

“This relationship begins with HEARING THE WORD OF GOD,

acknowledging that it is the truth, then making an intellectual decision to establish a personal relationship with Jesus Christ now.”

Worship With Us

SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE

Adult Bible Study 9am-9:45

10:00 - 11:30

Children's Church

Fellowship after the Service

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ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP, CHEWELAH

2nd Sunday: Communion

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includes the Sunday Bulletin and on-line giving.



We will hold the first soup supper next Wednesday, January 5th for the church, from 4:30-6:30, so we can learn how we can be part of making this a true outreach to the community – to feed the body and the soul. Future days and times to be announced at a later date.

If you would be interested in being involved, please contact Tammy Turner (360-951-5617) or the church office.



The Yada Yada group is starting a new book mid January, "AKA 'LOST' Discovering Ways to Connect with the People Jesus Misses Most". Please contact Linda if you would like to be a part of this study group.

Brown Bag
Bible Study
Noon
Wednesday's

We going through the book of Acts! Questions? Call Trish at 675-5967 .



The Yada Yada group is meeting @ noon on Tuesday's. AKA LOST is starting mid-January. Call Linda, 936-0031 for info.

Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

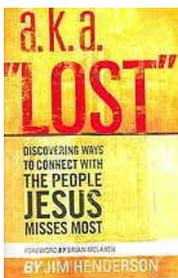
To join in a prayer group or to be part of a new one, call Debbie Barbee 935-6269 or Carol Stickney (509)563-9725.



What if “evangelism” meant just being yourself? If the gospel really is good news, why do most Christians avoid evangelism? Why is “witnessing” often a negative experience, for both the sender and receiver? Wouldn't it be great if you could communicate the good news without having to become a spiritual salesperson?

What if...

- you didn't have to make a speech in order to “witness”?
- you could use everyday experiences to nudge others closer to Jesus?
- the things you're already doing *counted* as evangelism?

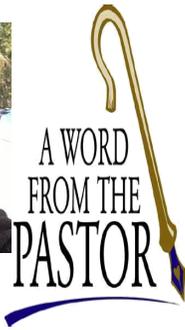


Evangelism can be as normal as asking great questions and paying attention to the people Jesus misses most. It involves doing things you already do, but with a little more intentionality. Just by being yourself and becoming unusually interested in others, you can discover that people will *ask you* about Jesus.

This isn't another program or pitch. It's a handbook on how to make real connections with the people formerly known as lost.



Pastor Brenda



As I was thinking about what to share this month with all of you the word “renewal” came to mind. It seems like a strange winter word, but it does make a little sense for this time of year too. John Wesley often held a renewal service on New Year’s Day or on the first Sunday of the new year. It was a time to renew a person’s commitment to the Lord I wasn’t so sure about how that fit in biblically so I decided to do a little research on the word “renewal” in the Bible.

In the Old Testament, it was often connected to the idea of strength being renewed in connection with listening to or seeking the Lord. In essence, it was regaining something that was lost; in most cases, that something was strength. In the New Testament, it had to do with an ongoing transformation of a person’s mind by the Holy Spirit. For John Wesley, renewal was to renew one’s covenant to serve the Lord. In each case, renewal is something that is taking place, it’s a process.

Renewal of your strength is a process. Your strength doesn’t become renewed by sitting on the spiritual couch eating spiritual bon bons all day. Strength comes by waiting on the Lord, listening to the Lord, seeking the Lord. If we want to be strengthened by the Lord, we need to spend time with God.

Renewal of our mind, the way we think, also takes some effort on our part. This renewal is a process that takes time, well at least for most of us. It takes time to get rid of our stinkin’ thinkin’. The Holy Spirit is there with us. He goes through the process with us, to actually transform our minds so our thoughts are a blessing to God. In order to work with the Holy Spirit in that we need to change the things we let into our mind, what we listen to, watch, and read.

Finally, is the renewing our covenant with the Lord. Of course, God doesn’t ever have to renew His covenant with us. But, it’s good for us to take the time once in a while to be reminded of what it means to truly be committed to the Lord. We can ask ourselves how well we’ve been doing at that. If you’ve been doing well you can commit to continuing to do well. If you’ve fallen short, commit to make the changes you know you need to make. This is between you and God, it’s not what other people think, it’s what God thinks that matters.

All three of these aspects of renewal are a good thing for us to think about at the beginning of a new year. As men and women of God, it is important that our strength, our minds, and our commitment to the Lord be renewed on a continual basis.

Psalm 51:10 (NSAB)

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit with me.”

