, birthday cards, and even old-fashioned phone calls—because relationships matter.

Two incredible volunteers deserve special recognition, **Alex Krieger**, our legendary sound guy, supports our elementary Shine Midweek and runs the sound for VBS and **Debbie Hall**, Beth Ann's right-hand

helper, who faithfully serves every Thursday afternoon—rain or shine—offering consistency, care, and encouragement.

Each week, children learned about God through **play, laughter, and connection**—from scavenger hunts, kid’s nite outs and tag to hide-and-seek and four-square. We celebrated progress, encouraged questions, and rejoiced as children grew in their faith, discovering that **God’s Word truly is a treasure worth keeping in their hearts.**

In **July 2025**, SonRise church joyfully hosted **Shine Vacation Bible School we now call it SonRise KidsCamp**, a truly fabulous week centered on the theme **True North**. Children were guided on an unforgettable Alaskan adventure, where northern lights glowed over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. Through it all, our focus was clear—to point kids to Jesus and remind them that **He is our faithful friend whom we can always trust. Jesus is our True North.**

This incredible week would not have been possible if not for the dedication, creativity, and love of our amazing VBS team. A heartfelt thank you to **Beth Deutsch; Susi Heath; Bob and Charlene Mann; Pat Feldmiller and her wonderful kitchen crew; Kat Kluis & Nicole Dahl; Teresa Johnson and her awesome singers; Elliott Dahl & Kaedin Kluis; and all our phenomenal Crew leaders** who poured their time and hearts into loving the next generation of Christ-followers. Thank you to our **SonRise church Family** for your faithful prayers, they were felt and deeply appreciated. And thank you to all of our **SonRise Shine volunteers** for your generosity, joy and commitment to helping children treasure God’s Word and follow Jesus.

In His Love,

Beth Ann Murray
Children’s Pastor

Youth Ministry Update 2025

The newly dubbed “Sol” youth program is comprised of a core group of middle and high school students focused on creating a fun, safe, and energetic space where we can focus on bringing a practical approach into our ever-growing relationship with Jesus Christ. We concentrate on everyday exercises, such as prayer, worship, and biblical literacy to strengthen and inform our faith and spiritual development.

A new feature that we are focusing on this year is our recently formed worship band which gives our youth an opportunity to nurture and enhance their musical talents while learning about the deeply enriching benefits of worship.

In addition to our weekly youth group meetings, we have also implemented monthly special events, ranging from sporting activities to camp outs to movie nights and so much more, all aimed at strengthening our bonds with one another as we grow as both friends and mentors.

We are so excited to see where the Lord guides us this year as we come together as a loving community of brothers and sisters in Christ. God bless!

Joey Turek

SonRise Christian Preschool - 2025 Annual Report

The Lord has continued to show His faithfulness to our little preschool at SonRise throughout the past year. We closed the 2024–2025 school year with 43 students enrolled, and our hearts are full as we reflect on the many special moments we shared. Some of our favorite events included the Christmas Concert and Open House, our Mother’s and Father’s Day celebrations, and the Thanksgiving Feasts, which were lovingly prepared and served by wonderful church volunteers. These gatherings give us a meaningful opportunity to fellowship, build community, and get to know the families of our students.

Our wonderful staff consisted of three teachers, three aides, an administrative assistant, and a director. Our dedicated board members for the 2024-2025 school year were Bob Mann (Chair), Charlene Mann (Secretary), Terri Marroquin, Nancy Sawdon, Kat Kluis, Nicole Dahl, and our Elder, Cathy Smelser.

Jenny Anderson
Preschool Director

2024/2025 School Year

Tuition	\$154,102
Donations	\$15,847
Total Income	\$169,949
Operating	\$13,387
Payroll & Taxes	\$152,052
Total Expenses	\$165,439
Net	\$4,510

Women's Ministry 2025 Annual Report

Women's Ministry exists to create a welcoming space where women can study the Word of God, pray together, and build meaningful friendships with others.

