

2027

Budget Guide

+ NORTHSTAR



Northstar Family,

I believe the local church is one of the most powerful forces on the planet. When ordinary people surrender their lives to Jesus and join Him in His mission, God does extraordinary things. 2026 has been marked by real, transformative growth in our church family. I'm deeply grateful for all God has done, and I believe He wants to do even more in us and through us.

As we grow in His Word and His Spirit, I'm praying 2027 will be a defining year for Northstar. I'm praying for:

More people to experience life in Jesus.

More people to grow in meaningful community and friendship.

More people to use their gifts, passions, and resources to sacrificially serve the Kingdom.

More people to live on mission in our neighborhoods, our city, and around the world.

But more than anything, as we grow numerically, I'm praying that our greatest increase would be in our love for Jesus and our dependence on Him.

The following budget represents far more than numbers on a page. It represents mission, people, and opportunity. In 2027, we especially want to invest in our next generation and in equipping our people to reach new people. Every dollar given is an act of worship and an investment in what God is doing through His church. Thank you for the way you pray, serve, give, invite, and faithfully live on mission. I'm grateful to be part of this church family and expectant about what God will do in 2027.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cory Henry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cory" and last name "Henry" clearly distinguishable.

Vision Offering *Impact*

Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we were able to support our 4-pillar vision offering abundantly! Exceeding our \$300,000 goal, we donated the following amounts:

\$25,000

TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
FAMILY MISSION TRIP



\$50,000

TO THE PETALOUDA CENTER IN
ATHENS, GREECE



\$100,000

TO CHOICES RESOURCE CENTER'S
MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC



\$150,000

TO THE BEARDEN
LEARNING CENTER



Each dollar donated not only supported a larger organizational effort but the “one” person. Whether that is the family serving internationally for the first time, the Roma child fighting for acceptance, the mother considering the most difficult decision, or the student debating if God is real. Each dollar was an effort and blessing - a prayer that God would usher in life change. Thank you for giving above and beyond, as always, to bless the ministry here in Knoxville and around the world. You make a difference.



1,305

Average *Total* Attendance



A 6% increase in kids
0-5th grade

76

Adult groups launched
and offered
(community, study, care and interest)

PROJECTED GIVING 2026

\$3,600,000

Debt Free!

After much prayer and counsel, our leadership team and elders analyzed our financial situation. As we have sought to steward our giving well, and as we have saved money over several years in an effort to aggressively pay down debt, we realized we were finally in the position to pay off our building loan for the worship center.

In June, we made the significant decision to **pay off just over \$2.2 million in debt!** With a healthy amount of cash reserves remaining, we are pleased to announce that **Northstar Church is DEBT FREE!**

What does this mean?

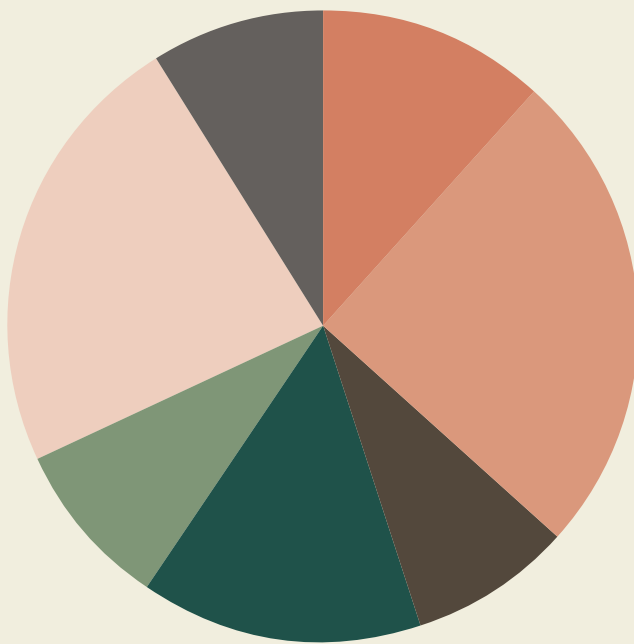
We praise the Lord for providing so generously, both finances and wisdom! Starting now and continuing in the future, we are setting aside additional funds in preparation for a new project: a new next generation building.

After researching, waiting, watching trends, and seeking vision and wisdom, we believe a new next generation building is essential for providing more opportunities for more families. Our kids, students, and families continue to grow. We are working hard to steward our current facilities well, but we are aware of the limitations.

Our leadership team finds itself at the beginning stages of a building proposal. Our desire to share this with you now is not just because of the importance of a new space, but we realize we need the collective prayers of the church to see this through to completion. We want to honor the Lord above all with our plans and finances, and we need his wisdom and provision every step of the way. We're excited to share more of the progress with you in 2027 and beyond!



Ministry *Expenses* 2027



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & CARE	\$369,690
MISSIONS	\$258,147
NEXT GENERATION	\$463,782
COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA	\$270,534
FACILITIES	\$792,384
OPERATIONS & HOSPITALITY	\$728,547
TEACHING & WORSHIP	\$271,671

TOTAL **\$3,154,755**