

**FOLLOWING WHERE THE
SPIRIT LEADS: HOW SHOULD
I GIVE?**

I have been asked “Why is it so important to give to the Church”. And my response is that I don’t give anything to the Church, I return some of what God has given me back to God in thanks for all he has done for me. There is nothing that I have that didn’t come from God,

Jesus said *It is better to give than to receive* and I believe this to be true.

In order for us to continue to go into the world and become fishers of men, we need a place to gather and worship together. This requires that we pay for everything that is in this place: the chairs, tables, electricity. The only place for those funds to come from are through us.

I give because God has given to me; it is the prime reason for Grace giving. God has given us everything. He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. He has given so much to us and I want to please God.

I want God to be glorified, He is glorified when we give with the right motives and in the right way. To glorify God is the main goal in a Christian life.

Jesus said *Where your treasure is, there is where your heart is.* Your heart follows your treasure. If I want my heart concerned with the things of God, then I must invest in God’s work.

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HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS

November 4, 2018

CHURCH NEWS

PRAYER CONCERN-- Beth and Len Dahlvik ask for our prayer support as they work to get Beth’s niece and family out of Venezuela, probably to move to Portugal. Please pray for Andrea and Ernesto Casanova and their daughters. For more information you can talk to Len or Beth.

THE HOWARD’S - recent trip to Busch Gardens with their good friends Rob and Joan Brown (former member here at Hope). Chris said, on their return, that weather was beautiful, and temperture was real mild.

They rode the Sky Ride and the train and had a tasty lunch at the Desert Grill. They could not see the shows as Bush Garden staff are working on the Christmas Ice Show.

Chris said that he really misses the Dolphin show and some of the music shows. They have more rides instead, but Chris said “The doctors say I can't ride them! Oh Well, the food was good!!” Sorry about the rides

“The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard but must be felt with the heart.”

Helen Keller



You cannot serve two masters: God and Mammon. Generous giving will loosen your grasp on money. It takes money to further God's work. If you don't give, God will use someone else and you will miss the blessing of being used by God.

I want my life to be used by God. God could have chosen to work apart from us, but he did not. He could have used his angels or loudspeakers from heaven to spread the gospel, but he chose to use us.

I want to be a compassionate person. In times like ours, when we are hit with so many money needs from all over the world, it's easy to close our hearts and not give at all. I know we can't respond to every need from around the world, but we need to do all we can to show compassion in the name of Christ.

How should I give? I should give according to biblical principles.

Chris Howard

Chris, maybe next year. We are all pleased that you are feeling so much better and you and Ginny could make the trip

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE - This next week (November 7) will be a pot luck supper.

PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR 2019 BUDGET – letters with pledge cards have gone out and we are asking for them to be back by November 11. If you have questions or did not get your letter, please contact the church office. Hope is moving into the future as we follow where the Holy Spirit leads

CHURCH MEETINGS COMING UP

Sunday	11/04	10:15 a.m.	All Saints day Outreach meeting after Service
Tuesday	11/06	06:00 a.m. 07:00 p.m.	Polling Day, in Hall 6 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. “Starry Night” play rehearsal
Wednesday	11/07	05:45 p.m. 07:00 p.m. 07:30 p.m.	WNA pot luck Bell practice Choir practice
Thursday	11/08	12:00 a.m. 07:00 p.m.	Young at Heart potluck lunch and cutting tags for the Xmas tree “Starry Night” play rehearsal
Saturday	11/10	09:00 a.m.	Men of Hope breakfast, hosting Mt Moriah
Sunday	11/11	11:15 a.m.	Worship and B & G meetings

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