

Sunday Worship Services at 9am

In-Person in the Sanctuary, Live Online
(YouTube, Facebook, reedleymbc.org)
On Demand after 1pm on Monday

Children's Church
Ages 3 through 1st Grade

Fellowship on the Green at 10:20am

Adult and Children's Classes at 10:40am

REEDLEY MENNONITE
BRETHREN CHURCH

**GLORIFY
GROW
GO**

SCAN TO CONNECT WITH US ON OUR DIGITAL
CONNECTION FORM
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



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Our mission is to
Glorify God,
Grow together
as equipped
disciples of Jesus Christ,
& **Go** proclaiming
His gospel to all!

Sunday Morning @ 9 AM
 Online live @ 9 AM | On Demand after 1 PM on Monday
 Sunday classes for all ages @ 10:40am

Facebook, YouTube, WWW icons

"...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
 Luke 10:2

HARTLAND CHRISTIAN CAMP
 winter camp 2022
100%
 Mark 12:30

PRETEEN
 Feb. 4-6

JR HIGH
 Feb. 11-13

Hall of Fame
Banquet Honoring
Vincent Balakian '81
 &
Dennis L. Friesen '65

NOVEMBER 18, 2021 | PLAQUE CEREMONY 5:30PM
 IMMANUEL SCHOOLS | DINNER AT 6PM
 NORTH GYM | \$25 PER PERSON

LOST
FOUND
Today in the Breezeway

MEXICO MISSION TRIP
 INFORMATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 7
 IN THE STUDENT CENTER
 10:40-11:40AM

Joy November 20th
 Sign up online
 Ministry Respite Event
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HSM HUME WINTER CAMP
FEBRUARY 25-27
GNOMAD \$50 holds your spot register today on the app

Become a JOY buddy!
 In-Person Training TODAY! From 4-6pm

Communion
November 14
Remembering His Sacrifice

ROOTED MONDAYS except for school holidays
 2 4 2 3-5 PM
RMBC STUDENT CENTER
 homework hang out
6TH-12TH GRADERS

ROOTED
JHM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS **HSM SUNDAY NIGHTS**
6:30-8:00 PM
 student center

RMBC together with SERVAREEDLEY
 ARE PROVIDING THANKSGIVING DINNERS TO 80 FAMILIES AT GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL IN NEED
 please help by donating some "extra's" cookies | nuts | candy | coffee | fruits | cranberry sauce & more!
 due by Nov 17th

M.O.M.S.
 HOME BUSINESS BOUTIQUE AT RMBC
NOVEMBER 18
 MORNING & EVENING

RMBC WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Women's Bible Study
 6:45PM IN EC 205

WOW
 Women of the Word 2021-2022
TUESDAYS 9-11
 in the Fellowship Hall
 The Word of the Lord by nancy guthrie

For more details on these or additional RMBC Ministries: check the App, Website, or contact the church office at (559) 638-8123. Further details can also be found in today's Journal.





RMBC JOURNAL

REEDLEY MENNONITE BROTHERS CHURCH

WORSHIP TODAY

Sunday - November 7, 2021

Fearn0t

Today we'll begin a brief series in Philemon. Being one of the shortest letters in the New Testament, and most intimate of Paul's letters, Philemon focuses us on the need for Christians to be responsible to and for one another, while also bringing the transforming power of the gospel to bear in the situations and circumstances of our lives. Our text will be Philemon 1:1-7. We encourage you to bring a friend with you to worship or invite a friend to join you online for worship!

If you are visiting with us today we encourage you to download our app (search: reedleymbc), visit our website (reedleymbc.org), or visit our Welcome Center where you can get more information and a gift.

Join the 5 Day Bible Reading Challenge!

