

## Monthly Calendar

**The Men's Breakfast:** The first Saturday of the month, 8:00 am at the Lakeview church of Christ. The cost is \$4.00 with the proceeds supporting Delano Bay Christian Camp. Contact person: Gene McCaul.

**Ladies Night Out:** Usually, the second Tuesday of the month, 6:00 pm at an area restaurant. Contact person: Carolyn McCaul.

**The Monday Night Bible Study:** Monday nights, 6:30 pm, at the home of Keith and Lindsey Petty. They are currently studying on marriage. Contact person: Keith Petty.

**The Senior Saints Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 10:30 am in the downstairs SIBI classroom. Class topic will be "The Gospel of John." Contact person: Ken Wilson.

**Friday Night Singing:** Every other Friday night 7:00 pm at various members homes. We are going through the songbook starting at the beginning and singing each song. Contact person: Gene McCaul.

## Speakers and Sermons

Jan. 04 **AM Sermon: Dale Lindsey -**

**PM Sermon: Bob Stump - "Bearing the Cross"**  
Luke 9:23-26

**To Request Recordings:** jcdstorm300@yahoo.com

## Class Topics



**Sunday Morning** Adults: Auditorium -  
"Equipping the Saints"  
Adults: SIBI classroom - "Personal Evangelism"  
**Wednesday Evening** Adults: Auditorium -  
"Timothy and Titus"

ATTENDANCE 12/28: 116 CONTRIBUTION 12/28: \$2,799.00  
AVG. CONTRIBUTION DEC.: \$2,437.75

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**OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

## Worship Assignments

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements/Prayer  
Song Leader  
Head of Lord's Table  
Assist  
Assist  
Assist  
Assist  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon  
Closing Prayer  
Greeter/Usher

### EVENING SERVICE

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Table  
Closing Prayer  
**WEDNESDAY - Jan. 7**  
Elder for Jan.  
Deacon for Jan.  
Ladies' Committee for Jan.

### JAN. 04

G. McCaul  
C. Bartlett  
B. Sallee  
D. Reitan  
J. Santiesteban  
K. Petty  
B. Reiff  
J. Bailey  
D. Lindsey  
G. Gilbert  
H. Kile

### JAN. 11

B. Sallee  
G. McCaul  
G. Linton  
R. Miller  
G. Gilbert  
A. Thomas  
F. Reiff  
J. Ravet  
K. Wilson  
C. Ames  
D. Collins

M. Brown  
J. Johnson  
B. Stump  
G. McCaul  
G. McCaul  
B. Sallee  
B. Sallee  
H. Kile  
S. Wilson and D. Johnson

## Puyallup church of Christ

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## WELCOME VISITORS!

Sunday Bible Study: 10 am

Sunday Worship: 11 am & 5 pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

## A Future of Hope

How do we get into a situation where the difficulties around us lead us to despair? Or where the future holds no hope?

In **Romans 15:13**, Paul writes of a different perspective on life. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." The Greek word in this passage for *hope* (*elpidos*) means "desire of some good with expectation of obtaining it." Paul says that the Holy Spirit gives this kind of hope. A hope where we can look to the future positively in spite of the tragedy that might surround us.

So, if the Holy Spirit is willing to give us this positive hope, how is it that the world often wins out over God in our attitude or perspective? Paul gives us some clues in **I Timothy 4:6** where he mentions a characteristic of the "good servant of God." God's servant is "constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine" which he or she has been following. This isn't a casual, or accidental feeding on the word of God, for Paul says in verses 7-8 that the good servant of God disciplines himself or herself for the purpose of godliness - that is, the servant of God takes his or her spiritual life seriously, investing time and energy to see that it grows strong.

We have a new year ahead of us. We can know the joy and peace of God in spite of what comes our way if we will take the time to get to know the God who wants to fill us with joy and peace. But as long as we hold on to the habits and thoughts of what this world says is important, God will not fill our hearts with His blessings. We cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). We must be willing to let go of our trust in this life long enough to allow God to grow our faith and produce

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in us a hope that leads to joy and peace. It is trust in God that leads to this overflowing of hope.

Here's what I'm planning to do so that I can be open to a year of hope in 2015. It begins with what might be called the "meat and potatoes" of spiritual health: reading the Bible and praying on a daily basis. Getting a reading schedule or a Bible organized for daily reading can be helpful. And for a bit of spiritual culinary delight, set aside time to watch two video presentations of the life of Christ. The Visual Bible – Matthew (Amazon: B0002UBX54) and The Gospel of John (Amazon: B0006Q93ZG) will draw you closer to Christ through a visual presentation of His life taken from these two gospels. Each can be viewed a few Bible chapters per sitting, or by setting aside a couple of hours to experience the whole message in each gospel.

