

## Puyallup Youth Group - Friday Night Alive

The pre-teens (3rd through 6th grade) meet every 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The pre-teens will be taking a break for the rest of the year. The next time they will meet will be Friday, January 11th at Chris and Jolene Bartlett's home.

The teens (grades 7th and above) meet every 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Both the adult and teen Friday Night Alive events will resume as normal in January.

The 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month there will be Bible bowl practice at the church building. Please see Mark or Jennie Brown for more information concerning the Bible Bowl.


## Speakers and Sermons


Dec. 16 **AM Sermon: Mark Jamieson - "Light in a World of Darkness" Matthew 5:14-16**

**PM Sermon: Mark Jamieson - "Great Questions: Ought Not the Christ to Have Suffered?"**

**To Request Recordings:** mark.brown77@me.com

## Class Topics

 **Sunday Morning** Adults: Auditorium - "The Book of Acts"

 Young Adults: Downstairs SIBI Rm. - "Introductory Christian Evidences"

**Wednesday Evening** Adults: Auditorium - "Learning to Share the Gospel"

Elder for December: Ken Wilson

Deacon for December: Denny Collins

Ladies' Committee for December: Tricia Heath & Robyn Zakem

ATTENDANCE 12/9: Bible Classes: 161 Worship: 198

CONTRIBUTION 12/9: \$5,040.00

AVG. WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION November: \$5,610.25

BUILDING PLEDGE FUND: \$207,399.76

CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS: \$2,403.75

**Elders:** elders@puyallupcofc.org

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Bob Sallee (253) 209-0074  
Ken Wilson (253) 820-9150

**Deacons:**

Mark Brown John Dacca Hugh Kile  
Jean Charpentier James Heath Javy Santiesteban  
Denny Collins Jonathan Holland

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**Secretaries:** Carolyn McCaul (253) 845-6312

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## Worship Assignments

### MORNING SERVICE

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

### DEC 16

M. Farnsworth  
C. Bartlett  
B. Stump  
J. Bowers  
M. Farley  
S. Vizguerra  
J. Santiesteban  
F. Reiff  
M. Ebenstiner  
M. Jamieson  
B. Staggs  
D. Collins

### DEC 23

C. Bartlett  
S. Konwent  
F. Petraski  
J. Bailey  
O. Barajas  
T. Bailey  
J. Oden  
B. Reiff  
J. Coop  
M. Jamieson  
J. Holland  
D. Collins

### EVENING SERVICE

Announcements/Prayer  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Table/Closing Prayer

B. Stump  
G. McCaul  
M. Jamieson  
D. Sergeant

G. McCaul  
J. Johnson  
M. Jamieson  
J. Monts

### WEDNESDAY - Dec. 19

B. Stump

Please contact Jon Holland at 209-233-1319 if you are unable to fulfill your assigned position.

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 am Sunday Worship: 11 am & 5 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

December 16, 2018

## Things to Remember During the Holidays, pt. 1

It has been called "the most wonderful time of the year" and for good reason. During the holiday season, people are typically nicer than they are throughout the year. While we wish the kind spirit and jovial attitude shown by many near the end of November and throughout December were a year-round ordeal, we appreciate it as long as it lasts nonetheless. The holidays are a time for family, friends, kind gestures, and relaxation. God has given us all things richly to enjoy, and we should be thankful for every good thing that ultimately comes from Him (1 Tim. 6:17; Jas. 1:17). However, in this time of joy and happiness, it is tempting to forget some things that Christians should keep close to heart. As God blessed Old Testament Israel with deliverance from Egyptian bondage, they developed spiritual amnesia and paid a price for it (Psa. 106:13-23). They forgot what they once were—captives to a pagan people. We must not allow the good times we enjoy to

get us sidetracked spiritually. One of the most frequent commands in the New Testament for Christians is the command to remember (Luke 17:32; 2 Tim. 2:8; Heb. 13:3). Here are a few things to remember this holiday season.

