



## **BUDGET**

**GENERAL FUND GUNTERSVILLE,  
ALBERTVILLE & ARAB COMBINED**

**KINGDOM KIDS**

**MISSION INVOLVEMENT FUND**

**CHURCH PLANTING FUND**

**MISSION & MERCY FUND**

**For The Year Ending**

**December 31, 2025**

# Message from the Lead Pastor

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Connect Family,

As I write this letter to you, my heart is filled with anticipation and excitement for the journey ahead. It is an honor and privilege to step into the role of Lead Pastor of Connect Church, and I thank God for each of you as we begin this new chapter together.

Looking back at the story of this congregation, I see a rich legacy of faith, generosity, service, and love that has made a profound impact in Guntersville, Albertville, Arab, and the surrounding communities. The look back however, hasn't just been a story to read, but a story I have had the opportunity to live alongside you. I am deeply grateful for the past 12 years that God has granted me at Connect Church. I have been loved, served, affirmed, and encouraged by your faith, generosity and service. I am deeply humbled to lead such a dedicated and passionate group of believers. God has blessed this church in countless ways, and I believe that we are on the cusp of an even greater season of growth and transformation.

As we look forward to the future, we have the opportunity to dream new and exciting dreams all the while wondering at the greatness of our God and his mission to our world. May our God grow us deeper in connection to Himself, stronger in our love for one another, and passionate for the world outside of our walls.

The future of Connect Church is full of potential. I am excited about the possibilities ahead—new ministries, new leaders, and new opportunities to serve. But I also know that the future requires boldness, prayer, and a deep sense of dependence on God. I ask for your prayers as we seek God's vision for the next steps of our church. Together, with faith and unity, we can continue to be a beacon of hope to a world in need.

Eagerly Awaiting,

Dustin Teat and the Elders of Connect Church

# Combined Guntersville, Albertville & Arab

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## 2025 TOTAL ANNUAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET **\$1,243,474**

### 2025 BUDGET FOR THE YEAR

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**Jan-Dec** **\$23,913**  
Weekly Needed

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Missions	111,589	9.0
Ministry	113,095	9.1
Operating	261,896	21.0
Personnel	756,894	60.9
Mortgage	0	0.0
	<b>\$1,243,474</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 2024 BUDGET FOR THE YEAR

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**Jan-Dec** **\$24,938**  
Weekly Needed

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Missions	123,545	9.5
Ministry	145,907	11.3
Operating	250,890	19.3
Personnel	776,427	59.9
Mortgage	0	0.0
	<b>\$1,296,769</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Missions Budget

**\$111,589**

Sharing the Gospel clearly and unapologetically by supporting and equipping mercy ministries, service initiatives, international missionaries and church planting at home and abroad so more people can come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Church Planting (3%)	\$37,196
Mission Involvement (3%)	37,196
Mission & Mercy (3%)	37,196
Split between the above funds may be modified from time to time by the elders.	

# Ministry Budget

**\$113,095**

Meeting spiritual and physical needs of the local church and our neighbors through Biblical Instruction, safe fellowship, and leadership development in order to spur each other on to maturity in Christ.

Worship and visual arts	\$32,000
Family Ministry (Students \$17,825, Wed. Kids \$11,150, Kid Blast \$5,880, Children & Nursery \$12,960)	47,815
Group Life & Discipleship Ministries	3,500
Fellowship Ministry (Women's, Men's, Seniors, Special Events, etc.)	11,600
Pastoral Ministries	11,880
Hospitality, Next Steps & Greeters	5,500
Elders & Deacons	0
Other (Flowers & Gifts)	800

## Operating Budget

**\$261,896**

Facilitating the administrative business functions of Connect Church through the provision of equipment, supplies, and services as well as the functional operation of our campuses through utilities, building and grounds maintenance and outside services.

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Utilities	\$69,000
Church maintenance	34,000
Office Supplies and Misc.	24,050
Liability and Casualty Insurance	20,000
Cleaning and paper supplies	21,450
Computer & Copier systems Maint. & Support	9,550
Equipment Replacement HVAC	5,800
Vehicle Insurance	3,330
Vehicle maintenance & fuel	7,300
Janitorial Service	10,460
Pest Control	2,956
Computer Replacement & Upgrades	1,200
Other Equipment	0
Building Rent	52,800

## Personnel Budget

**\$756,894**

Providing financial compensation and benefits for staff members to free them up to use their time and talents in advancing God's Kingdom and the mission of Christ in Connect Church and its community.

