

HACKERS FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES INC

Spiritual Warfare. Digital Battlefield.

Defending the gates the enemy seeks to breach.

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*"The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy."*

JOHN 10:10

The Church is under attack.

Not just spiritually, but digitally. Ransomware locks churches out of their systems on Christmas Eve. Phishing attacks steal tens of thousands of dollars meant for missions. Data breaches expose the personal information of children in our care.

These are not random crimes. *They are the adversary's tools to steal from God's people, destroy ministries, and shatter the trust that holds congregations together.*

We stand in the gap.

Churches Are Under Siege

60%

of nonprofits attacked
in the past two years

\$70M

in phishing losses
FBI 2024 Report

1 in 5

churches have already been successfully
attacked. Most wouldn't know if it happened

Why Churches Are Targeted

- **Valuable Data**

Donor financial information, member PII,
children's records

- **Low Security**

Most churches have minimal or no
cybersecurity measures

- **Trust-Based Culture**

Staff conditioned to be helpful make social
engineering effective

- **Willingness to Pay**

Churches often pay ransoms to recover critical
ministry data

- **Limited Budgets**

Security rarely prioritized when funds needed
for ministry

- **Emotional Leverage**

"God's work is hindered—pay to recover"

The Cost of Undefended Gates

Real incidents. Real churches. Real devastation.

\$1,750,000 STOLEN

Hackers compromised two staff email accounts during a \$4 million renovation. For two months, the church unknowingly wired construction payments to a fraudulent account. They only learned of the theft when their contractor called asking why they hadn't been paid.

Members: 16,000 • **Accounts Compromised:** 2 • **Payments Diverted:** 2 months

OPERATIONS LOCKED

The RansomHub ransomware gang encrypted this prominent congregation's systems, disrupting operations and threatening to leak sensitive member data on the dark web. The church's live-streamed services and community outreach programs were impacted.

Threat: Data leak • **Attacker:** RansomHub

CHRISTMAS ATTACK

Days before Christmas, the BlackLock ransomware group targeted this small Southern Baptist congregation. With limited staff and no dedicated IT team, churches like this face impossible choices when attackers strike.

Annual Budget: <\$5M • **Staff:** <25

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These attacks are not random. They are spiritual

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warfare manifested in the digital realm.

— Inspired by EPHESIANS 6:12

Our Mission

What we believe. Why we fight.

MISSION

We defend the Body of Christ against spiritual warfare in the digital realm.

Churches face an adversary who seeks to steal, kill, and destroy. We stand in the gap, providing free cybersecurity protection to churches under attack while discipling technologists to fight with both prayer and penetration testing.

VISION

*Every church protected. Every digital gate defended.
The Body of Christ standing firm against
the adversary's attacks in the digital realm.*

Our Values

Integrity

Truth in every byte and every act

Stewardship

Protecting what God has entrusted

Faith

Jesus at the center of our mission

Service

Ethical hacking as service to the Church

Redemption

Reclaiming 'hacker' as a force for good

How We Defend

Comprehensive protection. Zero cost to churches.

Every service is delivered by trained Christian professionals who approach this work as both technical excellence and spiritual warfare. **Churches never pay.**

Church Cybersecurity Playbook — *Free Download*

Complete 100+ page guide with 14 ready-to-adopt security policies, incident response runbooks, staff training materials, and 30/60/90 day implementation plan. Available free at hackersforchrist.org/playbook. Licensed CC BY 4.0 for any church to use.

Security Assessment

Comprehensive 10-point review of policies, systems, and practices. Includes leadership debrief, plain-language report, and 30-day action plan.

Penetration Testing

Active, hands-on testing of defenses. Network, application, and phishing assessments. Permission-only, ethical, with remediation guidance.

Secure the Flock Workshop

90-minute faith-integrated security training. Phishing awareness, MFA, secure giving, privacy. Non-technical, accessible format.

Incident Readiness

Preparation for when (not if) an incident occurs. Backup verification, emergency protocols, tabletop exercises, response planning.

ChurchOps Missions — *Our Most Intensive Offering*

Multi-day on-site deployments where teams assess, train, and pray with church leadership. Hands-on system hardening, staff training, account security lockdown, and spiritual support. Teams arrive with technical expertise and leave having served the Body of Christ.

Your Impact

What your gift accomplishes in the spiritual battle.

Every dollar given to Hackers for Christ directly funds the defense of churches that cannot afford to protect themselves. **Your gift is an act of spiritual warfare.**

These giving levels reflect our actual costs. We are transparent stewards of every dollar entrusted to us.

\$25/mo	Monthly Partner Sustaining support that builds toward our Year 1 goal. Monthly giving provides the predictable foundation every nonprofit needs.
\$500	Guardian Covers two months of cyber liability insurance, the required coverage that allows us to legally perform security assessments for churches.
\$1,000	Sentinel Funds background checks for all 3 board members plus 4 volunteers, ensuring everyone serving churches has been properly vetted.
\$2,000	Defender Funds the complete volunteer training program: background checks, 1Password seats, Security Assessment Guidebooks, Penetration Testing Handbooks, and shipping for 10 volunteers.
\$2,900	Insurance Milestone Fully funds D&O, General Liability, and Cyber/Tech E&O insurance for the entire year. This is the critical milestone: once insurance is funded, we can legally begin serving churches.
\$5,000	Founding Patron Funds insurance plus professional tools (Burp Suite licenses, 1Password, hosting). At this level, we have the legal coverage and technical capability to begin operations.
\$17,000	Founding Year Partner Fully fund Year 1 operations: 6 churches protected, 10 volunteers trained, complete insurance coverage, professional tools, pentest infrastructure, and 20% contingency buffer. Your name listed as Founding Partner.

Year 1 Plan

Transparent stewardship of your investment.

YEAR 1 GOALS

6 Churches Protected

10 Sentinel Volunteers Trained

3 Board Members Established

Budget Transparency

Category	Amount	% of Budget
Insurance (D&O, GL, Cyber/Tech E&O)	\$2,900	17%
Contingency Buffer (20% of base)	\$2,796	17%
Technology & Tools (Burp Suite, 1Password, hosting)	\$2,638	16%
Volunteer Program (background checks, materials)	\$2,000	12%
AWS Kasm Infrastructure (pentest lab)	\$2,503	15%
Other (formation, marketing, admin, equipment, legal)	\$3,911	23%
TOTAL YEAR 1 BUDGET	\$16,776	100%

Note: No salaries. 100% volunteer leadership. Every dollar goes to protecting churches.

The Battle Doesn't Stop at Six Churches

Our Year 1 goal equips us to defend 6 congregations and train 10 Sentinels. But the adversary isn't limiting his attacks to six churches, and neither should we limit our defense. Every dollar beyond our baseline goal deploys immediately to the field: \$90 protects another church, \$210 equips another volunteer. If the Lord provides, we're ready to scale.

Our \$17,000 individual donor goal covers 100% of Year 1 operations. Corporate sponsors, foundation grants, and church partners fund growth initiatives and reserves, bringing our total Year 1 revenue target to \$29,500.

Join the Battle

Stand with us in this spiritual warfare.

GIVE ONLINE

hackersforchrist.org/donate

Secure online giving via credit card, debit, or ACH transfer

By Check

Make payable to:

Hackers for Christ Ministries Inc.

Attn: Richard Roane

1256 W Apple Pine St, Meridian, ID 83646

Wire Transfer / ACH

Contact contact@hackersforchrist.org for banking details.

Donor-Advised Funds

Recommend a grant to Hackers for Christ Ministries Inc., EIN 41-2389435

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

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