This week's passages: Week 44

Day 1: Ezekial 16-18; John 6

Day 2: Ezekial 19-21; Psalm 84; John 7

Day 3: Ezekial 22-24; Psalm 134; John 8

Day 4: Ezekial 25-27; Psalm 85; John 9

Day 5: Ezekial 28-30; John 10

OPPORTUNITIES

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Missionary of the Week: From **Pastor Sam Estes**, City Advance Director. "We praise God for the move of His Spirit in cities like Houston, Texas where we have just completed a 2-day conference. Seven communities in Houston with 100-300 thousand people have been identified with leaders to be trained. We are currently ministering in multiple cities in the San Joaquin Valley including Kingsburg, Dinuba, Sanger, Wasco, and Shafter. We ask for wisdom and favor as we are being asked to go into more cities introducing the church to the city and the city to the church helping people of faith work with people of good will. Discernment as the National City Advance Team develops a new organizational structure. Thank you again for your support in this outreach ministry."

Mexico Mission Trip Information Meeting TODAY! Everyone is invited to a meeting led by Gordon and Karen Wiebe to hear about the team going to Guadalajara, April 10-18th, 2022. The meeting will take place in SC100 during the Sunday School hour. Join us and pray about whether God might be moving you to be a part of this team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you so much Church Family----Our Fall Family Fun Night was a great success, we had 9 children who accepted Jesus. Thank you to our Sunday School classes who ran all of the game booths and to the congregation who donated the many, many, MANY bags of candy to pass out to the kids. Thank you also to the many volunteers and staff who helped with set up and tear down. We appreciate everyone who was involved in making this event happen.
Tanya Jones and Mike Schellenberg

MOMS Home Business Boutique will be held on Thursday, November 18th, from 9:30-11am and 6:30-8:30pm in the RMBC Fellowship Hall. Start your Christmas shopping early and support our home-based businesses. We will be selling homemade crafts, baked goods, home decor, jewelry, gifts, and more.

STEWARDSHIP

10/31/2021 - Attendance 571
YTD Goal \$328,483
YTD Deficit \$72,792

GIVING @ RMBC

- Text reedleymbc to 1-888-364-4483
- reedleymbc.org > Give
- U S Postal Service
- RMBC App > Giving
- Office, M-F, 8:30-5pm

Welcome

Welcome to Reedley MB. We're pleased to have you join us today for our worship service. It's our prayer that you will meet the living God in this place as we hear from the Word of God. We are here to **GLORIFY** God, **GROW** together as equipped disciples of Jesus Christ, and **GO** proclaiming His gospel to all. If you have questions, please ask, check our app, scan the digital QR code on the back of the Bulletin, or stop by The Welcome Center on our main lawn.
Malcolm Light, Senior Pastor

Sermon Materials

Each week, Pastor Malcolm sends out sermon materials ahead of Sunday's sermon. You can find them on our App or if you'd like to receive these in your email, please contact the Church Office.

Upcoming Events

We have upcoming events! Don't miss out: check the RMBC Website, App, and online Bulletin.

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Part Time Custodian needed at RMBC: This employee performs a variety of general custodial and light grounds keeping work in the care and maintenance of the church campus' buildings and grounds. Under the direction of the Business Manager and Custodial Lead, the Custodian performs a variety of semi-skilled and skilled work in the maintenance of buildings, grounds, and equipment. The position requires two days per week with additional opportunities available.

OPPORTUNITIES

You are cordially invited to attend the Immanuel School's Hall of Fame Banquet Thursday, November 18th, where we will honor our 2021 Hall of Fame inductees, **Vince Balakian and Dennis L. Friesen**. Please send your RSVP to Rhonda at rduerksen@immanuelschools.com or call 638-2529 #7108, no later than November 11th.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals Take a Break and will resume January 26, 2022. Watch for details. A heartfelt thank you to our kitchen crew and lead cooks: Jackie Balakian, Brad & Mary Fast, Arlene Gutierrez, Nora Lewis and Lavone Sawatzky.

JOY Disability Ministry Needs You! Come learn to serve and support children and adults with special needs. In-person training will be held Sunday, November 7th from 4-6pm in the Conference Room. All ages welcome, no prior experience needed. Signup is located on the church app or website. Come learn to serve with JOY our friends with special needs.

Missions Fundraiser - Turkeys for Thanksgiving and Hams for Christmas \$75 each. Boneless Turkey Breast, bake in bag (8-10 lbs) Order by November 11. Pick up on November 13/14. Hormel Old Tyme Pit Ham (12 lbs) Order by December 9. Pick up on December 11/12.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

RKids will be taking a break until January 26, 2022.

