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Local Church Budget

The new pastor arrived early in the week for a tour of the church and school. When the deacon showed the new pastor the sanctuary, he gasped.

“What happened here?” he asked. There were large streaks of watermarks running down the walls on two sides of the sanctuary.

“Long story short, it’s a budget issue,” the deacon replied.

After the tour, the pastor thanked the deacon and went home. As he prayed about the situation, the Lord pressed his heart that he must find some way to restore God’s house of worship. A couple of verses came to mind. “Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.... Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there.” Deuteronomy 12:8, 11

His first Sabbath, after the conference president introduced him, the pastor stood still and looked at the walls of the church. The eyes of the members followed the eyes of the pastor as he scanned the walls. “Beginning next week, we shall work together as a church. We shall restore God’s Holy Temple,” he said to the congregation. The church erupted with praise!

The next Sabbath, the pastor placed an offering in the plate. He asked the congregation to join him and give to the church budget. Six weeks later, they completed the repairs. The church renewed God’s house of worship.