



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.

This week we'll consider the origins of being a *cheerful giver*.

Here at OroNaz, you will consistently see and hear leadership emphasize 2 Corinthians 9:7 during the morning service when collecting tithes and offerings:

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

The root of being a cheerful giver goes back to when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt and Pharaoh would not allow them to leave. As a result, God brought ten plagues upon the Egyptians, the final plague being the Plague of The Firstborn. Only through the blood of a blameless lamb were the Israelites passed over during the plague. As Israel fled captivity in Egypt, but before crossing the Red Sea, the Lord told Moses to commit every firstborn to the Lord. Moses explained to the Israelites:

" 'In the days to come, when your son asks you, "What does this mean?" say to him, "With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to the Lord the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons." And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that the Lord brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand,' " (Exodus 13:14-16)

We need to remember, the Old Testament and the Old Covenant always point

to Christ as the New Covenant. In the same way Israel was passed over during the Plague of The Firstborns through the blood of a blameless lamb, we too are saved from our own bondage and sin through the Perfect Lamb. God sent His only son, His firstborn son, as a sacrifice so that He could redeem us all. Jesus is God’s tithe. For this reason, we can rejoice and *gladly* give back to the One who has redeemed us all.

Tithing to the church is an act of worship that allows each of us to step into a faith walk with our loving Father. We return the first ten percent of our income, knowing that God will redeem and bless the remaining ninety percent.

Thank you OroNaz family for your continued faithfulness in your financial giving. We are a truly blessed congregation. As our hearts turn to God and we *give cheerfully* from a place of love and not obligation, “...God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8.

January is the 11th 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 –January 2023	\$64,642
Giving for January 2023	\$51,666
Expenses paid in January 2023	\$61,102
Needed Year to Date	\$730,982
Giving Year to Date	\$654,886
Expenses Paid Year to Date	\$701,720

Shares for Others Paid Year to Date	
World Evangelism Fund	\$34,031
Pensions & Benefits	\$13,922
Education	\$13,922
District Ministries	\$24,751