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NARRATIVE BUDGET

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What's a narrative budget?



A line by line budget is helpful (and available on our website) as we account for each dollar donated to our various ministries. But it does not give the stories and statistics behind the many ways the staff and congregants spend our time and money to "explore the living God." A narrative budget helps us conceptualize this by categorizing all the funds into five ministries .

We have five categories: Worship, Connection & Care, Community Engagement, Children & Youth, and Mission & Outreach. Each dollar in our budget is represented in one of these areas of ministry--perhaps through building usage, staff hours, or actual dollars spent.



Categories

Here is where we spend our time, talents, and treasure.



Sundays Together (Worship)

\$81,372

26%



Children & Youth

\$78,243

25%



Connection and Care

\$75,113

24%



Community Engagment

\$53,205

17%



Mission & Outreach

\$25,038

8%

Worship



Stats

56 Worship Services

51 Loaves of Bread

719 Songs

10 Guest Preachers

1.5 bil. Popcorn Kernels

296 Podcast Streams

Worship is the place where all our paths cross. People are reading prayers, singing songs, greeting folks, teaching Sunday School, chatting over coffee, and reading scripture. It's a consistent space of God's grace in our busy lives.

Sermon Series

Presbyterian Flavor of Christianity

Steady the Boat

Eastertide

Camp Curiosity

Spiritual Practices for Everyday People

Advent: Pay Attention



"It's a place where people go to worship Jesus and God, and it's just a place where a bunch of people pray and have fun together." -June Banister

Connection & Care



What is this category?

Basically if it's a place to build relationships and care for each other as a church (outside of worship), it falls under Connection and Care.



Say Yes PG - Gottman Dinner - Work Day - Beach Retreat - F1 + Flapjacks - WhatsApp - Wednesday Watering Hole PG - This Here Flesh - Game Night - Camino De Santiago - Faith after Doubt - Silence Group - OC Book Club - Church Campout - On Ramp - Universal Christ



Community Engagement

WELCOMING EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE THE
LIVING GOD IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS



Community Events Team

Every year the Community Events Team offers events and avenues for mutual joy, community building, and learning in our neighborhood.

Many thanks to this team for the Halloween Hot Dog Feast, our first Cornhole Tournament, and Christmas Bingo. In total, this team raised \$2,865 for our ministries & gave us many opportunities to connect with neighbors.



What should young people do with their lives today? Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured. -Kurt Vonnegut

Children & Youth



From the mouths of babes! What is church?:

"It's a place to learn, and have fun, make good decisions, and make sure you have a good life. It's a place to learn about god and see if you can be like him." -Bennett Lubbe

"It's a place where you learn about God and the place where you respect him and what he did for us." -Marylane Hill

"God, love, and kindness." -Baker Kent

"It's about God and you eat bread." -Asa Hill

"They have bread and snacks and I don't know. Pastor Jenelle works there." -Noel Banister

"It's a place to pray and worship God." -Winn Clevenger



For 20 Tuesday mornings Jenelle and a crew of high school students met at Drip Coffeehouse in Glenwood to talk life, spirituality, and being human.

Mission & Outreach



Team Libertad

We collected items and created 100 hospitality bags for people recently released from ICE. Team Libertad offers airport accompaniment to asylum seekers at the ATL airport.



Holy Comforter

We prepared 6 Wednesday dinners for our neighbors at Holy Comforter & the Friendship Center, a day program dedicated to fostering an inclusive community for adults living with severe and persistent mental illness and in poverty.



Inspiritus

For Christmas our church sent over 20 jackets and \$500 to provide jackets for recently arrived refugee families. Inspiritus guides individuals and families on a path from surviving to thriving. We empower those whose lives have been disrupted to discover their strengths and resilience, accompanying them as they grow into vibrant contributors to their community.



PC(USA)-NCDC

We offer support back to where it all started: the New Church Development Commission of the Greater Atlanta Presbytery.

What's new for 2024

The Annual Meeting and Narrative Budget are such an exciting time of year, in direct contrast to the stodginess of their names. We get to look back at all the amazing things we've done together with God.

We also get to share what the Leadership Team sees in the future. As announced earlier this month, we are increasing our fiscal support of outside organizations to 10% of income. This means explicit funds leaving our community will be somewhere over \$20,000, up from the budgeted \$7,000 of previous years.

We hope you follow suit in your own finances. Money ends up being a pretty powerful way to make good things happen. Without your support, what we do together at Ormewood Church is limited. If you don't already give, sign up now; we have people who donate \$30/month to over \$1,000/month. Our average family unit gift is just over \$250/month. Holistically, we hope you are opening your hands for at least 10% of your own personal budget to be used to build good things in the world, at Ormewood Church and beyond.

We're also continuing our conversations about financial sustainability and hope to invite you into these conversations, many of which involve more strategic and missional use of our property. Linked with that is hiring a full time staff member to love on our kids, parents, and property.

We also are grateful to continue the good work and community building we know so well: Drip High School Gatherings, weekly worship, church retreat and campout, Sunday School, Porch Groups, Hot Dog Feast, Holy Comforter Meals, and more.

It is a deep honor and exciting opportunity for all of us to be part of a place and a people living our lives of faith together with God.

With affection and hope, Rev. Jenelle Holmes + LT Team

