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Local Church Budget

“The Church is on fire!”

We can talk about being “on fire” as a good thing. But when flames and fire trucks appear, a church on fire is never good news!

Once the fire was out and the immediate crisis over, the church members met to make plans for how to meet the emergency. They gave offering appeals for repairs. The work of restoration began at once.

But there was another special need. The Pathfinder club, with about 50 children, wanted to attend the Camporee that year. At first, they asked for permission to raise funds from resources outside the church. The board granted permission. The young people began asking for donations from family and friends. They wrote letters to aunts, uncles, cousins, and neighbors. Little by little, the Pathfinder funds arrived.

The last Sabbath before the deadline for the Camporee, the Pathfinder club still fell somewhat short of their goal. In spite of the focus on the fire restoration, the pastor gave a special appeal for the Pathfinder club. The congregation responded, and the Pathfinders had the funds needed for the Camporee.

The Pathfinders didn't know that it was impossible for them to raise the funds within months. They had faith God would bless. Their motto was Matthew 19:26. “But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.” Today, let us remember that what seems impossible becomes possible when a church works together to support the local church budget.