

Local Church Budget

July 6, 2024

Fireworks brilliantly light up the darkest sky when they are set off. My family and I go to see firework displays in the summer time, and it is a truly exciting activity for my children. My favorite kind of fireworks are when we are able to see them over water by our local beach. That way, they are not only brilliant in the sky, but they are also brilliantly displayed in the reflection in the water.

The word of God tells us, “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” says Matthew 5:14-16. One bright light we have as Christians is our ability to pray for one another. When we pray for others and let them know they are being prayed for, it can be a bright light in someone’s day. I have seen prayer change the course of someone’s life.

Would you partner with our church being a “town built on a hill” both in your prayers and your giving? Today’s offering goes to the local church budget. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to help our church.

World Budget

July 13, 2024

When the Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized in 1863, it had only 3,500 members. Now there are over 21 million Adventist members worldwide. Thanks to your generous mission offerings, prayers, and personal involvement, the Seventh-day Adventist Church shares the love of Jesus in more than 200 countries around the world with 153,253 congregations meeting every Sabbath, 7,792 schools, and over 700 health care institutions. All of this has been made possible due to the “Revolutionary Generosity” of our faithful members.

Revelation 18:1-2 says, “After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen’...”

The Adventist church has a special message to wake up the world and invite people to leave Babylon and join the “Remnant Church” who keep the commandments and have the testimony of Jesus.

Thank you for funding the mission to preach the three angels’ messages. Today’s offering is for the World Budget. As you give your offering today, remember to pray for God’s Spirit to touch lives so people can prepare for Jesus’ soon return.

Local Church Budget

July 20, 2024

One day several years ago, while I was teaching one of my college communications courses, a student of mine entered the classroom after the lesson had already begun. She looked visibly tired and in bad shape, and I decided to not make a big deal about her coming in late. Later, after class, the student came to my office to explain their tardiness. “I got the news that my parent died this morning, and I just didn’t know where to go.” My heart sank, but I also felt a spark of hope at that moment. I grieved with my student for the great loss the family was experiencing. I also praised God that while this student was away from her home, she saw our classroom as a safe space for her to find refuge.

The church can be that place for many people as well. When we walk in each Sabbath we are not always aware of the burdens that those around us are carrying into church. A church is more than a building – a church is us, the people, who lean on one another to help create that safe space for others to share their burdens. The Bible instructs us in Galatians 6:2 to “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ”. Today’s offering is for our local church budget.

Combined Youth Ministries

July 27, 2024

What is evangelism? One definition is, “The act of preaching the gospel with the intention of sharing the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.” There are many ways to preach the gospel that include singular and group approaches. The Iowa-Missouri Conference is vibrant and alive with Youth Ministries from Adventures to Sunnydale Adventist Academy. Our youth ministries are actively engaging our children to grow in Jesus and share His love with others. Today’s offering for Combined Youth Ministries supports the Youth department and k-12 education. Youth ministries are Adventure clubs, Pathfinder clubs, Camp Heritage, elementary schools, and Sunnydale Adventist Academy.

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

Today you are invited to return your offerings for the support of our children. Please consider giving to Combined Youth Ministries on a monthly basis. Our offerings combined with the hours of ministry by teachers, camp, adventure, and Pathfinder staff, make an eternal difference in the lives of God’s children!