

Giving Notes

Budget Development

Each year Trinity Hills Baptist Church prepares a budget for the following year. Due to the Fall being so event driven, we develop our budget in the Spring.

The church budget considers the purpose and goals of the church leadership and chooses how to use church resources to implement those goals. During the month of May the church members have an opportunity to make revisions to the planned budget. There is an opportunity during a called business meeting when members are asked for their ideas. Then at a second called business meeting the budget is adopted by church vote.

The church budget should be a reasonable approximation of reality, not exaggerated hope. The budget and now we develop it should let every member have a chance to participate. It must be the budget of the church, not just the budget of leadership.

The church budget serves as a major management tool in church ministry during the year. It is prepared by men and women of faith chosen by the church.

Faith has a place in the budget development, but assumption does not. “**Faith**” is hearing from God and adopting his plans. “**Assumption**” is adopting our plans and expecting God to support us. (Exodus 40:36 & 37)

All budgeted money is handled by church lay leadership; your ministers do not have any budgeted funds to control. The church is organized into five “**Ministries**” and three “**Committees**.” These are church members you elect each year. All expenses must be approved by the responsible “**Ministries**” or “**Committees**” before allowed.