

# PAY IT OFF! Narrative Budgeting

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## LEADERSHIP CONCERNS

- Define the “new normal” for your church
- How mission and purpose should drive budgets and financial management
- Maintaining good internal controls
- Adopting an investment strategy

# What is Narrative Budgeting?

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A **Narrative Budget** tells the story of how your church practices good stewardship of the gifts entrusted to it. It provides a vision of where the church hopes to be in the coming budget cycle. *Why use a Narrative Budget?*

A Narrative Budget gives a vision of ministry rather than just a spreadsheet of line items.

# Narrative Budget Focus Items

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<b>CHURCH DEMOGRAPHICS</b>	<b>TITHING VS.CHICKEN DINNERS</b>	<b>HOME MINISTRY</b>	<b>GIVE DON'T HOARD</b>
Age Quarterly Giving Patterns Average Income	Giving Sermons Per Quarter 80/20 Rule Monthly Leadership Giving	Rescue Mission Women's Shelter Children's Hospital	Mbr 2 Mbr Benevolence Community Benevolence Insurance Benevolence
Line Item Spending Line Item Expenditures	Fundraisers v Capital Campaigns	Being in the Community Community Partnerships Community Politics	

## Do's & Dont's

Sticky

Conversations

Don't just give a line item; **Do** give a story

Don't just say salaries; **Do** tell the importance of work & time

Don't say Building Fund; **Do** give Vision & % to project

Seniors: obligation & duty

Young: project & impact

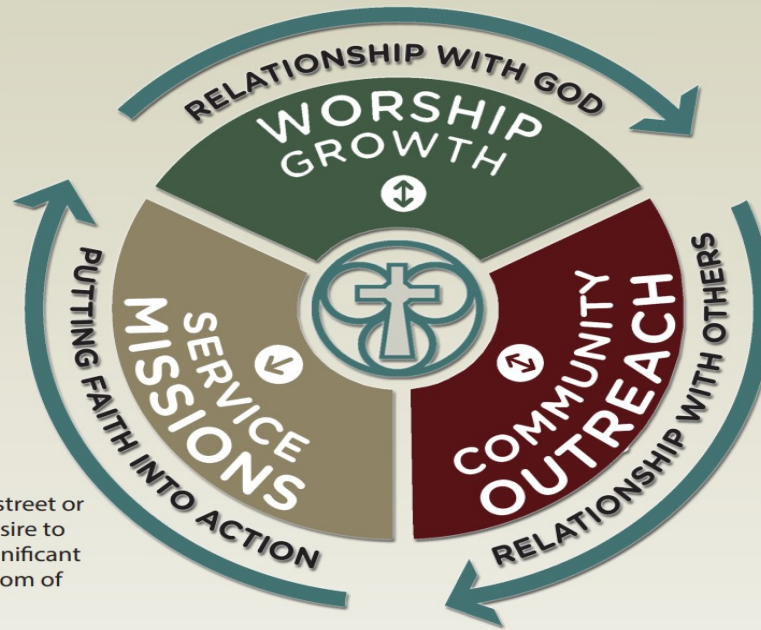
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# GROWING IN MISSION

We are the Body of Christ, called to mission and ministry in the Hixson community and beyond. From mission work in faraway lands to Upward Basketball, from disaster assistance to providing food for hungry school children, from children's ministry to weekly worship experiences Hixson United Methodist Church continues in its mission of partnering with God to transform the world by offering help, hope and healing as disciples of Jesus Christ. As the church celebrates 125 years of worship and service, we look forward to the challenges of growing ministry for generations to come. In this brochure, there is information on how we can partner together to provide resources for ministry and our proposed building expansion. Please be in prayer as to your commitment and participation in providing resources for growing in mission and moving forward in faith!

## Worship

We seek to honor and glorify God in every aspect of our lives, from our finances, to the integrity of our relationships, to our personal and corporate gatherings of worship.



## Spiritual Growth

We grow in our knowledge of Christ and experience God in many ways as He begins to form His character in us.



## Community

As we live in authentic community with other believers, Christ uses those relationships to change us and mature our faith.



## Outreach

We are called to extend the love, grace and hope of Jesus to a lost and dying world, and it starts across the street, across the hall, on the field and the sidelines.

## Service

By the Holy Spirit, each of us discovers and uses our spiritual gifts to keep the body of Christ healthy and thriving in an area of service that matches our gifts and passions.

## Missions

Whether it is down the street or across the ocean, we desire to make a tangible and significant difference for the Kingdom of Christ in the world.

# TOTAL BUDGET

## \$1,591,023

### Pastoral Ministry \$242,395

Pastoral Ministry partners with the congregation to lead, nurture and embody Christian discipleship helping people to grow in loving God and neighbor.

- Preaching and Teaching
- Celebrating Sacraments
  - Visioning
  - Visitation
- Pastoral Care
- Administration

### Music and Worship \$165,497

Music and Worship provides inspiring worship (traditional, contemporary and reflective) by giving people of all ages opportunities to express their faith explore their God-gifted talents and offer those gifts back to God.

- Choral Ensembles for all ages
- Instrumental Ensembles
- Individual Musicians
- Preschool Music Education
- Drama and Visual Art
- Worship Leadership and Support

### Mission and Outreach \$206,738

Whether down the street or across the ocean, we extend the hope and love of Christ to a world in need by offering our resources, presence and services to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.

- Interfaith Homeless Network
  - Camp Lookout
- Short Term Missions
- HUMC Missionaries
- UTC Wesley Center
- Upward Basketball

### Christian Formation \$270,762

The lifelong journey of discipleship. Children, Youth and Adult ministries strategically work together to create a pathway for people of all ages to nurture faith and grow towards maturity in Christ, from birth through adulthood.

- Nursery and Preschool
  - Children
  - Students
- Young Adults
  - Adults
- Parents and Families
  - Older Adults

### Administration \$214,299

Providing our congregation, pastors and program staff with the support they need to implement and carry out the mission of our church. This includes:

- Website Maintenance
- Communications Tools
- Stewardship and E-giving
- Bulletins and Publications
- General Office Activities
- Special Event Assistance

### Facilities \$491,332

Supporting the mission of our church by providing space and amenities for our existing ministries and the growing needs in our congregation and community.

- 81,000 ft on 2 campuses
- Supporting 3 weekday childcare programs
  - 100+ rooms
  - 37 HVAC Units
- 23 Restrooms, 6 Showers
- 6.25 Acres of Greenspace
- \$8,636,000 Building/Contents Insured
- Debt Service

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