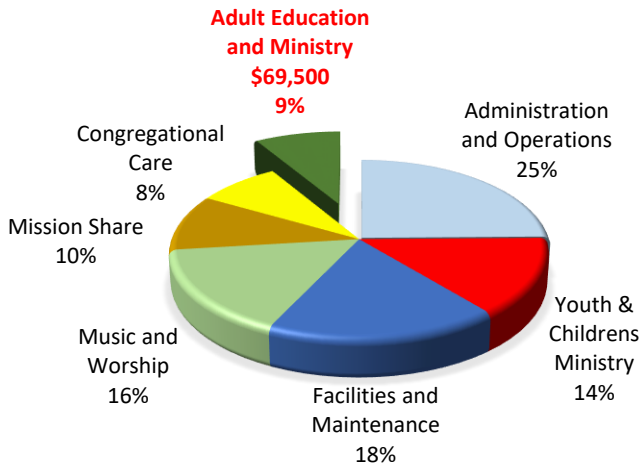


Each week Woodlawn sends an "Investor Bulletin" to highlight the investments we make into the various ministry and mission areas of the church. In this issue we concentrate on the harvest produced from our investment in **Adult Education and Ministry**.



How does Woodlawn fulfill its mission to "shape people to be the heart, hands and feet of Jesus" in the world around us? We do it by investing just more than \$69,500 annually into Adult Education and Ministry. This includes the staffing allotted to work with adult programs.

Woodlawn typically offers 19 to 20 on-going small groups along with five to six different short term groups at any given time. **Over 250 individuals participate in these gatherings** for learning, fellowship, growth and faithful accountability!

Your investment provides leaders, leader materials, technology and assistance to help groups deliver stimulating lessons throughout the year. It ensures pastors are available not only to teach, but also provide training and guidance, help select materials, coordinate leadership and encourage anyone wanting to create a new group!

The pandemic made it necessary for the church to make technology available so that classes and groups could move online. New online small groups were also formed so that our ministry of shaping adults to be the heart hands and feet of Jesus didn't stop when our building closed.

In addition to Adult Education, our investment also provides for Adult Ministry. If Adult Education groups are designed for spiritual growth and learning, then Woodlawn's Adult Ministry teams come together to serve and attract others to our congregation.



For example, as Woodlawn's Hospitality team offers a warm greeting, a cup of coffee and a sweet treat, they help people not only feel welcomed, but accepted, invited and wanted. In this way, they also are our church's best evangelists! Moreover, their service to bereaved families brings great comfort in the way of Woodlawn's funeral dinners and receptions.

Finally, our investment in Adult Ministry allows Woodlawn to put its best foot forward in the community by assembling teams to produce annual events such as Trunk or Treat or serve in the children's area at Derby's BBQ fest. These events increase our congregation's visibility and demonstrates love and concern for our neighbor. Thank you for each investment you make into our church's ministry for and with adults! Next week we'll discuss even more ways our investments into Woodlawn's "Kingdom work" return dividends.