

# The Gift of Giving

In 2 Corinthians 8-9, Paul discussed the grace of giving. The Corinthians had vowed to send money to those in need. Almost a year had passed, and it had not been sent. Paul commended them for being spiritual but said they also needed to fulfill their vow. Intentions were good, but they were empty if not fulfilled. In Chapter 8, he said the Macedonians had a great gift of grace by giving when they were in poverty. He said the Corinthians could learn a lesson from them.

He, then, used God's great gift of Jesus Christ as the ultimate example (8:9). Jesus became poor so that man could become rich. Jesus had all things when in Heaven, but he gave that up so that we might be rich.

Paul closed Chapter 9 with these verses. "And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." This is almost a parallel to Chapter 8:7-9. He was saying that he was confident that the Corinthians would fulfill their vow with the great grace of God in their giving. Further, he emphasized the importance of such graceful giving by giving thanks to God for His great gift of Jesus Christ to man.

Some people do not like to hear sermons on giving. Yet, God gave Jesus to us. The least we can do is to give bountifully back to Him. We do this by giving on the first day of the week in worship. Then, those funds were used for preaching the Gospel and for benevolence to those in need.

Read your Bible. Learn how to have the gift of the grace of God in benevolence. If any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

—Mark McWhorter, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 11/18

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# Be Involved

There was great excitement in the air in Acts 2 when the church began. Those who were being saved were added to the Lord's church just as we are today. As the church in the first century, it began to work for the Lord. Its members met with each other house to house. They continued in the apostle's doctrine. They worshipped. They worked. They took care of one another. As the church began to grow, more and more congregations of the Lord's church were being established from city to city. Elders were put into place in each congregation to shepherd the flock, and the Word of the Lord continued to spread.

As Christians living today, we are a part of that same church that began in Acts 2. When we are baptized for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38), Christ adds us to His church (Acts 2:47). As part of the body, we serve God. We worship Him in spirit and in truth. We are obedient to His Word. We follow His Will. We come together on each Sunday to worship Him and to remember Christ and His sacrifice. We come together to lift each other up, encouraging and supporting one another, praying for one another. We come together to give unto the Lord from the depths of our hearts, to praise and honor God. We come together.

The Lord has set many commandments before us as His church, the things that we must do. While, yes, we should do those things because God has commanded us, we should also do them out of love (John 14:15). We should love to worship God. We should love to come together. Lifting up other people should bring joy to our hearts. The work of the Lord and spreading of the Gospel should not be something that we just feel obligated to do, but such ought to be something that we love and desire to do.

We should also know that as a child of God we are needed in the body. Our individual talents make us who we are; they make us special. Those things that set us apart as individuals make us unique and very much needed for the work of the Lord. When we do not come together, we are not only breaking God's commands (Hebrews 10:24-25), but we are also not supporting our fellow brethren. We need to love God and each other so much that we want to be a part of His spiritual body.

As a church, we come together. We come together on Sundays to worship God and to lift each other up. We come together outside of worship to continue the work of the Lord. My hope is that we will all come together to do God's will.

—Derek Broome, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 11/18

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## Noah

Noah is an important figure to the Bible record for a few reasons. First of all, he demonstrated the fact that faith and obedience go hand-in-hand. God told Noah a flood was coming and what he needed to do to survive the flood; he did it and preserved his life. Second, Noah shows that what is popular is not always right and what is right is not always popular. Noah preached for decades, but in the end, only his family heeded the message he preached. The rest of the world perished. Finally, Noah serves as a warning to all of God's people to watch themselves. Nobody is immune to sin and temptation. Coming off the boat where his life was spared, he made an altar and sacrificed to God. Not long after this event, Noah planted a vineyard and got drunk. Noah, the man who was perfect in his generation and walked with God, still had faults.

—Thomas Baxley, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 11/18

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

**November 11, 2018**

Coordinator.....Robert Hackett  
Announcements.....George Clay  
Scripture Reading.....Austin Clay  
Song Leader.....Adam Jolley  
Opening Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.  
Lord's Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks  
Serve: Steve Anderson, Brian Smith  
Ethan Leonard, Justin Draper  
Closing Prayer .....Ben Silcox  
Greeter— Dallas & Paige Eddie  
Greeter— Roger & Cynthia Draper  
Count Offering.....Dallas Eddie  
.....Kaleb Bush  
AM Sermon — Zach Wilken  
PM Sermon — Zach Wilken

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements.....George Clay  
Song Leader.....Adam Jolley  
Scripture Reading.....Austin Clay  
Opening Prayer.....Glen Reece  
Lord's Supper.....Roger Draper  
.....Gavin Spurlin  
Closing Prayer.....Steve Anderson

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM**

Announcements.....George Clay  
Song Leader.....Jacky Carver, Sr.  
First Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks  
Opening Prayer.....Dallas Eddie  
Invitation(11/14).....Gavin Spurlin  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Draper

Prepare Communion for **NOVEMBER**

Linda Hackett

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,

Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
 Ramelle Cole, Linda Phillips, Rita Lankford,  
 Joyce Williams (Athens, TN), Mary Massey

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

11/04/18

Wednesday.....	50
Worship Sunday AM.....	83
Bible Study Sunday AM.....	74
Daily Bible Readers.....	36
Worship Sunday PM (10/28).....	60

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>None</b>
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**Pantry Item:** Can of Beef Stew

**READING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER**

01 John 2-4	11 Acts 13-17	21 I Cor. 3-5
02 John 5-7	12 Acts 18-20	22 I Cor. 6-8
03 John 8-10	13 Acts 21-23	23 I Cor. 9-11
04 John 11-15	14 Acts 24-26	24 I Cor. 12-14
05 John 16-18	15 Acts 27-28	25 I Cor. 15-16
06 John 19-21	Rom. 1	II Cor. 1-2
07 Acts 1-3	16 Rom. 2-4	26 II Cor. 3-6
08 Acts 4-6	17 Rom. 5-7	27 II Cor. 7-9
09 Acts 7-9	18 Rom. 8-12	28 II Cor. 10-12
10 Acts 10-12	19 Rom.13-15	29 II Cor. 13;
	20 Rom. 16;	Gal. 1-2
	I Cor. 1-2	30 Gal. 3-5