Nursery is available for children birth through Age 2 in the Children's Center.

Children's Church is available for kids 3 years old - 1st grade. Children meet in the breezeway when dismissed from the service. Children's Church is located in the Children's Center in the Seashore Room.

Sunday School - Age 3 through 4th grade meet in the Children's Center; 5th & 6th grade are upstairs in the Student Center at 10:40am (**please don't send them to Sunday School until 10:35am**) Check in children prior to church service in the breezeway or after service in the lobby of the Children's Center.

Pre-Teen Winter Camp at Hartland will be February 4-6th for 4th-6th graders. Space is limited. Sign up today!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Forged Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6-7am in SC 100

Cross Trainers Basketball: Wed., 7pm, Immanuel

Men's Group: Thursdays at noon in the Student Center

Pickleball: Thursdays at 7pm, at the RMBC Court

Contact mike@reedleymbc.org for more information on Men's Ministry

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOMS - Leaders will gather for planning future meetings on November 11th, from 9-1am. Questions? Contact Margie at 559-974-5640.

WOW 2021 - Community Bible Study Tuesdays, 9-11am in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Study - Wednesday nights at 6:45pm in EC 205

OTHER MINISTRY

JOY Disability Ministry - Respite event Saturday, November 20th, 9am-2pm, serving individuals affected by disability and their siblings. We want to give parents and caregivers the opportunity to take a break while volunteer "buddies" lead games, activities, and music. Lunch is provided. Look for the links: JOY Respite or JOY Respite Family Registration form on the app or website.

Bilingual Class meets Wednesday nights in EC 209 at 7pm.

College & Young Adults meet on Sunday nights from 6-9pm upstairs in the Student Center.

ROOTED STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sunday School - Junior High meets in the Student Center upstairs in SC200. Vince Balakian is teaching through the Old Testament. **High School** meets downstairs in the Student Center in SC100. The students are studying the miracles and parables of Jesus in the Gospels.

Rooted High School Winter Camp at Hume - High school students are going to Hume Winter Camp, February 25-27. Register today on the App or webpage. A \$50 deposit is required to secure registration. The total cost is \$224. Scholarships are available for those with financial need.

Rooted Large Group Meetings - All 7-12th grade students are invited to join our junior high and high school groups each week for a time of fellowship, teaching, and fun. Junior high meets from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. High school meets from 6:30-8pm on Sunday nights. Both events are in the Student Center.

Rooted 2.42 meets on Monday afternoons from 3-5pm in the Student Center. All 6-12th graders are invited to come after school to hang out, do homework, and enjoy fellowship together. If you would like to volunteer on a monthly basis to be an adult monitor, we can use your help.

Rooted Junior High Winter Camp at Hartland Junior High Students are going to Hartland Winter Camp, February 11-13th. Sign up on the App or webpage. A \$50 deposit is required for official registration. The cost for camp this year is \$207. Scholarships are available for those with financial need.

Contact joel@reedleymbc.org for more information on Student Ministry

Philemon 1-7

November 7, 2021

We are going to do a quick two-week study of the book of Philemon. This book was written to a Christian slave owner named Philemon. Paul is writing this letter on behalf of Onesimus. Onesimus had run away from Philemon and while he was gone from Philemon, Paul led Onesimus to Christ. In leading him to Christ, Onesimus is now a brother in Christ. While the letter is addressed to Philemon, it is also addressed to Apphia, Archippus, and the church that met in Philemon's house (vs. 2). In the early days of Christianity, churches met in houses. Most early Christians were poor and or slaves, as a result most of them did not have much material wealth. It is assumed that Philemon was a wealthy man, given he had a house big enough for the church to meet at and he owned slaves.

This is one of few letters that Paul wrote and to an individual. It is also one of the few letters that he does not refer to himself as an apostle. Paul probably wrote this letter in AD 60. Paul is making a personal appeal to Philemon to both receive and forgive Onesimus not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ (vs. 16). It is clear that Paul led Philemon to Jesus and had a close relationship with him (vs. 19-20). Paul calls Philemon a fellow worker and partner (vs. 1; 17). The letter is based on that relationship that Paul had with Philemon. Paul was making an appeal to Philemon and did not want to strongarm him into it. He wanted Philemon to receive and forgive Onesimus from the heart rather than being forced to by Paul's authority or credentials (vs. 9).

