

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 *God the Provider*.

After the Israelites escaped Egypt, they found themselves in the desert. Exodus 16:2 reads, *"In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron."* There wasn't much to eat or drink but the Lord provided manna, quail, and water for the Israelites. Everyday, the whole camp would gather manna in the morning and quail in the evening. If the Israelites gathered more than just the day's provision, the food would spoil. Only in preparation for the Sabbath were the Israelites able to gather food for two days. This was not the menu some had hoped for as they escaped Egypt, but it was life sustaining until they reached the Promised Land...forty years later. This day-to-day dependence on God is further explained in Exodus 16:4, *"In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions."*

In the same way, Christians are called to have this same daily dependence on *God the Provider*. God has given, or will give, you everything you need to be the person He has called you to be. However, what are we supposed to do when we don't receive something we *think we need*?

In a recent Podcast, Pastor Craig Groeschel said, "I would say that, yes, God often guides by what He provides. I would also suggest to you that God also guides by what He withholds. God often may withhold something that you think that you want to help you see something that you would not see otherwise."

When we combine the passage in Exodus with Pastor Groeschel's words and a financial lens, what are we to think? Just as the Israelites could not gather more than a day's provisions, we cannot rely too much on ourselves because we fall short or our efforts are spoiled. In the desert the Israelites developed a sense of daily dependence on *God's provision*; we, too, need to remember that

God provides in the day-to-day happenings (not just the BIG events). If you find yourself in a season of withholding or trying to gather more than just the day’s provision, lean into prayer and ask the Heavenly Father for clarity, direction, and surrender to *his provision*.

The Finance Team at OroNaz strives to be as transparent as possible when it comes to how we steward God’s finances. Over the years, OroNaz has experienced tough financial times that feel like the desert; a season of withholding. The first quarter of 2026, however, has shown tithes and offerings received are generally meeting the anticipated amounts our team and the CLT based the annual budget on. We are so thankful for your continued faithfulness as we strive to meet the needs of our pastors, campus, congregation and community. Whatever the season, this passage in Exodus 16:4 remains a guiding principle: *“In this way I will test them and see whether they follow my instructions.”*

The instructions are simple: know that *God provides* everything you need, every single day. Steward that which has been given to you and trust in *God’s provision* for your life.

June is the 4th month of the annual budget year that runs March 2026 to February 2027. 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 2026-February 2027	\$648,448
Needed for June 2026	\$54,037
Giving for June 2026	\$35,515
Expenses paid in June 2026	\$51,692

Shares for Others Paid Year to Date:

World Evangelism Fund	\$14,483
Nazarene Benefits	\$4,052
Education	\$5,065
District Ministries	\$10,131