

THE NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN

The New Testament Pattern is commonly referred to as grace giving. Jesus describes it this way:

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you (Luke 6:38)."

Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth,

Since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7).

A common misconception is that “grace” relaxes the demands of the law, but nothing could be further from the truth. Grace creates in us the righteousness that the law demands of us. The righteousness born of grace exceeds the righteousness that comes from the law in every way.

If we live according to the Old Testament pattern, we give in proportion to our material blessing. If we live according to the New Testament economy, we also give in proportion to our spiritual blessings.

Paul points to Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf as the ultimate measure of generosity.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Paul concludes his instruction on giving with this final appeal:

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

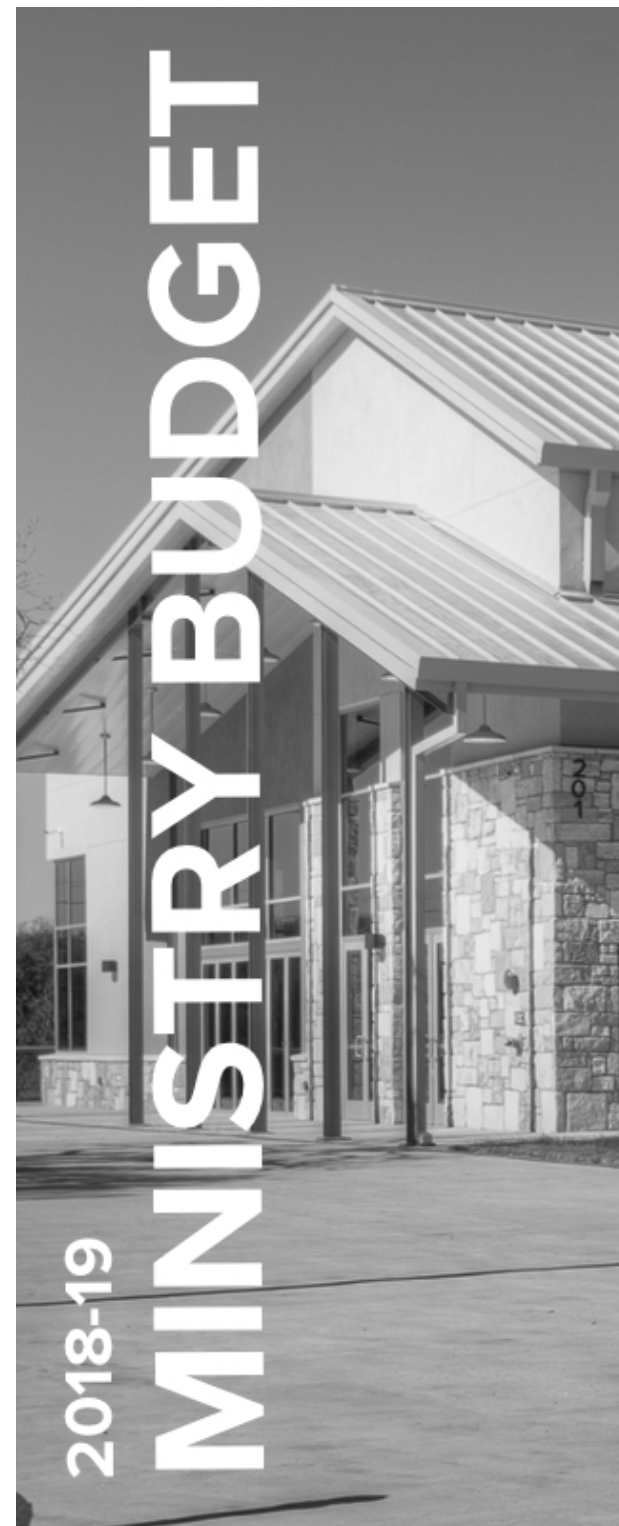
HOW SHOULD I RESPOND?

Prayerfully consider the role God would have you play in financially supporting the life and mission of Christ Church. You might consider one of the following:

- If you are not in the habit of giving, this would be a great time to start. Your gifts will enable us to more effectively minister to our church family and our community.
- If you have been giving sporadically, your consistency will help us plan for the future and develop even more effective ministries.
- If you are able to increase your giving, your gifts will be a blessing to our church family and our community for years to come.

