GMPC 2023 Survey Summary 142 Responses

**Q1 Years of GMPC attendance:**

< 1 1-5 5-10 10-15 >15

19% 19% 8% 16% 38%

**Q2 Age group:**

<20 20-40 40-50 50-60 60-70 70-80 80+

6% 10% 10% 14% 16% 29% 15%

**Q3 Marital status:**

Single Married Widowed Divorced

14% 70% 11% 4%

**Q4 Gender**:

Male Female

41% 59%

**Q5 Race:**

Asian Black Hispanic Mid-Eastern Native American White Multiracial

2% 1% 2% 93% 2%

**Q6 Live with:**

Spouse Children <18 Children >18 Parents Other family Roommates Alone

64% 15 11 6 1 3 15

Responses with children <18: 24 Number of children: 55 (?both parents answering??)

Children>18: 15 Number of children: 20

**Q7 Attendance frequency:**

Rarely Occasionally Often Regularly

4% 5% 11% 80%

**Q8 Seasonal attender?**

No Summer Winter Vacations

87% 8% 5%

**Q9 Which Service:**

9:00am 10:30am

66% 34%

**Q10 Presbyterian membership**

Yes No

68% 32%

**Q11 Military Affiliated Family**

Yes No

65% 35%

**Q12 GMPC Service:** 60% serve at GMPC (85 of 142 responders)

Leadership Choir Teach Tech Usher Music Flower Thrift Coffee Meals

69 26 34 9 42 9 20 16 36 13

**Q13 Program Participation:** 52% responders participate

Mens Womens Bible Study Sday Schl Missions Camps Awana

16 32 46 28 23 16 20

**Q14 Previous Participation:** 51% previously participated

Mens Womens Bible Study Sday Schl Missions Camps Awana

29 27 62 36 22 29 29

**Q15 GMPC Involvement:**

Increasing Same Decreasing

35% 54% 10%

**Q16 Participation Impediments:** 73 of 142 answered (51%)

Work Family Health Travel Transportation Parking Distance No Interest

34% 27% 12% 33% 4% 7% 12% 7%

Additional written responses: Poor controlling leaders, dying church, school, child care, husband wants me home, live elsewhere too, college, disagree with direction interim leadership taking church.

**Q17 Travel Time in Minutes:**

<10 10-20 20-30 30-45 >45

70% 24% 7%

**Q18 Website Use**:

Never Rarely Occasionally Regularly

13% 33% 40% 14%

**Q19 Communication Preference:**

Email Text Mail Bulletin Pulpit Courtyard tables

80% 24% 18% 68% 42% !%

**Q20 Politically:**

More Conservative Moderate More Liberal Decline to answer (& with the “skipped”)

65% 20% 5% 10% (14%)

**Q21 Theologically:**

More Conservative Moderate More Liberal Decline to answer (& with the “skipped”)

64% 24% 6% 6% (13%)

