

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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We welcome you to services here at University! We are glad you have come our way and want to extend a special welcome for any of those visiting. We would ask if you would remain briefly after services so we might get the chance of greeting you in person and introduce ourselves to you! Again welcome we are glad you are here.

I don't know about many of you but these past weeks have been very busy. Don't get me wrong I love this time of year I guess that's why they call it the "Hustle and Bustle" of the season. I do want to take this time to offer a special holiday greeting from my family to yours and wish everyone a great holiday spent with family and friends. We love and care for everyone of you and hope the new year will be a great one in His kingdom. Happy Holidays!

Today with all the talk about Christmas. I wanted to bring the message about Christ's birth in a different way and setting than we are used to hearing around this time of year with Sheppard's, wise men, a Star that is called the "Nativity". Today I want us to appreciate and see the importance of how he came to this earth and by that can relate to us and be our advocate as scripture points out as He was tempted in all things as we are. He knows our struggles and our infirmities. To bring our appreciation each and every week for God sending His son so we all might have hope of eternal life.

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:	90
Evening Worship:	56
Mid-Week:	48
Ladies Class:	
Contribution:	\$3,837.00
Weekly Budget:	\$4,084.00

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Weldon Flanagan
Closing Prayer:Joshua Sharum

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:.....Bryan Cain
Closing Prayer:Greg Ray

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:

Closing Prayer:

If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

PRAYERS: Kaiden Higgins, LaDonna McKinzie, Jeannie Montague, Letha Owens & Velma Shook.

WE WILL NOT BE HAVING SERVICES

Wednesday, December 25th.

DEVOTIONAL: We will have a devotional on Wednesday January 1st.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR COOKIES for MNFTM is posted on the back bulletin board. If you can bring cookies please sign up.

THE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2014 are in the foyer. Remember to not use them until the first Sunday in January the 5th.

5TH SUNDAY AREA WIDE GATHERING will be on Sunday December 29th at the University Church of Christ.

THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

The new year lies before you
Like a spotless tract of snow;
Be careful how ;you tread on it
For every mark will show

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

An artist went searching the streets of New York City for a model to pose for a portrait he wanted to call — ‘The Prodigal’. One day he was passing Central Park and saw a beggar lying on a bench and thought: ‘He’s perfect! That man would represent the prodigal son beautifully in my painting.’ He asked the man if he would be willing to sit for his painting and he would gladly pay him for his time. And the man agreed. On the day and time appointed, a man knocked on the door of the artist’s small Brooklyn studio. Excitedly, he answered his door only to find a clean-shaven young man dressed in a suit and tie standing before him. Disappointed, he said, “You must have the wrong door sir, the law office is down the hall”. “But you made an appointment with me,” the man replied. “No,” said the artist, “I don’t believe I’ve ever seen you before. I made an appointment to meet with someone else here at this hour.” “Well,” said the man, “I am that man.” “You?” said the artist, “You’re the man I saw in the park?” “Yes, he replied. After you left me last week, I found some money and thought I would get a new suit of clothes before you painted me.” “Oh,” replied the artist, “Well, you’re just not right for the job.” The man wanted to show himself a masterpiece before the artist — but the artist wasn’t looking for that. He wanted to create the masterpiece himself! Likewise, when we come to God, we must not come in our own garments of self-righteousness. We must come before him transparent, with no inhibitions, or worries, or pride. God has already seen our weaknesses and faults. We’re not hiding anything from Him anyway. The Master Artist has an appointment with us today. Let’s not come disguised as someone else. Let’s come as we are so that He can make a priceless masterpiece.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

WITH MANY GOOD WISHES

FOR THE COMING YEAR

ERIC, CAE, CALEB & JOSHUA

PAT & JERRY

DEBBIE & TYLER

& GREG

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, Leroy & Pat Horn, Corine Marcum, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Jeannie Montague, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Chuck Ray, Cae’s cousin, Carol, Sue Peddy’s sister, Mary Hood, Jerry Golson’s sister, Linda Harshberger who has cancer, and Chris & Nicole Hall who are going through adoption proceedings and Shane McLaury’s cousin Ross Taylor who has throat cancer.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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