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**P. O. R.T. Ministry (P.eople O.ffering R.esources T.ogether)**

### **Winter Shelter For The Homeless Program**

We are so appreciative to have been the hands and feet of Jesus to those with special housing needs in our community during the past 2 weeks. Our homeless guests included men, women and children. Numbers exceeded 100 people on several nights and several storms brought winter weather was both windy and cold. We were blessed to be able to offer a warm and safe place to sleep, hot meals for hungry stomachs and showers for each of our homeless guests.

Please pray and consider giving something extra in your offering this week to help underwrite our sharing and providing for those with such tremendous need – God will bless your giving!

**If you know someone personally who helped out with P.O.R.T. please say a special “Thanks!” and give them a hug!**



## ***P.O.R.T. – A Very Practical Seed-Faith Experience***

The two weeks of P.O.R.T. ministry are over and we have some exhausted people. Several of our volunteers were here on almost a daily basis. With only a few minor exceptions everything went smoothly, and we were able to shelter more than 100 people on most nights – including men, women and children.

For our entire church and especially for the volunteers that served so faithfully, there is a seed-faith encouragement we don't want to miss. We are not a large church nor a wealthy church, but we are a generous church, stretching ourselves to the extent we are able. As hundreds of other churches in our area sat closed and unused during these past few weeks, Hilton Baptist Church proved to be the exception.

Each early morning or late night, people who, before or after a full day of working at their jobs or caring for their own families, volunteered and gave their time and energy to serving the homeless in our community. They didn't do so because they had to. They did so because they chose to.

I personally believe that this is one of the reasons that HBC can keep our doors open, while others are struggling to barely survive. As a church we are doing our best to plant seeds of faith in our community that God can take and give the increase back to us. We are continuing to learn as a church that we can give out of our need as seeds of faith sown. and then expect back from God, our Source, the miraculous supply that will meet our needs also. This is what is called the miracle of seed-faith.

The truly great news is that the blessing of the harvest is not for the needs of HBC alone. It extends to every individual that gave and planted personal seeds of their compassion, time and resources. There is specifically a promise given to all who sown seeds of their faith:

*“Let us not be weary in well-doing for in due season  
we shall reap if we faint not.” Galatians 6:9*

Now is the time that we await the harvest of blessing God has promised. As you have planted seeds of compassion, energy, time and resources be expectant and excited about the harvest back into your life in the very areas you have the greatest needs. Continue to walk in faith and remind yourself that your harvest in due season will not be one day too soon or one day late, It will be in God's "due season" the most perfect time for his miraculous supply to be poured into your life.

Remember,, The secret of abundant living is found in expecting miracles!

*On the miraculous grace journey with you, Lynwood*

# Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

January 24, 2023

*Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!*

Budget \$1705.00

Cash in Cash out– COP Rent \$900.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee \$3.00

Food Pantry \$10.00

Port \$110.00

Total Deposit \$2728.00

## Calendar

### Monday, January 23rd

PORT

### Tuesday, January 24th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

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### Wednesday, January 25th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, January 26th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

PORT

### Friday, January 27th

5:30-6:30 Community Dinner

### Sunday, January 29th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

### Tuesday, January 31st

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, February 1st

7pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, February 2nd

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, February 5th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

### Community Dinner

We will be having our Community Dinner on Friday, January 27th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. If you can help please contact Pam Cooke.

**Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226**

**Food Pantry at HBC**

HBC gives food away on Tuesdays and Thursday. See Sue Monfalcone to volunteer and for more information on how you can help. Bring your non-perishable food to restock the pantry the last Sunday of every month.

We have given out a lot of food recently so any donations would be appreciated. Next collection is January 29th

**Aluminum Cans**

Recycle your cans at HBC and help Support missions! Bring them to HBC and place them in the gym or the church office. All money collected goes to missions!

**Serve the City**

Serve the City Peninsula has many exciting ways in which you can serve. Visit their website and check it out, <https://www.stepeninsula.com> or contact Pam and she will be able to put you in the right direction.

