

Local Church Budget



“The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. And the Lord God said, ‘The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever’.” Genesis 3:21 (NIV)

After creating the Earth and then entrusting it to the care of humankind, God presented humanity with the ultimate act of love; the choice to disobey. When Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil it showed that God had not created robots or slaves but free-thinking, choice-making humankind that could choose to disobey if they willed. In His mercy, however, God had a plan for humanity if they should decide that that choice was a mistake.

This plan was the ultimate act of generosity—God giving up His own Son so that humanity could have a second chance and be reconciled to Him. Each time we give, it reminds us of the ultimate gift, salvation to

humanity. Each time we give we are also reminded of the impact our generosity can have to ensure that others hear about the saving love of Jesus Christ.

The ministries of our local church will be receiving our offering today. This is important because it's through these different ministries that those who don't know Jesus have an opportunity to get to know what He sacrificed for them.

Appeal

As we reflect on how God planned the ultimate gift for us, let's be challenged to plan our giving in return.

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the incredibly generous gift of salvation. Amen.

15
JUN