Women of the Word, WOW, meets weekly on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30. The group has 3 tables with a table leader at each: TJ Elliot, Cande Johnson, and Terri Marroquin. They began the year with a verse-by-verse Bible study of REVELATION Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom by Jen Wilken. The group of about 20 women used this resource to take a deep dive into the last book of the New Testament. It was work, but the women all said it was a great study.

In the Fall, WOW studied the book of Ruth. The life lessons the women found in this book were hopeful. In RUTH Loss, Love, & Legacy by Kelly Minter, we examined Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. God proves Himself faithful as the One who rescues, revives, and restores, giving our group hope through all seasons of life.

Evening Grace meets every other week on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 and is led by Eva Montague and Melinda Madden. They started the year with a bible study, Esther Seeing God When He is Silent. The book of Esther doesn't mention God, but through this study, we learned God is working in our lives even when he seems silent. This study provided us time for personal sharing and growing in faith together.

In the Fall, Evening Grace studied the book of James: James the steadfast life. During this study, we read and meditated on the 59 practical commands of obedience to Jesus. We pondered and understood the relationship between faith and works, and living in the light of the grace of God.

Both groups have their own rhythm: a weekly morning study with childcare provided by Dannielle Navarro and a bi-weekly evening study. Each group welcomes women in every stage of life: young adults, married or not, with or without children, starting or mid-career, and retired. Our hope is for women to find a Bible study and a schedule that fits her season of life.

"Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored." Titus 2:3-5

Our all-church women's Spring Brunch was on May 24, 2025. Chris Moore made our theme *Hope Springs Eternal* come alive with table decorations and set-up. Tara Honda blessed us with beautiful music, and we heard a hopeful message from our missionary, Ann Mueller.

Looking forward to 2026: We are excited to announce a group for women in every phase of motherhood - The Thursday Table.

With gratitude,

Martha Garcia
Elder of Women's Ministry

Men's Ministry 2025

Micah 6:8, "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

We have had a solid year in Men's Ministry as we encourage one another from God's word. Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) meets on Monday evening at SonRise with Tom Dumont and Tom leads a Wednesday morning Zoom Bible Study for men. Jerry Maurer leads a group in his home and on Saturday mornings at SonRise at 7 am I lead a sermon-based study.

Building relationships by encountering the living God is the heart of what we do in Men's Ministry at SonRise and we are hopeful for a couple of new groups in 2026.

Pastor Greg

Hospitality Committee - 2025 Report

The Hospitality Committee is guided by God's admonition to "show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels." Hebrews 13:2

Each Sunday, our hospitality volunteers greet people at the doors and welcome them into the house of the Lord. Others serve by assisting with the offering during worship. We coordinate with the Deacons to keep the "Connect" table stocked with information for visitors and newcomers to SonRise. Through shared meals and intentional fellowship, we help cultivate a church community that genuinely loves one another.

In 2025, we had the joy of supporting many special gatherings, including expanded refreshments on special Sundays, the Chili Cook-Off, Easter Brunch, four Summer SonRise Socials, the "God Is Good" celebration marking our Senior Pastor transition, the SonRise Preschool Thanksgiving Feast, and the Christmas Brunch.

We accomplish all of this by embracing a favorite adage: "Many hands make light work." Our committee's many volunteers have grown in faith and love for one another as they have served side-by-side, often beginning as acquaintances and becoming true friends.

If you have a heart for hospitality, we warmly invite you to join us in this ministry. It is a service that blesses others and blesses us tenfold in return!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make 2025 such a meaningful year.

Sincerely,
Beth Deutsch
Hospitality Chair

Facilities 2025

We are praising the Lord as He provided the right ingredients and people to design and build our new SonRise monument sign along Stage Coach Lane!

