

31 Ways To Save On Church Expenses or Increase Income

Reduce Expenses

1. Dumpster – shop for a company with better rates
2. Thermostat – raise the temperature a couple of degrees
3. Copier – do you need that plan that costs money every month
4. Postage – do you really need a postage meter? Pay bills online or with a credit card.
5. Internet provider – try the home internet at T-Mobile instead of a cable company
6. Cell phone provider – compare with another company
7. Office phone – do you really need a phone system? Do you really need desk phones?
8. Microsoft software – is it cheaper to buy it or pay the yearly fee? Could you use Google docs?
9. Property and liability insurance – compare with another company
10. Vehicle insurance – compare with another company
11. Food and drinks – make it instead of buying fast food? Buy in bulk? Water instead?
12. Curriculum – don't use it. Buy a teacher copy only.
13. Newsletter – don't mail it, use email.
14. Benevolence - helping with food. The Association has food boxes.
15. Website building – the Association will build it for free.
16. Website hosting – there are free options.
17. Bookkeeping and Payroll company – it may be cheaper than paying a salary to someone
18. Pulpit supply – the Association and the State Convention provide this for free. You could use a video of another preacher for free. Use a deacon or staff person.
19. Gasoline – a 30-gallon tank x .30 less per gallon will save \$9.00. Shop around.
20. Staff salary – hire a part-time pastor or a staff person part-time
21. Paper checks are cheaper at warehouse clubs
22. Sheet music – share music with another church or a group of churches
23. Purchase of a church vehicle – share the cost with one or two other churches
24. Conferences, camps, mission trips, D-Now, concerts, training – do these with one or several other churches and share the cost.
25. Could your part-time secretary or pastor work from home so you don't air condition the church?

Increase Income

26. Checking, Saving and Investing accounts
 - Only keep what is necessary in checking, keep the rest in a Money Market account
 - Use an ETF fund instead of a mutual fund. Compare fund choices for average yield.
 - Use a fund with more exposure to stocks, instead of mostly bonds
27. More than one way to donate – pass plate, box at door, online
28. Rent part of your church to a school or daycare or other business.
29. Rent part of your church to another new church plant.
30. Rent your field or gym to a school for sports teams.
31. Rent your building to the community for weddings, funerals, family events.