



Our Ministry Together

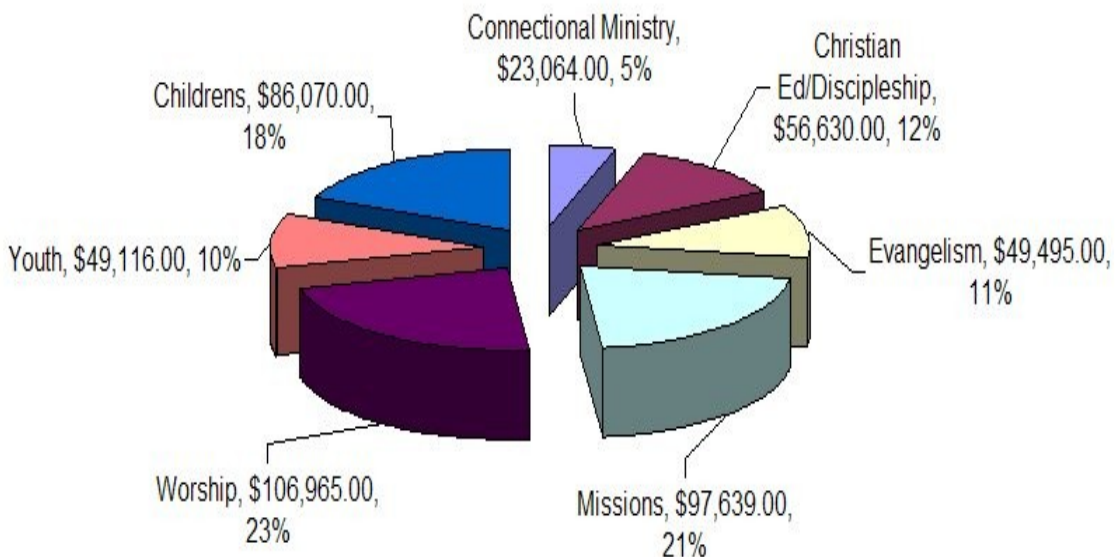
2012 MINISTRY BUDGET

To help us understand how the church spends the gifts we receive, we have divided up the entire church budget among our areas of ministry.

How we arrived at the figures presented

In each area of ministry there are direct costs. For example, in the area of "Worship," there are direct costs such as

the salary of the choir director, since 100% of her time is spent in the ministry area of worship. There are also costs that must be allocated among all the ministries because some of our expenses must be shared by all of the ministry areas. For example, the pastors and the church secretary work in all of the areas, and all the areas require utility cost and other costs. So these costs must be allocated among the various ministries proportionate to their direct costs. The Church is about ministry, and these figures show how much we spend in the work of ministry.



Total Budget: \$468,979

Children's Ministry - \$86,070, 18%



There is no one more precious to us than our children, and no one more important to whom we should be in ministry. The best time to reach a person for Christ is when they are young, so we invest a lot of time, energy, and resources in our work with children. In addition to our fabulous Sunday School program, we also offer a midweek program for children. We pick up children from school on Wednesday afternoons for Faith Weaver Friends, feed them a delicious snack, teach a bible lesson, do related crafts, and then feed them a

nutritious supper. This year we are ministering to about 50 children on Wednesday afternoons. New to our ministry this fall is our Upward Soccer program. On Saturdays you will find 104 kids playing soccer on our campus, with their families on the sidelines cheering them on. Both the Children and their families are reached with devotional material at halftime. In October, we have the Fall

Festival, a wonderful carnival that is a great Christian substitute for some Halloween activities. In November, the children take care packages to shut-ins as a part of their Thanksgiving activities. In December, there is the Children's Christmas event called One Starry Night which the whole family will enjoy. There will also be Christmas caroling, Parent's Night Out, and Birthday Party for Jesus. At Easter time there is the He is Risen Breakfast and the classic Easter Egg Hunt. Our older children are invited to participate in the Acolyte program and attend summer camp. Sixth graders attend Confirmation Classes. Oh yeah, and everybody's favorite: Vacation Bible School, along with other summer activities and field trips.



Youth Ministry - \$49,116, 10%



During the recovery process after Hurricane Rita, our youth program shrunk to one sparsely attended Sunday School Class. Today, we have a much broader program. Mike and Judy McMullen are our Youth Directors. They work closely with Jan Boothman Margaret Underhill, and other adult leaders to provide quality youth ministry. We now have both a Jr. High and Sr. High Sunday School classes and United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) fellowship meetings on Wednesday nights. We had 27 older children and youth attend summer camp at Lakeview, along with four adults.

