



Journey the summit church

Narrative Budget Supporting the Journey



Through these programs lives and hearts will be changed. Through you, all this is possible!

It takes over \$1.7 million each year to operate The Summit Church. These funds come strictly from the regular generosity of our congregation. Your weekly or monthly giving allows us to have a reliable income upon which to plan our staffing, operations, programming and special projects. Our budget is lovingly built by our staff but relies on your commitment to support the work. Please know that your pledge gives us the basis to build on and the ability to reach further and higher!

In addition, we ask that you support our ability to continue to retire the debt on our current building and the 42 acres we purchased on the corner of Chipman Road and View High Drive. Your above and beyond pledge to this Moving Toward The Summit fund will allow us to reduce our debt and move closer to our shared dream.

LOVE GOD WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

\$487,900 annually

Each week we celebrate the Lord through worship with an average of 1200 people across five services. It is here that we gather as a community of faith to hear the music, the message and prayer that allow us to further our relationship with Christ and leave inspired to do God's work in the community. This area is also responsible for celebrating the Christian holidays as well as milestones in our lives and the passage of our loved ones. Our worship ministry includes:

- Worship planning
- Musical direction and leadership
- Music purchase and support
- Communion
- Pastoral planning and sermon preparation
- Bulletins and other preparation
- Holiday events
- Administrative and operational support
- Weddings, baptisms and funerals
- Other worship resources



GROW IN FAITH DISCOVERY, GROUPS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

\$558,461 annually

No spiritual journey can even begin without the support of a solid and well-rounded education and growth program. At The Summit, our staff is committed to providing solid curriculum for our children and youth, both short and long-term studies for youth and adults as well as timely and appropriate classes for all. Children's programming focuses on Sunday Morning classes coupled with summer activities, service opportunities and special events to help children, and their parents, understand the importance of faith as the foundation of growth. Our youth, grades 7 through 12, are also offered weekly learning and worship opportunities, service projects, special events and small group activities to guide them through adolescence with the support of their church family. A fully supported Growth Group program rounds out the education program offering adults the chance to learn with others and grow through community. Rounding out this area is our one-time learning opportunities, our Bible Study groups and other classes based on current events, current preaching series or key hot topics. Our Growth ministry includes:

- Curriculum purchase for children, youth and growth groups
- Nursery and Childcare workers
- Support for special events and summer programs
- Highly skilled staff
- Administrative and operational support
- Facilities and maintenance



LIVE FOR OTHERS SERVICE, MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

\$508,704 annually

Our purpose is to Love God, Grow in Faith and Live for Others. Providing an extensive missions program (called Impact) to the community and the world is a key part of the reason we are called as God's people. This impact is evident in the church, the local community and globally through our three EveryI Serve events each year, special mission projects like the Summit Lunch Program and our local and global mission trips. In addition, our Caring Ministries work every day to comfort those in need, support those in crisis and love those who feel unlovable. Through our Calling Pastors and Stephen Ministry, our staff and volunteers obtain the training and support they need in order to support those in need. Throughout the year, staff is keenly aware of the needs of the community and works with the congregation to reach as many people in need as possible. Our Impact Ministry includes:

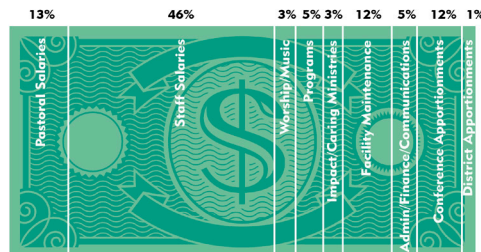
- Impact staff and support
- Summit Lunch program
- Lee's Summit Elementary partnership
- Neighbor to Neighbor program
- Lee's Summit Social Services
- EveryI Serve Program
- Summit Harvest Garden
- Westport Soup Kitchen
- Administrative and operational support



We want you to know how the money you so generously give is spent. We are committed to transparency and open communication. Our Finance Committee (made up of your peers) reviews our financial status each month and many of our other committees, including our staff, receive regular updates as well. Detailed copies of the budget are available upon request.

You can see that the dollars we receive are delivered to our congregation, our community and our world through the many programs we provide. Our ministries would not be possible without you and everything we do leads to a greater vitality and spiritual depth for our people. Thank you so much for helping us to take the light of God's love into the world.

Dollars Received



Funding Distribution

