

Investing Financially

Implementing the 2018/19 Ministry Plan requires \$322,675

Increases in staff wages, anticipated increases in health insurance costs, and increases in ministry investments raise the cost of our ministry plan 15% from last year. ***However, the expenses of this plan still fall within the historical giving from our church family over the past two years***, so while there is an increase in expense, ***we do not need an increase in contributions***. If our contributions stay where they've been we can fully fund this plan.

A breakdown of the expense by ministry area is given below (with comparisons to last year's expenses):

Ministry Area	FY 2019	\$ Change	% Change
General Operations	\$ 135,487	\$ 14,071	11.6%
Student Impact (incl camps)	\$ 66,007	\$ 10,532	19.0%
LifeKids	\$ 30,655	\$ 6,180	25.3%
Worship	\$ 50,966	\$ 6,534	14.7%
Facility	\$ 26,260	\$ 500	1.9%
Missions	\$ 7,100	\$ 3,630	104.6%
Benevolence	\$ 4,100	\$ 100	2.5%
Staff Development	\$ 600	\$ (260)	-30.2%
Adult Ministries	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	200.0%
Total Expenses	\$322,675	\$ 42,787	15.1 %

How you can support the plan

Our church family consists of ~140 households. To completely fund this plan would require each household investing **\$44 / week** (or **\$190 / month**).

If you are not currently investing at this rate, please consider increasing your investment to this level.

If you are currently investing above this rate, THANK YOU. Please consider additional Kingdom contributions to our church family or other areas.

If you are not investing at all, you are missing out on a huge part of your own discipleship. You manage God's resources and He wants you to build the discipline of making His Kingdom work your top priority. ***We encourage you to start with some amount and let God lead.***

Please indicate your financial commitment on the Commitment Card so we can plan as the year progresses.

Don't just give to a 'budget'; instead, please prayerfully examine your own stewardship and determine how God is calling you to invest in His Kingdom, then indicate that on the Commitment Card.

2018–19 LifeBridge JM Ministry Plan



We began the 2017/2018 Ministry Year with the prayer that the Holy Spirit would lead us into the places, experiences, and relationships that would foster the greatest growth in our discipleship, and, WOW, did He deliver!

In the fall, half our adult population experienced the first step in intentional discipleship through ROOTED, followed by opportunities to grow in stewardship, relationships, and study of God's Word during the winter. All the while, we grew as a worshipping family and followed God outside the confines of our 'comfort zone'.

Externally we saw significant growth in our mentoring opportunities with local children, and developed partnerships to equip local families in parenting.

Like we've done each of the past 5 years we've sought God's direction in planning the next year of ministry and He's responded with "stay on course and grow what you've been doing". We are pleased to present the high-level aspects of the 2018/2019 Ministry Plan for your review, prayer, feedback, and commitment.

Please review this plan summary, then contact our staff to get greater detail and answers to your questions. We are available and eager to discuss this with you! Please contact us at the office: 970-660-4078.

After you've explored your questions, we ask that you state your commitment to supporting this plan through participation, prayer, service and financial support using the enclosed Commitment Card. This replaces any previous commitment card you may have given us before.

Please place your commitment card in the offering no later than July 8.

Goals for the 2018/19 Ministry Plan

- » **Increase our emphasis on individual and family discipleship by**
 - Expanding and strengthening our discipleship environments for all ages so we are learning and growing in relationship
 - Creating new equipping opportunities for parents/grandparents to continue family discipleship
 - Creating family-based experiences to make discipleship a way of life
 - Expanding community among parents/grandparents for encouragement and support
- » **Deepen existing relationships to increase our community impact**
 - Expanding school mentoring programs to all grade levels
 - Exploring and impacting specific community problems

Investing through Participation

» Expanding and strengthening our discipleship environments

The **Discipleship Pathway** will expand this year to include multiple environments for growth. These will include some opportunities to address specific aspects of discipleship for men and women.

Additionally there will be expanded opportunities for mixed gender groups to learn and grow in the **Way**, the **Truth**, and the **Life** of a Disciple of Jesus Christ.

We look forward to seeing you participate with your church family in your own discipleship.

» Creating new equipping opportunities for parents/grandparents

We are excited to announce the restructuring of our staff to increase our focus on serving and equipping families. Ryan Jones has been promoted to Associate Pastor, and Autumn Powell to Director, of our **Ministry to Families**. We also welcome Kelsey Beagle (soon to be Braun) to the team as Director of Middle School ministry.

This team will be developing retreats, groups, and other environments to equip grandparents, parents, teens, and children for family discipleship.

» Deepen existing relationships to increase our community impact

We remain committed to making a difference in our local community, through our partnerships with community agencies. We encourage you to engage in these opportunities to expand the Kingdom.

We are excited about the opportunity to expand our student mentoring efforts with the school district. We look forward to continued growth in the Middle School partnership and are eager to expand the reach of the program to the elementary and high school levels. We are praying that other churches and service organizations begin or deepen their involvement in this community-transforming opportunity.

We are committed to expanding our engagement with our community to identify issues and problems and then develop community-wide solutions. God has placed our church in a position of influence and we want to steward that opportunity well for the expansion of the Kingdom.

We are also committed to continuing our benevolence assistance to those within our church family (as a priority) and to others in the community (as funds allow) to help people through difficult life transitions.

Developing a Missional Heart

Christ will build His Church to accomplish His Mission

While our local 'corner' of the Kingdom should receive our focus and effort we must also recognize that we are called to invest in efforts across the region, country, and globe. To that end, we are excited to announce that we will begin supporting a missionary family on the field. Dan and Kim Drage (and their daughters) have been on the mission field for several years and are set to transition to a new opportunity. Our financial support will ensure that their daughters are able to continue their education while God calls their family to serve others for the cause of Christ. We will be providing information and communication from Dan and Kim throughout the year.

We are also continuing our support of the overall mission of our extended LifeBridge Family through our *original* and *LifeBridge en Espanol* campuses in Longmont. We are pleased to continue this Biblical model of shared support and Kingdom benefit (see 2 Cor 8:9-15 for reference).

In addition to these opportunities, we continue to set aside 2% of our general fund giving to invest in new missional opportunities locally, regionally, and globally. We will keep you informed as these opportunities develop and mature.

Investing through Partnership

Ministry Partners are the heart of our family

One of the best ways to accelerate your discipleship is to accept God's invitation to partner on His mission. This amazing opportunity means that He trusts you, He values what you have to offer, and that He is eager to see you use your life for His purposes.

Currently, there are approximately 140 partners across our ministry teams (that's about 65% of our church family) contributing over 900 hours a month serving others! While this is a great investment, it also means that there is huge room to expand.

If each teen and adult in our family would invest just **3 hours a month** on one of our Ministry Teams, we could nearly **double the impact of our ministries** – that is an astounding opportunity! ***Will you step up and accelerate your own growth, and accelerate God's impact in our community, by becoming a partner on a team?***

Please prayerfully consider with which team you would like to partner, and indicate that on your Commitment Card. If you are already a partner, please indicate the team(s) on which you serve.