**Q22 True Statements?** 1 = not true 6 = completely true

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | **TOTAL** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **RESPONDENTS** |
| I think I know the Bible well | 0.85% | 6.78% | 16.10% | 40.68% | 25.42% | 11.02% |  |
|  | 1 | 8 | 19 | 48 | 30 | 13 | 118 |
| I see myself as a disciple of Christ | 0.00% | 1.71% | 6.840/0 | 12.82% | 22.22% | 56.41% |  |
|  | 0 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 26 | 66 | 117 |
| I read the Bible most every day | 14.41 % | 16.95% | 12.71% | 16.95% | 21.19% | 17.80% |  |
|  | 17 | 20 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 21 | 118 |
| I pray every day | 1.71 % | 3.42% | 5.13% | 8.55% | 20.51% | 60.68% |  |
|  | 2 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 24 | 71 | 117 |
| I think I show Christ to others in how I live my | 0.85% | 1. 71 % | 5.98% | 34.19% | 32.48% | 24.79% |  |
| life | 1 | 2 | 7 | 40 | 38 | 29 | 117 |
| Each day I seek to know God better | 2.54% | 3.39% | 9.32% | 16.95% | 28.81% | 38.98% |  |
|  | 3 | 4 | 11 | 20 | 34 | 46 | 118 |
| I seek opportunities to share my faith with others | 4.31% | 8.62% | 25.86% | 18.97% | 24.14% | 18.10% |  |
|  | 5 | 10 | 30 | 22 | 28 | 21 | 116 |
| The only way to heaven is through Jesus Christ | 1.68% | 1.68% | 1.68% | 1.68% | 7.56% | 85.71% |  |
|  | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 102 | 119 |
| I am very involved in church beyond Sundays | 13.27% | 19.47% | 17.70% | 15.04% | 13.27% | 21.24% |  |
|  | 15 | 22 | 20 | 17 | 15 | 24 | 113 |
| I think people would notice if I stopped attending | 18.02% | 7.21% | 12.61% | 21.62% | 15.32% | 25.23% |  |
| GMPC | 20 | 8 | 14 | 24 | 17 | 28 | 111 |
| I sometimes feel left out of fellowship at GMPC | 48.15% | 19.44% | 11.11% | 8.33% | 9.26% | 3.70% |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 52 | 21 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 108 |
| I have good friends at GMPC | 4.67% | 7.48% | 9.35% | 13.08% | 16.82% | 48.60% |  |
|  | 5 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 18 | 52 | 107 |
| I try to welcome visitors to GMPC | 5.66% | 7.55% | 10.38% | 19.81% | 29.25% | 27.36% |  |
|  | 6 | 8 | 11 | 21 | 31 | 29 | 106 |
| I try to invite people to come to GMPC | 8.41% | 10.28% | 13.08% | 21.50% | 28.97% | 17.76% |  |
|  | 9 | 11 | 14 | 23 | 31 | 19 | 107 |
| I think Leadership at GMPC generally makes | 1.92% | 3.85% | 3.85% | 25.00% | 32.69% | 32.69% |  |
| good decisions | 2 | 4 | 4 | 26 | 34 | 34 | 104 |
| I am hopeful about the future of GMPC | 0.92% | 0.00% | 11.01% | 7.34% | 20.18% | 60.55% |  |
|  | 1 | 0 | 12 | 8 | 22 | 66 | 109 |
| Percentages not significantly changed with the addition of the 21 “Old Survey” responses. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Q23 GMPC True Statements:** 1 = not true 6 = completely true | | | | true | | |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | **TOTAL** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **RESPONDENTS** |
| GMPC lives up to its vision "To Know Christ and | 0.00% | 0.00% | 2.78% | 10.19% | 37.96% | 49.07% |  |
| make Christ known" | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 41 | 53 | 108 |
| Clearly operates from a Biblical perspective | 0.00% | 0.00% | 3.74% | 8.41 % | 27.10% | 60.75% |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 29 | 65 | 107 |
| Clearly supports and defends Biblical truths | 0.00% | 0.94% | 2.83% | 7.55% | 25.47% | 63.21% |  |
|  | 0 | 1 | 3 | '8 | 27 | 67 | 106 |
| Avoids difficult topics on living a life pleasing to | 24.27% | 24.27% | 12.62% | 21.36% | 11.65% | 5.83% |  |
| God | 25 | 25 | 13 | 22 | 12 | 6 | 103 |
| Is spiritually vital and alive | 0.00% | 1.89% | 5.66% | 23.58% | 30.19% | 38.68% |  |
|  | 0 | 2 | 6 | 25 | 32 | 41 | 106 |
| Encourages me to share God's love | 0.93% | 0.00% | 1.87% | 12.15% | 30.84% | 54.21% |  |
|  | 1 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 33 | 58 | 107 |
| Challenges me to be more Christ-like | 0.00% | 0.93% | 3.74% | 14.95% | 26.17% | 54.21% |  |
|  | 0 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 28 | 58 | 107 |
| Nurtures my spiritual development | 0.00% | 1.90% | 1.90% | 21.90% | 29.52% | 44.76% |  |
|  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 31 | 47 | 105 |
| Nurtures my Christian leadership development | 2.97% | 4.95% | 7.92% | 24.75% | 24.75% | 34.65% |  |
|  | 3 | 5 | 8 | 25 | 25 | 35 | 101 |
| Is friendly | 0.00% | 0.00% | 2.80% | 7.48% | 30.84% | 58.88% |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 33 | 63 | 107 |
| Is welcoming to all | 0.96% | 0.00% | 4.81% | 12.50% | 25.96% | 55.77% |  |
|  | 1 | 0 | 5 | 13 | 27 | 58 | 104 |
| Is resistant to change | 14.58% | 13.54% | 28.13% | 20.83% | 12.50% | 10.42% |  |
|  | 14 | 13 | 27 | 20 | 12 | 10 | 96 |
| Provides a moral voice for our community | 1.02% | 1.02% | 6.12% | 22.45% | 28.57% | 40.82% |  |
|  | 1 | 1 | 6 | 22 | 28 | 40 | 98 |
| Teaches about stewardship of time, talent, and | 1.01% | 3.03% | 5.05% | 31.31% | 23.23% | 36,36% |  |
| money | 1 | 3 | 5 | 31 | 23 | 36 | 99 |
| GMPC staff is helpful and meets my needs | 2.00% | 0.00% | 3.00% | 15.00% | 35.00% | 45.00% |  |
|  | 2 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 35 | 45 | 100 |
| Office hours at GMPC are sufficient to meet my | 0.00% | 1.03% | 3.09% | 9.28% | 35.05% | 51.55% |  |
| needs | 0 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 34 | 50 | 97 |
| GMPC's Senior Pastor should have military | 25.00% | 15.00% | 13.00% | 12.00% | 19.00% | 16.00% |  |
| experience | 25 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 19 | 16 | 100 |