You can set up recurring gifts to the Ministry Budget at

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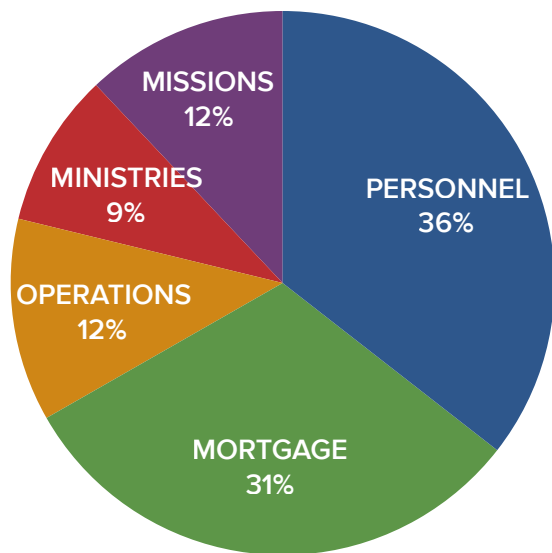
WHO WE ARE

Our mission is to lead all people to know and love Christ and be His Church for one another, our City and the world.

OUR 2018-2019 BUDGET GOALS

1. Fully fund and expand our staff; give them the resources they need to effectively minister to children, students, and adults and reach our City for the sake of Christ.
2. Continue to give generously to church planting efforts and the support of our missionaries around the globe.
3. Raise additional funds for the completion of our building (Children's Playground, Fully Furnish Children and Students Areas, Outdoor and Indoor Signage).

ANNUAL BUDGET \$955,649.20



PERSONNEL \$339,600.00 (36%)

- Senior Pastor (Paul Kemp)
- Executive Pastor (David Keefe)
- Connection Pastor (Jon D'Elia)
- Student Pastor (Matt Kresge)
- Worship Associate (Katie Kresge)
- Children/Women/Events (Cindie Kemp)
- Children's Assistant
- Sound Engineer (Holland Angel)
- Contract Labor

MORTGAGE \$298,174.20 (31%)

OPERATIONS \$115,275.00 (12%)

- Utilities
- Lawn Care
- Phones & Internet
- Supplies
- Printing
- New Equipment
- Insurance

MINISTRIES \$87,600.00 (9%)

- Senior Pastor Ministry Expense
- Executive Pastor Ministry Expense
- Pastoral Care
- Staff Development
- Children
- Students
- Community Groups
- Women
- Men
- Special Events
- Worship
- Web & Technical
- Connections
- Leadership Development
- For Our City

MISSIONS \$115,000.00 (12%)

- Acts 29 Global Church Planting Network
- Lagos City Church, Lagos Nigeria
- Steve and Tamara Dortch, China
- Ben and Megan Naylor, Budapest
- Joy Collins, North Africa
- Judy Miller, Church Discipleship Ministries

A BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR GIVING

THE OLD TESTAMENT PATTERN

The Old Testament pattern for giving is commonly referred to as the tithe. God's people were instructed to give 10% of all of their grain and produce to acknowledge God's blessing and support the priests who labored in the temple on their behalf (Numbers 18:21,24).

There was a second tithe that was reserved for the celebration of the annual feasts with friends and family (Deuteronomy 12:17-19).

There was a third tithe set aside every third year for the care of the poor and the Levites. (Deuteronomy 14:28, 29).

That comes out to a total of about 23.3% per year. 10% for the priests and their families. 10% to celebrate the Lord's feasts with friends and family. 3.3% for the poor.

Another important Old Testament concept was "firstfruits"—setting aside of the first part of the harvest for the Lord rather than waiting until the end of the harvest to see if it was going to be a good year (Proverbs 3:9-10).

If we apply the principle of firstfruits, we will determine what we are going to give before we determine the way we are going to live, not the other way around.

While we are not under the Old Testament Law, it was written for our instruction and serves as a helpful guideline for supporting those who labor on our behalf and providing for the care and upkeep of our new ministry home.