We received some other great blessings around SonRise in 2025 like beautiful, sturdy, rolling accent walls in our CAC (thank you Ryan Hunt) along with 250 new snazzy chairs (thank you anonymous donor), and we were gifted several round tables from another church in town (thank you Riverview).

We are so thankful to our core leaders of the SonRise Garden Group...Judy Lindley, Sherry Carter, and Bill Carnahan. They out do the Energizer Bunny! We are also thankful for the volunteers that committed to be responsible for specific areas of the church campus because they are still doing a consistently beautiful job.

We also had to deal with emergency plumbing issues and more bee hives removed but, again, blessed by the Lord as the issues were resolved quickly by some amazing contractors.

More blessings coming in 2026 as we started a matching fund-raiser near the end of last year (thank you to another anonymous donor and the others that matched it) and, YES, the new heating and air conditioning system should be installed and functioning in the CAC even as you are reading this report.

Looking forward and rejoicing!!!

Nominating Committee 2025 Annual Report

The Nominating Committee for 2025 consisted of Pastor Greg Coppock (advisory capacity), Bob Mann (Chair/Elder), Candace Johnson, Vicki Porter, and Jerry Maurer.

The Nominating Committee prayerfully asks the Lord for His direction, guidance, and timing in selecting new leaders at SonRise Christian Fellowship. The congregation is invited into this prayerful process and is asked to submit names to the committee. After much prayer and work by the committee along with the congregation, the Lord has led us to these nominees for church leadership.

Elder (3 year term)

Beth Deutsch, Mike Lee, Gene Rathgeber

Deacon (2 year term)

Laura Jarnes, Tim O'Leary

In 2026 the Nominating Committee will be,

Bob Mann (Elder/Chair), Candace Johnson, Vicki Porter, Jerry Maurer,
Pastor Greg Coppock (advisory capacity)

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Mann

Personnel Committee 2025

The current Personnel Committee consists of Lougene Williams, Martha Garcia and Cindy McAvoy. The committee is focused on support for the changes that have occurred in 2025 and those that will be occurring in 2026.

Kass Fredrickson, the Youth Director decided to move to Montana which created an open position. The Personnel Committee assisted the Pastor of Family Ministries, Banning Cantarini, in determining what the position should look like and how to fill it. Based on the size of the Youth Department at that time a decision was made to have Youth a Coordinator rather than director. Kaedin Kluis was hired to fill that position.

As a part of his job as Pastor of Family Ministries, Banning began developing a plan for the integration of all the ministries of the church into a cohesive unit. The personnel committee assisted Banning with developing his plan.

In the meantime, Pastor Jerome announced to the congregation his plans to retire at the end of the 2025 year. A Search Committee was formed to find a new Senior Pastor. The Personnel Committee furnished support as required.

After the Search Committee had completed its search diligence and made the decision to offer Banning the position of Senior Pastor, the Personnel Committee gave support about Human Resource questions related to hiring and offer procedures.

Since being confirmed as Senior Pastor, Banning is actively pursuing a goal to make SonRise a truly **intergenerational** church. In this effort the Personnel Committee has been assisting with the development of a staffing structure that will best meet the goals within the budget. Those positions are Promotion of Greg Coppock to the position of Executive Pastor, Care and Culture. Greg is doing a great job in his new position but it is still evolving.

As the Children's Ministry continues to grow, the position of Preschool Ministry Coordinator was created and is being filled by Jenny Anderson. To give additional support to the Youth Ministry department a part time Youth Director was added and is being filled by Joey Turek.

As we work to increase to effectivity of our new digital platform a part time position of Digital Coordinator was established and is be filled by Lauren Turek.

One other position remains open. These positions have been funded by eliminating the positions of the Pastor of Family Ministries and converting the Youth Director position to part time.

Personnel Committee challenges for 2026 are to support these changes with job description updates, employee manual updates, and hiring policy updates. And most of all assist in the hiring and onboarding of those who have been selected to fill those positions making SonRise truly **intergenerational**.