We need to understand what the implications were for a slave to run away. Onesimus was a nonbelieving slave. He had run away, and he had stolen money, or something of value, from Philemon to fund his escape (vs. 18). Such an act was a grievous and serious offense, with severe punishment attached, even death. If slaves were found, they were branded with an "F" meaning fugitive, and they were tortured, and some were even crucified. Running away was not tolerated, because people had valued investment in slaves, and slaves had great responsibility. Paul is calling on Philemon to forgive Onesimus. In doing so, the Gospel is being shown to us in a real-life example.

Paul in Prison

Paul refers to himself as a prisoner of Christ Jesus Read (vs 1). This is one of five letters that Paul wrote while being held in a Roman prison. When we read that, we tend to skip over the implications of that. Why is he in prison? What would lead the man that said we are submit governmental authority (Romans 13:1) to be in prison? Rome was a very religious society. They worshiped many gods. They did not have a problem with worshipping Jesus. What they had a problem with was worshipping Jesus as Lord. In Rome, during this time, starting with Caesar Augustus, the Caesars declared themselves to be God, and there was no higher allegiance than Caesar. Allegiance to the state was paramount. When Paul declared that Jesus was Lord, that implied that Caesar did not have ultimate authority and that is where Christianity came into conflict with the Rome. Jesus declared that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to Him (Matt 28:18) and that is what Paul preached.

Jesus' Lordship was something that the Roman state despised. Roman governor Pliny the Younger complained of the Christians unwillingness to burn a pinch of incense on an altar or swear by the emperor. From his point of view this was no big deal, but from a Christian point of view this was not something they would do. Jesus was their Lord not Caesar. Totalitarian authorities did not like that Christians would not bow their knee and worship the state. The state expected complete allegiance and that was not something that faithful Christians were willing to give to the state. Their allegiance was to Jesus. Because of that Christians could not participate in what was considered normal Roman behavior. Because of this, they were considered a threat to the state. Their declaration that Jesus Christ was Lord was the reason they were thrown into jail and martyred. Paul is in prison for preaching Christ as Lord.

He did not see himself as a prisoner of Rome though, he saw himself as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. Jesus was his Lord and because of that, he was in prison as a direct result of Christ's Lordship over his life. Listen to Paul's thoughts about being in prison. (Read Philippians 1:12-14) This has implications for us as well. As our government grows in its humanistic secular nature, we find ourselves at odds with what the state now considers to be normal, acceptable, and what we are expected to be celebrate. Most of our beliefs about moral issues are considered hate speech and we are looked at poorly by the state and by most of the prevailing culture of our day. Because Jesus is our Lord, we cannot go along with the evil our culture and government now celebrate. As a result, there is growing tension between faithful Christians and our state. We must see things from the same perspective Paul did. He declared Jesus to be Lord over everything even the state.

Encouragement Matters

The Lordship of Christ has implications on how we are to treat each other as the people of God. As we live in community with each other, we are to encourage one another.

Paul is thankful for Philemon's involvement in community (vs. 4-5). I want us to notice Paul's attitude. Is Paul down in the dumps because he is in prison? No! He is thankful for what he is hearing about at Philemon and the church. He is grateful for his faith in Jesus and love for his church. Paul is not focused on his own circumstances. He is focused on the good things that are happening in this man's life. He is praying for Philemon with thanksgiving. Remembering Philemon in his prayers, Paul is asking God to consider Philemon and to act for his benefit.

That is what we do when we pray for one another and for our church. We are bringing those needs before God asking him to act on behalf of one another. As we bring the concerns of others before God, it will cause us to act on each other's behalf. When you know of a need that someone else has and you bring that need before God in prayer, it becomes hard to ignore that need. Often, God will call on you to fulfill that need. It also keeps us from having a pity party for ourselves.

