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### **Local Church Budget**

A church member lost his job when his company downsized. He knew that for weeks he would be without food and without the ability to pay his bills. He told the pastor about his situation.

The pastor said, "You are not alone. About a third of our congregation's members have gone through tough times. Our church can assist you for a month or two to give you time to get back on your feet.

The church board requested his rent and utility bills. It shocked this man that the church would give, not loan, the money to help pay the bills.

The pastor shared this text. "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40

Weeks later, the man found another job. He wanted to repay what the church had done for him.

The pastor pointed out a line item in the church budget called Emergency Fund. This explained how the church had assisted him and his family.

When you give to the church budget, a part of the offering goes to help church members in time of need. By contributing to the church budget, you are helping to provide resources to those in crisis—one day this may even be you! Today, when we give to the local church budget, we are supporting all the ministries of the church.