**Q24 Worship experience statements:** 1 = not true 6 = completely true

Service worshipful: 1 2 3 4 5 6

0% 3% 1% 10% 32% 54%

Music helpful: 1 2 3 4 5 6

2% 1% 4% 11% 32% 50%

Sermons challenging: 1 2 3 4 5 6

0% 3% 4% 14% 29% 51%

**S THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGED IN THE WORSHIP   
SERVICE?**

cannot attend services

Love that the sermons are taken right out of scripture but would love to see them connected   
back to Christ and the gospel more clearly and articulately each week, and they could be a bit   
more engaging with. real life examples, stories, object lessons or current events connections in   
order to remember the biblical truths throughout the week.

more enthusiasm

piano/organ not too loud

Keep no political flags or megaphone for controversial issues   
children's church at 10:30

traditional music

end service at 10 so better parking by 10:30

more young folks

Pastor David Rodriquez sermons are more focused/less tangential and usually are punctual.   
He's GREAT! Can he be the new permanent pastor?

alter calls should happen monthly

more traditional hymns

No extra/unnecessary instruments and more classical hymns at 10:30

For your next pastor recommend a pastor that is very relational and one that preaches without   
reading the sermon. A good disciple and evangelist.

Have not been here long enough to know

a little less music and more sermon time

NO. A wonderful Christian church-it helps us "know Christ and make Him known."

More announcements about any church members/attendees in need and upcoming activities

I would like to see visitors acknowledged otherwise we have no idea who is visiting.

The worship music is difficult to sing along to, and not meaningful; would love to see the hymnal used in 10:30 service. Also, a confession of sin and assurance of pardon is so, so   
vital to all worship services; we need to be doing it during the 10:30 service.

first service open to congregational prayers; second have occasional creeds, Lord's Prayer   
1st service in addition to minister’s prayers, open to open prayer not just ministers prayers.;   
2nd service maybe incorporate some creeds of what we as Christians believe.

Better 2nd service contemporary music

Bring back the meet and greet; pastor should sum up the message "to do" for the week; I like   
the Apostles Creed now in use - maybe introduce more creeds over time;

add large screens to the front walls above the organ lattice

More application of scripture to daily decisions; more diversity in age of staff and ministers to   
match our multigenerational church body (I noticed two Sundays ago that the pastor and   
worship ream were all over 65 except for Nicole who is in her mid-forties!)

mix traditional and contemporary songs with lyrics on screen

Music has regressed 2-3 decades.

