



Book budget development resources...

Suggested book budget for a church with 0-50 members: **\$60 per month**

The Pastor's Library surveyed over 1800 pastors and church members about pastor's book budgets. This budget amount reflects a budget for a small church and is the equivalent of reading 3 to 5 books per month as a part of pastoral studies.

Fast facts about pastoral book budgets:

46% of surveyed pastors with a book budget have not seen their budget for purchasing print and electronic resources increase in the last 5 years.

32% of surveyed pastors with a book budget have never seen their book budget increase.

61% surveyed pastors with a book budget say that the books they typically buy are more expensive now than when they started as a pastor.

89% of surveyed pastors use somewhere between 0-10 books in a typical week to prepare for sermons and conduct personal study. Many of these pastors said they would use more books for their studies, but they could not afford more.

47% of surveyed pastors who do not have a book budget must spend out of their own pocket to purchase books for their pastoral library.

Important reasons to develop your pastor's book budget:

HIGHER COSTS

Many pastoral book budgets have remained stagnant over the last 5 years, even as the cost of needed resources has seen a noticeable increase in price. Often, pastors find they cannot purchase the books all of the books they need with their existing budgets.

MOVEMENT TOWARD BIBLE SOFTWARE

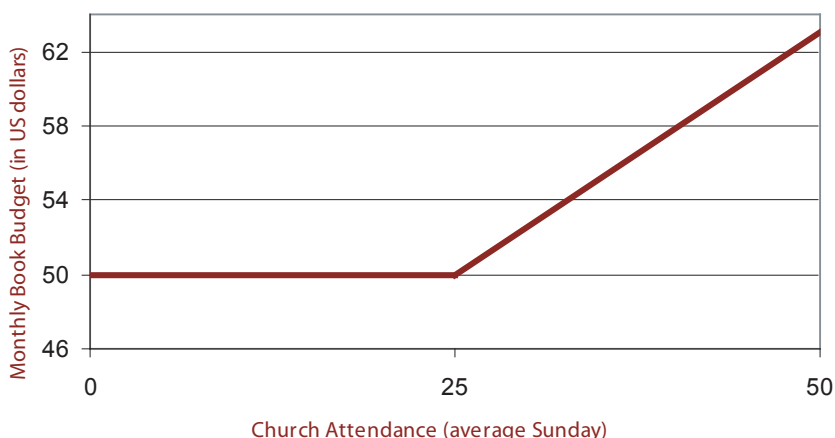
Over half of pastors with book budgets project they will spend 40% or more of their book budgets on software or electronic books in the next two years. Purchasing Bible software may seem intimidating at first because of cost, but by developing a book budget, pastors and churches can invest with confidence in a tool that will save time and provide immense benefits for pastoral studies.

GROWING CHURCHES

Pastors of growing churches often face increased demands on their time and important new responsibilities. Churches should provide the means for pastors to succeed; this includes an adequate, appropriate pastoral book budget.

More facts and tips for developing your pastor's book budget:

Church Attendance of 0-50



Book budget tips for a small church:

- Reevaluating and expanding your book budget can help your church focus its spending on what's important.
- Small churches should purchase resources that will continue to benefit the studies of the church and pastor in the years to come. Resources should be reusable and versatile for many topics.
- Book budgets allow churches to plan ahead, making larger purchases more realistic, including investments in Bible software.
- When pastors have adequate book budgets, churches are better equipped to grow as they study the Bible. Expanding the pastor's budget may be an easy way to your pastor's Bible studies and will benefit the whole congregation.

For more budgeting tools, visit www.ThePastorsLibrary.com!