

“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

10:00 - 11:30

Children's Church

WATCH LIVE/RECORDED ON FACEBOOK @
 ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP, CHEWELAH

2nd Sunday: Communion

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Brown Bag Bible Study
 Noon
 Wednesday's

We are still having our group study with a combination of Zoom/telephone. It is still not too late to join this group starting with Acts 1:1! Tentative start date is now Feb 9th. Stay tuned! If you would like to join us, call Deb @ 935-6269 or Trish @ 675-5967 .



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.



The Love Month! We are extending Valentine's Day to include the whole month by praying for another person within our church and for your neighbors that stand in the need of prayer. You'll be amazed at what a blessing it is to pray for them, and you!

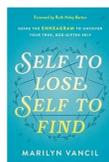
Call Linda (936-0031) for a church person's name or Debbie (935-6269) for a card (s) to give to your neighbors.



The Yada Yada small group is starting up again!!!!

There will be 2 groups: 10:00 and 1:00 (unless the rules change again). Sign up early to choose your time.

There is a new book "Self to Lose; Self to Find" The cost of this book is \$17. If you would like some help in the payment or have any questions, please contact Linda @ 936-0031 or Pastor Brenda @ 1-509-306-7708.



Discover the growth that's possible when we understand our authentic selves as God intended by exploring more deeply the Enneagram tool, paired with profound scriptural insights.



Children's Church continues every week at ALF. There were many lessons surrounding the birth of Jesus, the visit of the magi, the flight to Egypt and his teaching the teachers in the Temple at the age of twelve.

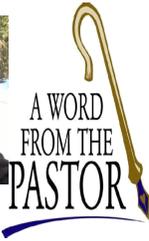
January 24th was the beginning of Jesus' ministry years, starting with the immersion in the Jordan River by his cousin John, who came as a voice in the wilderness, calling people to 'repent for the kingdom of God is at hand!' Here the Father spoke words to identify his Son, "Beloved", and their relationship: 'in him I am well pleased.' The Holy Spirit appeared as a dove, descending on the Son of God. What an amazing manifestation of the triune God!

The current verse for students is Isaiah 43:19 in the New Living Translation: "For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."

Thank you for lifting up our youngest members in prayer. May there be rivers of life flowing out of young lives, refreshing spirits, renewing thoughts and producing good fruit.



Pastor Brenda



Well, here we are in a new year, 2020 is behind us. Some people might be thinking “good riddance” and are glad to have 2020 in the rear view mirror. Remember how we entered into last year? It was a year full of hope and excitement, especially with the idea of 2020 and perfect vision. We had no idea what we were facing, the things we would be going through as individuals, a church body, a state, nation, and world. Yes, it hit us hard on all levels. Let’s pause a moment and think about it. We experienced loss of loved ones and dear friends in our church. Several in our church family faced serious illness (and still are), and many had surgeries for various reasons. We’ve experienced a virus that caused the church to be shut down, schools shut down, business shut down, isolation, the rise of depression, substance abuse, and violence. We were also, faced with the ugly reality of discrimination by the riots that sprang forth out of that. There was rebellion against the government and against the police, the creation of sovereign states and their demise. We have a presidential election that still isn’t settled. These are just a few things I can think of off the top of my head, I’m sure there are many more.

In all that we were also reminded that God is in control. “God has made everything fitting in its time, but has also placed eternity in their hearts...” Ecclesiastes 3:11a. Some of the other things we experienced in 2020, strange as it may sound, greater unity among God’s people. We’ve seen our church family pull together as many families experienced loss or other needs. Let’s not forget the seven people who gave their lives to Christ in the first 10 weeks of this year. Let’s pray that God uses us to bring more people to him. There is also the blessing of the thrift store. We don’t know what God has for it in the future, but we do know that he has used it and is still using it even though we have no building. God has used this past year to open our hearts to more of him. He’s caused us to rethink how we are loving him and loving others. He’s caused us to ask the question, “How is my relationship with God making a difference for eternity?” We are taking in more of his Word through the abundance of services online, through discussion groups, daily biblical reading, prayer groups meeting in alternative ways such as phone or video chats. Our church’s weekly impact has increased to all over the country, and even parts of the world.

It took those hard things of this past year to bring up the good. God has placed eternity in our hearts. We’re reminded that there is more than just the here and now. Let’s continue to be open to the good God is doing and wants to do in us and through us as we step into 2021.



Psalm 63:3

My lips praise you because your faithful love is better than life itself!

Verse of the Month

There is nothing more important or more valuable than the love of God. No matter who we are, what we’ve done or are going to do God loves us. I hope well all discover how much better God’s love is than even life itself. It is hard to put into words how cherished and how vital God’s love is to our very being. The least we can do is praise him.



God is moving in Uganda, even with all the limitations of the Covid-19 restrictions. Lira Referral Hospital has told all the lepers who have been living at the hospital, which is 5 of them, that they need to move back to their home villages. At first, this was a frightening prospect, but it has turned out to be God's blessing.

Nelson, who was first a learner and now a literacy teacher, is being taken care of by a young man he took in, cared for and educated when he was very young. Praise God. And Nelson will make himself available to teach people to read.

