



Moving ministries forward, *together.*

Money Talk

"Just as what a person does with finances cannot be separated from the person's faith in Jesus Christ, what a congregation does with finances cannot be separated from the spiritual life of the congregation." Rev. Charles Lane

1. Strive for first person pronouns: "We do this and we do that."
2. Focus on faith and finances: What does scripture tell us about our relationship with money? What does Jesus say about money?
3. Tell a different story: Move beyond the numbers of the church budget to the narrative. What kind of story does your church budget tell? What ministry is happening when money is spent in a certain way?
4. Get personal: To change how people behave with money, you must understand how they feel about money. How can the church provide space to listen, learn, and engage with people on the topic of money?
5. Counter our culture: "Money talk" in America often leads to overspending, overconsumption, and debt. Fight this by sharing how money:
 - Changes lives through the ministries the church supports
 - Helps meet the needs of neighbors/the community/the world
 - Transforms the giver
 - Impacts the giver's relationship with God
6. Rearrange: When people encountered Jesus, their priorities changed. What are the church's priorities? (If they don't have anything to do with Jesus, start there.) What are the church's **financial** priorities? Do **those** have anything to do with Jesus? (If not, what needs to be rearranged so that they do?) Then invite the congregation on the journey:
 - Bible stories of how people's lives were changed when they met Jesus, how their priorities were different as a result
 - How the church is living this/doing this work
 - How the congregation can do the same