**Pray for our Missionaries**

Kelli Frealy (American People) SI, MT (Central Asian People) Joan Bell  
HG (European People) Sarah Simmons (CA) Michael Durbin, Travis  
Whittaker (MI) Gerald Waters (PA)

**WMU January Project**

The January Mission is PORT

PORT will end next Wednesday but we will still be collecting clothes

The biggest needs are :

**MENS**– Coats, Shirts, Jeans, Sweats, thermals, T shirts, Boxer Briefs, belts and shoe, hoodies. ( All sizes especially Small, Medium and 2X and over)

**WOMENS**– Bras, Panties, Shoes, thermals, Small and Medium Shirts,  
2x and over shirts, Jeans and Sweats

Both: Belts

You can bring the clothes at any time and place them in the gym.

**There is a place for you in Missions Outreach!**

**Lock up/ Hall Monitor**

1/29 Joe Caskie

2/5 Roger Cooke

**Counter**

1/30 Kathy Caskie

2/6 Sue Monfalcone

**Kids Church Helper**

1/29 Robert Overman

2/5 Kathy Caskie

**Happy Birthday in January**

1/23 Barbara Michie

1/30 Carolyn Schaubach

**Happy Birthday in February**

2/2 Tammy Ortery

2/4 Bob Spiers

2/6 Ann Nichols

2/10 Margaret Upole

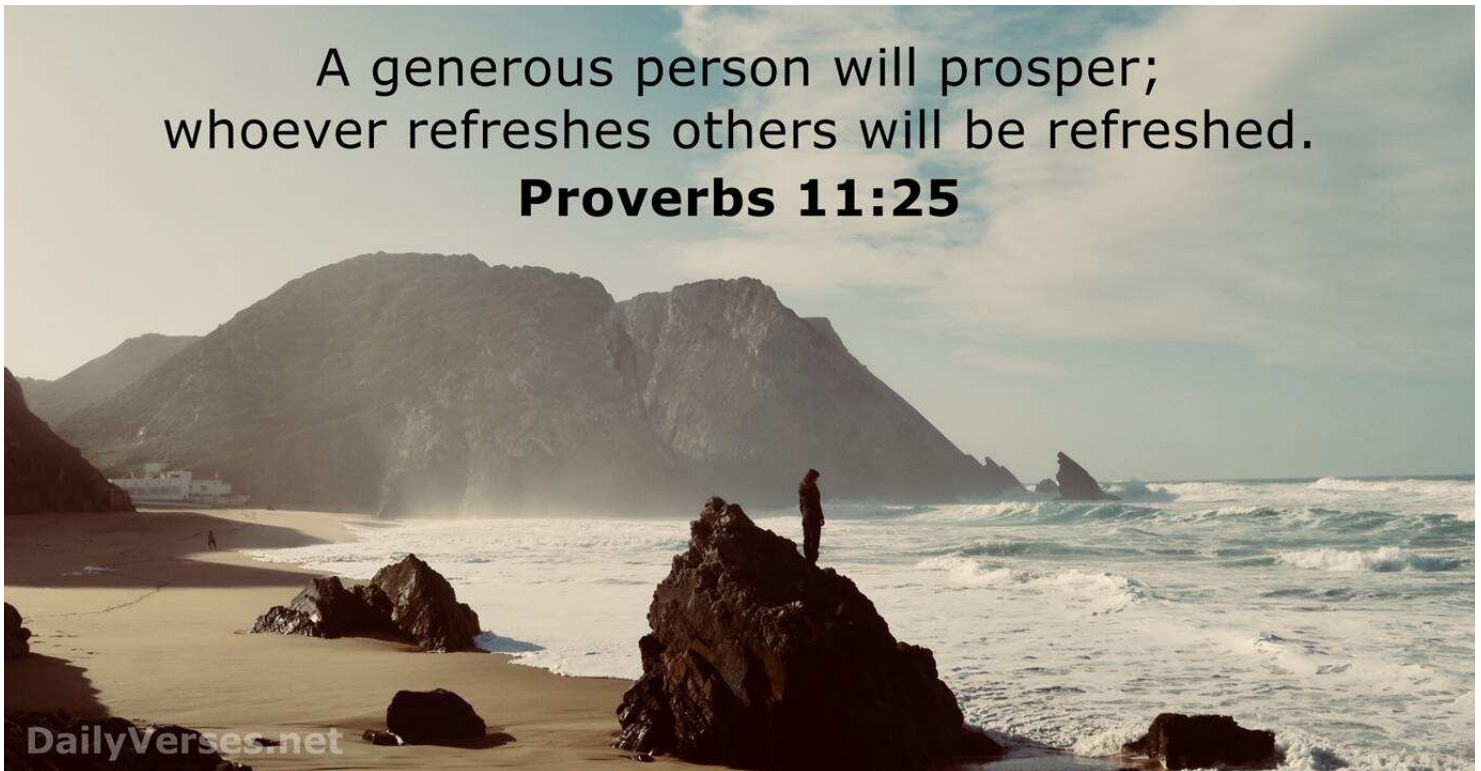
2/11 James Harvey

2/14 Curtis Whiting

2/17 Debbie Marfa

A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

**Proverbs 11:25**





## *“People Pleasing or God Pleasing”*

I heard about a recent interview a famous actress describing herself as, “eager to please.” The young actress was thrust into the spotlight when she landed a part in a hugely successful film series. She told the interviewer, “I am a people pleaser. I was just so desperate to please everyone – please both my parents, do really well on the film, please my school. Sometimes I

felt like I was being ripped into about five pieces.”

People pleasers are usually quite insecure because they live in fear of what others think or say. They are insecure in their identity and have become lost to who they really are. Like the chameleon they change according to their environment. People pleasers think negatively and have negative expectations, so they become slaves to the opinion others.

Christians are not exceptions from the compulsion to constantly please people around them. They often live within their comfort zone in order to avoid confrontation, aiming never to give offence or get angry, and then becoming over-responsible. They doubt their self-worth, and because they have a desperate need for approval, fear to say, “No.” Because they believe love and acceptance is earned they live under the lie that they need to do something to gain the love and acceptance of God. But God’s love is unconditional; freely given, through the Lord Jesus, as a gift of grace.

