

Local Church Budget



“... you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:5 (NIV)

What is the church? If you were to ask the average person on the street, “What is the church?” they might reply, “It’s a building where Christians meet for worship services”. But we as Christians know that the church is much more than a building—it is a gathering of people. 1 Peter 2:5 says that we are living stones being built into a spiritual building. The Holy Spirit lives inside us. We are literally God’s temple.

There are different types of buildings and different types of building materials: foundation stones, windows, shingles and other parts that each have unique functions and purposes. Shingles don’t make good windows, and windows don’t make good foundations, but in their roles, they are indispensable. Paul related this in 1 Corinthians 12, using the metaphor of the body, each part with a different, important role.

What would this building be without all of its valuable parts? What if you were missing body parts? You would be less able to function. The same with the church, which is made up of people. Without everyone doing their parts, we would not be able to function. And just as arms or legs get weak and atrophy without exercise, so individual Christians grow weak without using their gifts.

Each ministry, every volunteer plays an important role in building our church.

Appeal

Today, we have the opportunity to contribute to the body of the church as we collect an offering for our local church budget.

Prayer

Dear God, thank You that we have the church, a place to come and meet together, worship You and be inspired as we reach out to others. Amen.

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