

# Local Church Budget



“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

There are typical verses that we tend to look for when we talk about stewardship. But true stewardship has its origin in creation. Not in the part where God gave Adam the job of taking care of the world, but even earlier than that. Stewardship really starts where the Bible tells us that, “in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”.

Why is this verse so important? Because it establishes the truth that God is the originator of everything we have. He is the Creator of the Earth that we live on, the bodies that carry us around and the food that nourishes us. All we have, all we are and all we will become are because God chose to create.

Every time we give an offering, every time we use our talents and skills to

serve God and every time we give up our personal time or energy, we are worshipping God and declaring that He is the Creator of all and that all we have comes from Him. As we give today it's not just a matter of putting money in the offering bag, but a declaration and recognition that all we have comes from God and we desire to use all we've been blessed with in service to Him.

## Appeal

Our offering today is for our local budget, to support the ministries and activities that work to connect our local community with our Creator God.

## Prayer

Dear God, humble our hearts this morning as we prepare to give. Amen.

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