



Church Budgeting vs. Spending Plans

Tuesday, August 15, 2017
noontime at First Presbyterian Church, Greer
6:30 p.m. at Easley Presbyterian Church

Guiding Principles:

- Narrative Budgets
- Zero-Based Budgeting
- Realism
 - review of prior 3 years' plans
 - honest assessment of congregation's mood

Income:

- Impacts of changes to the rolls
 - new members and consistent visitors
 - deaths and relocations and dismissals
- Investment Income
- Other Income

Expenditures:

- People:
 - Board of Pensions implications
- Place:
 - mortgage implications, especially variable-rate mortgages
 - maintenance – vs. benchmarks and considering deferred maintenance
- Program:
 - alignment with Annual Ministry Plan

Monitoring:

- Process:
 - committee (micro) and Session (macro)
 - transparency vs. familiarity vs. competence
- Tools:
 - periodic reports: summary vs. detailed
 - information systems
- Action Plans:
 - Importance of “triggers”

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