I would love more hymns at the 10:30 service, with an emphasis on vocals.   
A direct connection between scriptural passages and today's happenings   
Include one contemporary song each 9:00 am service

The organ often drags the singing, causing congregation to not sing with joy - a bit more like   
funeral music. The organ can keep a beat, but often becomes a display of its ability over   
encouraging singers to sound joyful. The piano does keep a beat. I so wish the singing would

be more joyful.

**Q25 Enough Social Events:**

Too few about right too many

22% 73% 1%

Fellowship encouraged:

Too little about right too much

14% 79% 2%

**ARE THERE ANY SOCIAL EVENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE GMPC OFFER OR DATE**

**IMPROVE?**

Day trips around So Cal, Trip to Israel, Egypt *10/3/2023* 1:38 PM

Beach parties, conferences, *9/17/20234:47* PM

Table of 8 was a great idea! *9/17/20233:12* PM

pot-lucks, picnics *9/16/20234:23* PM

more opportunities for 9 and 10:30 to meet together *9/16/20234:01* PM

more family events *9/16/2023* 2:39 PM

choir in summer *9/16/2023* 2:05 PM

homeless outreach with kids *9/16/2023* 11:53 AM

We love being at a multi-generational church and usually seek this out as a military family 9/15/2023 10:45

living far from relatives of older generations. I value chances to interact with people in different

phases of life and appreciate that our social events do this. I'd like to see more variety in the

ages of leadership roles, especially pastors, music director, children's director.

all good *9/14/2023* 8:05 AM

pot luck dinners and area trip by bus *9/14/2023* 8:02 AM

a social committee would be in order *9/14/2023* 7:45 AM

small groups

more youth connections and Bible studies besides on Sunday   
more youth and children events small study groups   
small group fellowships   
More Bible Study

Foster small groups or 'home groups' throughout the week. I don't feel like there is enough   
opportunity to build deep relationships with others in the church.

Tables of 8 again. Trips--an annual far trip, quarterly day trips or theater trip or whatever   
Would love to see the Tables of Eight program encouraged and expanded.

too few now *1* about right before

adult Sunday school, hands-on missions, fun social activities

organize a group for summer concerts; bring back shared movies and plays; show films at the   
church more often; bring back bands periodically; bring back the Saturday night service that   
brought in young military members and families; hold 2 women's retreats a year - one at the   
GMPC and one away so mothers of young children and older members can also attend; bring   
back pre-service shared potluck meals on Saturdays to grow community

movies in the sanctuary, occasional bands in the sanctuary, groups going to movies & plays   
together, picnics during concert in the park, men's retreats to Forest Home

small groups

potlucks, small groups

enjoyed the women's brunch with Thrift Cottage models

I personally make stronger relationships through Bible studies and praying for each other than   
entertainment events.

**Q26 Service to GMPC**

Never Rarely Sometimes Usually

30% 10% 21% 30%

**Q27 Previous Service to GMPC:**

Yes No

64% 36%

**Q28 Served at another church**

Yes No

71% 29%

**Q29 Missions outside GMPC**

Yes No

33% 67%

**Q30 GMPC use my talents:**

Don’t know Some Many

20% 41% 39%

**Q31 GMPC local services**:

Don’t know Some Many

25% 34% 40%

**Q32 Additional areas you’d like to serve:**

Small group studies.

I feel like there are plenty already!

outreach

more military outreach

vacation Bible school

Sunday school, women's adult ministries

homeless services

refugee support

discipleship

not sure

youth

serve the homeless

DNK

the needy.

leading small groups

Bible Study

Facilities

welcoming

hands-on outreach

teaching

none

Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse

Graham is the first church I've attended with a noticeable volunteer problem. People would   
rather give money and hire others to do the work than volunteer their own time and effort.

