

Local Church Budget

God opens doors we can't imagine. A small church and school decided to start a building project. They contracted a local architect to design the project. The architect priced the construction cost at \$75,000. The quoted price was within the local church's saved budget. The project commenced, but the excavation cost of the building site was higher than expected. The church realized that the project was significantly underestimated and that they lacked sufficient funds.

The contractor abandoned the project and the architect left the area. "What are we going to do now?" asked the church members. They decided to pray. There was no miraculous descent of dollar bills from the sky. Yet, something happened. A church member started a fundraiser for the needed funds. The church members saw that she needed help and offered to work with her. This brought the church together. Her project succeeded in providing more than \$36,000 a year and sparked a growth in unity, faith, and trust. Tithes and offerings increased. The church grew. Within a few years, the church completed a million-dollar project and saw what God can and will do when people unite, humble themselves, and pray.

Today's offering is for the local church budget. Let us unite, pray, and ask God to show us a miracle. Let us become accessories to this miracle by returning faithfully His tithes and offerings.