### **Giving**

Whether people believe in God or not, a lot of people tend to be in a giving mood during the holiday season. While giving to others who are less fortunate is always a good thing, that is not the type of giving I have in mind here. It may be tempting during the holiday season—as we are buying so many gifts and spending on others—to forget our contribution to the Lord. The first century Christians were told to lay aside money to give on the first day of the week as they had been prospered by God (1 Cor. 16:2). Our giving should be in proportion to how we have been prospered by God, and we should not cut back on our offering because we want to spend it on some gadget for ourselves or someone else. The giving we do toward the Lord's cause and the work of the church is a special contribution. There are many agencies and causes that solicit donations during this time of the year, and they must all take a "back seat" to the giving we have committed to the only eternal cause in the world (Dan. 2:44; Heb. 12:28).

Remember this holiday season we will be challenged to demonstrate the proof of our love by remaining consistent in our giving regardless of the extra expenses that come up during this time (2 Cor. 8:24). God still loves a cheerful giver, and we should cheerfully give back to the one who has given us all that we have (2 Cor. 9:6-7). It is just my opinion, but it may be wise to even give a little extra during this time of year to the Lord's work to show our money who is boss and to further commit ourselves to put the kingdom first (Matt. 6:33). Remember your giving this holiday season and do not allow the spending we do for others and on ourselves to cause us to rob God (Mal. 3:8).

### **God**

It seems like a rat race from the time we get up until we pillow our heads at night. During the holidays, stores are open later, many rush from work to get some shopping done. Others wait until the weekend and spend all day Saturday hitting the stores to capitalize on sales and other things. Again, there is

nothing wrong with these things, but we must be sure to remember God. You might be thinking, "Of course I will remember God; I am no atheist!" But one does not have to renounce his or her belief in God to forget Him. How is your devotional life during this time of the year? Is all of the decorating, shopping, and running crowding out time for Bible study and prayer? Are we so busy on the weekends that we struggle to push through worship on Sunday?

The Psalmist encourages God's people to be still and know who is in control (Psa. 46:10). Set aside time to search the scriptures and handle the word of truth properly (2 Tim. 2:15). Pray throughout the day and not just when you are about to eat a meal (1 Thess. 5:17). Consider getting on a reading plan of some sort and committing to holding fast to your Bible study habits and prayer life even in a time that is extremely busy. Anybody who is too busy for God is too busy. You may not always feel like reading the Bible and praying, but there is not a time when you do not need it (Matt. 4:4). It seems that this time of the year it is hard to stay in the Word because of family and traveling, but remember to stick with it. God is not seasonal in His blessings, let's not be seasonal in our devotion to Him (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8).

Hiram Kemp, via *Plain Simple Faith* blog

## **Family News**



**Christmas Baskets:** We will be blessing those in need of Christmas baskets once again. If you would like to donate money towards the baskets, please give your money or check to Chris Bartlett. Also if you know of someone who is truly in need of this blessing, please let Chris know so that enough food is purchased for each basket.



**Election of Trustees:** There will be a short meeting following worship services, Sunday, January 13th to elect trustees. This meeting is to fulfill state requirements for non-profit status.

## **Family News (cont'd)**



**Important Announcements:** The elders would like to let the congregation know that they have hired Shannon Dacca as a part-time secretary/receptionist. She and Carolyn will be sharing the office duties. Shannon will be in the office Mondays and Thursdays. Carolyn will be in Tuesdays and Fridays. Office hours will be from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. On Wednesdays, phone calls are covered by Stephanie Fahnstrom, secretary for Agape Counseling.



**5th Sunday Area-Wide Singing:** The 5th Singing Area-Wide Singing will be Sunday, December 30th, 5:00 pm at Kibler Avenue church of Christ in Enumclaw. There will be a fellowship meal following the singing.



**Congregational Bible Reading/Prayer Vigil:** To begin 2019 on a positive note, we will once again be reading the entire Bible aloud, at the building, January 2nd-6th. Wednesday, January 2nd, during evening Bible class, we will start by reading aloud from the book of Genesis. During the days afterwards, there will be opportunities to continue reading through the Bible except for the last chapter in Revelation, which will be read aloud by the elders Sunday, January 6th, during morning worship. We will also be combining a prayer vigil during the Bible reading. Prayer request cards can be found with the bulletins and by the Be the Tree box in the auditorium. You may put your prayer request cards in the Be the Tree box. More information will be coming soon concerning more coordination of this event.

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THOSE WHO FEAR HIM,  
WHO PUT THEIR HOPE IN HIS  
UNFAILING LOVE.  
PSALM 147:11

