



# A Little “Change” Goes a Long Way!

If you enjoyed the skit performed by Hunter and Janet where they demonstrated how changing one small thing in your life, like that one cup of Starbucks’ coffee, could help our Church continue to **Reach, Serve and Love like Christ!** If you missed Church, you can click on this YouTube link <https://youtu.be/Xg6zZA2x5ml> to view the skit and enjoy the fun!

As you know, our Church has experienced a lot of “change” over the past few years, but we are optimistic about our future and all the blessings that continue to come from God. Given the turnover in administrative staff and the Pastoral change, we revised our 2017 Spend Plan to reflect a more realistic projection of our 2017 expenses. In doing so, our budget reduced from \$306,196 to \$292,650 (a savings of \$13,596)!! Although we reduced our expenses for the year, we are still running short on expected income to cover our projected expenses as outlined below:

	Year to Date - July 31, 2017			
	2017 Spend Plan	Actual	Difference	
<b>Operating Funds Income</b>	\$ 170,713	\$ 152,339	<b>\$ (18,374)</b>	<b>89%</b>

As Hunter and Janet shared in the skit, each and every one of us has our little guilty pleasures. For some, it’s grabbing a cup of coffee on the way to work or while shopping at Target. For others, it’s going out to dinner after a hectic day. These purchases may seem like small amounts, but if we look at them over time, they quickly add up and could help your church tremendously. Take a look at this:

Number of Givers: 1		By End of September	By End of October	By End of November	By End of December
<b>Skip the Coffee</b>	<b>\$ 2.70</b>	\$ 10.80	\$ 24.30	\$ 35.10	<b>\$ 48.60</b>
<b>Skip the Meal Out</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	\$ 40.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 130.00	<b>\$ 180.00</b>

One cup of coffee a week adds up to \$48.60 by the end of year or eating at home rather than eating out once a week could increase your tithe to \$180.00 by the end of the year. Can you imagine if we got 150 people in church to do this??? Take a look at what the numbers look like....

Number of Givers: 125		By End of September	By End of October	By End of November	By End of December
<b>Skip the Coffee</b>	<b>\$ 2.70</b>	\$ 1,350	\$ 3,038	\$ 4,388	<b>\$ 6,075</b>
<b>Skip the Meal Out</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	\$ 5,000	\$ 11,250	\$ 16,250	<b>\$ 22,500</b>

If we are all willing to come together and try this, giving up one cup of coffee a week would reduce our deficit by \$6,075! And by eating at home one more time a week we would have \$22,500 to put towards ministries like Third Saturday Community Connection, Mail Call and building our Youth Ministry in our community.

It is truly amazing what a little “CHANGE” can do!!!

