

# A Financial Snapshot

## Budget Basics

- Our annual budget for 2023 is \$160,000.
- We are currently\* at 94% of completing this year’s budget.
- Each year of our nine-year existence, our total financial giving (income) has been between 93.2% and 133.9 % of our budget. This is a testimony to God’s faithfulness to us.
- This budget is funded entirely from the tithes, offerings, and generosity of those who call Church Together “home.”

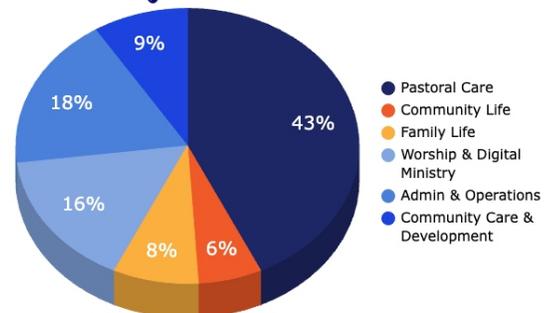
## Budget Spending Categories

The following categories are how we spend our money. These areas help us in our vital work of uniting people in growing relationships with Jesus Christ and each other.

- Pastoral Care:** How we provide care as a Church.
- Community Life:** How we grow spiritually and relationally as a **church** community.
- Family Life:** How we nurture children and students as a church community.
- Worship and Digital Ministry:** How we worship as a church community.
- Administration/Operations:** How we function as a church community.
- Community Care & Development:** How we serve, support, and invest in our local community **beyond** the church.



## Budget Breakdown



## Community Care and Development

Our Community Care and Development Fund is how we invest in the needs of people **outside** of our church community as we benevolently serve and support our neighbors.

- Over the past five years, we have been able to give and invest **\$112,085.41** into our surrounding community. This is 12.75 % of our income over the same period. \*\*
- This year, we have distributed **\$12,946.10**, and by the end of 2023, we expect to increase this to over \$14,000 into the following categories:
  - **Outreach and Events:** Creating events that bring people and families together.

- **Crisis Intervention and Benevolent Giving:** Providing short and long-term resources for those in crisis.
- **Solutions for the Homeless:** Addressing the needs of people in short-term homelessness situations.
- **Law Enforcement Support and Care:** Supporting and encouraging our local law enforcement.
- **Local Outreach Ministries:** Providing funding allows local non-profits to fulfill their crucial and benevolent roles within our community.
- **Local School Involvement and Care:** Investing in the students, teachers, and administrators at four local elementary and middle schools.
- **Support and Care for Seniors:** Providing support and encouragement for this vulnerable population.
- **Global and Local Missions Support:** Resourcing individuals and agencies who further the love and message of Jesus Christ.

### Looking ahead:

In 2024, as a church, **in addition to our current giving and projects**, we would like to:

- Invest in keeping struggling families together through our Care Portal Ministry.
- Invest in and expand our local outreach.
- Develop and grow our Sunday worship attendance and engagement.
- Invest in salary increases for staff members, including Pastor Andy, as a part of our growth and investment in the community, new ministries, and the congregation of Church Together.
- Develop a contingency and development fund for the future of Church Together as we seek to be good stewards of what we have and the potential that God sees for our congregation.



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**We believe that to fulfill these hopes, we need to increase our budget by 23.75 % (\$38,000). This will take our projected budget for 2024 to \$198,000.**

Our desire is to be open and transparent with our finances, so if you have questions, please feel free to contact Tracy Salzer at [Tracy@OurChurchTogether.com](mailto:Tracy@OurChurchTogether.com).

\* Figures as of 10/31/23

\*\* From 1/1/18 to 9/30/23