



FINANCIAL CONNECTION

It is the goal of the OroNaz Finance Team to keep this church family updated on our financial blessings 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.

Happy New Year! So many times, the new year brings a desire to change habits or start something new. This is not a modern concept, as we see in Philippians 3:13b Paul writes, *“But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.”* Because we live as a church family, we can forge ahead together and discover what God has prepared for us. As part of moving forward this year you might have a desire and need to do better with your finances. God’s word can provide wisdom in that area.

“The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.” (Proverbs 21:5)

Seems fairly straightforward, those who are intentional in their financial decisions will be better off than those who are reactionary. But changing old habits into new lifelong patterns that can withstand the uncertainty and difficulties of life can be overwhelming. Here are some ways that you can be intentional with your finances in this new year:

- Tithe and give offerings (Leviticus 27:30)
- Have a financial plan—a budget (Luke 14:28-30)
- Plan ahead for known expenses (1 Corinthians 16:2)
- Have an emergency fund for unknown expenses (Genesis 41:34-36)
- Prioritize your spending (Proverbs 24:27)
- Avoid debt (Proverbs 22:7b)
- Diversify your investments (Ecclesiastes 11:2)

If you have struggled in the past with having or maintaining biblically healthy habits with personal finances, that list may seem daunting, but there's good news: you are never alone when you are in prayer!

"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7a)

This verse reminds us that we outwardly reflect what we inwardly think and dwell upon. We must think and dwell on God's methods of managing money. So open your heart to God in prayer, expressing your concerns and desire to form new patterns. Ask him to help you choose one of these topics above and read God's word. Dwell and think about what that might look like in your life. Develop a plan, share it with a trusted brother or sister in Christ and act it out. In time, the more you think about God's methods for living intentionally with personal finances, the easier it will become and the more you will reflect His image to the world around you.

December is the 10th month of the annual budget year that runs March 2025 to February 2026. 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 2025-February 2026:	\$637,218
Needed per budget for December 2025	\$53,102
Giving for December 2025	\$51,149
Expenses paid in December 2025	\$58,987

Shares for Others Paid Year to Date

World Evangelism Fund	\$27,446
Nazarene Benefits	\$9,991
Education	\$13,426
District Ministries	\$24,039