Our text for today is a challenge. It asks questions. Whose approval do I seek? Who am I living to please? It makes it clear that it’s impossible to live as a people pleaser and please the Lord. The issue is about motives. At the heart of people pleasing there are ulterior motives of wanting to be liked, gain acceptance or status. In the final analysis as people pleasers we are pleasing ourselves.

The Bible makes it clear that it’s impossible to live as a people pleaser and please the Lord. To try to reconcile the two aspects causes inner conflict. Jesus is our example of how to live. He said, ‘I seek not to please myself but Him who sent me’ (John 5:30). Jesus also said, ‘The One who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases Him’ (John 8:29).

Jesus always and only did what pleased His Father. He obeyed His Father whatever the cost, and consequently He didn’t fear the confrontation that His pure motives brought Him into. I wonder if the antidote to so many of our fears would be found if we lived as Jesus lived; pleasing our Father in heaven, irrespective of the consequences. I believe this truly is what He requires of all His children.

## ***Redwoods And Community***

A number of years ago, I spent some time in northern California, with some friends driving up the Pacific coast. While there, we visited the Redwood National Forest, just north of San Francisco. The redwood trees reach their leafy arms heavenward, commonly growing 200 to 275 feet tall. They stand like sentinels of time and have done so for hundreds of years. They've been through winds, earthquakes, fires and storms – yet, they still stand. Nothing seems to deter them.



As tall as the redwoods are, one amazing fact is that these trees have a comparably shallow root system and yet they rarely ever fall. How do they keep standing even in the wildest of storms? It's because the redwood's root systems reach out for great distances and are intertwined with one another. They literally hold each other up.

If you and I are going to reach our full potential, we too need the support of each other. We are not to be over dependent, but rather, inter-dependent. None of us can stand alone. We need each other! God never intended for us to go through life alone. Get connected today to others in the body of Christ! HBC is a great place to make that happen!