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Salary, Housing & Employee Contrib. to Retirement	\$596,496
Health Insurance, Payroll Taxes & Other Benefits	160,398

## Mortgage Budget

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**\$0.0**

Servicing the debt on the land and facilities that provide the space for current and future ministries of Connect Church.

As of November 30, 2023 Connect owed \$324,562 related to the acquisition of the land on which the Guntersville church facilities now sit and the cost of construction of those facilities.

On December 13, 2023, by God's grace, the generosity of His people and the good fiscal management of our Finance Team, we paid off the balance of the loan.

The Albertville campus is owned free and clear and the Arab campus is leased with no mortgage debt.

# Kingdom Kids

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Kingdom Kids is a ministry of Connect Church, established to provide Christ centered child care and early childhood education to children of Guntersville and the greater Marshall County community. We provide a safe environment where the children can develop: Spiritually, Socially, Emotionally, Cognitively and Physically.

The costs of operation are generally funded by tuition and fees. Our program is State certified and our PreK Program is funded by State grants. Facilities, maintenance, and utilities attributable to Kingdom Kids are substantially provided by the Church.

## KINGDOM KIDS 2025 BUDGET

<b>Revenue:</b>	
Tuition & Fees	\$462,768
Grants & Fundraisers	109,856
Total Revenue	572,624
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	\$475,852
Food	36,000
Other Expenses	56,540
Total Expenses	568,392
Excess of Expenses over Revenue	\$4,232

# Mission Involvement Fund

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This Fund helps defray the costs of our member's participation in local, regional, national and international mission trips providing needed services and the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

## Mission Involvement 2024 BUDGET

<b>Cash Balance 12/31/24 Estimated</b>	<b>\$24,476</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Transfers from Guntersville Gen. Fnd.	\$24,273
Transfers from Albertville Gen. Fnd.	5,644
Transfers from Arab Gen. Fnd.	7,229
<hr/> Total Revenue	<hr/> 37,146
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Mission Trip – Africa, January, March & June	\$14,000
Church Has Left The Building – Spring & Fall	10,000
 Mission Trip – Brazil, for Summer 2026	 13,000
 Mission Trip – Honduras, Fall Break	 4,000
<hr/> Total Expenses	<hr/> 41,000
<hr/> <b>Forecast Balance 12/31/25</b>	<hr/> <b>\$20,622</b>



# Church Planting Fund

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This fund provides funding for help with new church plants, financial assistance for newly planted churches and support and assistance for church planters.

## Church Planting 2025 BUDGET

<b>Cash Balance 12/31/24 Estimated</b>	<b>\$33,064</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Transfers from Guntersville Gen. Fnd.	\$24,273
Transfers from Albertville Gen. Fnd.	5,644
Transfers from Arab Gen. Fnd.	7,229
<hr/> Total Revenue	<hr/> 37,146
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Pastor Support- Church of The Cross-Bhm	\$13,800
Pastor Support– Mind The Gap- Scotland	6,000
Joe Fleming	12,000
Pastor Support to Albertville Connect	3,600
 Training 2 Send - Africa	 12,000
<hr/> Total Expenses	<hr/> 47,400
 <b>Forecast Balance 12/31/25</b>	 <b>\$22,810</b>

# Mission & Mercy Fund

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The Mission and Mercy Fund promotes Gospel expansion by providing funding to like-minded organizations, churches, and mercy ministries who are proclaiming the Gospel while meeting the needs of their community. Examples include orphan care, homeless ministry, community feeding and special church plant projects.

## Mission & Mercy 2025 BUDGET

<b>Cash Balance 12/31/24 Estimated</b>	\$9,659
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Transfers from Guntersville Gen. Fnd.	\$24,273
Transfers from Albertville Gen. Fnd.	5,644
Transfers from Arab Gen. Fnd.	7,229
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>37,146</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Honduras Mission Needs	\$ 2,000
Church of the Cross Needs	4,500
Mind The Gap Needs	4,500
Paul Boyte - Wycliffe	12,000
Everett Mission	6,000
 Room In The Inn	 500
Other Community Missions – Incl. Families Count	750
Kairos	750
Benevolence	4,000
Christian Counseling	1,000
Christian Women’s Job Corp (\$180 per month)	2,160
Operation Christmas Child	1,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>39,160</b>
 <b>Forecast Balance 12/31/25</b>	 <b>\$ 7,645</b>

# Albertville Campus

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**2025 TOTAL**  
**ANNUAL ALBERTVILLE GENERAL FUND BUDGET**  
**\$191,742**

