

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2012

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public
Inspection

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2012, **and ending** _____

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization THE GATHERING PLACE, INC.
 Doing Business As _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street addr) Room/suite _____
P.O. BOX 772
 City, town or country State ZIP code + 4
BRUNSWICK GA 31521

D Employer Identification Number
58-2312223

E Telephone number
(912) 264-3474

F Name and address of principal officer:
WILLIAM Q WALKER 1002 GLOUCESTER ST BRUNSWICK GA 31520

G Gross receipts \$ 501,986.

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No

H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list. (See instructions.)

H(c) Group exemption number _____

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: www.thegp.org

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other _____

L Year of Formation: 1981 **M State of legal domicile:** GA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>COMMUNITY-BASED CHRISTIAN MINISTRY THAT SERVES THE YOUTH OF BRUNSWICK AND THE GOLDEN ISLES WITH A MISSION TO REACH STUDENTS WITH THE GOSPEL, TO EQUIP STUDENTS TO BE CHRISTIAN LEADERS, TO SEND STUDENTS TO IMPACT THEIR SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, AND COMMUNITIES.</u>			
2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<u>3</u> <u>14</u>		
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<u>4</u> <u>14</u>		
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	<u>5</u> <u>58</u>		
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<u>6</u> <u>300</u>		
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<u>7a</u> <u>0.</u>		
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<u>7b</u> _____		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<u>Prior Year</u> <u>560,403.</u>	<u>Current Year</u> <u>479,272.</u>
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>15,364.</u>	<u>15,962.</u>
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>4,953.</u>	<u>4,306.</u>
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>580,720.</u>	<u>499,540.</u>
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<u>750.</u>	<u>1,050.</u>
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<u>340,154.</u>	<u>380,871.</u>
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) _____ <u>70,263.</u>		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<u>163,068.</u>	<u>210,052.</u>
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>503,972.</u>	<u>591,973.</u>
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>76,748.</u>	<u>-92,433.</u>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<u>Beginning of Current Year</u> <u>737,775.</u>	<u>End of Year</u> <u>835,016.</u>
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>2,392.</u>	<u>2,965.</u>
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>735,383.</u>	<u>832,051.</u>

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer: _____ Date: 11/14/13

WILLIAM Q WALKER CHAIRMAN
Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: LISA WRAY ANDERSON Preparer's signature: Lisa Anderson Date: 11/14/13 Check if self-employed PTIN: P00363498

Firm's name: LISA WRAY ANDERSON CPA LLC Firm's EIN: 27-4825395

Firm's address: 100 SYLVAN DR STE 230 SAINT SIMONS ISLAND GA 31522-1594 Phone (up): _____

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

COMMUNITY-BASED CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
THAT SERVES THE YOUTH OF BRUNSWICK AND THE GOLDEN ISLES WITH A MISSION
See Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 1 (continued)

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 37,472. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

MAIN EVENT SUMMER PROGRAMS-A STUDENT GATHERING OF OVER 1,000 TEENAGERS MEETING WEEKLY IN THE SUMMER MONTHS WHERE GIFTED COMMUNICATORS SHARE THE REALITY OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST. THE EVENTS ARE FILLED WITH LIGHTS, ENGAGING MUSIC, SKITS, AND RELEVANT GOSPEL TEACHINGS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 15,243. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

CAMPS AND RETREATS-YOUTH RETREATS FOR SUMMER INTERNS, COMMUNITY YOUTH, AND URBAN AT-RISK STUDENTS.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 38,302. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT-TRAINING INTERNS IN PRACTICAL WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR FAITH, PUTTING WHAT THEY LEARN INTO PRACTICE.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 346,922. including grants of \$ 1,050.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

4e Total program service expenses 437,939.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	1,050.	1,050.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	62,441.	62,441.	0.	0.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages.	275,083.	220,710.	54,373.	0.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions).	4,809.	4,809.	0.	0.
9 Other employee benefits	17,967.	17,967.	0.	0.
10 Payroll taxes	20,571.	16,411.	4,160.	0.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amt exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amt, list line 11g expenses on Sch O)				
12 Advertising and promotion	1,470.	0.	1,470.	0.
13 Office expenses	13,593.	0.	13,593.	0.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	4,738.	0.	4,738.	0.
17 Travel	3,493.	3,493.	0.	0.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	70,263.	0.	0.	70,263.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	549.	0.	549.	0.
23 Insurance	4,888.	0.	4,888.	0.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>Bank Charges</u>	1,894.	1,894.	0.	0.
b <u>Program Expense: Summer Events</u>	37,472.	37,472.	0.	0.
c <u>Program Expense: Camps and Retreats</u>	15,243.	15,243.	0.	0.
d <u>Program Expense: Leadership Dev</u>	38,302.	38,302.	0.	0.
e All other expenses	18,147.	18,147.	0.	0.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	591,973.	437,939.	83,771.	70,263.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				