

**The Purpose of Prosperity by John Piper, Solid Joys,
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Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. (Ephesians 4:28)

There are three levels of how to live with material things: (1) you can steal to get them; (2) or you can work to get them; (3) or you can work to get in order to give.

Too many professing Christians live on level two. We glorify work over against stealing and mooching, and feel we have acted virtuously if we have spurned stealing and mooching, and given ourselves to an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. That's not a bad thing. Work is better than stealing and mooching. But that's not what the apostle calls us to.

Almost all the forces of our culture urge us to live on level two: work to get. But the Bible pushes us relentlessly to level three: work to get to give. "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all suffi-

ciency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Why does God bless us with abundance? So we can have enough to live on, and then use the rest for all manner of good works that alleviate spiritual and physical misery — temporal and eternal suffering. Enough for us; abundance for others.

The issue is not how much a person makes. Big industry and big salaries are a fact of our times, and they are not necessarily evil. The evil is in being deceived into thinking that a large salary must be accompanied by a lavish lifestyle.

God has made us to be conduits of his grace. The danger is in thinking the conduit should be lined with gold. It shouldn't. Copper will do. Copper can carry unbelievable riches to others. And in the very process of that giving we enjoy the greatest blessing (Acts 20:35).

Events

TODAY VisionYouth 7 PM
10/24 Piedmont Rescue
Mission Greater Vision Banquet
6 PM
10/27 Family Members Meeting
7 PM

Give



Upcoming Events



Pastors

Gary Hendrix Stephen Byrd
Stu Johnston Bob Prentice
Michael Lopes

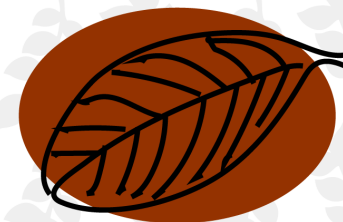
Service Times

—Sunday School 9:30 am
—Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
—Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
—Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm
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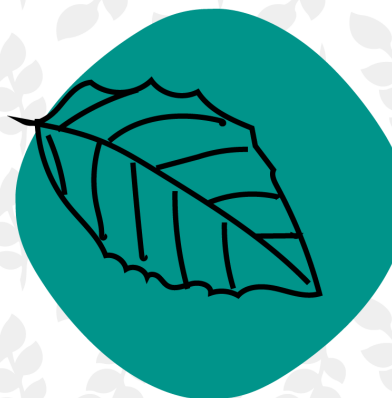


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Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice
Come Behold the Wondrous
Mystery

1. Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

2. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; He the perfect Son of Man
in His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

3. Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold;
bringing many sons to glory; Grace unmeasured, Love untold.

4. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death, the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!

**What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes! (repeat)**

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Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Preparatory

Psalm 96, page 499

**#387 I Love to Tell the Story
Come all Ye Pining**

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace in thy beloved Son

**(Chorus) Come, all ye pining, hungry poor the Saviour's bounty taste
Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest**

O wondrous gifts of love divine dear Source of every good
Jesus, in thee what glories shine how rich thy flowing blood
(Chorus)

Here shall your numerous wants receive, a free, a full supply
He has unmeasured bliss to give and joys that never die

**(Chorus)
Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest**

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn

Pastor Michael Lopes
Our God Reigns

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

**(Chorus) Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God
reigns!**

2. He had no stately form, He had no majesty,
that we should be drawn to Him.

He was despised and we took no account of Him,
yet now He reigns with the Most High. **(Chorus)**

3. Out from the tomb He came with grace and majesty,
He is alive, He is alive.

God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side.
Yes, we know, He is alive. **(Chorus)**

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Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory

Psalm 63, page 479

**#21 God Moves in a Mysterious
Way**

Preparatory

Help My Unbelief

I know the Lord is nigh and would but cannot pray
For Satan meets me when I try and frights my soul away
And frights my soul away

I would but can't repent though I endeavor oft
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft
Till Jesus makes it soft

**(chorus)
Help my unbelief
Help my unbelief
Help my unbelief
My help must come from thee**

I would but cannot love though wooed by love divine
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine
A soul so base as mine

I would but cannot rest in God's most holy will
I know what He appoints is best and murmur at it still
I murmur at it still

(Chorus - Sing 2 times)

John Newton, Clint Wells Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal #278

Sermon

Kent Thompson