

## Grace-Giving Culture

*Scriptures For Today's Sermon*

### Luke 6:37-38

<sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

### Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10-11

<sup>7</sup> If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. <sup>8</sup> Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need.

...<sup>10</sup> Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. <sup>11</sup> There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

### Malachi 3:6-12

<sup>6</sup> "I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. <sup>7</sup> Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'"

<sup>8</sup> "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'"

"In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. <sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. <sup>11</sup> I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the LORD Almighty. <sup>12</sup> "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

### Luke 12:34

<sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

<sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.



# Welcome!

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### To make Christ known through acts of loving service.

We hope you have been encouraged in your daily walk with Christ today. If this is your first time with us please complete an attendance card and place it in the collection plate. While we will respect your privacy, our prayer is that this will be a first step towards a relationship that will lift up Christ as we strive together to follow Him.

## March 19, 2017

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Video: Firstfruits*

*76 – How Great Thou Art  
Prayer*

*414 – Anywhere With Jesus  
337 – Hallelujah What A Savior  
Lord's Supper and Offering*

*635 – Freely Freely*

*Scripture Reading: Luke 6:37-38  
Grace-Giving Culture*

*662 – All To Jesus I Surrender  
Closing Prayer Requests,  
Testimonials & Prayer  
676 – Living For Jesus*

### Services

#### Sunday

Worship 10:00 am  
Caretel Service: 10:00 am  
Willows Service: 11:00 am  
Evening Bible Study 5:00 pm

Tuesday Ladies Class 9 am  
Friday Men's Breakfast 6:45 am

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# Upcoming Events

## WEEKLY SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

- Sunday Evening Bible Study in Acts, 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Ladies' Bible Class, Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- John's Gospel @ Pylkas' Home – Wednesdays, 7:00 pm
- Men's Breakfast, Fridays at 6:45-7:45 am at @ Joe's Café

**LEADERSHIP 101 - SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING** Hosted by Harvest Bible Chapel in our Fellowship Hall next Saturday, March 25, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Registration is \$10 @ <http://www.harvestgranger.org/events/uncommon-leadership-101/>.

## Prayer Requests

**Vanessa Matthews. Takishia Knox**, Gloria Bradley's daughter, as she recovers from back surgery. **Cindy Haigler** has been having more testing done and may need to undergo abdominal surgery. **Teresa Conkin, Jennifer Shannon** and **Amy Vargo** could all use prayers for strength as they are struggling with personal issues. **Kim Batson** as she travels to Alabama to be with her parents this week while **Andrew** leaves for China today.

## Announcements

**TODAY** is our monthly congregational pot luck and communication meeting immediately following service in the Fellowship Hall. We will be joined by John Mullican of Hope Network to help us work through some of the decisions ahead for the Church of Christ of St. Joseph.



### Celebrate!

#### Birthdays

3/21 - Keith Kierstead  
- Lorene Milliken

#### Anniversaries

3/17 Eric & Kathy Ramso  
3/20 – Keith & Virginia Kierstead

### Attendance & Giving

March 12, 2017

**Worship Attendance: 36**  
**Contribution: \$2,126.10**

DAY	DATE	SCRIPTURE	FOCUS	NOTES AND PEOPLE I PRAYED FOR TODAY
28	3/19/2017	Luke 6:27-28	Help me/us to love!	
29	3/20/2017	Luke 6:28	I pray for persecutors and persecuted	
30	3/21/2017	Luke 6:27	Help me/us to be generous	
31	3/22/2017	Matthew 5:44-45	Help me/us live like your children	
32	3/23/2017	Matthew 22:36-40	Help me/us love & Hunger for Your word	
33	3/24/2017	Matthew 22:39	Help me/us love like You!	
34	3/25/2017	John 13:34-35	Help me/us love each other.	