Ample opportunities exist

The question "Do you serve ... " sounds like during the church service, so my answer would be   
"Never." But I am very involved in the Thrift Cottage ministry. I would encourage more Lay

Members being involved on church committees - instead of so many Elders/Deacons on the

committees as well as their other responsibilities.

Session

**Q33 Additional areas GMPC should serve:**

Home visits to "shut ins" unable to get to church.

visiting shut-ins I'd like to serve at the San Diego rescue mission with a group from the church. It would be great to have more opportunities for the children to be able to serve.

outreach

military

visitation to shut-ins

expand youth programs and military outreach

better communication--email of church news and needs

apologetics   
the poor.

Evangelism to families with children. youth pastor that fires up the youth for Christ.   
Student outreach

Young adult opportunities to lead and serve   
have a fellowship leader or committee

More support for Shut-ins

adult Sunday school, community time

More outreach to shut ins and lonely seniors; more outreach to young service members; more   
outreach and programs and activities for young Single adults both on and off the bases; more   
small groups for women with young children; more intergeneration studies; more outreach to   
minorities in our community

more emphasis on reaching shut-ins like John Ruehlin; outreach to single adults and young   
families (the parents)

visitation

counseling - marriage, teen issues, addictions, mental issues   
Female counselor on staff

Visitation to elderly and shut-ins, the people who attend church online instead of in person.   
They would probably appreciate "seeing" a real person in their home. Or pickup service for the   
same group.

**Q34 Does GMPC sufficiently support missions:** DK = Don’t know 1 = No 6 = very well

Local: DK 1 2 3 4 5 6

19% 0% 2% 3% 14% 23% 39%

Abroad: DK 1 2 3 4 5 6

13% 0% 0% 3% 13% 17% 54%

**Q35 Good Christian Education:** DK = Don’t know 1 = No 6 = very well

Adult: DK 1 2 3 4 5 6

28% 1% 4% 10% 17% 20% 20%

Pre-school: 30% 0% 1% 3% 6% 14% 47%

Children: 30% 0% 2% 3% 9% 16% 40%

Youth: 25% 0% 1% 3% 16% 15% 38%

Children mid-week: 44% 0% 3% 5% 11% 14% 23%

Youth mid-week: 45% 1% 3% 4% 9% 14% 24%

Christian Education Opportunities to be added:

Adult topical studies

Awana is an amazing program. It could be such a blessing to the community if we could have   
it organized well enough to recruit more adult volunteers and then advertise and invite more   
families to attend. It's currently not living up to its potential. The preschool is even more so

has same problem. It has such a wonderful reputation in the community as the best preschool   
on the island and everyone wants to send their children there. However, we are missing a huge   
opportunity to share the gospel because the directors do not even seem to be Christians and   
there is no bible curriculum at all happening in the classrooms. We could be telling these kids   
and families the gospel every day. They are walking into a church and the kids are not even   
being taught who God is and that he loves them. The preschool needs a complete overhaul in my opinion.

Sunday morning Sunday school has been a blessing to our family and we are thankful for that! More Bible teaching in pre-school   
more adult education

more classes for beginners

Very thankful for Sunday school, youth programming, and AWANA for my own children and   
many who don't attend Graham. Our church has a significant potential to continue and   
increase ministry impact to Coronado families. Many are looking for solid Christian teaching for   
their children

more survey question with regard to military. young military family needs. more with regard to   
improvement of military community, culture, ethics

apologetics, marriage, sexual ethics

they seem plentiful

more youth connections outside of Sunday

more youth events

no

I would look for local PE or teacher on fire for Christ that will work part time as a teen, youth,   
children’s pastor: maybe 2 or 3 part timers who teach school during the school year.

I have 0: been here long enough to know. my children are 20,22 and 24

small study groups

More presence on school campuses

Bible study fellowship (BSF) with childcare in the evening. There are no such opportunities in   
the San Diego area.

Teaching good, Presbyterian, Reformed theology is so necessary for high school aged students.   
Offering and encouraging a confirmation class was so, so instrumental to my faith and   
preparing me for college and being exposed to crazy theology.

