

**Good Morning PGCC!**

**March 26, 2020**

**TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY**



Pastor Scott tries to teach his dog some tricks, and maybe us as well. ENJOY!  
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**TODAY IS GIVE THURSDAY!**

Every Thursday we want to remind you of the great value of giving time to God, time for others, and your offering to church.

After Jesus selected the twelve disciples, he sent them out with instructions to preach, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleans those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Jesus concludes by saying, "Freely you have received, *freely give*" (Matthew 10:5-8). We have freely received the riches of salvation. We need to freely give as well.

## **Give time to reading your Bible and prayer**

You may find yourself asking, *What good does reading the Bible do?*

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson wanted to be just like him and tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again. This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water. I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"

The old man said, "So you think it is useless? Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean.

“Son, that’s what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.”

### **Give time to call someone**

I was feeling a bit disconnected and alone yesterday so I took a break from what I was working on and began to call several ladies from our Tuesday Bible study class. We chatted about our families and the things we were doing during this very odd time of sheltering in place, all of which equated to “not much”. We laughed with each other, shared prayer requests and prayed together. Each one thanked me for taking the time to call. By the time I got done, my spirits were uplifted. I was able to go back to work on my project feeling renewed and invigorated. This is what taking time to reach out to another person does, it blesses them and YOU.

### **Continue giving your offering to the Church**

Even though we cannot meet together in our church building right now, our building and staffing expenses continue. We are doing what we can to trim those expenses back, but we still have to pay the mortgage, utilities, and maintenance services on the building plus our staff who are working very hard to keep us all connected. So, if you haven't had the time to give this week, **please make today your giving Thursday.**

### **Give by Mail**

Send your check to: PGCC, 1730 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville 95747 We are checking the mail daily.

### **Give Online**

Go to our website, [www.pgcc.church](http://www.pgcc.church), select the "COMMUNICATE" tab at the top on the right hand side, then select the “[Giving Made Easy](#)” from the drop down menu. Have your checking account number and bank routing number handy follow the directions. It is easy, fast and secure.

### **DO YOU NEED PRAYER?**

Contact our Prayer Tree at [prayerandpraisetree@gmail.com](mailto:prayerandpraisetree@gmail.com)

***Blessings, PGCC staff***

**DROP OFF FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK**

There is a large grey tub outside the church doors under the portico on the west side of the church. You can drop off your food there. Someone will pick it up each day.

**PGCC SHOPPING ASSISTANCE**

If you are at high-risk or not able to do your own shopping, you can request assistance through the PGCC Shopping Assistance Program. If you need assistance, please call the office at 916-771-4447.

**CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED**

However, we are monitoring the phones and working from home to stay connected with you, support and care for you, and help you continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus.

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