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Key Areas to Consider

- Accounting ease of use
- Contributions ease of use
- Payables ease of use
- Payroll ease of use

Accounting Software to Consider

- QuickBooks Online (what we support at SBTF)
 - Very popular software used by the secular world
 - Great pricing opportunity due to TechSoup (need denominational letter)
 - \$80/year 1st year, then upgraded to Advanced for \$180/yr for subsequent years
 - Integrates with other software tools (payroll, giving platforms, etc.)
 - Works well with Net Asset Accounting (GAAP); does not work well with Fund Accounting (Non-GAAP)



Accounting Software to Consider

- Aplos
- Shelby Next
- ACS (Old version)
- Realm Financials(ACS new version)
- Church Trac



Contribution Software to Consider

- Planning Center Online (Our primary Recommendation)
- PushPay
- Subsplash Giving
- Realm
- Shelby (Ministry Brands)
- Tithe.ly
- (be sure to stay aware of these companies financial condition, one failed in 2024 and harmed several Churches)



Payables Software to Consider

- Fun area of development for many Churches
 - Removes need for run checks; check stock; have internal person to sign checks
- RAMP (our recommendation)
- BILL.com and Bill Spend
- Expensify
- Concur



Payroll Issues to Consider

- Not worth it to do this internally
- Usually, a point of pain because of how it was setup
- Must be done correctly, every time
- Solution = outsource to a payroll processing company!
- Outsource service provider should integrate with your software or provide JE



Outsourced Accounting

- Relatively new thought in Church Accounting
- Relies up cloud-based accounting software
 - In the past, we used dedicated logins to computers at Church sites
- Highly depends on timing of transitions
- Has positives and negatives to consider

Positives to Outsourced Accounting

- Can significantly lower labor costs
- Encourages changes to systems that simplify things
- No interruptions due to illness/vacation schedules
- Predictable results monthly (reports issued on time)



Negatives to Outsourcing Accounting

- Change from existing process can be disruptive
- Have to consider how to realign existing staff
- Unwillingness for some staff or oversight groups to change



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