### ***The Last Impression***

One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

And there sat Rosie, all the way in the back, shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him."



## ***“God’s House vs. Our House”***

*“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” – [Haggai 1:3-4](#)*

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, they began to prosper. They started rebuilding the temple which had been ruined by the Babylonians. But the people of other religions who lived in the land sent letters to Babylon and complained that the Jews were preparing to revolt. For that and other reasons, the rebuilding of the temple stopped.

It seems that the Jews began with a will to rebuild the temple, but when opposition arose, they faltered and lost focus. They transferred their energy to building and beautifying their own houses. It took the searing words of Haggai to call them back to the priority of rebuilding God’s temple.

In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: *“Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”* ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

It’s not that God necessarily wants us to live in a bleak apartment without beautiful paneling. But if that’s what it takes to build God’s kingdom, we must be willing to sacrifice. Our treasures are in heaven!

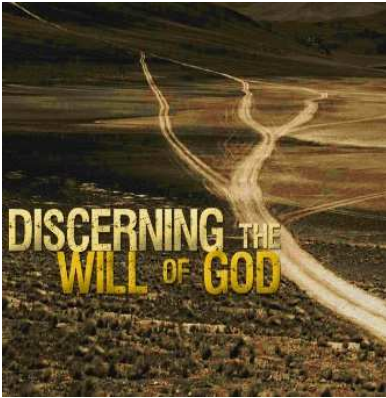
***God is doing some exciting things through the people of God at HBC...***

***Please remember your commitments and giving and be part of the miracle!***



Thanks to Laura Cynthia Chambers (See Genesis 1:1-2:3) 10-2014





## *Discerning God's Will*

*"How can I discover God's will for my life?"*

*"How can I be sure God's  
guiding my decisions?"*

*"God, what do you want me to do?"*

Practically all followers of Jesus ask questions like these. Sometimes we think these thoughts randomly, but more often than not, we focus more when faced with important crossroads in our lives, when we're trying to sort out the best path forward.

But is that really the best view of discerning God's will: something we do at the "crisis" points in life? Truly discerning the will of God more as a process than as something we do only at crisis points. We are also wise to heed Jesus' parable of the unjust steward, realizing that if we're faithful in little, we'll be faithful with much.

Especially when struggles set in and things dry up around you, is this a necessarily sign to act and move on? That is what your natural mind will perceive to be true. Yet scripture reminds our spiritual mind of a much deeper and lasting truth.

In Genesis 26 we read that there was a severe drought and famine in the land, Isaac believed that going into another place such as Egypt would help sustain his family. But God spoke and directed his steps in a very different way. He commanded him to stay right where he was, and to sow seed.

Isaac obeyed the Lord and stayed in the land while famine was all around him. Then the Bible says *that "Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him"* (Genesis 26:12).

Imagine this remarkable picture of a man sowing amid the desolation, a stark and barren land. Sowing in the belief that God would provide a bountiful harvest in spite of the famine gripping his homeland. Most likely, his neighbors thought he was a madman to be sowing seed while the land was dry and dead.

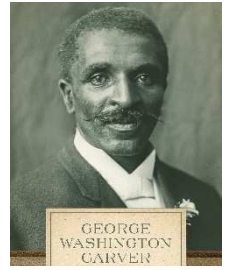
Yet he relied on the promise of God, who said, *"I will be with thee, and I will bless thee."* It is only for believers with faith for the miraculous that can begin to harvest such a miraculous supply.

I believe God is pouring His abundance into your hands, just as He did for Isaac. But you have to be obediently waiting in the place he has placed you to receive the blessing.

If you look at the circumstances of your situation, it might seem like a good time to store up, hold back, go somewhere else and play it safe. Don't! Obey God, plant more seed in the drought and get ready for a miracle harvest!

## ***All Things Are Possible!***

*"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'" – Matthew 19:26*



The future must have seemed hopeless for George Washington Carver. He lived during a time when there were few opportunities and overwhelming obstacles for African-Americans.

