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How Is Your Perspective?

Community Church,
Is it wrong for me to say I strongly dislike going to the “cell phone store”? To begin with, I think I pay WAYYYY too much each month for the opportunity to be interrupted at any time of the day or night. (I know – I need boundaries, but that is for another time!) The point is that I walk in a little crabby and then once I find out how much my “new and improved” phone and plan are going to cost me, I get really grumpy! Then, I learn that this “new and improved” device requires a different car charger, extra wall cord, larger protective case, new ear buds with a different connector, a screen protector and damage insurance. As I am fleeced for my last dollar, I move to DEFCON 1.

Today, I was in the middle of the process – the guy helping me had to “go check on something” – which I am pretty sure was code for “I need a

break from you for a minute”! As I was looking around, I saw 2 guys having the time of their lives! They were literally like the proverbial “kids in a candy store”. Walked in with big grins, touched every phone in the place, looked at all the gadgetry that is available and couldn’t wait to get signed up!

How can we be doing the same exact exercise and they are completely giddy while I act like I’m in the dentist’s chair for a double root canal?

I guess it boiled down to perspective – To me it was just another way to get A LOT OF MONEY out of me each month for the next 2 years until I get the privilege of repeating the process. To them - they are picking out the new thing that they hold in their hand more than any other object in the universe. It amazingly connects them to “their people” in ways that were unimaginable just a decade or two ago. This is the thing that helps determine their “brand” in society – the latest and greatest device. Calling, texting, photos, social media, the Internet, email – all in the palm of

their hand. Who wouldn’t be excited!! It really is a miracle!

Then it hit me. We can take the same two approaches to our time with God. Think about your time in daily prayer, bible reading or even Sunday service. We have attitude choices to make. We can treat it like my biennial phone shopping trip. We can be crabby, grumpy or even unbearable.

OR we can treat it like the highlight of our day. The sovereign God of the universe wants to talk with me?? He will listen to me?? He will share his perfect insights and plans with me?? Who wouldn’t be excited? It also really is a miracle!

Take a few moments and think about your approach to quiet time, bible reading and Sunday morning. Make sure you have the right perspective!!

Anyone seen my flip phone??

Joyfully seeking Him,
Pastor Wade



Financial Information

January - September 2018

Total Giving:

\$111,000 (total General offerings) vs.
\$103,500 (total Budget is 11,500/month)

Pledge Giving:

\$90,000 (total given by those
making pledges)
vs. **\$81,000** (total pledged YTD,
\$9,000 per month)

Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

January 1st cash balance \$13,400
YTD general offerings \$111,000
YTD total expenses \$102,000
September 30 balance \$22,400

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$68,878.50	\$69,000.00
Missions	\$13,921.50	\$15,000.00
Plant & maintenance	\$9,930.00	\$8,500.00
office	\$4,650.00	\$5,100.00
discipleship	\$1,436.25	\$100.00
Property Ins	\$1,987.50	\$2,300.00
Miscellaneous	\$375.00	\$700.00
Fellowship	\$1,500.00	\$650.00
Outreach	\$450.00	\$10.00
Worship	\$1,792.50	\$650.00
TOTAL	\$104,921.25	\$102,010.00

Current Maintenance account:

\$0

Current Emergency Fund:

\$7,400.00

Current Building account:

\$26,300.00

This is a summary to keep you informed. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, contact Corey Olson or Wade Hetrick



Women's Events!

SECOND SATURDAY

Ladies! Join us on Saturday, November 10 from 9-11 am at church for our monthly fellowship! Thank you to all the ladies who helped assemble dozens of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at our Second Saturday fellowship in October. On November 10, we will fill many shoeboxes with donated items that people will be dropping off throughout the month. How fun it will be to fill boxes of gifts for children who have very little and will be so blessed!

Please sign up on the church bulletin board or contact Betsy Rozelle at 920-540-4109 or brozelle@new.rr.com. Each month, we will need one volunteer to provide a continental breakfast (like fruit, muffins/ sweet rolls, and juice) for about 12-15 ladies. We also need one volunteer to do a brief devotional. Sign-up for these roles is on the Second Saturday sheet on the church bulletin board.

Please feel free to bring a friend to our fellowship! Childcare is not provided, but children with a parent/guardian are welcome.

Community Church/ IEH Potluck!

Saturday,
November 3
4:00PM



A wonderful time to get to know one another better. While enjoying food from all over the world!

Sign up on the bulletin board at church to share a dish that represents your ancestry.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Schedule –

Saturday November
10th - Ladies
2nd Saturday Group —
Ladies will fill

shoeboxes with any misc contents donated by folks not able to fill complete boxes.

Sunday November 18th – All Filled Shoe boxes and misc. contents must be turned in by the end of TECH Time. Maxeys will deliver them to the Collection Point after TECH Time.

Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Thanksgiving Eve Service
6:30PM
Wednesday, November 21

Annual Meeting
Sunday, December 16
in place of TECH Time

This meeting has historically taken less than one hour. If you consider CC your home, please make every effort to attend. Budget/ballot previews will be available December 2nd. You must be an official member to vote, but all are encouraged to attend.