

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. 27 **AM Sermon: Gene McCaul - "Abundant Living" John 10:1-10**

PM Sermon: Jonathan Holland -

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 12/20: 138 CONTRIBUTION 12/20: \$2,548.00
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. 30
Elder for Jan.
Deacon for Jan.
Ladies' Committee for Jan.

DEC. 27

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

JAN. 3

K. Wilson
G. McCaul
J. Santiesteban
K. Petty
M. Farley
M. Brown
B. Reiff
A. Kile
M. Jamieson
J. Bailey
D. Collins

G. McCaul
M. Brown
J. Holland
B. Stump
B. Stump
G. McCaul
B. Sallee
J. Dacca
C. McCaul and

J. Monts
G. McCaul
D. Sears
J. Johnson
J. Johnson

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

God Wants Me To Be Happy, Doesn't He?

She was an attractive woman, perhaps in her mid forties, and she had made the mistake of her life; she had an affair. Both her marriage, and that of the man she was with were now broken.



As she spoke to me she made a statement I shall never forget: "When I'm with (the man she had an affair with) I'm so happy." Then she added significantly, "And God wants me to be happy, doesn't he?"

At some level I understood. Never underestimate the power of loneliness, right? Who doesn't want happiness? Yet this is a common misconception.

We think Christianity is supposed to make us happy. It is the agenda of the Almighty to fulfill our most cherished fantasies. Some preachers (on TV and at a congregation near you) seem to suggest this is so.

We might think of biblical statements such as the one in John 10:10: "I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly." Or vaguely Paul's call to "rejoice in the Lord" in Philippians 4:4.

God wants us to be happy, right? Christians wander across the landscape giddy with happiness, immune to heartbreak, poor health or lost jobs.

The problem is that at some level sin also promises happiness. Temptation is a proposal to fill a legitimate need in an illegitimate way.

I know it seems strange for a preacher to say this, but people sin because sin is attractive! They wouldn't do those things if there were not a measure of enjoyment to them.

- Writing hurtful things about people on the Internet brings a certain satisfaction.
- Cheating on a test brings a better grade.
- Embezzling from your company makes you a little richer.
- An illicit affair with an attractive individual carries the promise of happiness.

Satan has always offered the sun, the moon and the stars. However, please be aware that he never completely follows though.

Some moments of bliss, perhaps, but never the sweet rewards of a relationship that is lasting and fulfilling. Momentarily thrilling, perhaps, but neither lasting nor fulfilling.

God, however, does not want you to be happy at another's expense. Nor is his greatest concern our happiness; his greatest concern is our eternal soul.

- Churches that peddle happiness without heaven are cheating you.
- Preachers who offer entertainment without eternity have short-changed you.
- Christians who seek only to be happy, miss the soul's deepest release, the comfort of a relationship that is right with God.

"Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28,29, ESV).

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Family News



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



Help Needed: The Jamieson's will be arriving sometime mid-morning Thursday, December 31st. They will need some help unloading their belongings. Wouldn't it be awesome to have a big welcoming committee at their new home to help unload the truck? Please see Gene McCaul or Bob Sallee if you can help.

Family News (cont'd)



Men's Breakfast: The first Men's Breakfast of the new year will be Saturday, January 9th, 8:00 am at the Lakeview building. The cost is \$4.00 and all proceeds benefit DBCC. The host will be Kibler Ave.



Helping Hands Ministry: The Helping Hands Ministry is looking for donation items. An **updated** 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.

Teen Activities 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.

Recent Visitors: Wendy & Abigail Newby - Puyallup, WA.

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.
- ♥ Please pray for **the Jamieson family** to have a safe and enjoyable trip as they come to be a part of our family at Puyallup.
- ♥ **Don Richardson** passed away Wednesday night. Please pray for peace and comfort **Gerit and the family** at this time.
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **Retha Avey** has not been feeling herself lately. Please pray for her health to improve.
- ♥ **Nathan Kile** is recovering from surgery on the veins in his leg. Please pray for healing.
- ♥ Please remember **the many people** who feel blue during the holidays. Pray they find comfort in Jesus.

Prayer List (cont'd)

- ♥ **John Bailey** has reinjured his shoulder he had surgery on earlier in the year. Please pray for healing.
- ♥ **Barbara Clark** fell and hurt her back. Please pray for her back to heal quickly.
- ♥ **Joe Davis** has been having some pain. Please pray it will subside and isn't anything serious.
- ♥ **Kayley**, Betty Williams grand-daughter has dropped out of school. Please for a change of heart and life choices for Kayley.
- ♥ **Carol**, Sue Pedersen's sister-in-law, is having some health issues. Please pray for her health to improve.
- ♥ Please continue to pray for **Jo Dake** as she is in a great deal of pain constantly.
- ♥ **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:** Terry Williamson, Heaths, the Holland children, Jamiesons.
- ♥ **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

- ♥ **Paris Rogers** is so very thankful to God that her sons have found employment.
- ♥ **Jolene Bartlett** is singing God's praises. Her x-rays came back looking good. She wishes to thank everyone for their prayers for her.