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## **“I AM YOUR CHURCH BUDGET”**

This week I want to let our church budget have a say as we contemplate our response to our Stewardship Education Series titled: **“Celebrate God: Return God’s Gifts!”**

**Through me, families are launched in marriage, persons are baptized, and the young are trained in Christian character.**

**I provide a Church School and youth activities for your children.**

**I provide music to enrich your worship, and preaching and pastoral services to help you live more nobly.**

**I heat and cool your church building and keep it in repair for your comfort and use. I do your custodial work.**

**I reach out to your community and country, preaching, teaching, and healing, in Christ’s name.**

**I help to train ministers in the seminaries, and I provide assistance to those who retired after years of faithful service to God through the Church.**

**It is through me that the sick find spiritual strength, the troubled and the discouraged are steadied.**

**I go out into the wide world, preaching the gospel in every language. I carry the Word to people of every race, color, and clan.**

**I am your Budget. Believe in me; support me that I may carry on in your name. With your help I make possible all of these services. As the budget, I am you at work.**

**But I do need your help. I do need your support. Without your pledges to provide a foundation for me, I am helpless. Your pledges are my underpinning, my supporting walls.**

**I am your money, your prayer, your concern translated into action. I can do only what you through pledges make it possible for me to do.**

**So, let’s remember to keep up our pledges. THANKS!**

As the minister of Salado UMC, I want to say how proud I am of so many of our member’s financial commitment to the church of Jesus Christ. I wanted “our budget” to speak to us about those things which we as God’s church do, week in and week out to help bring God’s Realm a little closer to reality. May God continue to help us do our part.

**Come, Worship  
Stay, Learn  
Go, Serve**