**2025**  
**BUDGET FOR THE YEAR**

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**Jan-Dec** **\$3,687**  
Weekly Needed

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Missions	16,932	8.8
Ministry	17,780	9.3
Operating	36,166	18.9
Personnel	120,864	63.0
Mortgage	0	0.0
	<b>\$ 191,742</b>	<b>100%</b>

**2024**  
**BUDGET FOR THE YEAR**

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**Jan-Dec** **\$3,816**  
Weekly Needed

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Missions	17,534	8.9
Ministry	20,850	10.5
Operating	31,200	15.7
Personnel	128,841	64.9
Mortgage	0	0.0
	<b>\$ 198,425</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Missions Budget**  
**\$16,932**

Sharing the Gospel clearly and unapologetically by supporting and equipping mercy ministries, service initiatives, international missionaries, and church planting at home and abroad so more people can come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Church Planting (3%)	\$5,644
Mission Involvement (3%)	5,644
Mission & Mercy (3%)	5,644

**Ministry Budget**  
**\$17,780**

Meeting spiritual and physical needs of the local church and our neighbors through Biblical Instruction, safe fellowship, and leadership development in order to spur each other on to maturity in Christ.

Worship and Visual Arts	\$8,800
Family Ministry (Students \$3,500, Children, Nursery & Wed. Kids \$3,000)	6,500
Pastoral Ministries & Discipleship	1,580
Hospitality & Greeters	900

**Operating Budget**  
**\$36,166**

Facilitating the administrative business functions of Connect Church through the provision of equipment, supplies, and services as well as the functional operation of our campuses through utilities, building and grounds maintenance and outside services.

Utilities	\$19,000
Church Maintenance, Cleaning & Paper Supplies	5,750
Liability and Casualty Insurance	1,600
Computer & Copier systems Maint. & Support	500
Equipment Replacement HVAC	1,000
Janitorial Service	6,760
Pest Control	1,056
Other Equipment & Office Supplies	500

**Personnel Budget**  
**\$120,863**

Providing financial compensation and benefits for staff members to free them up to use their time and talents in advancing God's Kingdom and the mission of Christ in Connect Church and its community.

Salary, Housing & Employee Contrib. to Retirement	\$94,952
Health Insurance, Payroll Taxes & Other Benefits	25,911

# Arab Campus

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**2025 TOTAL  
ANNUAL ARAB GENERAL FUND BUDGET  
\$242,624**

**2025  
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR**

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**Jan-Dec** **\$4,665**  
Weekly Needed

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Missions	21,836	9.0
Ministry	12,730	5.2
Operating	75,450	31.1
Personnel	132,608	54.7
Mortgage	0	0.0
	<b>\$ 242,624</b>	<b>100%</b>

**2024  
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR**

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**Jan-Dec** **\$4,773**  
Weekly Needed

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Missions	22,338	9.0
Ministry	21,150	8.5
Operating	71,200	28.7
Personnel	133,513	53.8
Mortgage	0	0.0
	<b>\$ 248,201</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Missions Budget**  
**\$21,836**

Sharing the Gospel clearly and unapologetically by supporting and equipping mercy ministries, service initiatives, international missionaries, and church planting at home and abroad so more people can come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Church Planting (3%)	7,279
Mission Involvement (3%)	7,279
Mission & Mercy (3%)	7,278

**Ministry Budget**  
**\$12,730**

Meeting spiritual and physical needs of the local church and our neighbors through Biblical Instruction, safe fellowship, and leadership development in order to spur each other on to maturity in Christ.

Worship and visual arts	\$5,250
Family Ministry (Students \$1.5K, Children & Nursery \$3K)	4,500
Special Events	1,000
Pastoral Ministries & Hospitality	1,980

**Operating Budget**  
**\$75,450**

Facilitating the administrative business functions of Connect Church through the provision of equipment, supplies, and services as well as the functional operation of our campuses through utilities, building and grounds maintenance and outside services.

Utilities	\$15,000
Church maintenance	3,000
Office Supplies & Misc.	1,750
Cleaning & Paper Supplies	700
Liability and Casualty Insurance	1,600
Pest Control	600
Building Rent	52,800

**Personnel Budget**  
**\$132,608**

Providing financial compensation and benefits for staff members to free them up to use their time and talents in advancing God's Kingdom and the mission of Christ in Connect Church and its community.

Salary, Housing & Employee Contrib. to Retirement	\$105,993
Health Insurance, Payroll Taxes & Other Benefits	26,615