

September 5, 2026

### **Local Church Budget**

Being able to work is a blessing from God that brings benefits. When God created the earth He placed our fore-parents there and gave them work because He knew of the benefits that would be gained from engaging in it. God instructed Adam to work and watch over the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:15). Being diligent in working would bring an abundance (Proverbs 14:23), it would bring satisfaction (Proverb 13:4), and it would bring wealth (Proverbs 10:4).

As Labor Day approaches, we are reminded that being able to work is a blessing from God. Therefore, as we worship today, let us thank Him that we can work and return to His cause a portion of what He has provided for us.

Our loose offering for today is for the local church budget. Let's pray...

September 12, 2026

### **World Budget (Emphasis: Radio Ministries)**

God's plan for the support of His work on this earth is through the tithe and freewill offerings of His people. Today's offering is for the World Budget department of Radio Ministries.

Adventist radio ministries have had a profound global impact, reaching people in places where traditional mission work is limited or impossible. ***Radio waves go where missionaries cannot go.*** Romans 10:17 says, "So, then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Through your offering today, many people will be reached by hearing the Adventist message on their radios. Many radio listeners will enroll in Bible correspondence schools or request in-person visits. Many will hear hope-filled messages. In times of uncertainty, faith-based radio brings peace and spiritual comfort.

Besides Adventist Word Radio (AWR), the Adventist church supports radio stations and programs around the world that reach people with the distinctive, Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist message of hope and wholeness.

Let's pray...

September 19, 2026

### **Local Church Budget**

In 1982, a small nine-student church school ended the school year with a \$4,000 deficit. The conference asked the local church to honor the debt or the school would be shut down.

The new pastor arrived in September. When made aware of the situation, he asked the treasurer and head elder, “What plans are in place to retire the debt?”

They responded, “We don’t have the money; we don’t know what to do.” With only two months to raise the funds, the local pastor reminded the congregation of their need to fulfill their promise and clear the debt.

An anonymous donor announced that he was willing to donate two months’ worth of his salary (half the outstanding debt) if the church would match the rest. The next Sabbath the treasurer passionately pled, “This is a wonderful opportunity we cannot let pass. Folks, we need to match this generous gift!” Her enthusiasm jolted the local church into action. Donations poured in and the debt was retired. Today, that school is a thriving K-12 institution.

Today’s loose offering is for our church budget. Let’s step out in faith to support the ministry God has called us to in our local church. Let’s pray...

September 26, 2026

### **Wisconsin Conference Budget**

God creates and operates in systems. One such system is the tithing system. The tithing system was used to support the Levites who maintained the tabernacle (Numbers 18:24). In our era, the equivalent of the Levites would be those who devote their lives to preaching the gospel. Ellen White writes, “The tithe is set apart for a special use. It is not to be regarded as a poor fund. It is to be especially devoted to the support of those who are bearing God’s message to the world; and it should not be diverted from this purpose” (Ellen G. White, *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 103).

As we worship God today, let’s all commit to continue supporting God’s work in tithes and offerings, both at the local church and the wider field of our local conference.

Let’s pray...