

## Speakers and Sermons

### AM Sermon:

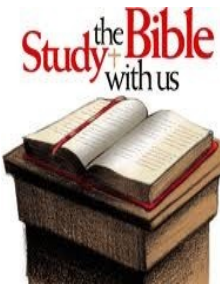
Tommy Maxwell  
 "A Worthy Woman"  
 Proverbs 31:30-31

### PM Sermon:

Tommy Maxwell  
 "The Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, and Lost Son"

**To Request Recordings:**  
 avroom@puyallupcofc.org

## Class Topics



### Sunday Morning Adult

#### Bible Classes:

**Auditorium** - "The Nature of God"  
 taught by Tommy Maxwell  
**Downstairs SIBI Classroom**  
 "Christian Fundamentals" taught by  
 Gene McCaul

### Tuesday Morning Bible Class:

**Church Building, fellowship room** - "The Book of 1  
 Peter" taught by Jordan Bertram

### Wednesday Evening Adults:

**Auditorium** - "The Books of 1 & 2 Thessalonians" taught  
 by Bob Stump

**Elder for Jan:** Bob Sallee

**Care Group for Jan:** Chris & Jolene Bartlett

**Baby Bank Items Needed:** Boys clothing - 2T- 3T size  
 Electronic toys with batteries

**ATTENDANCE 12/11:** Bible class: 131 Worship: 203

**CONTRIBUTION 12/11:** \$4,067.00

**AVG. WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION Nov:** \$5,252.92

**BUILDING PLEDGE FUND:** \$643,698.67

**CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$3,433.25

### Elders:

Chris Bartlett	253-732-7313
Gene McCaul	253-381-1990
Bob Sallee	253-209-0074
Ken Wilson	253-820-9150

### Deacons:

Jay Bowers- Safety	John Dacca- Buildings
Mark Brown- A/V	Graham Milligan- Education
Jean Charpentier- Youth	Jeff Nighswonger- Fellowship
Bill Staggs- Benevolence/Missions	

**Pulpit Minister:** Tommy Maxwell 318-351-3475

**Associate Minister:** Bob Stump 206-664-1814

**Involve./Youth Minister:** Jordan Bertram 509-670-0082

**Counseling Center:** Ken Wilson 253-820-9150

**Secretary:** Carolyn McCaul 253-845-6312

**Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Shannon Dacca 253-861-8280

## Worship Assignments

### MORNING SERVICE

Song Leader  
 Call to Worship  
 Opening Prayer  
 Scripture Reading  
 Sermon  
 Head of Table  
 Assist (bread)  
 Assist (cup)  
 Assist  
 Assist  
 Assist Upstairs  
 Ann/Closing Prayer

### EVENING SERVICE

Announcements/Prayer  
 Song Leader  
 Sermon  
 Table/Closing Prayer

### WEDNESDAY Dec. 21

### DEC 18

T. Nighswonger  
 T. Maxwell  
 G. McCaul  
 G. Petty  
 T. Maxwell  
 B. Staggs  
 Tom Bertram  
 K. Lessley  
 M. Farley  
 J. Ravet  
 Warren Brown  
 B. Sallee

B. Stump  
 C. Bartlett  
 T. Maxwell  
 J. Bertram

B. Stump

### DEC 25

G. McCaul  
 T. Maxwell  
 C. Bartlett  
 L. Bertram  
 T. Maxwell  
 M. Farley  
 J. Nighswonger  
 T. Nighswonger  
 K. Petty  
 G. Petty  
 M. Harmon  
 J. Dacca

No Evening  
 Services!



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

## December 18, 2022

### Why Read the Bible?

When told to do something, human nature often drives us to question why. In school I used to question why I needed to do certain assignments. We ask what is the purpose or value of what people tell us we need to do.

