



# Table Talk

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*Disability is relentless. So is hope!*

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## Annual REPORT 2025

### Director's Note

2025 was certainly an exciting year for Luke 14 Exchange. God had plans for us that we did not anticipate early in the year. The biggest being the search for new office space (we outgrew our home), and the resulting move and settling in. We are amazed to experience the blessings of a public presence, where people come off the street to ask what we're about. And in our efforts to be good stewards of this space, we are delighted that two other disability ministries use it to host a meeting or record a podcast.

I hope you enjoy reading our annual report. We enjoy putting it together. This is one more way we can show you how your prayers and financial gifts were multiplied. The numbers herein are only part of the story. To us, these numbers bring to mind faces, phone calls, emails, and times we sat with someone to listen, talk, and pray.

We invite you to grab a cup of your favorite beverage and reflect with us on the goodness of our God. Through each turn this year He reminded us to TRUST in His unfailing love, to REJOICE because He rescued us, and SING because of the Lord's goodness (Psalm 13:5-6).

#### MISSION:

We coach Christian communities, mentor people affected by disability, and encourage their families until God's table is full.

#### VISION:

To exchange a life without God for a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

To exchange a life of isolation for a life in community.

To exchange a life of low expectation for an abundant life with purpose.



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## Banquet Table Network

It began with an announcement that one of our staff saw in her church bulletin. Southeastern University was hosting an event about disability. We weren't able to attend but reached out to the organizer. We agreed to meet for coffee and share our ministries. At the end of that meeting, she suggested we meet her parents because she thought they might be interested in Luke 14 Exchange.

After several weeks, we found a date that worked for everyone and gathered at a home for a fellowship dinner. A couple of other families joined, too. Each has an interest or passion to reach people with disabilities for Christ.

From that conversation, the Banquet Table Network was born.

The network has grown to about twenty people, representing families living with disability, and seven churches and/or organizations. We meet every six to eight weeks for a potluck dinner at our office. Together, we are discovering resources for the disability community that we did not previously know about. We are also working together to highlight churches in our area embracing people affected by disabilities. We have



some upcoming events planned to thank and appreciate those churches and to share resources for the families those churches serve, and many others.

If you're local and would like to be a part of this network, let us know by emailing [joan@luke14exchange.org](mailto:joan@luke14exchange.org). And if you know of a church or organization that should be included on our list, please share that as well.

Please pray with us for the development of this network to result in God being glorified and people being reached with the HOPE of Jesus.

## Growing Relationship with Southeastern University

Another outflow from the church announcement noted above is a growing relationship with Southeastern University (SEU), just five miles from our office.

The SEU Link program provides an opportunity for students with a specific Intellectual Disability Diagnosis to experience college life in an inclusive setting.

As our two ministries get to know one another better, we find ways to work together. Staff from Luke 14 Exchange have been invited to the orientation for the LINK mentors, and to share on panels for the LINK students, as well as students throughout the university, to help them understand the needs of people with disabilities. Jerry and Joan serve on the advisory board for LINK.

Two staff members from LINK have been instrumental in building the Banquet Table Network with us.



## Our Year In Numbers

- Moved into our new office with lots more square footage! PTL!
- Held 52 coaching/mentoring sessions
- 11,660 words were critiqued in Page 42 spread out among 10 unique meetings
- 17 Bible Studies were held at Noah's Landing/ROAR with 201 people having attended, averaging 11 people per study. This year participants began to talk about issues that were important to them and we adapted the studies to these needs.
- 39 families were ministered to at Breakaway Family Camp
- 44 families were ministered to at Camp Celebrate
- 12 pieces of equipment were loaned or given
- Facebook followers increased from 230 to 320
- Instagram followers increased from 7 to 47
- Answered 29 requests for resources
- 14 speaking engagements with a known total audience of 898
- 107 volunteer hours logged
- Interacted with 15 unique ministry partners; 5 are brand new this year
- Provided support to 10 families (separate from other categories)

### Financial Report

Total Revenue rec'd in 2025	\$165,850
Revenue pledged in 2025; rec'd in 2026	\$24,000
Total Revenue	\$189,850
Total Expense	\$186,639
Net Revenue	\$3,211

## Where to Find Us

- 2nd & 4th Mondays** Bible Study at ROAR
- Feb 19** Communications Panel at SEU
- Feb 21** Banquet Table Network at our office
- Feb 22** Legacy Christian Church Missions Sunday
- Mar 13** Senior Health Fair, First Presbyterian Church
- Mar 23** Young Adults Group, Legacy Christian Church
- Mar 28** Build-A-Bridge, Southeastern University
- April 9** Church Disability Ministry Meet-n-Greet
- April 14-19** Bortons in PA
- April 20-23** Bortons at Disability and the Church Conference in VA
- May 7** National Day of Prayer (stay tuned for how L14E will be involved)
- June 29 - July 3** Breakaway Camp, Leesburg, FL  
Registration & Info: [liftdisability.net/breakaway/](http://liftdisability.net/breakaway/)
- July 20-24 Wk1, July 27-31 Wk 2** Camp Celebrate, Newport, TN  
Registration & Info: [luke14ministries.net/camp-celebrate](http://luke14ministries.net/camp-celebrate)



### Jerry speaking at SEU Link Program



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**Or call us** at 863-940-3816

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## VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization, and your time, skills, and passion can help us fulfill our mission and vision. Volunteer opportunities include:

- General office assistance
- Technical support
- Program or event assistance
- Marketing & public relations

For more info email [Joan@Luke14Exchange.org](mailto:Joan@Luke14Exchange.org)  
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We thank the Lord for our new office space. Just a reminder to please update your files with this address:

**1959 E Edgewood Dr Suite 101, Lakeland FL 33803**

*We will soon close the PO Box address on Harden!*

**And if any of YOUR contact information changes, please email [Bethany@Luke14Exchange.org](mailto:Bethany@Luke14Exchange.org) with the updates!**

## WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming two new members, Roger Simpson and Laura Grace (LG) Hodupp to the Luke 14 Exchange Board of Directors.

You can learn about these new members, and those who continue to serve with us, by visiting [Luke14Exchange.org/about/staff-board](http://Luke14Exchange.org/about/staff-board)



Left to right: Kevin Alderfer, Laura Grace Hodupp (VP), Roger Simpson, Jerry Borton, John Stancil (Treas.), Paul Hunter (Pres)