



FINANCIAL CONNECTION

It is the goal of the OroNaz Finance Team to keep this church family updated on our financial blessing and challenges. Through this expanded Financial Connection we will share biblical teachings that direct the decisions made by the CLT and we hope you can find application to your life as well.

This month, we'll focus on living an *intentional life*.

In the course of Jesus's ministry, He taught a crowd regarding "The Cost of being a Disciple".

"And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?" Luke 14:27-28

Christ calls us to behave differently than those of this world, which means as followers of Christ what we do and how we act is often in stark contrast from our peers. Before beginning any task, disciples of Christ should consider what it will take to bring the task to fruition. Christ calls us to be intentional with every aspect of our lives even though it's not always easy to do so. Nonetheless, our example of taking deliberate care and time to follow His commands in all areas of life carries God's design of *intentionality* into a fallen world that is otherwise driven by self-serving instant gratification. Being intentional with our finances can be very challenging. These verses in Luke are instructing Christians to make proactive financial decisions rather than reactive choices. For example, utilizing a personal budget that is in line with Jesus' teaching promotes intentional gospel living. Using a personal budget is literally *counting the cost* of what it will take to get through every month and every year. Using a gospel centered personal budget is our way of exercising our intentional living for God's purposes above our own.

As you proactively steward what the Lord has given you, you may hear what every steward wants to hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25:21)

May is the 3rd month of the annual budget year that runs March 2022 to February 2023. Thank you for your continued financial commitment; it is a testament to what God is doing in us and through us.

Our Pastor, CLT, Treasurer (Joey McCoy) and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback. Please email the Finance Team at finance@oronaz.org to start a conversation.

Projected budget March 2022-February 2023:	\$775,714
Needed for Month –May 2022	\$64,642
Giving for May 2022	\$52,370
Expenses paid in May 2022	\$64,054
Needed Year to Date	\$193,926
Giving Year to Date	\$164,094
Expenses Paid Year to Date	\$191,503

Please note: The CLT wants to steward the finances well at OroNaz by always spending less than we receive in Tithes and Offerings. In order to cover the necessary expenses of our church and operations in April, the CLT transferred funds from Reserve Savings. It is our hope that Tithes and Offerings will provide for our church body going forward.

Shares for Others Paid Year to Date	
World Evangelism Fund	\$8,467
Pensions & Benefits	\$3,638
Education	\$3,638
District Ministries	\$6,467

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