

Childlike

A few years ago, I was a member of a small congregation. It was not completely unlike our congregation here.

One Sunday I learned a lesson that I take with me forever. No, it was not something the preacher said, and I didn't learn it in Bible class. Infact, I would venture to guess most members did not even know it happened.

A family with 4 kids was sitting in the pew behind me. It was time to take up the offering. Mom pulled out a handful of change to distribute among the kids, for the offering plate. The oldest boy, Jonathan, told his mom that he had his own money that day. As the men approached with the plate, Jonathan dug deep in his pockets. The plate stopped right in front of him. He loudly dropped a handful of sticky pennies and nickels into the plate. The server started to move on, but Jon motioned for him to wait. Another hand full of change landed in the plate. The server once again started to move on, but Jonathan, sounding distressed whisepered, a little too loudly "Wait! I still have more..." He just had to dig a little deeper. He had more to give and wanted to give it all.

Though his mother was terrible embarrassed, I was inspired. I realised just what Jesus ment when he said "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kindgom of God as little child will by no means enter it." (Mark 10:15 NKJV)

I had more I could have given that day, but I kept it to myself. I think we all have those days. We know we have so much to offer to the Lord, yet we hold some back. I am not only speaking of money. Many of us possess time and talents that we do not share. True, we do not all have the same strengths. God has not given us all the same gifts, but he gives us the same command: Give. Give everything we have.

Jonathan did not have to think about giving. It came natural to him. He gave. He gave his very best, and he gave it all. Christ gave us all that we have. Don't you think it is time we gave some back?

News and Notes

- We will have a family picture day Sunday, March 11. These pictures are for the new directory. Receive a *free* 8x10 portrait, a printed directory, and a mobile directory just for having your picture taken. See Shannon to register.
- We will have a family fun night on the 3rd Saturday of every month. This will be games, movies, ice cream... If you have an idea for a game night please let Shannon know.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email prayer@scottsbuffchurchofchrist.org.

Birthdays

Geri Fleenor	01/09	Wanda Middleswart	01/12
	Jose Salazar		01/20

If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

Those Serving

1/21/2018

Opening Prayer	Gary	Table: West	Gary
Song Leader	Tom	Center	Chris
Scripture Reader	Jeremy	East	Jay
Closing Prayer	Chris	Preacher:	Joe
Devotion:	Tom	Song Leader:	Tim

Announcements: Tom

1/28/2018

Opening Prayer	Tim	Table: West	Jay
Song Leader	Shane	Center	Gary
Scripture Reader	Tim	East	Shane
Closing Prayer	Jeremy	Preacher:	Joe
Devotion:	Jay	Song Leader:	Shane

Announcements: Shane