Austin Street Baptist Church
2019 Unified Church Budget

Missions Expenses - $29,712

This section of the budget follows the Great Commission in calling for a worldwide ministry. Mission gifts such as Providence Christian Academy, the prison ministry, and the food pantry are used to share the Gospel in our community. The youth ministry and children's ministry are used to engage and teach the youth of the church and community. The gifts to the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Guadalupe Baptist Association enables us to have a part in everything Southern Baptist do in our state and the world through the cooperative program. Our church's mission projects this year include hurricane damage repair in Refugio and house repair in Yoakum. It also includes work on the Palacios camp and teaching Bible School in Big Wells. Gifts to the Mary Hill Davis, Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon are also part of our church's missions but are not included as budget expenses as they are gifts from the individuals.

Ministry Expenses - $11,580

This section of our budget provides for music and worship needs throughout the year. Also included in this area are flowers used to minister to those in the nursing home and for funeral flowers. The Kitchen and Courtesy Ministry provides for the need to maintain the kitchen for youth gatherings, business meetings, and Sunday coffee and to comfort families after a funeral. The Fellowship Ministry is used as outreach from our church as well as spring, fall and Fourth of July picnics in the church park for our church family and the community. The Deacon's Ministry includes the church's Sharing lunches for elderly adults and provides for other needs for those in our congregation and community.

Within the Ministry Expenses budget are categories for Youth Ministry ($5,640) and Children's Ministry ($3,600) to allow us to provide outreach opportunities for students in our church and our community. These include monthly events such as Bible studies, game nights, movies, bowling events, retreats, and summer camps to invest in the spiritual lives of our young people who are our future.

Administrative Expenses - $28,236

This part of the budget provides for the support and functioning of the church office and general operating needs. Office supplies, postage, worship guides and other publications are supported by these funds. Office equipment, computer and copier supplies and service, library expenses as well as the building insurance, guest speaker fees, and he music minister are included in this section.

Education Expenses - $7,536

This section includes those items needed to provide educational opportunities to our church family. These include materials for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and discipleship training. In the last few years, we have experienced remarkable growth in the areas of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and the numbers of people we reach and serve through those programs.

Property and Maintenance Expenses - $38,616

This section includes those items that maintain the facilities and major equipment. This includes the maintenance and operations of the building as well as maintaining and upgrading the sound system and computers that support it. The lawn care for the yard and the church park and the maintenance and insurance for the church van are included here.

How do I make a contribution?

All contributions to Austin Street Baptist Church are recorded in our financial system, and participants receive a contribution statement at various periods during the year. There are offering envelopes for your use, which have a place for you to fill in your name, the amount of the contribution and an designations other than the regular budget. There are several ways you may make cash or check contributions:

1. You may deliver your contribution to the church office during normal business hours.
2. You may bring your contribution to our services on Sunday morning or Sunday evening, our Bible study and prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings, or to Sunday School on Sunday morning.
3. You may mail your contribution to the church at Austin Street Baptist Church, 1308 E. Gonzales Street, Yoakum, Texas 77995.

Salaries and Payroll Expenses - $130,512

This section of our budget helps us empower our leadership in the proclamation of God's Word and fulfillment of the ministries and operations of our church.

Staff Payroll

Senior Pastor	$52,416
Youth Pastor	$32,000
Secretary	$19,800
Nursery workers	$6,000
Janitor	$14,400

Other includes:

Employment taxes	$3,120
Workman's Comp	$1,140
Cell phone allowance	$2,640

What Does Our Church Say about Tithing?

At Austin Street Baptist Church, we teach "storehouse tithing" based on God's Word…

Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, "How do we rob you?" In tithes and offernings…Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. "Test me in this, " says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Malachi 3:8, 10

- Tithing is a simple act of obedience to be used in our spiritual growth process.
- The word "tithe" means one tenth (1/10) and it refers to honoring God by giving 10% of one's possessions to Him.
- Giving is an act of worship, and worship is the expression of our love relationship to God.
- The spiritual discipline of giving our income to the Lord through the local church is a source of great delights.
- The best way to become a *tither* is to begin *tithing*—then you will discover the importance and joy it brings to you Christian life.
- As we make our offerings, we confess that God is absolute Owner of all.
- The simple truth is that God can make it *without* our money, but we can't make it without *His* blessing that comes from giving.

TOTAL SUMMARY

The 2019 Unified Church Budget represents a total increase of $40,320 over 2018. Our church has a growing number of people to serve and opportunities to share the Gospel and glorify God. We hope that you will consider tithing as an act of worship and obedience that will honor God and His provision in your life. (Malachi 3:6-10)

2018 ..... $205,872

2019 ..... $246,192

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What Does the Bible Say about Tithing?

Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.

Deuteronomy 14:22

The tithe is the Lord's…it is holy to the Lord.

Leviticus 27:30

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you.

I Chronicles 29:11-13

Honor the Lord with your income, with the first-fruits of all your crops.

Proverbs 3:9-10

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

II Corinthians 9:7-8