Philemon's Faith is done in community (vs. 6). I find it interesting that while this letter is directed to Philemon, the church is to hear this read as well. As Paul is calling Philemon to forgive his runaway slave and accept him as a brother in Christ, the church knows what Paul is asking him to do. The church would have known about Onesimus running away and I am sure

that they had opinions about what should have been done to him. Here Paul is not only addressing Philemon, but the church. They were all to forgive him and accept him as a brother in Christ. They were to do this for the sake of Christ. Read Ephesians 4:32. Philemon was to be an example to the church that met in his house and that would be demonstrated by his forgiveness of Onesimus. It takes faith to forgive another person. It is not easy. (Explain forgiveness).

Spiritual maturity brings refreshment to the community (vs. 7).

Look at what Paul says about Philemon in verses 3-7. Paul is thankful for him. Philemon loves Jesus and the saints. Philemon shares his faith effectively for the sake of Christ. Paul has derived much joy and comfort from Philemon. Philemon has refreshed the hearts of the saints. What a testimony. Paul brags on this man. He is spiritually mature and is shown in how he lives his life. Paul reminds him of these things before he asks him to forgive his runaway slave. In reminding Philemon of these things, he is also pointing out to the church what spiritual maturity is to look like. It will be awfully hard for Philemon not to forgive Onesimus after this.

These things are understood and lived out because Jesus was Philemon's Lord. The Lordship of Christ had real implications in the life of Philemon. He was a mature man of God. Philemon had a great reputation. He was a man who walked in the Spirit and demonstrated the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control.

What does spiritual maturity look like in your life? Is there someone the Lord is asking you to forgive? Is Jesus the Lord of your life?

**Community Matters
Pastor Matt Harder**

**Philemon 1-7
November 7, 2021**

Background:

Paul in Prison (vs. 1)

**Encouragement Matters Paul Brags on
Philemon (vs. 4-7)**

Involvement in Community (vs. 4-5)

Faith is Done in Community (vs.6)

**Maturity Brings Refreshment to the
Community (vs. 7)**

Open Your Heart and Mind

When you think of spiritual maturity what comes to your mind? Are there people that you know who are spiritually mature? How do you define spiritual maturity? Do you consider yourself spiritually mature?

Finding God in His Word

Read Philemon 1-7

- Why do you think Paul sees himself as a prisoner of Christ Jesus rather than a prisoner of Rome?
- While Paul is in prison, he still ministers to people. Read Philippians 1:12-18. Do you have the same mindset and attitude when “bad things” happen in your life? Paul is in a Roman prison cell, and he is rejoicing that the Gospel message is being proclaimed.
- Do you have a high view of Jesus and His Gospel? Is your life centered around the spreading of the Gospel? Why or why not?
- Paul brags on Philemon for his faith in Jesus and his love of others. How often do you spend time bragging on other believers? How has encouragement of others benefited you in your walk with Christ?
- Paul has received much joy and comfort from Philemon. Are there people in your life that bring you joy and comfort? Do you do that for others?
- Philemon refreshed other believers. What would it take for you to refresh others? How would you change if your goal each day is to be a blessing to someone else?
- Paul is asking Philemon to forgive Onesimus. Are there people in your life that God is asking you to forgive? Are you willing to forgive them? Why or why not?

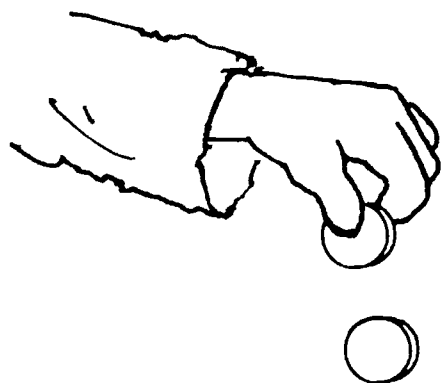
Live the Christ Life

Jesus declares that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him (Matt 28:18). This has implications for our lives. It has implications in how we see our government, how we view social issues, how we participate in society, what church we attend, how we read our Bibles, who we marry, and the list goes on. In other words, it has implications for all our lives.

The poor widow gave all she had.