Respectfully submitted,
Personnel Committee

Lougene Williams, Elder

Martha Garcia

Cindy McAvoy

Deacon Report 2025

Galatians 5:13...*Serve one another in love.*

The 2025 Deacon Team consisted of 15 members, chosen and elected by the congregation, for two-year terms. They met monthly with Pastor Jerome Marroquin and more recently with Reverend Banning Cantarini, to review the needs of the congregation, and pray for and discuss the best ways to serve our church family and community. Each deacon is assigned a group of congregational members, who are alphabetically organized into six zones. Deacons care for those in their zones through cards, meals, phone calls, and visits, as needed.

Deacons continuing their service in 2025 included: Bob and Mary Schaar, Judy Saunders, Kelly Ullery, Barb and Jeff Hotze, Debbie Hall, James Brownell, Mike David, Teresa Johnson, Gloria Williams, and Jim and Lisa Stowers. Two new Deacons, Justin and Laura Vessey, were welcomed in March, 2025. The SonRise family is encouraged to meet their deacons on "Meet Your Deacon Sunday", held in May.

Over the past year, deacons served our congregation and community in the following ways:

- Our deacons helped those grieving the loss of a loved one, with planning and serving at eleven memorial services/receptions. Beginning in the Fall, a Memorial Service team, headed by Kristin Lee and Mary Schaar, took over planning these services, which were previously coordinated by the Deacon Moderator.
- Our Meal Train, coordinated by Teresa Johnson, provided approximately 32 meals for those who were ill or recovering from surgery, those facing the loss of a loved one, or those welcoming a baby into their family.
- Our flower ministry, coordinated by Judy Saunders, delivered forty-four floral arrangements to those recovering from surgery or a major illness, celebrating a new life, mourning the death of a loved one, and those celebrating their ninetieth birthdays and above.
- Our card ministry (coordinated by Kelly Ullery) provided and mailed care cards for members of the congregation to sign, on a weekly basis, for those going through illness or loss, as well as those celebrating a joyful event.
- The deacons prayerfully provided funds for twenty-three individuals and families, totaling \$9,303 for those facing financial challenges due to illness, job loss, medical bills, necessary travel and other life challenges. The Deacon Fund also provided Christmas gifts for SonRise staff and made a monetary donation to the Fallbrook Food Pantry. In addition, the Deacon Fund made three gifts for fire victims, totaling \$1,100.
- The deacons maintained and "manned" the Connect Table (coordinated by Mary Schaar), welcoming visitors and providing information and sign-ups for congregational events. The Connect table is currently undergoing changes to make it more efficient and "visible" to the congregation.

- In late November, deacons visited approximately twenty members of our congregation, who were unable to attend church, due to illness or physical challenges, delivering Christmas cards from the congregation, as well a handmade Advent “wreath/activity.”
- The deacons expanded their grief ministry, to help those going through the loss of a loved one. Beginning in July, deacons obtained copies of a year-long devotional (recommended by Gene Rathgeber), and began giving it to those experiencing loss. In the Fall, the Grief Share program, involving videos, a workbook, and discussion groups, was initiated. A one-session program, called “Getting Through the Holidays,” was offered in both November and December. A thirteen-week program will be offered on a regular basis, in 2026. Gloria Williams is the Coordinator for Grief Share.
- The deacons periodically provided donuts and other treats to our congregation (Valentine’s Day, Meet Your Deacon Sunday, Nametag Sundays, etc), to encourage fellowship after worship services.

The deacons wish to thank our pastors for help and guidance, as we strive to serve our church family with compassion and love. We also thank our church family for generous donations and encouragement that allow us to accomplish our service.

2025 Deacon Moderator: Lisa Stowers

2025 Deacon Secretary: Mary Schaar

2025 Deacon Treasurers: Jeff and Barb Hotze

Gratefully,

Lisa Stowers



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