fellowship church

August 18, 2026

Dear Members of Fellowship Church:

The new fiscal year is approaching for Fellowship Church, so it is time to set a new budget. Just so you understand our process, each year the Finance Committee seeks vision and input from the Elder Team as they develop the new church year budget. Once updated, the budget is then presented back to the elders for their final review and approval, before sharing with all members. With that being said, we want to present our proposed budget for the new church year to our members **for your review and a vote of affirmation.**

This year our total budget will be $883,000, up 20% from last year's budget of $733,000. We will continue to have a significant percentage of our savings in a CD at L&N Federal Credit Union. The CD is risk-free and liquid, so we will be able to withdraw from it if necessary.

That $150,000 increase in our budget will allow us to hire a new Local Missions and Mobilization Coordinator, expand our missions budget, and dramatically increase our savings, with the goal of using those savings to secure a permanent, dedicated building for our church. That increase requires us to take a big leap of faith, trusting that the Lord will bless us, and trusting that the Lord has big work for us to do in Louisville. It sounds like a lot of money (because it is) but if each of our members gives an additional $675 this year, or $56 per month, we can achieve that goal. Some will be able to give more than that, and some less. But “from Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” Knowing that, we proceed forward together in faith, hope, and love!

Previous Budget 9/1/2025 - 8/31/2026		**New Budget 9/1/2026 - 8/31/2027**	
Operations	112,560 (15.4%)	Operations	112,060 (12.7%)
Ministries	99,250 (13.5%)	Ministries	95,050 (10.8%)
Missions	105,000 (14.3%)	Missions	123,000 (13.9%)
Staffing	385,090 (52.5%)	Staffing	456,000 (51.6%)
Savings	31,100 (4.2%)	Savings	96,890 (11.0%)
Total	**733,000**	**Total**	**883,000**

Below is a breakdown of the Ministries budget:

Ministries Budget					
Aesthetics	5,000	Home Group Ministry	3,000	Setup Ministry	1,000
Benevolence	2,500	Home Group Childcare	2,500	Staff Team	3,500
Church-wide Potlucks	3,000	Men's Ministry	1,500	Student Ministry	14,500
Communion	800	Ministry Safe	1,000	Sunday School	1,000
Connect Ministry	8,500	Pastoral Books	2,900	Supp'l Preaching/Worship	3,000
Elder Team	3,500	Pastoral Coaching	3,950	Women's Ministry	4,500
Family/Marriage Ministry	6,000	Pastoral Meals	5,200	Worship Ministry	11,000
Fellowship Kids	6,000	Safety Team	1,200		

After reviewing, if you have any questions, please reach out to me (elders@fellowshiplouisville.org) or anyone on the Finance Committee. Hopefully we can address any questions you have. Finally, please submit your response to the vote of affirmation via the link in the email.

It is an honor to serve you in this capacity.

To God be the glory,

Stephen Benzel on Behalf of the Finance Committee (Lydia Borengasser, Gary Balch, Michael Kimble, Janice Edge)