

## 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. No Men's Breakfast during summer months. 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 Romans. Contact person: Keith Petty.

**The Senior Saints Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 10:30 am in the downstairs SIBI classroom. The Senior Saints will be taking a break during the summer months. 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

Aug. 09 **AM Sermon: Gene McCaul - "Ask God"**  
Matthew 7:7-11

**PM Sermon: Jim Johnson -**

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

## Class Topics

 **Sunday Morning** Adults: Auditorium - "Minor Prophets"

Adults: SIBI classroom - "Philippians"

**Wednesday Evening** Adults: Auditorium - "Psalms"

ATTENDANCE 8/02: 125 CONTRIBUTION 8/02: \$3,596.00

AVG. CONTRIBUTION JULY: \$2,814.75

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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 - Aug. 12**  
Elder for Aug.  
Deacon for Aug.  
Ladies' Committee for Aug

### AUG. 9

C. Bartlett  
G. Gilbert  
D. Collins  
J. Bailey  
J. Monts  
D. Reitan  
B. Reiff  
C. Pfeiffer  
G. McCaul  
B. Stump  
H. Kile

### AUG. 16

H. Kile  
C. Bartlett  
R. Miller  
G. Gilbert  
J. Heath  
C. Johnson  
F. Reiff  
M. Farley  
G. McCaul  
B. Sallee  
D. Collins

B. Stump  
M. Brown  
J. Johnson  
G. McCaul  
G. McCaul  
C. Bartlett  
K. Wilson  
H. Kile  
C. McCaul and

J. Johnson  
M. Brown  
J. Dacca  
G. McCaul  
G. McCaul

# 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

## Hindrances to a Proper Prayer Life

Statistics show that many Christians do not pray as much as God encourages through His word. Prayer is such a vital part of the life of a Christian; yet, because it takes time and effort, many put very little forth to develop a necessary prayer life. What a shame, knowing that God actually encourages us to pray:

*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matt. 7:7-11).*

Notice some hindrances to a proper prayer life.

Note the hindrance of a real relationship. Under the Old Testament, humanity addressed God with such terms as "Almighty God," "Jehovah," and other terms relating to His role of Creator and God. However, when Christ taught His disciples to pray, He informed them that through the new covenant and because of God's completion of redemption, humanity can form a new relationship with him as "Our Father, which art in heaven" (Matt. 6:9). God took the analogy of being His children to a completely higher level. Note the personal pronoun—He is not simply to be a God of the world; rather, He is inviting us to develop a personal relationship with Him as

“our Father.” Without a real and sustaining relationship developed through love, trust and communication, we can definitely hinder our prayers.

Note the hindrance of a real faith. In the aforementioned request to pray by Jesus in Matthew 7, the verbs “ask...seek” and “knock” are petitions that require faith. James would offer his commentary on the subject when he wrote, “...ye have not, because ye ask not” (James 4:2). In his first chapter, he already discussed the need for faith in our prayers:

*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God...and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.* (James 1:5-7)


One cannot pray without faith—it will do absolutely no good whatsoever. Therefore, one must develop a daily lifestyle of faith to go with his prayer life so that he will not hinder his prayers.

Note the hindrance of real perseverance. In the great chapter on prayer of Luke 18, the text begins with Jesus teaching through a parable “...that men ought always to pray, and not to faint” (Luke 18:1). He concluded His parable with the principle: “*And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?*” (Luke 18:7). Note the allusion to the forbearance and patience of God to the perseverant pleas of His faithful. Many times, we are tempted to pray for something once, and expecting an immediate answer, we quit and refuse to persevere in our prayers. Faithful children never stop praying for righteous things!

Any one of these three can hinder our prayer life. May we all strive daily to improve our prayer life in our relationship with our Heavenly Father through a deep faith in Him expressed in perseverance.

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## Family News

 **Angels Are Rejoicing:** Tristin Jensen was baptized Thursday evening. Praise the Lord! Please let Tristin know how happy we are for him and encourage him as he starts his Christian walk.