Need to restore Sunday morning classes for adults - very important.   
More Sunday adult classes

community bonfires, summer concerts in park, community service days--Coronado and   
church, San Diego

AWANA needs to be revived after last year's season; More small group studies like the Truth   
Series; more programs to teach the bible and evangelism; regular bible (not theme) studies;

hopefully this year's AWANA will recover what it lost in reach from last year, regular Bible   
stuc.es (not theme books) on Sundays (like Ralph used to do - understand Ralph can't, and we   
have a conflict with 9am & 10:30 am services, maybe move one earlier/later

Keep a strong youth ministry! The opportunities on the island are very limited outside GMPC -   
we prov.de a great service to the local teens!

Adult Sunday School

A 20-40 group would be nice to get some youth more involved

Answers above are based on the past years at GMPC

Not fully aware of what's happening at this point. Seems like all the programs need some new   
energy.

Preschool should be Christ centered. It is not

**Q36 Statement Agreements**: 1 = completely disagree 6 = completely agree

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | **TOTAL** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **RESPONDENTS** |
| I like traditional hymns at church | 1.72% | 3.45% | 5.17% | 12.93% | 21.55% | 55.17% |  |
|  | 2 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 25 | 64 | 116 |
| I like contemporary Christian music at church | 7.96% | 10.62% | 21.24% | 19.47% | 18.58% | 22.12% |  |
|  | 9 | 12 | 24 | 22 | 21 | 25 | 113 |
| GMPC should have a contemporary praise band | 9.62% | 9.62% | 19.23% | 22.12% | 24.040/0 | 15.38% |  |
|  | 10 | 10 | 20 | 23 | 25 | 16 | 104 |
| GMPC should have a "traditional" worship | 0.93% | 1.85% | 3.70% | 9.26% | 25.00% | 59.26% |  |
| service | 1 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 27 | 64 | 108 |
| GMPC should have a "contemporary" worship | 9.62% | 2.88% | 14.42% | 17.31% | 25.96% | 29.81% |  |
| service | 10 | 3 | 15 | 18 | 27 | 31 | 104 |
| GMPC should have a "blended" service of both | 18.81% | 6.93% | 11.88% | 23.76% | 17.82% | 20.79% |  |
| types | 19 | 7 | 12 | 24 | 18 | 21 | 101 |
| GMPC meets my needs for Christian education | 1.08% | 8.60% | 10.75% | 27.96% | 19.35% | 32.26% |  |
|  | 1 | 8 | 10 | 26 | 18 | 30 | 93 |
| GMPC should have a "small group" program for | 2.02% | 1.01% | 13.13% | 22.22% | 16.16% | 45.45% |  |
| fellowship | 2 | 1 | 13 | 22 | 16 | 45 | 99 |
| The pastor should preach a more evangelical | 18.81% | 17.82% | 32.67% | 9.90% | 9.90% | 10.89% |  |
| sermon with an "alter call" | 19 | 18 | 33 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 101 |
| The pastor should preach more on contemporary | 8.65% | 22.12% | 25.00% | 18.27% | 17.31% | 8.65% |  |
| cultural issues | 9 | 23 | 26 | 19 | 18 | 9 | 104 |
| The pastor should preach more on current | 29.91% | 21.50% | 19.63% | 15.89% | 7.48% | 5.61% |  |
| political issues | 32 | 23 | 21 | 17 | 8 | 6 | 107 |
| The pastor should preach strictly from the Bible | 1.85% | 4.63% | 17.59% | 13.89% | 31.48% | 30.56% |  |
|  | 2 | 5 | 19 | 15 | 34 | 33 | 108 |
| I feel physically safe when at GMPC | 0.90% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.80% | 18.92% | 78.38% |  |
|  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 21 | 87 | 111 |
| I completed this survey during the sermon time | 60.19% | 4.63% | 0.93% | 3.70% | 3.70% | 26.85% |  |
|  | 65 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 29 | 108 |