

South Ridge Community Church 2026 Proposed Budget

The proposed 2026 budget for South Ridge Community Church is attached. Ministry leaders have put together this budget in partnership with the Business Operations Team. This proposed budget has been approved by the Elder Board and is being presented to the South Ridge membership for affirmation using an online ballot from December 21st – 31st.

South Ridge took an enormous step forward this year with the successful completion of the initial phase of the Built Together 2025 Capstone Project which addressed the long overdue replacement of the building HVAC system and renovations to the downstairs worship space. We celebrate that this scope was completed on time and on budget. At the same time, this project has necessitated fundraising above and beyond the general operating budget. While we have been blessed that the congregation has responded generously to support the Capstone Project, giving to the operating budget component is running about 9% behind prior year and our seasonally adjusted expectations for 2025.

As in previous years, we anticipate increased giving as we approach the end of the year, and we are confident that God will supply the additional income that we need. Expenses are expected to end the year slightly under the budgeted amount.

Given the somewhat lower giving towards the operating budget in 2025, the leadership of South Ridge has made adjustments to hold the overall 2026 budget at the same level as the prior year. Increased costs in some areas (utility costs, health insurance, cost of living, etc.) are being offset by reductions in other areas such as the provision for smaller facilities projects.

The 2026 budget has been put together to enable us to fulfill our vision for people to **Experience Belong, Embrace God's Grace, and Extend God's Love**. The proposed total budget amount for 2026 is \$2,522,400. We also anticipate continuing to raise funds during 2026 apart from our operating budget as we work towards fulfilling our \$2.8 million fundraising goal for the Capstone Project and the retirement of the debt associated with that initiative.

Members of the Business Operations Team are available to answer any questions regarding the proposed budget at the foyer kiosk on Sundays, December 21st and December 28th, or via email (budget@southridgecc.org) through December 30th. Please take advantage of these opportunities to have your questions answered and thank you in advance for participating in the online ballot from December 21st – December 31st. You can also contact Dan Webb or Dan Dietz at any time with any questions concerning South Ridge's finances.

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Income

General Offering	\$2,375,000
Other Income (Solar, Facility Usage, etc)	\$147,400
Total Income	\$2,522,400

Expenses

Building & Planning Capital (Building & Grounds, Large Facility Projects, etc)	\$192,500
Executive Operations (Pastors, Ministry Directors, Insurance, Benefits, etc)	\$794,250
Church Administration (Ministry Assistants & Coordinators, Maintenance/Cleaning, Office Operations, Professional Services, Technology, etc)	\$634,600
Property Operations (Utilities, Equipment, Small Facility Projects, Service Contracts, etc)	\$258,400
SR Kids (SR Kids Sunday Morning, Vacation Bible School, Outreach, Training, etc)	\$32,000
SR Students (Crossover, The Ridge, Retreats, Group Life, Outreach, Training, etc)	\$108,800
Congregational Growth & Development (Events & Gatherings, Groups, Care Needs, etc)	\$65,300
Creative Arts & Communication (AV Equipment/Maintenance, Programming Resources, Guest Services & Marketing Communications)	\$66,300
Extend Ministries (Community Outreach, Local & Global Partnerships & Projects)	\$370,250
Total Expenses	\$2,522,400