Born on a farm in Missouri around 1864, he had a difficult childhood. His body was frail, and he often was sick. He never really knew his natural father. While still an infant, Carver – along with his sisters and mother – was kidnapped by raiders. Although he was rescued, the others died or disappeared.

Yet Carver did not allow these obstacles to stand in his way. He demonstrated determination and a drive to learn. He eventually graduated from Iowa Agricultural College where he taught before moving on to Tuskegee College in Alabama.

In spite of what seemed like impossible barriers, Carver went on to make many amazing discoveries, including hundreds of innovative uses for peanuts, soybeans, pecans, and sweet potatoes. He also developed a crop rotation method that revolutionized agriculture.

What was his secret? Faith in God. He prayed, “those whom He has redeemed learn to walk with Him not only daily or hourly,” but moment by moment. He asked God for wisdom “to do His will.” Carver simply believed that all things were possible.

Think about your life. Whatever you face, trust in God. Don't limit Him. Fill your mind with His Word, and be ready to step out in faith. Believe that He will answer your prayers. If you ask, all things are possible.



### ***The Last Laugh... “Bubba’s Hearing And The Pastor”***

“What’s wrong, Bubba?” asked the pastor.

“I need you to pray for my hearing,” said Bubba.

The pastor put his hands on Bubba’s ears and prayed.

When he was done, he asked, “So how’s your hearing?”

“I don’t know,” said Bubba. “It isn’t until next Tuesday!”



## ***Trust One Day at a Time***

God wants us to learn to trust him one day at a time: *"Give us this day our daily bread."* Not for next week. Not for next year. Not for next month. Just one day at a time.

Philippians 4:6 and 8 show us that there are four things that you need to do to trust God on a daily basis: *"Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done... Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise"* (NLT).

What are some keys in learning to trust God?

***Worry about nothing.*** - Why is worry such a big deal? Because it's not just a bad habit. It's a flat-out sin! But God keeps his promises, and you can trust that he will take care of you. *"Don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today"* (Matthew 6:34).

***Pray about everything.*** - Prayer can change things. Romans 8:32 says, *"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"* God solved your biggest problem – getting into Heaven – when he sent Jesus to die for you. If God loved you enough to send Jesus to die for you, don't you think he loves you enough to take care of your other problems?

***Thank God in all things.*** - No matter what happens, give thanks. The Bible doesn't say, *"For all things give thanks."* It says, *"In all things give thanks."* You don't have to be thankful for bad things in your life. You should never be thankful for evil. You don't have to be thankful for cancer or a car accident or war or abuse. But God says in everything give thanks. Why? Because you know that God's going to take care of you. You know he's going to meet your needs. You know he's going to help you.

***Think about the right things.*** - God gives us a list of things to think about, things that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and worthy of praise.

Where do you find things that are pure and lovely to think about? At the movies? I don't think so. On TV? No. You will only find pure and lovely and honorable thoughts in the Word of God. You need to read it, study it, memorize it, and fill your mind with it.

Isaiah 26:3 says, *"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"*

**THANK YOU!!!  
THANK YOU!!!  
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**To ALL our amazing volunteers who served,  
prayed and gave to make P.O.R.T.  
the outstanding success**



Members of the First Presbyterian Church in Snohomish, Washington, had a large supply of leftovers from the celebration of their 125th anniversary. They decided to give the food to the women and children in a nearby homeless shelter. As a chilling rain poured down outside, volunteers unloaded containers, one of which included a large cake. Someone remarked, "I hope today is somebody's birthday." A homeless woman replied, "Every day inside is a holiday."



Jesus knew the experience of homelessness. He said, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head" (Matthew 8:20). Yet no one had more compassion for the poor.

James emphasized the need for believers to help each other materially. He wrote, "If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?" (2:15-16).

We must help the spiritually destitute find a heavenly home by sharing the gospel with them, but we must never neglect those who are poor in this world's goods. A heart for God will also be a heart for the homeless.