The great smile of Nelson



Silferoja is going home to a village which kept her small home safe and was ready for her return this week. She had an entourage of people to escort her home and had a welcome fit for a queen when she arrived! She will also start reading classes there.

Joseph returned to his village where his home was cleaned up, ready and waiting for him. His wife, Maria, also a leper, died a while back and she is buried near their home.



Another leper, Rose, has visited her home village with our staff member Peter, and found that a young man, now in his thirties has volunteered to take care of her for the rest of her life, as Rose cared for him as an orphan child. Rose had been fearful that no one would even remember her as she had left that village 20 years ago! God has been preparing a place for her!

The happy face of Kole Rose

Last of all is Silberia – Peter will help her find her family if they are still alive and make a plan for her to return to her village.

For Americans, this may not seem like a big deal, but in Uganda, many lepers, disabled people and orphans are not cared for by their families and are left to beg in the streets. We are blessed to be a part of God's plan for them. He says that those people are the rebuilders and we are seeing it!



Some great news: Connee Potter will be flying back to Uganda with Carolyn mid to late Feb! She will be continuing her work to edit the "Easy to Read" Lango Bible Richard and Victor have translated. Jean Homer and Connee have transcribed it to the computer and now Connee will help with the final editing to make it ready for printing! Keith and Carolyn are beyond ECSTATIC!!



There is a mighty move of God up in the mountains of Chin State, Myanmar. Last week one of the village FM churches held a youth conference for several surrounding villages.



About 180 children and youth arrived.

They were in the woods and put up a big tent.



They had little food, but by the grace of God, supporters of mine gave \$300 for food, and God used it and multiplied it and they were fed for the week.



More importantly they were fed the Word of God and 65 were baptized on Sunday and 6 more earlier in January.



HALLELU, HALLELU, HALLELU, HALLELUJAH
PRAISE YE THE LORD

Be Anxious for Nothing

Jesus warned that, in the last days, the world would face unfolding trauma.

There would be wars, earthquakes and many other disasters. Yet, to His disciples, He said, "Do not be terrified" (Luke 21:9). He also said that, because of world conditions, men's hearts would fail "from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:20). Not only would actual events generate worldwide fear, but the expectation of difficulties would cause men's hearts to fail.

Today, heart failure is the number one cause of death in North America. Approximately every thirty-four seconds a heart stops beating and another person dies, usually suddenly. There may be many contributors to heart failure, but one major source is the inability to handle stress.

There are times when stress is unavoidable

...the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, moving to a new home, severe illness, or going through a divorce—all take a toll. But most of the time accepting anxiety should not be so readily accommodated. The problem is that, just as entered the world through Adam's sin (Romans 5), so the substance of death enters our personal world through our sins as well. Indeed, when we carry anxiety-related stress, we are carrying in our soul a container of death that, without fail, takes an ever increasing toll upon our lives.

Consider our world: War and terror attacks can occur at anytime and anywhere. Our stock market and economy continues to bolt up and down, like a wild roller coaster. We have many unanswered questions about the future that are multiplied stress factors.

We also have personal situations. We worry about aging and our health. We have stress at our jobs and stress with a lack of jobs. Our homes should be a harbor of peace, yet they often are a place of strife and anxiety, especially as our children become teens. Someone once said, "A mother is only as happy as her saddest child.." It is true for fathers also. We all carry people in our hearts, and as we love them their battles become ours, further adding to the burden of anxiety we carry.

If you want to know how stressed you are, look at your disposition when you drive. If you are always exceeding the speed limit, it reveals the lack of rest in your soul. That extra push on the accelerator is continually occurring on your heart throughout the day, not only when you are driving. Driving simply makes apparent the level of anxiety we have learned to live with.

Paul wrote, "Be anxious for nothing" (Philippians 4:6). Yet we seem to be anxious for everything. In fact, stress-related anxiety is so much a part of our lives that, somehow, it has escaped being identified as being sinful. We medicate it, but do not change the habits of fear that caused it in the first place. But anxiety is sin. At its core, it is a stubborn refusal to trust the goodness of God or rest in His power. Anxiety is a by-product of unbelief. It is a spiritual "terror attack" from hell that is silently killing tens of thousands every day.

Certainly, I am not suggesting we become passive. However, I am saying we ought to abandon our fears and the stressful anxieties that come from not trusting in God. Our Messiah is "Immanuel," which means "God with us." Jesus promised to be with us, "even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). At some point we must accept the wonder and power of Christ's promise. Those who believe enter His rest (Hebrews 3). He is with us always! To mistrust this promise

is to reject the very character of God's nature. This is not a minor issue **Let us**

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come to Him. Let us cast our burdens upon Him, for truly He cares for us. Let us break our addictions to stress. We don't have to be tied up in knots inside. The God of peace will crush Satan beneath our feet shortly (Romans 16:20). Anxiety is sin. Let us break the bondage of this sin and walk as sons and daughters of God, who are anxious for nothing.

— Francis Frangipane 11/2020

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LOVE PEOPLE.

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