Verse of the Month

The Lord is our creator. He can create a clean heart in us. We may have a few places that need some clean up, ask the Lord to come in and do his work in those areas. I like this translation because it uses the word “steadfast”. Other translations use loyal, right, or faithful. Steadfast encompasses loyal, right, and faithful, and goes a step farther. It is immovable, fixed, unchanging, it will not waiver. Once in place it’s there for good. It’s not uncommon to ask God to give us a clean heart, let’s not forget to ask for a steadfast spirit. May God create in us a clean heart and a renewed steadfast spirit.



We were able to reach about 700 families (about 2,800 to 3,000 people) who do not know about Jesus and Christmas. The Holy Spirit is bringing people to salvation. Thirteen people were baptized recently. This is the fruit of our Christmas gift ministry.



Pa Kep, and his family putting together Christmas packets.



Pa Kep baptizing yet another new believer!

We are very limited in activities of the gospel here. At the end of 2020, we challenged our churches to pray that the Holy Spirit would bring to salvation and baptize at least 50 people in 2021. That was a big challenge compared to the history of the Myanmar FMS. There have been 221 people baptized in 2021! This is the greatest blessing in the history of the Myanmar FMC and we count our blessings in 2021! It is because of your faithful prayers and support. It is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you so much again for your love and prayers.

Blessings, Pa Kep



The Hands Across Nations Auction Fundraiser was a big success which raised just under \$8,000 in bids and extra donations toward the work HAN will continue in N. Uganda! This was all due to local businesses who donated goods and services, creative people, who created amazing baskets full of donated items, individuals who gave homemade and handmade items, and treasures that added pizzazz to the auction. Helpers from ALF: Linda Norris, Jeannie Beitz, and Barb McGee (baskets), Debbie Barbee (online auction organization), and

Ellen Ramhoff (HAN website distribution) We can't express well enough the appreciation and thankfulness we at Hands Across Nations feel for everyone who took part.

Keith is still in Uganda working on finishing the year-end financial paperwork and organizing the office/house for the time when both he and Carolyn are in the US, and plans for our return in 2022.

We wish all of our brothers and sisters in Christ a blessed New Year where we all draw nearer to our Lord.

Kathy Pinnel, winner of the Teddy Bear and handmade quilt in the HAN Auction.



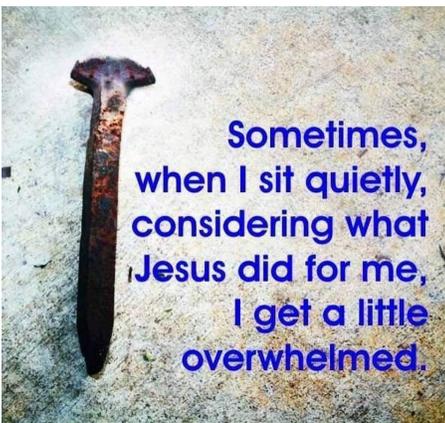
The Witness of the Spirit

By Oswald Chambers

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God...Romans 8:16

We are in danger of getting into a bargaining spirit with God when we come to Him— we want the witness of the Spirit before we have done what God tells us to do.

Why doesn't God reveal Himself to you? He cannot. It is not that He will not, but He cannot, because you are in the way as long as you won't abandon yourself to Him in total surrender. Yet once you do, immediately God witnesses to Himself— He cannot witness to you, but He instantly witnesses to His own nature in you. If you received the witness of the Spirit before the reality and truth that comes from obedience, it would simply result in sentimental emotion. But when you act on the basis of redemption, and stop the disrespectfulness of debating with God, He immediately gives His witness. As soon as you abandon your own reasoning and arguing, God witnesses to what He has done, and you are amazed at your total disrespect in having kept Him waiting. If you are debating as to whether or not God can deliver from sin, then either let Him do it or tell Him that He cannot. Do not quote this or that person to Him. Simply obey Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden...." *Come*, if you are weary, and ask, if you know you are evil (see Luke 11:9-13).



The Spirit of God witnesses to the redemption of our Lord, and to nothing else. He cannot witness to our reason. We are inclined to mistake the simplicity that comes from our natural commonsense decisions for the witness of the Spirit, but the Spirit witnesses only to His own nature, and to the work of redemption, never to our reason. If we are trying to make Him witness to our reason, it is no wonder that we are in darkness and uncertainty. Throw it all overboard, trust in Him, and He will give you the witness of the Spirit.

WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS

It is an easy thing to argue from precedent because it makes everything simple, but it is a risky thing to do. Give God "elbow room"; let Him come into His universe as He pleases. If we confine God in His working to religious people or to certain ways, we place ourselves on an equality with God.

(Baffled to Fight Better, 51 L)

NEED PRAYER?

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