

Young Viewer Shares Her Tithe

A few months ago, I wrote the article below to share with you about a wonderful young woman whose mother had reached out to me about visiting the church and sharing a donation to Downtown Alive. Then, our world changed with a novel coronavirus. We are still not back to in person worship, but we have discovered what a lifeline Downtown Alive has been and now is to so many people across our state and nation and world. In August we celebrate our 44th anniversary and we will be asking people to consider giving to this ministry that shares the love of God through a televised and live stream worship service. Enjoy this story of Jessica and please consider giving to the First United Methodist Church's television ministry, or remembering this vital ministry in your wills or estates.

I recently had the privilege to meet Jessica Ochampaugh, an amazing 13 year old young woman that attends Plainville Middle School. She enjoys playing piano and guitar, high jump in track, and is a Girl Scout. Jessica is also involved in the Plainville First Christian Church youth group.

When I met Jessica and her mother Jami, I learned they were regular Downtown Alive viewers from Northwest Kansas.

They don't have internet but watch the "old fashioned way" through an antenna.

Last summer Jessica, a Cadet Scout, was invited by the Girl Scouts to go on an Educational Tour trip to Belize. This trip will be life changing for Jessica as she connects with girls from other regions and interacts with local people and the culture of another country.

The cost of the trip, scheduled for June 2021, is high. Jami shared that Jessica would be responsible for raising all the money for the trip. Jessica got to work on her goal to pay for this incredible opportunity.

Jessica did baby-sitting, pet-sitting and has been mowing a private grass airstrip. She did some raffles and worked hard on her cookie sales (part of the proceeds help underwrite this trip). She has raised the entire amount in only six months.

Jessica shared, *"I think I am more responsible with my money these days. Sometimes I would see my bank balance go up and then it was so hard to send a payment and watch the balance go down again. I raised all the money, plus the expenses for my passport and other incidentals."*

Now, you might wonder why I am sharing this with our Downtown Alive viewers and donors. Jessica wanted to come to First Church to share a donation to Downtown Alive. Not just any donation, but a tithe of the money she had raised. She said, *"You know, when you make a profit, you are supposed to give 10% to God."* She handed me \$150. The other half of her tithe amount she donated to KPRD, a local christian radio station they listen to regularly.

One hundred and fifty dollars for the outreach of Downtown Alive! I am in awe of this young woman, her commitment to God, her support of Downtown Alive, and also how she gives of herself in her community. Spending time with her and her mother was a blessing to me. And what a blessing her gift is for the ministry of Downtown Alive and those unable to financially support it.

Thank you, Jessica and Jami, for your financial gifts, your prayers and your presence with us through the television ministry and also, any time you can come and worship with us in person!

Graced to Serve,

Pastor Cindy





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COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc and change everyone's plans. The TV Ministry is alive and well, continuing to reach our viewers with a dedicated set of core volunteers and our amazing Director of Media, Patrick Myers. Our Pastors, staff, and musicians have really stepped up to make sure that the DTA worship service continues as normally as possible during this challenging time.

We have received many heartfelt notes and e-mails of appreciation for our worship service, along with several first-time contributions.

Some viewers have sporadic internet, so are especially thankful that they can watch us through television on KAKE-TV. While our viewership has increased during COVID-19, our expenses continue.

Please donate to the TV Ministry which is such an important Christian outreach to so many. We feel very blessed that we have been able to provide the "live" broadcast of our worship service for more than 44 years. That simply would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your prayers and your support!

A postage paid envelope is enclosed for your convenience if you wish to donate by check. You may also donate on-line at firstwichita.org. Please indicate "TV Ministry" in the memo of your contribution. If you would like more information about including the TV Ministry in your will or estate planning, please contact Patty Harding, Business Office Manager, at 316-267-6244.

August is our annual fundraising month. Please give generously!



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