

# ***Giving What You've Got***

*Various Texts*

## ***The Church That Invests***

- When we are invested in doing live together, we should be led to engage in giving and servicing
- These are two elements of how we are the Body of Christ together

## ***We Give because...***

- We love God
  - Thus, we seek to be obedient (Deut. 16:17)
  - Thus, we seek to build His kingdom (Matt. 6:25-34)
    - Knowing that He meets our needs
    - And blesses our obedience (Luke 6:38; see also Pro. 22:9; Mal. 3:10; Matt. 6:3-4; 2 Cor. 9:6-10)
- We love each other
  - Thus, we seek to take care of the needs of those in our midst (James 2:15-16)
- We love our neighbors
  - Thus, we seek to reach them with the love of Christ (Acts 20:35)

## ***We Serve because...***

- Service is another way we express our love for God, one another, and our community (Deut. 11:13; Gal. 5:13)
- We believe in the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the Church (Act 1:8; 1 Cor. 3:16)
- We believe that we all have gifts and talents to use (1 Cor. 12:4-7)
  - But willingness is more important than anything
- We believe that we need each other (1 Cor. 12:14-20)
- We believe that we are better together (1 Cor. 12:26)

## ***Ways to Serve***

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| • Administrator                | • Sound & Technology  |
| • Cemetery team                | • Children's Ministry |
| • Financial team               | • Nursery             |
| • Community Outreach & Service | • Youth               |
| • Ushers & Greeters            | • Snow removal        |
| • Worship Team                 | • Others?             |

## ***So What?***

- How are we investing in the kingdom of God, each other, and our neighbors through our giving and service?

***Meditation Verse: 1 Peter 4:10***