

One day we will but right now we don't. The... an unfinished warehouse with uncomfortable chairs and wobbly table... this role requires someone who can take five fish and two loaves of bread... thousand.

BUT, food is too important to let the present difficulties stand in the way. The community are too intimately connected for us to forgo eating together. What event or festival that God instituted for the Jews in the Old Testament... out food? How often did the prophets use food as a symbol of God's love? of Jesus' best divine demonstrations were about food. His best stories... The book of Genesis begins with food and the book of Revelations... church without food is a church that will get hungry. You probably... am overstating the point... well I could point you to at least two books... and food...if you are interested.

Cloverdale Christmas Hamper Program—Scott Napier

It may only be September, and school has just begun, but Christmas is quickly approaching for those involved with planning the Cloverdale Christmas Hamper Program. This Program is entering it's 19th year providing for families, Seniors and the "under-housed" in the Cloverdale area. Three years ago PCC began spear-heading the program and assembled a leadership team of individuals from churches and organizations in the Cloverdale area. Through the combined effort of many churches, schools, businesses, government agencies and countless volunteers we were able to provide over 220 hampers in 2009; equating to well over \$60,000 in food, toys and cash donations.



Each year in December the PCC "warehouse" acts as a hub; receiving, sorting, preparing & packing donations from the community. There is a steady build to the week we call "Hamper Week". This is the week just before Christmas where everything (hopefully) comes together and the final preparations are made for the families and individuals to pickup (or have delivered) their hampers on "Hamper Day". This is an exciting day where people from all parts of

the Cloverdale community come together to serve, share, laugh and cry. It is a celebration of the goodness and grace that Jesus Christ has extended to all of us. It is a day that we see the Spirit of God move us into community as we *extend our table*.

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