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Local Church Budget

One Sabbath morning, the deacon-in-charge arrived at church only to discover standing water in the church basement.

He began making phone calls. "There are several inches of water in the basement! Can you come to help clean up the mess?"

Most of the deacons changed from their Sabbath clothes to flannel shirts and jeans and hurried to the church. They gathered sump pumps, hoses, extension cords, and began to drain the water. They closed all the waterlines to make sure it wasn't a frozen line that ruptured.

When they first heard the news, some members worried about the coming repair bills. "How will we be able to pay for this?" they asked one another.

However, the head deacon smiled and reassured them, "Our church emergency repair fund will take care of the expense. We have money set aside for unexpected events like this."

The members were thankful that through their faithful giving to the church budget in the past, there did not need to be any delay in getting repairs. The head deacon made a call to the local construction firm that Monday. Within two weeks, the workers had repaired the damage.

The congregation could once again meet in their fellowship hall and Sabbath School classrooms.

The Bible says, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8