



Alternative Tithing Ideas

Build a Wall in the Church Lobby/Narthex—

Use a construction theme such as "buy a brick" or "pave the way" and have a wall where people can select different donation amounts printed on paper bricks or pavers to give toward your tithe.

Have a beam signing. Contact Habitat for a beam to be used in the home. Place the beam in a prominent location and have your group sign it with a donation basket nearby

Collect Change.

Did you know that a 5 gallon water jug can hold approximately 38,000 pennies? That's \$388! If you fill the 5 gallon bucket with quarters— you can raise over \$4,000!



Involve Youth & Families

Many churches have asked how youth who are too young to be on an active worksite can help the Faith Build. Fundraising is a great opportunity to get them involved!

Create a calendar using items related to being in a home "place 5 cents for every light switch in your home". This activity will help children connect what they are raising to building a home and help them realize how much they have in their own lives. (See sample on Habitat Lenawee's website!)

Have a bake sale or spaghetti supper- children love to help in the baking, decorating, cooking, and, let's be honest, "taste-testing" of the final product! This activity is fun, incorporates families working together, and everyone wins because the donors get a sweet treat!

Do you have teens looking to help raise funds? What about a babysitting night at church? Teens (and a few adult supervisors) volunteer their services, a minimal babysitting cost is determined, and funds raised can be donated to the Faith Build.

Start Small with a Fundraising Challenge:

Can all members donate \$1.00 to the Faith Build Habitat collection? Can all members be challenged to ask one friend or family member to donate \$1.00? If each person donates \$1.00 themselves and \$1.00 from a friend or family, that is a GREAT kick-off to your efforts!

If people respond to that challenge, try weekly challenges of fundraising \$5.00 or asking five friends or family.

These are just a few ideas. We'd love to hear your ideas too!

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