

# *the*Will

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday School: 9AM**  
**Service Time: 10AM**

**Happy Birthday to those  
born in August.**

**September is Community-  
building month!**

**Bible Trivia is coming in  
September!!**

**Save the Date:**  
**GWCC's 15th Anniversary**  
**1.4.20**

A Good Measure, Running Over, Will Be Poured Into Your Lap!

*Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

### Reflection Thoughts:

I woke up this morning to my alarm clock dinging on my mobile cell phone. Squinting my eyes open, I checked out the phone screen and saw a "Verse of the Day" had been delivered to my phone – and this was it – Luke 6:38. I opened up Luke 6 to figure out what the context was – just before this verse, Luke is saying "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." And then he writes "Give, and it will be given to you."

There are so many ways in life to be generous, aren't there? Be merciful and don't judge too harshly – that's generosity of your spirit! Do not condemn – that's generosity of your love! Forgive – that's generosity of your heart! It's so easy to go through your life, to go through your day, and to think the worst of others in a difficult situation. It's easy to look down on others for mistakes made, for sins committed. But you know what this reminds me of? That I am a pretty difficult person sometimes. That I screw up. That I make insensitive comments. That I do things I would definitely not approve of someone else doing. That I forget important occasions, that I am thoughtless, that I am selfish. And despite this, the verse is encouraging me – saying – okay, I know you suck sometimes. So go easy on others around you – don't judge them, forgive them. Because you know what? If that's what you do, then that's what will be done to you!

What a blessing! I mean, all I've got to do is be merciful, and mercy will be shown to me?! That's just exactly what God the Father and Jesus the Son have done for me on the cross – I've already been shown mercy. But that promise isn't over – no, it's still a promise for my everyday life. My mercy will also result in more mercy to me. What an amazing promise!

#### **Application:**

When I think of the last part of this verse – that the measure I use, if it is a good, or generous measure, will be given back to me.

I want to think of this like an ice cream cone. Ice cream is pretty much at the top of my list of "Best foods ever". So when I go to get an ice cream cone, I really have to use self-restraint not to order the extra-large, triple-scoop size every time. You know what makes me really happy? When the guy or gal behind the counter just uses a reeeeaally big scoop on my single-scoop cone. It sends me over the moon. That's what I want you to think of as you understand this verse – the measure you use for scooping out ice cream into the lives of others around you – use a big scoop – then press that ice cream down into the cone, and top it off so that the cone is overflowing with that goodness! If you can do that – today, this week – then that's the measure that will be used when others, when Christ, is doling out ice cream into the cone of your life!

#### **REMINDER:**

Please remember to  
download our App in the App  
Store or Google Play!

## Member's Corner



*This month, we shine the spotlight on Brother John Harris.*

### Who introduced you to Christ?

My mother introduced me to Christ when she wanted me to read books based on the word of God.

### When did you join GWCC?

I joined GWCC in 2012.

### What ministries do you participate in?

I participate in the youth ministry.

### What do you do for a living?

I don't have a career yet.

### What are your hobbies?

Playing basketball and video games.

### What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?

One thing I found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC is the activities that are planned for the youth

### What advice would you give a new Christian?

Have faith and always pray to God.

## Recipe Corner: Beef & Cheddar Sliders

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 dozen Hawaiian dinner rolls
- 3/4 lb. very thinly sliced deli roast beef
- 1/2 cup BBQ sauce
- 8 slices cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp. dijon mustard
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1-1/2 tsp poppy seeds

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Toss thinly sliced roast beef with bbq sauce.
3. Split each dinner roll. Place roll bottoms in 9x13x2-baking pan. Top rolls with bbq roast beef. Top roast beef with cheese slices. Place roll tops on top of cheese.
4. In a small sauce pan combine butter, brown sugar, mustard, Worcestershire and poppy seeds. Bring to a boil and pour over sandwiches.
5. Bake for 20-30 minutes, or until the tops are brown and crispy.

## Our Daily Bread

*Plodding for God:*

*Hebrews 6:9–12*

Those raised in the English village with William Carey (1761–1834) probably thought he wouldn't accomplish much, but today he's known as the father of modern missions. Born to parents who were weavers, he became a not-too-successful teacher and cobbler while teaching himself Greek, Hebrew, and Latin. After many years, he realized his dream of becoming a missionary to India. But he faced hardship, including his child's death, his wife's mental-health problems, and for many years the lack of response from those he served.

What kept him serving amid difficulties as he translated the entire Bible into six languages and parts of it into twenty-nine others? "I can plod," he said.

"I can persevere in any definite pursuit." He committed to serving God no matter what trials he encountered.

This continued devotion to Christ is what the writer to the Hebrews counseled. He called for those reading his letter to not "become lazy" (Hebrews 6:12), but to "show this same diligence to the very end" (v. 11) as they sought to honor God. He reassured them that God "will not forget your work and the love you have shown" (v. 10).

During William Carey's later years, he reflected on how God consistently supplied his needs. "He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him." May God also empower us to serve Him day by day.

*By Amy Boucher Pye*

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## Weekly Activities

**Morning Prayer Conference Call**  
**Men's Bible Study Conference Call**

**Daily 7:00AM**  
**Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm**

**Conference Number: 712-775-7031**  
**Access Code: 443-268-839**