

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 Monday of the month, 6:00 pm at an area restaurant. Contact person: Carolyn McCaul.

The Tuesday Night Bible Study: Tuesday nights, 6:30 pm, at the home of Keith and Lindsey Petty. They are currently studying 2 Peter. Contact person: Keith Petty.

The Senior Saints Bible Study: Tuesdays, 10:00 am in the downstairs SIBI classroom. The class topic will be "A Study of 1, 2, and 3 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

Dec. 20 **AM Sermon: Gene McCaul - "The Greatness of Service" Mark 10:35-45**

PM Sermon: Doug Sears -

To Request Recordings: jcdstorm300@yahoo.com

Class Topics



Sunday Morning Adults: Auditorium - "The Book of Revelation"

Adults: SIBI classroom - "Philippians"

Wednesday Evening Adults: Auditorium - "The Gospel of Luke"

ATTENDANCE 12/13: 120 CONTRIBUTION 12/13: \$2,137.00
AVG. WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION Nov.: \$2,630.20

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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 - Dec. 23
Elder for Jan.
Deacon for Jan.
Ladies' Committee for Jan.

DEC. 20

K. Wilson
J. Holland
G. Linton
L. Robinson
N. Kile
B. Stump
F. Reiff
C. Ebenstiner
G. McCaul
M. Farnsworth
D. Collins

B. Stump
G. McCaul
D. Sears
J. Johnson
J. Johnson
K. Wilson
B. Sallee
J. Dacca
C. McCaul and

DEC. 27

C. Bartlett
M. Brown
C. Johnson
J. Monts
G. Gilbert
J. Heath
J. Dacca
J. Ravet
G. McCaul
J. Bailey
H. Kile

G. McCaul
M. Brown
J. Holland
B. Stump
B. Stump

S. Dacca

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WELCOME VISITORS!

Sunday Bible Study: 10 am

Sunday Worship: 11 am & 5 pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

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

Identifying A Servant Of Christ

If I ask you to describe a chickadee, you might mention such identifying characteristics as size, color of its feathers or the distinct song it sings. But if I ask you to describe a servant of Christ, what traits would you mention? More importantly, what traits are commended in God's Word?



Paul gives a good answer to our question in Colossians 4:12,13. Toward the close of his letter to the church in Colossae, he mentions Epaphras, "who is one of you, a servant of Christ" (NKJV). Take note, servant-watchers: we have spotted what we came to see. What features do you observe as you look at Epaphras?

First, we note the Epaphras "greeted you" (v. 12). He's not among those so-called disciples who separate into small circles of friends, ignoring other Christians and visitors to the assembly. Rather, he seems to be constantly reaching out, attempting to share the image of Christ that dwells in him. Friendly and warm, he makes a good first impression on others.

Second, we see that Epaphras is "always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (v.12). Here we see the servant of Christ on his knees as he prays to God, a posture he assumes often. As

we listen to his prayers, we are impressed that his own needs seem to be secondary; he's more interested in the spiritual welfare of others. Yes, he prays for others when they are physically ill, but he is far more interested to see that their souls prosper. Again, these are distinct markings, rarely seen in any other human specimen.

Third, Epaphras "has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis" (v. 13). "Zeal" is a word denoting intense interest. We might use that word to describe the enthusiasm many have for football, for music or for shopping. Epaphras' zeal, however, is for people. This trait helps us understand why he spends so much time on his knees and why he always greets others.

The overall impression we gain from this servant of Christ is his focus on other people. Serving Christ means that one serves others. That's clearly the lesson from Epaphras. It's also the lesson we learn from the Lord himself: "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:27,28).

The best way to learn about birds is to get outside and observe them. The best way to become a servant of the Lord is to see them in action in God's Word, then imitate what we have seen.

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Family News



Christmas Baskets: We will be donating Christmas baskets to those in need. Please see Chris Bartlett, if you wish to donate to this cause or are aware of anyone needing a basket of cheer for Christmas.



Caroling: For anyone who is interested, we will be caroling at the Brookdale Assisted Living facility today at 3:15 pm. We will meet at the building at 3:00 pm and carpool over together. Brookdale's address is 123 4th Ave. NW Puyallup, 98371. This is the facility where Jo Dake lives.

Family News (cont'd)



Helping Hands Ministry: The Helping Hands Ministry is looking for donation items. Suggested item donation lists and collection bin will be available in the back of the auditorium. For any questions you can check with Bob Stump.



Monthly Fellowship Meal: The monthly fellowship meal will be Sunday, January 3rd. Everyone is invited to join us for some good food and fellowship.



Winterphest 2016: Teens, Winterphest will be January 15-17, 2016 at the Northside church of Christ in Spokane, WA. More information can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

Winter Area-Wide Youth Retreat: There will be an area-wide youth retreat February 19-21, 2016 at Delano Bay Christian Camp. More information can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

Prayer List

- ♥ Please remember to pray 40 days specifically for the elders, deacons, and teachers, and for the lost whose hearts are open and searching.
- ♥ **Charles Ames** is finished with his radiation treatments and is now staying with his daughter. Please pray for his health to continue to improve so he can be with us once again.
- ♥ **Mark**, Marjorie Eldred's son-in-law, has had surgery, but surgery revealed many problems. Please pray for Mark's health to improve.
- ♥ **Mary**, Ruth Bailey's mom, has breast cancer again. Because of her health issues, doctor are unsure how to best treat her. Please pray for Mary's doctor to find a treatment that would work.
- ♥ **Retha Avey** has not been feeling herself lately. Please pray for her health to improve.
- ♥ **Arlene Luton** is now having knee pain. She sees the orthopedic surgeon this week. Please pray for Arlene's knee pain to subside.
- ♥ **Nathan Kile** is recovering from surgery on his veins in his leg. Please pray for healing.

Prayer List (cont'd)

- ♥ **Donna Welzmler** is having knee problems and will be seeing her doctor this week. Please pray for the pain to subside.
- ♥ Please continue to pray for **Jo Dake** as she is in a great deal of pain constantly.
- ♥ **Britny Whitney (Gantt)**, a former member here, had emergency gallbladder surgery. Please pray for her recovery to go well.
- ♥ **Marilyn**, Barbara Clark's sister, is to have a biopsy on her esophagus. Please pray for favorable results for Marilyn.
- ♥ **Richard**, Sandy Wilson's nephew, has an aneurysm. Please pray for his health to improve.
- ♥ **Lanae's**, Barbara Clark's niece, husband passed away. Please pray for peace and comfort for the family at this time.
- ♥ Please pray for **our youth** to make wise decisions with their lives and to show honor to their parents. Pray that they would put God first in their lives.
- ♥ **Our Bible Studies:** Tyler Street Family Campus, Adams Street Family Campus & private studies with individuals.
- ♥ **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:** Alethea Brown.
- ♥ **Traveling:** Gerit Richardson, Terry Williamson.
- ♥ **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, Don Jackson, Brian Hevly, Kayley Wright, Vicki Resol, Mark & Barbara Albertson, Harrison Waldron, Wanda Turner, Vera Byrd, Arlene Luton, Cheryl Matthews, Bob Speck.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- ♥ Diane Sallee is thankful that **Jan**, her sister, is doing much better after doctor found a medicine to help with her health problems.