Find the words:

widow gave all



w i d o w s
g a v e t u
v m a l l r

Ages 3+

November 7, 2021 • Mark 12:38-44

The Widow's Offering

Jesus watched people putting money into the temple offering box.

Circle Jesus.



Circle this man.

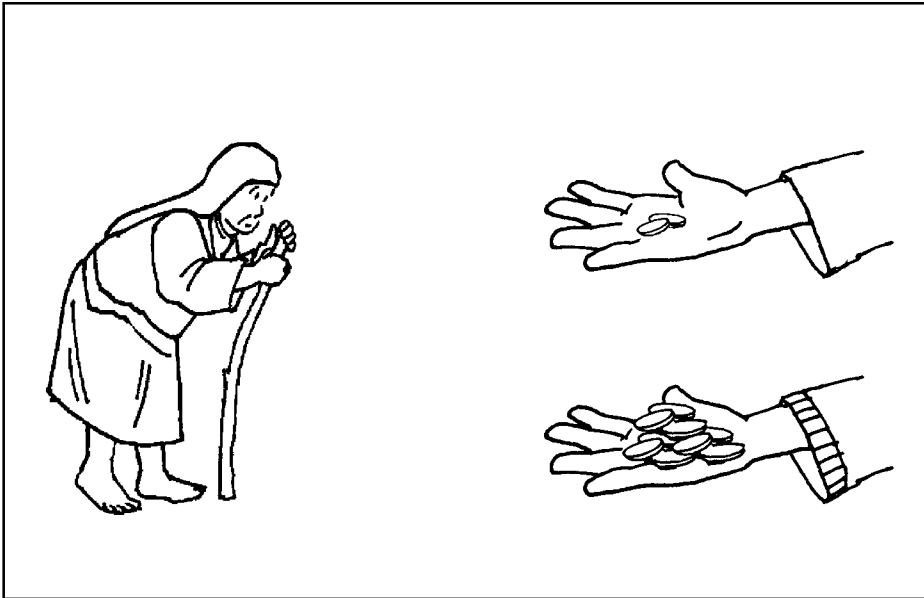
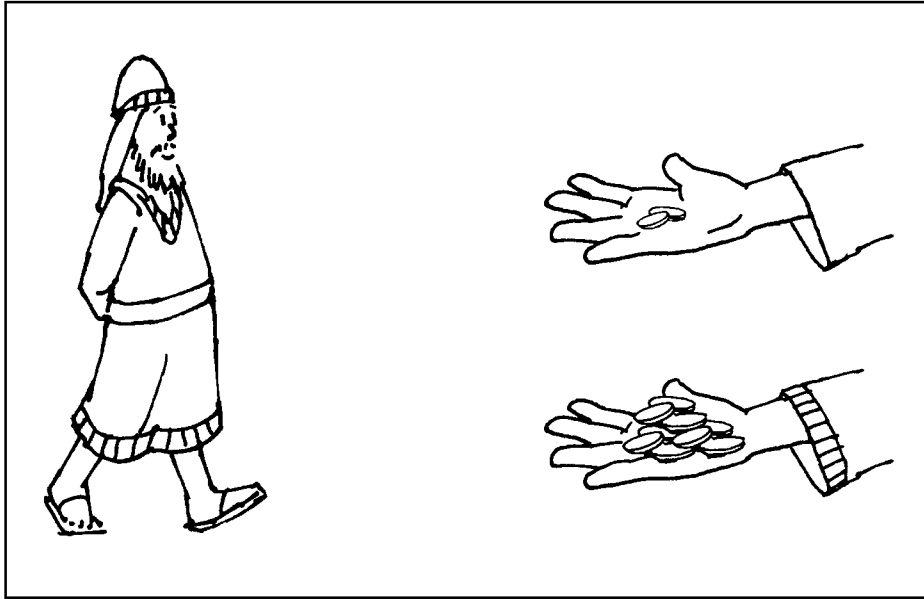


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Many people gave a lot of money.
A poor widow gave just two small coins.

Match the giver to the amount given.



Jesus told His disciples, "This poor widow
has given more than all the others."

Match the opposites.

