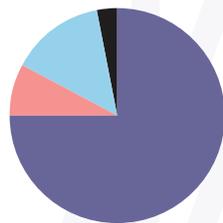




FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where does the money I give to St. Augustine's go? What is it used for?

A: The majority of our budget for 2017 (approximately 75%) pays our clergy, staff, and musical leadership. While we are grateful for the many people who volunteer, we could not operate without the staff who devote so much of their lives to St. Augustine's.



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- PERSONNEL EXPENSES
- BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE
- CHURCH PROGRAMS
- OFFICE ADMIN

Q: We give to Thistle Farms. Do you count that?

A: Monies donated to Thistle Farms/Magdalene, CCJ, Escuela Anne Stevens, Holy Cross Hospice and Larkspur don't show up in the Chapel budget because these are separate legal entities with their own financials. We are certainly a mission centered church and we appreciate your gifts to these organizations. Instead of having ten percent of our budget given to "outreach," we have founded these separate organizations which together are able to raise more than ten times the chapel budget.

Q: Can you tell me more about the chapel budget?

A: 89% of our income is from offerings and pledges. We receive around 11% of our total income from the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee directly in support of our Higher Education programming.

We spend 75% of our income on our personnel; 8% goes to Maintenance and Operations, 14% for Church Programs (Sunday School, Hospitality, etc.), and 3% in Administrative Expenses (printing, postage, etc.). Also, we are grateful to Vanderbilt for allowing us the use of Benton Chapel each Sunday without charge. This is, however, the only financial support we receive from Vanderbilt.

Q: Tell me more about the cards enclosed in my mailing.

A: You will find two different cards enclosed. One is a “Pledge” Card and asks for your promise of financial support during the calendar year of 2018. The second is a “Volunteer” Card and lists some of the many ways you can be involved in the life of this community. By completing the Volunteer Card, you’re simply asking to find out more about these opportunities.

Q: What are the ways I can pay my pledge?

A: Pledges may be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually, however is most convenient for you. You may put a check in the weekly offering bag, mail payments to the chapel, or give electronically via credit card on the St. Augustine’s website, www.staugustineschapel.org. Many set up automatic payments from our bank or online banking so that they never miss a payment.

Q. Will you set up an automatic bank draft for me?

A: We have researched doing this, but for now it’s simply not cost effective for an organization of our size (there is a fee for the chapel to set up automatic payments). We recommend that you call your bank or use your online banking service to set up a recurring payment instead.

Q: I’ve already set up a monthly payment from my bank and plan to continue it through next year. Do I need to send you a pledge card anyway?

A: Yes, please do send the pledge card. We budget based on the totals from the cards, so we need to know your promise for 2018.

Q: Will St. Augustine’s keep a record of my pledge and send me reminders?

A: This year we are making it an option. You may check the box on the pledge form indicating your interest in having St. Augustine’s keep track of your pledge and payments. If you do not check this box, we will not record your name with your pledge. Ultimately this is a pledge between you and God, and we will leave it up to you to keep track of your pledge.

Q: What about my taxes? Will St. Augustine’s keep a record of my payments and send me a tax letter?

A: While we do not keep a record of individual promises made, we do keep records of payments made by check or credit card so that we can send you a letter for your tax preparation. Those letters, specifying the total given in the previous calendar year, are mailed in January.

Q: I have more questions. Whom do I contact?

A: For questions about this campaign, contact campaign chairs David Phillippi (phillippi1406@gmail.com) or Bonnie Smith Whitehouse bonnie.smith@belmont.edu. For budget questions, you may contact St. Augustine’s board chair, Connally Penley (Connally.penley@gmail.com) or treasurer, Don Welch (donwelch9@gmail.com). For questions about volunteer opportunities, contact Jes Williams (jes@staugustineschapel.org).

Q: Where do I send my pledge?

A: You can return your card in the enclosed envelope or just email your promise to Peggy McMurray (peggy.mcmurray@comcast.net).