

Welcome!

- ✓ ***Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.***
- ✓ ***Say hello to someone you don't know.***
- ✓ ***We'll gather at 10:20am.***

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

*“Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.*

*Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the
glory and the majesty and the splendor, for
everything in heaven and earth is yours.*

*Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.
Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength
and power to exalt and give strength to all.
Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.*

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Vision & Verse

Vision – to experience and express LOVE from God to others

- **Verse** – *“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”*
– Galatians 5:6b

Mission

Mission – to connect with people and build relationships through community workshops, neighborhood-focused ministry, serving local needs, mentoring, and worship.

GNC Beliefs

1. I'm broken.
2. Jesus is perfect.
3. Jesus is the way.
4. The Holy Spirit is my power.
5. God calls me into community.

GNC Behaviors

1. Serving others
2. Reconciling relationships
3. Giving generously

Generosity starts with God

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. – James 1:17

Common Grace

“We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” - Acts 14:15b-17

How has God been generous to you?

Talent, skills, abilities, employment, income, family, friends, transportation, ability to walk, talk, laugh, love, enjoy music, read, think, touch, feel, taste, hot water, coffee, etc., etc.

God's most generous gift

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? – Romans 8:32

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

God's most generous gift

(It is) Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. - Galatians 1:3b - 5a

Generous salvation

“When our ancestors were in Egypt, they gave no thought to your miracles; they did not remember your many kindnesses, and **they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea. Yet he saved them** for his name’s sake, to make his mighty power known.” - Psalms 106:7-8

The Temple – a daunting task

Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God.

14 “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. 15 We are foreigners and strangers in your

sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. 16 Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. – 1 Chronicles 29:1-16

God's treasured possession

“Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth,
the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession.”
- Deuteronomy 14:2

Our treasure

Paul wrote from prison, *“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things”* (Philippians 3:8). And what did he gain in return? Not health. Not prosperity. But Christ. And for Paul, that was enough. Some of the most faithful Christians who ever lived died without money, without houses, without health, and without applause. **But they had Christ. And that was their treasure.”** – Jeremiah Knight

Our response

As a response to our generous God,
we are a generous church,
and you are a generous people.

Hillside is an amazing opportunity

1. Vision to love and serve
2. Relational influence with community leaders
3. Unique collective of gifted people
4. Home base for ministry

Generosity track record

- Average annual giving \$275,000
- Amount given away
 - 2024 \$85,000
 - 2025 \$95,000

Impacted Lives

“That was the best church experience I’ve ever had.”

“I’ve never felt as at home in a church than I did this past Sunday.”

“I was pretty much done with church. Honestly, I’m surprised at how much I love this church. I definitely didn’t see that coming, but the love, acceptance, and grace I’ve experienced here have paved the way back for me to God.”

“I’ve been looking for a church that would love me the way I am.”

Impacted Lives

“If we hadn’t found Good News Church when we did, I was definitely on my way to being an alcoholic.”

“There is a joy in that room that I haven’t felt in a church in years - if ever.”

“Good News Church was probably one of the best church experiences we’ve had as a family. Everyone was like, ‘Can we go there all the time??!!’”

Impacted Lives

“I’m gonna be honest. I never invited a single person to church ever, until Good News Church. Now, I invite everybody!”

“If my mom knew I was going to church, she wouldn’t believe it. Especially that I’m sitting on the front row every week! Thank you for doing this. I really needed this. I can tell you that I would never go to a regular church, but I’ll come here. You make it easy. Thank you!” – Justin

60 households x \$75K income

Among our 60 households, if our **median income is \$75,000**, and we all give 10%, then our giving would be \$450,000.

Since our **average giving is currently \$275,000** (not including large one-time gifts), that would be a **\$175,000 (40%) increase in ministry**.

60 households x \$100K income

Among our 60 households, if our **median income is \$100,000**, and we all give 10%, then our giving would be \$600,000.

Since our **average giving is currently \$275,000** (not including large one-time gifts), that would be a **\$325,000 (55%) increase in ministry.**

Final Thoughts

Our motivation to give is
God's generosity to us.

There's no pressure to give anything!
If you're "in Christ," God's love is infinitely great for you no matter what you do. The big thing is that whatever you do, you do it, not out of pressure and guilt, but out of love and joy.

The Blessing

from Deuteronomy 7:6 and Matthew 6:21

As you go, remember that out of all the people on the face of the earth, God has chosen YOU to be His treasured possession (not by anything you have done but by what Christ has done on your behalf). And as God treasures you, may you treasure Christ, that where your treasure is, your heart may be also.