

WHAT IS A BUDGET?

What is a church budget? A church budget is a declaration of mission. It contains a number of vital ingredients.

1. A budget is the result of thought, prayer and planning. Jesus, in principle, made it very clear that before any work is undertaken the cost must first be counted (Luke 14:28-33).
2. A budget is an attempt to do things decently and in order (1 Cor. 14:40). If we do not know where we are going, we might wind up someplace else.
3. A budget is a declaration of belief and commitment to God’s work. It affirms financial support of God’s work (Matt. 6:33).
4. A budget is an act of faith. It declares trust in God relative to the future (Heb. 11:6), as well as belief in His work (Mark 16:15, 16).
5. A budget is a tool that helps each member plan his total stewardship. Giving to the church must be first (1 Cor. 4:1,2).
6. A budget is a challenge. It should stretch each member. It must be realistic, but at the same time contain enough challenge to cause each member to increase his giving.
7. A budget is an agreement. It must not be viewed as, “Their budget,” or “The church’s budget.” It must be viewed as “Our budget.”
8. A budget is a plan that brings each family together for prayer, Bible study, meditating, and planning, which leads to a “Here is what we will give, God being our helper!”

What is a church budget? Only you can answer this question. You answer through support!

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A very warm welcome to those who are visiting today! We are so glad you came and ask if you would remain after services for just a brief moment so we might get the chance to meet you and introduce ourselves to you. Again Welcome! For our members, we also would like to tell you how important each one of you are to this congregation and to the work here at University and are so glad you are a part of His Kingdom!

Have you ever thought "I can't believe you said that? I can't believe you have done that? I am upset with you and I am broken and really I don't know if we can put this back together again (Humpty Dumpty) even with all the kings horses and all the kings men. I am afraid it's to late and it's all in pieces and the question will arise "Where is God in this?"

This week it's not opposition that we will be examining, it's disagreement and that always hits a little closer to home. We will be looking again at the life of Paul and his disagreement and with someone special, Barnabas. Our text for today is found in Acts the 15th Chapter.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Brad McKinzie

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Glen Wampler

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:57
Morning Worship:96
Evening Worship:46
Mid-Week:51
Ladies Class:
Contribution:\$3,385.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,772.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Charlie Kelsey
Closing Prayer:Tommy Bowden

Scripture:James Brennan

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:David Byrd
Closing Prayer:J.L. Bolton

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Don Marcum
Closing Prayer:Joshua Sharum

WEBSITE: http://www.spreaker.com/page#!/show/university_church_of_christ_sermons

VIDEO PAGE: www.youtube.com/universitycoc2011

PRAYERS: Kenny Richardson was released from the hospital on Sunday and is at home recuperating. Leroy is having a lot of health problems and he and Pat need your prayers daily.

BUDGET MEETING: The elders, deacons and men of the congregation breakfast meeting to discuss the budget for 2013 **will be this Saturday, December 15th** at the Student Learning Center at **8:00 a.m.**

TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY is this Sunday night, December 16th, after the evening service at the Student Learning Center. Bring a gift card. There will be a \$10 limit on the card.

5TH SUNDAY - SUNDAY DECEMBER 30: University will host the 5th Sunday meeting on Sunday, December 30th at 6:00 p.m. It will be a regular service.

A CARD from Juanita Turner is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

A NOTE: We received word this week that Jaime Cook a former member here has passed away.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Shelley Brennan
- 6 - Travis McKinzie
- 9 - Jo Blair
- 13 - Eric Sharum
- 16 - Tony Salas
- 20 - Dolores Flanagan
- 26 - Dana Parrish
- 27 - Kathy Cain
- 27 - Glen Wampler
- 31 - Jerry Doughty

Dr. & Mrs. Howell Keith Parrish
request the honor of your
presence at the marriage of

Amy Lynn Parrish

to

Jack Douglas Mooney

The thirty-first of December
Two thousand twelve
Two-thirty in the afternoon

University Church of Christ
2716 SW Cornell Avenue
Lawton, Oklahoma

Reception to follow

THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME grocery truck will be back April 2013.

Shopping List

- Canned Soda
- Boxed Spanish Rice
- Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing
- Non-Food
- 39-Gallon Trash Bags
- Grape Juice
- Orange Juice

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, June Hanna, Bill & Marvenia Harrington, Leroy & Pat Horn, Dorothy Isom, Peggy Leverett, Corine Marcum, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Bobbie Prock, Chuck Ray, Brett Ross, Cae Sharum's cousin, Carol, Mary Hood the sister of Sue Peddy & Jim Cavel the cousin of Jerry Golson.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

We just recently celebrated another Thanksgiving and around this time along with the holidays coming up we reminisce and we tend to do a lot of reflecting of what we are grateful and thankful for.

I found this story not to long ago about an Indian named Squanto and his first Thanksgiving celebration with the Pilgrims. However, you might not know that over a decade before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, English traders were trading with the Indians throughout the region. An Englishman named Captain Hunter had kidnapped several Indians and sold them into slavery, one of whom was Squanto, sold into slavery in Spain. There, Squanto was bought by a Spanish monk, who treated him well, freed him from slavery, and taught him about Christianity. Eventually, Squanto made it back to England, and worked in the stables of a man named John Slaney. It was there that Squanto learned English. Upon Squanto's return home in 1618, he learned that his tribe had been wiped out from an epidemic, probably smallpox brought by early English colonists. As you might imagine, he was devastated and couldn't understand how God could allow this to happen. Shortly afterward, a friend named Samoset introduced him to the Pilgrims. Because of Squanto's history and understanding of English, Squanto was able to communicate with them. He also taught them how to survive there, how to fish, hunt, and how to plant corn. As a result, Governor William Bradford asked him to serve as his ambassador to the Indian tribes. Bradford accredited Squanto for the survival of the Pilgrim colony and saw that without God's providential hand in providing Squanto — the colony would not have survived. When you read that story you can't help but be reminded of the story of Joseph and the providence of God, even in the worst of situations. Joseph was sold into slavery, thrown into prison, accused and abused went through all those trials.... but all of these things were worked out for the purpose of saving the Jewish people. The story of the survival of the Plymouth colony rested on an Indian who was kidnapped, sold into slavery, returned home to see his tribe wiped out, and yet through these events was used by God to preserve those who came to America with this purpose, "for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith". (Mayflower Compact, November 11, 1620) Its times like these that we see Romans 8:28 see its purpose lived out and as the scripture says "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Can we look back at our own lives to see God working? Can we trust him for our future. The answer is yes for those of us who are called according to His purpose. Let's be reminded of this when trials may face us as we continue to serve Him.