## Family News (cont'd)



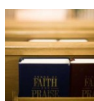
**Ladies' Night Out:** Ladies' Night Out will be Tuesday, August 11th, 6:00 pm at Red Robin by the South Hill Mall. All ladies are invited to join us for an encouraging time with other sisters in Christ.



**Change A Life Cans:** It is time to turn in your cans for Mountain States Children's Home. The goal is to have at least \$40 in each can. You can insert checks or bills to reach this goal. Please bring your change cans to the building no later than August 19, 2015. Randy Schow will be picking the cans up in a couple of weeks. Thanks for making a difference!



**Let's Go For A Walk:** Everyone is invited to join in on the nature walk Saturday, August 22nd, 10:00 am on the Foothills Trail. We will meet at the Orting City Park and go from there. We will be eating lunch in the park after the walk, so bring a sack lunch and enjoy our time together as the family of God.



**5th Sunday Area-Wide Singing:** We will be hosting the 5th Sunday Singing Sunday, August 30th, 5:00 pm at the building. There will be a potluck meal after the singing. As hosts, we will be providing the main and side dishes, with the other congregations bringing desserts and drinks.



**Meeker School Supplies:** We will be donating school supplies once again to Meeker Elementary School. Please put your donations in the box in the foyer.

## Prayer List

- ♥ Please pray for our search for a preacher for our congregation.
- ♥ **Mark**, Marjorie Eldred's son-in-law, was badly injured in an accident where he works and is recovering from surgery. Please pray for healing for Mark, but also healing for their marriage.
- ♥ **Vicki**, Gene McCaul's sister, is recovering from surgery and will have follow-up treatments (based on pathology reports) in the near future. Please pray the treatments are affective in destroying the cancer.
- ♥ **John Bailey** is recovering from surgery on his shoulder. Please pray for a quick recovery.

## Prayer List (cont'd)

- ♥ **Roger Dayton** is recovering from surgery for prostate cancer. Please pray for his recovery to go well.
- ♥ **Charles Ames** has prostate cancer and his bone scan shows the cancer has not spread. Praise God! Please pray for Charles as the doctors are deciding what type of treatment is needed.
- ♥ **Jolene Bartlett's** surgery will be postponed as she works at getting her blood sugar under control. Please pray for her at this time.
- ♥ **Jolene Bartlett's co-worker's children** were involved in a serious car accident. Please pray for their healing and for Jolene as she ministers to the family.
- ♥ **Arlene Luton's husband** has had another heart attack and Arlene has lost her job. Please pray for her husband's health to improve and for Arlene as she looks for work.
- ♥ **Ryan Brown's** recovery from his ankle surgery has taken a little set back. Please pray for continued healing and for **Alethea** as she cares for him.
- ♥ Please pray for **Stephanie Marzolf** to make wise life choices at this time.
- ♥ **Jo Dake** has not been doing well lately. Please pray for Jo's health to improve.
- ♥ **Ida Reiff** is in a lot of pain. Please pray the pain will subside.
- ♥ **Our Bible Studies:** Tyler Street Family Campus & private studies with individuals.
- ♥ **Our Missionaries:** Roman Halarnicek (Slovakia), Clio Eldred (prison ministry), Mountain States Children's Home (Longmont, CO).
- ♥ **SIBI NW Students:** Doug Sears, Bobby Lumpkin.
- ♥ **Healthy Babies and Mothers:** Alethea Brown.
- ♥ **Traveling:** Wilsons, Vizguerras.
- ♥ **Pray for Our Military:** David Gebbie, Eric Buggeln, TJ Bostic, Ryan Brown, Curtis Ringus, Tim Chafins.
- ♥ **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Ida Reiff, Jorene Dake, Clio Eldred, Pat Conrad, Darryl & Debra Reitan, Joe & Erin Davis, Kristi Whitaker, Jolene Bartlett, Ruth Bailey, Morgana Seay, Roger Dayton, Don Jackson, Brian Hevly, Rod & Kaylee Wright, Chandler Howard, Shaye Bailey, Bob Gee.