In the church we emphasize reading the Bible. We read it when we come together and encourage everyone to read it on their own too. The value of reading the Bible cannot be overstated, but we do not read simply for the sake of reading. Spending time in the Bible helps to keep us away from sin. Ps. 119:11 says "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (NIV). The Bible is how we come to know Jesus. The apostle Paul states that when we read what he wrote we can understand his

insight into the mystery of Christ (Eph. 3:4). If we want to know about Jesus and conform ourselves to His standards, there is no substitute for spending time in the Bible.

With a new year beginning soon, there will be new opportunities to decide to spend time in God's word. Beginning on Wednesday December 28, we will be reading in the New Year as a church. This is a great opportunity to take part in reading scripture. There is also a reading plan available today to read through the entire Bible in 2023. Reading God's word is incredibly important, so let's take advantage of these opportunities to get to know God through His word better.

Tommy

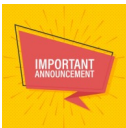
## Family News



**Election of Officers:** There will be a brief election of officers this morning following the worship service. This election is to meet state requirements.



**Christmas Baskets:** Bill and Leslie Staggs are collecting cash donations for Christmas baskets. Please also let them know if you are aware of anyone in need of help.



**Announcement:** The elders have decided not to have Bible classes Sunday, December 25th. Worship will be at the usual time, 11:00 am. There will be no services that Sunday evening. Sunday, January 1st, we will have all the regular scheduled Bible classes and services, both morning and evening.



**Weekly Children's/Homeschool Meetup:** The Children's/Homeschool meetup will be taking a break for the rest of December and will be starting back up in January 2023. Please see Pamela Maxwell or Rebecca Nighswonger for more information about this group.

## Family News (cont.)



**Read in the New Year:** We will once again be doing our annual Bible reading to bring in the New Year. We will begin Wednesday, December 28th, during the usual Bible class, by having the children read aloud from Genesis 1. Then everyone will choose segments of Scripture from the lists and divide up into separate areas of the building as groups and/or individuals to continue reading aloud from God's word. After that Wednesday night, the hours to read will be 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily beginning on Thursday and continuing each day until the entire Bible has been read aloud, excluding the last chapter of the book of Revelation, which the elders will read during the worship service Sunday, January 1st. Please see the email from Shannon on the foyer bulletin board for more detailed information.



**Monthly Fellowship Meal:** There will be a fellowship meal Sunday, **January 8th**, after morning worship for care group 1 (Chris Bartlett's group hosting) and care group 6 (Tommy Maxwell's group guests). If you are in care groups 1 and 6, please bring food to share and plan to stay and fellowship. Care group 1 please be prepared to help set up and clean up. All visitors are invited to stay to join us for some good food and fellowship.



**Northwest Expositor's Seminar:** January 16th-18th, 2023 are the dates for the Northwest Expositor's Seminar that will be held at Camp Yamhill, Yamhill, OR. The speakers are Kevin Youngblood (Harding Univ.) and Evertt Huffard (Harding School of Theology). Please see the flyer on the foyer bulletin for more seminar and registration information.



**Monthly Prayer Meeting:** The next monthly prayer meeting will be Friday, January 6th, 6:30 pm at the church building. More information will be coming as to the focus of our time in prayer.



**Ladies Night Out:** The next Ladies Night Out will be Monday, January 9th, 6:00 pm. More information will be coming as to the restaurant location.



**SIBI Vision Workshop:** The Sunset Int'l. Bible Institute Vision workshop will be January 25-28, 2023 at the Sunset church of Christ in Lubbock, TX. The theme of the workshop is "I Saw the Lord, Exalting God from Isaiah 6." More information and registration can be found at [www.sibi.cc](http://www.sibi.cc).



**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Trent Nighswonger and Madison Bertram on their engagement to be married.



**Moving:** The Hayden family will be moving to Tennessee not long after the holidays. Please take a moment in the next couple of weeks to let them know how much we have enjoyed having them here and to wish them well in this next chapter of their lives.