Then on January 31<sup>st</sup> I hope to join each of you in a seminar where we will continue our journey to find our greater purpose in life. By looking at our own spiritual and personality gifts, we will find ways to actively pursue God's will according to the way He has prepared us. We will be taking the knowledge of God's Word that we are gaining, and combining that with daily application through the gifts God has given us. By trusting that God has a greater purpose for each of us, this year will be much more than we could have imagined in 2014.

We've exchanged holiday gifts and enjoyed all the holiday dinners. But the best part of the celebration continues into 2015 through the daily consideration of Christ's life, death and resurrection. As our faith grows and our trust in God with it, we can look for ways to make God's purpose a reality in our daily experiences. This is nourishment that God will bless, because the promise is that those who seek, will find. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

*Bob Stump*

## Family News



**Special Visitor:** This morning we will not be having our regular Bible class, but will be meeting to hear from Dale Lindsey from the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort. Dale will also be preaching the sermon this morning. We look forward to hearing from Dale about the good works they do for others in need and how we can help.

## Family News (cont'd)



**Monthly Fellowship Meal:** The monthly fellowship meal will be today after morning worship. Everyone is invited to stay and join us for some good food and fellowship.



**2015 Budget:** Gene McCaul will give a short presentation concerning the 2015 budget today after morning worship prior to the fellowship meal. After the fellowship meal there will be an opportunity for anyone with questions to sit down and meet with the elders.



**Friday Night Singing:** The Friday Night Singing will be Friday, January 9th, 7:00 pm at recreational center where Karen Lance lives (5710 112th Ave. Ct. E. Puyallup, WA 98372). Everyone is invited to join us for a fun time of singing and fellowshiping.



**"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"** on Saturday, January 24th at 5:00 pm is an evening of food, fun and fellowship! Sign-up to make dinner for guests in your own home or join others for dinner in their home. Either way, you won't know who you will have the pleasure of dining with until the day of the event. **Please sign-up in the foyer by Sunday, January 18th.** Please see John or Shannon Dacca with any questions.



**Missionary Opportunity:** Sarah Jackson has been given the opportunity to go to India for four weeks through Harding's Global Outreach. She is in need of support to be able to make this dream possible. There are two letters on the bulletin board in the foyer explaining the details. If you have question or would like to contribute monetarily, please contact Sarah by cell phone at 253-222-1477 or email her at [payla2010@gmail.com](mailto:payla2010@gmail.com). Please remember to pray for Sarah and her missionary opportunity.



**Welcome Little One:** New Life, Sweet Baby, Precious Gift. Congratulations Jacqueline and Adrian Thomas on the birth of Asa Thomas. Asa was born January 1, 2015 and weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. Please pray for the parents as they raise their children to know and love the Lord.

**Recent Visitors:** Jeanne Adams & Liz Roy - Salinas, CA

## Prayer List

- ♥ **Debbie Johnson** is still recovery from surgery. Please continue to pray that her recovery to go well.
- ♥ **Linda Collins' brother-in-law** is experiencing problems with his eyesight and will be having surgery January 8th. Please pray that surgery is successful.
- ♥ **Kevin**, Barbara Clark's grandson, is in needs of work and housing. Please pray he is able to find employment.
- ♥ **Sandy Webster** is in need of prayers for work, less expensive housing, and for her spiritual growth. Please pray she finds employment soon and for encouragement as well.
- ♥ **Gayle Kronewitter** would like prayers for **her parents**, that things get better as far as care for her step-mom and strength for the rest of the family, especially her dad, as they care for her.
- ♥ **Crystal**, Gayle Kronewitter's sister is having some kind of problem with her kidneys . Please pray it is not serious.
- ♥ **Gerit Richardson** is requesting prayers for her **nephew and niece's** marriage, financial improvements for **her sister**, and the health of **her parents**.
- ♥ **Tanna Farley** is still having problems with her shoulder and arm bothering her. Please pray for healing at this time.
- ♥ Please continue to pray for **Marjorie Eldred's** daughter and son-in-law, **Barbara and Mark's** marriage.
- ♥ **Our Missionaries:** Roman Halamicek (Slovakia), Clio Eldred (prison ministry), Mountain States Children's Home (Longmont, CO).
- ♥ **SIBI NW Students:** Doug Sears, Bobby Lumpkin.
- ♥ **Healthy Babies and Mothers:** Elizabeth Chafins.
- ♥ **Traveling:**
- ♥ **Pray for Our Military:** David Gebbie, Logan Peterson, Eric Buggeln, TJ Bostic, Ryan Brown, Curtis Ringus.
- ♥ **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Ida Reiff, Clio Eldred, Pat Conrad, Darryl & Debra Reitan, John Harmon, Kim Speck, Joe & Erin Davis, Kristi Whitaker, Jolene Bartlett, Elaine Dahl, Linda Dayton, Darrell Minica, Ruth Bailey, Michael Seay, Marcia Cline.