

**Dallas First United Methodist Church
2009 Budget**

“Changing Lives for Christ”

Your church leadership has constructed a bold plan of ministry to continue our mission of changing lives for Christ. We celebrate a wonderful past year but commit ourselves to even more lives coming to Christ in the new one. Join us in this journey of being God’s people at Dallas First.

Our Plan of Ministry and Our Local Church Programs

To provide meaningful, life changing worship every week of the year. This year we have on an average week, 320 persons gathered to praise God and hear His Word. Forty persons gave their life to Christ for the first time in those services and thirteen transferred their membership and rededicated themselves to serving the Master. We celebrate what God is doing in our church and want to prepare for the people who are coming to be a part of us in 2009.

To share the Good News of Jesus through music. The Chancel Choir, 939 Praise Band, and the Handbell Choir bring the congregation into God’s presence.

To provide high quality opportunities for growth and learning in the year for all ages. This is possible through our Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Worship On Wednesday and Children’s Learning Center.

Sunday School Classes:

Preschool 3 & 4 year olds
Preschool 4 & 5 year olds
Kindergarten & 1st grade
2nd & 3rd grade
4th & 5th grade
Tweens
Sr. Youth
Agape
Joy
Outreach
Philathea
Seekers
The Unknowns (11:00 class)

Our Children’s Learning Center is a self-sufficient program. Registration fees and monthly fees pay for the teachers’ salaries, the director’s salary, payroll taxes, supplies, and worker’s compensation insurance.

To continue and grow to nurture persons in their journey. We offer a variety of short-term classes and bible studies such as two Disciple Bible Studies and small groups. Family fellowship and fun through picnics, field trips and our annual Holiday Banquet are planned in 2009. We also have a revival planned in the spring.

To witness to our faith in service beyond ourselves. Missions and Outreach are very important for a church which is following Christ. The Fish and Loaves program began last year to feed the hungry in our community, as well as our continued support to the Helping Hands of Dallas. We have started Upward Basketball. Missions is not about wood, paint and nails. It's about the relationships and trust we build as we go. It's about being God's hands and feet. Missions allow us to do God's work in deprived and damaged areas in our homeland to show people how much God loves them. We work monthly in the Dallas area by building wheelchair ramps and repairing houses. We travel to other states suffering from disasters.

Your faithful support of these ministries through your financial contributions helps our Church grow strong in missions and outreach.

Budget Total: \$46,715
(or 8.60%)

Pastoral Support

In order to ensure that the ministries and programs of the church are faithfully and excellently performed we have the leadership of our pastor and staff. Our staff lead and enable all the ministries and opportunities that we have to spread the word and love of our Lord. The staff members include the Pastor, Associate Pastor, Children's Director, Youth Director, Music Director, Organist, Secretary, Treasurer, Nursery Workers, Preschool Teacher and our Custodian.

Budget Total: \$315,774
(or 58.08%)

Buildings, Grounds and Operations

The Lord has blessed us with the facilities to use for these ministries and programs, and we must have them available for use. To upkeep our present church buildings and parsonage, we estimate needs of \$28,900 for the coming year. Utilities budget need is \$40,200. We are very happy that our facilities are used daily for many church programs such as CLC, Upward, WOW to name a few. Our CIT Committee needs \$ 9,445 for broadcasting and marketing information such as church events and activities throughout the church and community via technology. Other needs are van maintenance, insurance, office operation, and kitchen and cleaning supplies.

Budget Total: \$108,747
(or 20.00%)

Apportionments

This is our church's share of the global and district work done through The United Methodist Church.

Budget Total: \$72,430
(or 13.32%)

Total needed to fulfill our mission of "Changing Lives for Christ" \$543,665.65

*A detailed line item budget is available for any who wish to review it.