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EXPLORING CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS

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SESSION GOALS

- Introduce key church management software options

- Compare features, integrations, and pricing

- Help leaders make informed decisions

- Provide opportunity to connect with peers on their experiences

WHAT IS CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE (CHMS)?

DEFINITION
Software designed to manage administrative tasks (membership records, contributions, communication, events, etc.).

WHAT IS CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE (CHMS)?

WHY IT MATTERS

- ☑ Saves time
- ☑ Improves data accuracy
- ☑ Enhances communication with members
- ☑ Provides additional safety and security integrations

CORE FEATURES TO LOOK FOR

FEATURE	WHAT IT DOES
Membership Database	Track member profiles & attendance
Giving & Contributions	Online giving/fund reporting
Event Management	Registrations & scheduling
Communication Tools	Email, text, push notifications
Volunteer Coordination	Rosters & scheduling
Security & Permissions	Protect sensitive data
Service Planning	Plan and structure worship services

WHY COMPARE PLATFORMS?

- Each church has unique needs
- Cost vs. value varies widely
- Ease of use affects adoption
- Integration with existing tools matters

TOP CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE OPTIONS

planning center

breeze IS NOW Tithe.ly

realm

churchtrac

SUBSPLASH®

planning center

KEY FEATURES

- Modular system (People, Services, Giving, Groups)

- Great for worship planning

- Highly scalable

- Donation management

INTEGRATIONS

- SongSelect, Mailchimp, MinistrySafe, others

PRICING

Base platform free *(each module has a monthly fee)*

BEST FOR

Medium to larger churches

Teams planning multi-service worship

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KEY FEATURES

- ◉ Simple user experience
- ◉ Strong people database
- ◉ Online giving built in
- ◉ Website and mobile app features
- ◉ Easy data transfer

INTEGRATIONS

- ◉ Can be built using Breeze API

PRICING

Free up to $119 month
for All Access

BEST FOR

Small to mid-size
churches

KEY FEATURES

- Member engagement tools

- Volunteer scheduling

- Mobile app access

- Member giving tracking in real time

INTEGRATIONS

- Accounting systems, event tools

PRICING

Tiered subscriptions based on feature sets. Pricing must be requested.

BEST FOR

Churches seeking integrated engagement and communications.

![churchtrac logo]

KEY FEATURES

- Volunteer Scheduling & Check-In
- Custom Fields & Automations
- Event Management
- Financial Reporting & Fund Accounting
- Single platform with many features (accounting, website, app, member management, services, etc.)

INTEGRATIONS

- Stripe, Mailchimp, MinistrySafe, SongSelect

PRICING

Priced based on names in database (starting at $9/mo. $90/mo for unlimited)

Add accounting features for +$15/mo

BEST FOR

Churches seeking a centralized tool for all church functions.

SUBSPLASH

KEY FEATURES

- Media and live stream capabilities
- Online giving tools
- Volunteer management
- Child check-in
- Great mobile app functionality

INTEGRATIONS

- Limited integrations

PRICING

Personalized pricing based on organization size and needs

Must contact sales for pricing

BEST FOR

Churches seeking ways to promote engagement within their congregation and create a media platform.
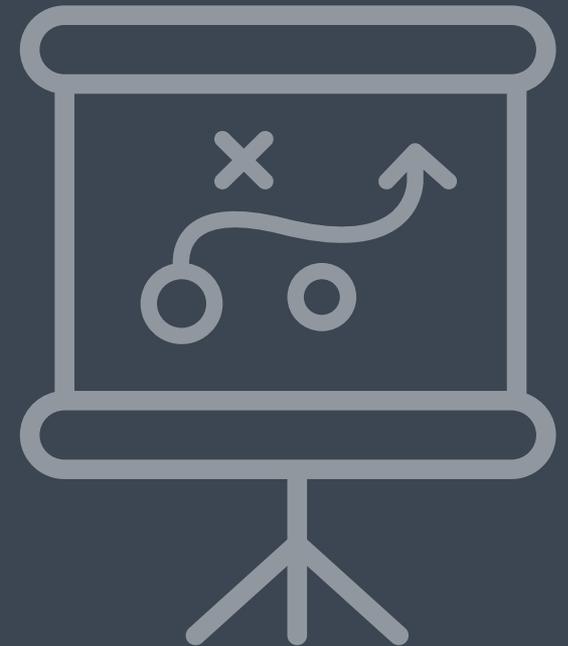
QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE CHOOSING

- What problems are we trying to solve?

- What's our budget (monthly/annually)?

- How tech-savvy is our staff/volunteers?

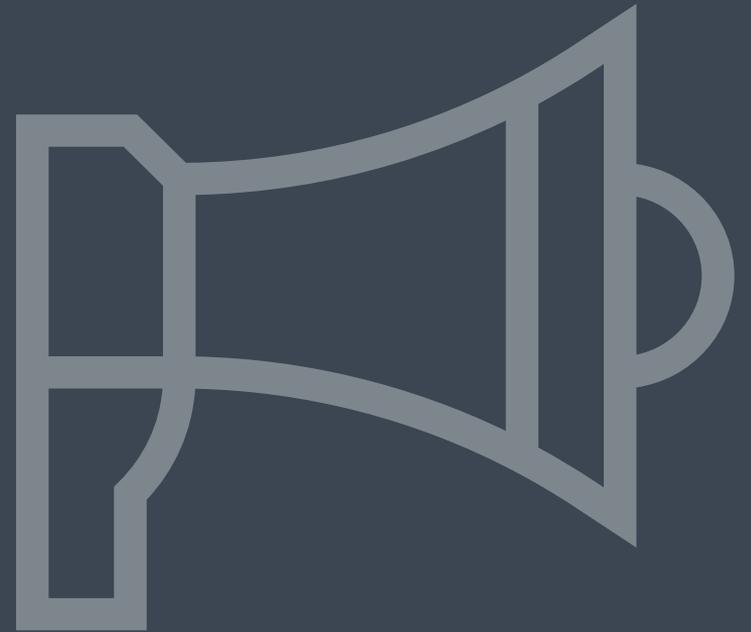- Do we need advanced reporting?

- What integrations are must-haves?

IMPLEMENTATION TIPS

☑ Start with clear goals

☑ Assign an internal project champion

☑ Import data cleanly (backups first!)

☑ Offer training for volunteers/staff

☑ Review success metrics after a set time period

☑ Many software options allow a free trial period

YOUR TURN
TELL US YOUR
EXPERIENCES

? What ChMS are you currently using?

? What do you like most?

? What do you like least?

? Would you recommend it to others?

? What features do you wish you had?

RESOURCES

For more information, checkout these links from our website at **GBFOUNDATION.ORG**

① CFC Resources:
https://gbfoundation.org/resources/cfc/

② The Lead Pastor:
https://theleadpastor.com/tools/best-church-management-software/