We had a large group of attend the Hot Hearts Conference at the Ford Center early in the year. The youth attend and sponsor district events in the summer, and will host the Southeast District Java with Jesus Coffee House next January. Our youth praise band, *Spoken By Faith*, continues to play for UMYF on Wednesday evening, and some of its members also help out with our adult praise band. Most importantly, our youth are growing not only in numbers, but as committed disciples of Jesus Christ.



Worship- \$106,965, 23%



Worship is at the heart of what we do. Our mission is to glory God and transform lives in Christ. Worship is all about glorifying God and transforming lives through Christian discipleship. We strive for excellence in every phase of worship.

Our Praise Band provides quality contemporary Christian music for our 9:00 a.m. Sunday Praise Service. For our traditional service at 11:00, our Chancel Choir rehearses each week to prepare a truly inspirational anthem and other acts of worship. The pastors and staff work hard to develop themes, acts of worship, and sermons that lead disciples into a closer walk with Jesus.

Missions - \$97,639, 21%



The reach of First UMC stretches from our own community to around the world. We are very active in Hardin County, supporting the work of the Christian Care Center through our donations of both money and labor. Christian Care Center includes a food pantry and clothing closet, and helps the financially disadvantaged and persons in crisis with bills and other needs. We partner with WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) to supply the needs of young families, with Hardin County Restorative Justice Ministries to provide mediation services to families and individuals in conflict, with Narcotic Anonymous (NA) to help people break free of substance abuse, and with Gulf Coast Medical



Clinic to provide the medical needs of persons in our community. We own and operate the All Faiths Day School to minister to the needs of about 75



young families for the education and care of their young children. Our volunteer work teams help people recover from natural disaster and special needs. We provide direct salary support to the pastor of Unalaska United Methodist Church, a mission outpost in this remote fishing village in the Aleutian Island in Alaska. We support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in their disaster relief efforts at home and abroad, and the



United Methodist General Board of Global Missions in our denominational missions program. We take up at least 13 special offerings a year to support many different mission organizations and projects ranging from the Methodist Children's Home in Waco as they provide services to kids in need, to Methodist Retirement Services as they provide services to our Seniors who outlive their resources. We give assistance to local citizens in crisis; we



scholarship children and youth to attend summer camp; we give to the Black College fund; we support Africa University; we support the Wesley Student Center at Lamar University; we help finance new church starts and declining church transformations, and the list goes on and on. If you give you money to help support the ministry of FUMC, Silsbee, you are involved in missions in a big time way!

Evangelism - \$49,495, 11%



Evangelism is our outreach to our community, and permeates everything we do. A major goal for us this year is beginning a ministry with Spanish Speaking people. We will start with a Bible Study in Spanish, and hope to expand to having a full worship service. We also hope to use the Java for Jesus Coffee House as a kick-off for a regular monthly coffee house event that will help us better reach the youth and young adults in our area. Our Fall





Festival on Halloween will reach over 200 children in our community. Our hope is that some of them will find a place of fellowship and discipleship in our church. During Christmastime, we have a free hotdog dinner and open the doors for anyone to come prior to the Lighted Christmas Parade event. We, of course, advertise in the area newspapers and at the public schools. We send three oversized postcards over the course of six weeks to every new resident in Silsbee. We have also sent direct mail advertising to all the residents in our zip code advertising our Christmas and Easter activities.



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Discipleship - \$56,630, 12%



As United Methodist, our chief calling is to make disciples for Jesus Christ. After bringing people into a relationship with Jesus, we must nurture them by teaching them God's Word and the holy habits of faith. In addition to our Sunday School program, we currently offer weekly small groups for young adults, senior adults, and occasional special study classes. We have begun a new Sunday School Shepherding program designed to help our Sunday School classes grow, and encourage accountability among our Sunday School attendees.

Connectional Ministry - \$23,064, 5%



We receive great benefits from being a part of the United Methodist connection. We receive guidance and support from our bishop, Janice Huie; our District Superintendent, Richard White; conference staff; and general church staff and organizations. It is our duty and privilege to cooperate with other United Methodist congregations in supporting the connectional ministry of our denomination.



You Can Make A Difference

Our church is working in a plethora of ways to build the Kingdom of God here and around the world. Your participation in this ministry by your prayers, presence, gifts, and service is vital to our collective efforts. Our budget will increase by 7% this year, and if you could increase your giving by that much or more, it will make a real difference in helping our church do the work of God in the world. No one but you and your Lord may ever know the significant personal sacrifices you make to support the work of your church, but this is a cause you can believe in, because it is a part of you and your calling. Your reward will be great in heaven, and your Lord will someday say to you, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

