

## ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR REPORT

### Overview

Putting together a budget is a combination of being pragmatic, having faith and understanding our current circumstances. Prayer and seeking God plays into the process; and the budget is presented to, edited, and voted on by the LSCC elders.

Money is a tool we use to resource the vision of LSCC. It's important, so we monitor it, account for it and invest it the most intelligent and effective ways we can to help move the vision forward. One way we strive to stay effective and above board is to have Miller Management do an Administrative Audit to review our financials and our processes every three to five years. We are in the process of completing one of these audits as we speak.

### A Look Back: 2016-2017

This past year 2016/2017, the budget was cut by \$350,000 from the previous year in response to the very difficult necessity of asking for our previous Lead Pastor's resignation, the reality that we would go most the the year without a Teaching Pastor, and the impending road construction. This was a significant budget cut that forced us to be smarter and more creative and yet still able to deliver most of the ministry opportunities we deem important.

Our fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31. Budget for this past Fiscal Year 2016/2017:

Budget = \$2,160,209

Giving as of July 31, 2017 = \$1,975,192

Expenses as of July 31, 2017 = \$1,936,316

Giving exceeds expenses = \$38,876

### Projections

It looks like we could finish the year meeting our budget goal of \$2,160,209 or perhaps slightly below budget, either way our giving will exceed expenses for the year. Thank you church family for your faithfulness, obedience and love in giving. We are so thankful and grateful to God for His provision on our lives.

### A Look Ahead: 2017-2018

Our budget this upcoming year 2017/2018 is set at \$2,280,165 and increase of \$119,956 or 5%. We feel LSCC is positioned and poised for growth this next year and are comfortable with this small increase.

## Giving and generosity

Did you know? Because of your generosity we are able to have the staff that we have, Sunday morning worship service, Vacation Bible School, Pumpkin Palooza, Kids camp and Student camp, curriculum for groups, a church app, technology, a great facility, Serve Our City, downtown engagement and more.

Our mission budget supports the following: Honduras, Audrey Lanier, Doug Brown, Tim Hange, Bryce Anderson, John Murray, Firm Foundations, Dan Bishop, Young Life, InterVarsity, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, Rachel House, If Not Grace, MOPS, 4 the Child, Lullaby of Hope, small group matching and seeding for future missionaries.

Generosity is the quality of being kind, understanding and not selfish. Or freely giving money and other valuable things. We are working and praying to enhance a culture and heart of generosity in all of us who call LSCC our church home. Generosity is a deep heart issue that helps form us into the kind of people who know and are becoming more like Jesus. This moves us from obligation to a shared opportunity to join God. Paul tells us, "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

## Next Steps

It's always true that some of us would like to be more generous but due to our current financial situation are simply unable to do so. Because of this, we consistently offer a potential next step to help one another get to a healthier place financially thru participating in a *Financial Peace University* small group. That step will be available and offered starting Wednesday night, September 20 from 6:30 to 8 pm in Room 210 at LSCC. We also have Financial Advisors who can meet with you one on one to walk you through financial difficulties.

Another next step might be to prayerfully consider how God wants you and your family to be generous this upcoming year.

## Facilities

I also oversee our Facilities Team at LSCC. Some noteworthy things that have happened in this area include: moving our church office entrance and reception area from our courtyard entrance to the far east entrance of the building. We built a garage for storage and work space behind our building next to the Café. We hired a new Facilities Manager, Craig Brown, who has been on staff since February and doing a great job of making our grounds and facility look appealing.

Some of you know that we have a partnership with SCA (the school next door) who uses our facility during the week. So if you visit LSCC on a weekday, don't be surprised if you see teenagers roaming about.

## LSCC App

Lastly, be sure to get our new LSCC app where you can replay messages, take notes, experience our weekly devotional, give with ease, look at our church calendar and more.

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