

**April 3, 2021**

### **Local Church Budget**

The greatest gift a person ever receives is the gift of life. Each child differs from every other child.

When the time came for one father's only daughter to be born, there were complications. She had the umbilical cord tied around her neck three times. The doctor had to push her back to untie the cord.

When the doctor delivered her, she looked different. She was purple. The nurses grabbed her and supplied oxygen to her lungs. She seemed lifeless. Then she twitched, and then she cried. Tears ran down the father's face as he saw her turn from purple, to soft red, and to a healthy peach in color. He thanked the Lord for bringing life into his princess.

Just then he saw a glimpse of the cross. He felt a little of how our Father must have felt seeing His Son on the cross.

God's heart must have broken while watching His Son go through so much pain and agony to save us. The greatest gift our Heavenly Father gave us was His son. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Today, as we give to local budget, let us remember why we give. Because of your personal giving, these funds are used to share the good news of the Cross with others. We bring a message of hope to a world in need of a Savior.