

“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**

9:00-9:45-Adult Sunday School

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:00 - 11:30**

Children's Church

Fellowship after the Service

WATCH ON FACEBOOK @

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP,

CHEWELAH

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

**PRAYER**

**Monday** 3pm with Judy Rarrick

**BOOK STUDY**



YadaYada ladies meet at 11am on Tuesday's in the fellowship hall

**WEDNESDAY** @ 12noon

Brown Bag  
 Bible Study  
 Noon  
 Wednesday's

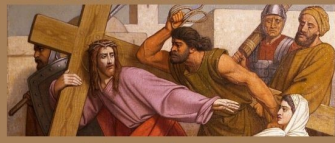
This study is in the book of Hebrews It is held in the church's conference room.



**SOUP'S ON!**

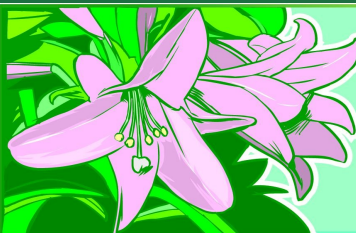
Wednesday's at 5pm in the church fellowship hall. Invite a friend or neighbor!

**Stations of the Cross**



The church will be open Good Friday, April 3rd, from 9am-6:30pm, to reflect and connect with the final hours of Jesus Christ's journey to the crucifixion.

**CHURCH IN THE PARK @ 8AM**



**COME AND CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US**

EARLY EASTER MORNING SERVICE, CENTER STAGE AT CHEWELAH PARK,

**POTLUCK BREAKFAST @ 9AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**EASTER SERVICE @ 10AM**

May  
 1st &  
 2nd



**MULTI FAMILY**

**YARD SALE**

9am  
 to  
 3pm

**Save the Date!**

Woohoo! It's a yard sale, right in our back yard!

It will be set up outside if it's nice or in the Fellowship Hall! Entry through the N. end door.

Expect a wide variety of baked goods for sale and grab yourself a hot dog for a buck.

Got donations or want to volunteer? Message Linda at 509 936 0031. Please, no clothing donations unless they are exceptional.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Saturday**

April 18th @ 8am at Faith Community



**Camp Sanders Women's Retreat**

**April 17-19** Camp fee is \$125. Go to register @

campanders@gmail.com . Phone is 208.892.4842



**Brenda Nagunst**

## From the Pastor's Desk

The whirl and swirl of life can feel like mountains moving and hills shaking. There are so many things that feel like they are in a bit of an upheaval right now. I know I don't have to list them, but I will list a few anyway. The threat of technology misuse is a fear for some. Another shaker for others is what is being taught in public schools, things we don't agree

with. There is unrest in our nation about politics and social issues, which can feel like a pretty big shake. A mountain we never thought would move are biblical morals no longer being upheld. A shaking hill affecting many of us right now is the drop in the buying power of our money over the past couple of years. As we see what is happening around the world, we realize the world is a smaller place, and the effects of war can touch us more easily. We're heartbroken for those in the throes of war.

Take a minute and think about the things that you stand on. What is it that gives you footing in life? It seems to make sense that we should be able to stand on a mountain, because mountains are firm foundations that should never move. The same thing with the smaller issues of life that we stand on; hills rarely shake. But what happens when they do? What happens when the government you trusted is no longer trustworthy? What happens when the savings you've saved for your whole life are consumed in a few short months or years, and you're left destitute? What happens when the health of your youth is gone, or the love of your life is no longer here for you? What are you relying on that, if shaken, would bring your world crashing down? What shakes you? Who or what is your safety net? You may not even realize who or what it is until it's gone.

I remember after my husband died, I realized I had lost my safety net. He was the one I depended on; he was the one who made me feel like I could go through life carefree, because he would take care of everything. This was such an eye-opening, life-changing moment for me when I realized I had misplaced my trust in a person. Not that I shouldn't have a trusting relationship within my marriage, but that I trusted that relationship over and above my relationship with God and didn't even realize it.



### **Verse of the Month**

‘Though the mountains move  
and the hills shake,

My love will not be removed from you  
and My covenant of peace will not be shaken.’  
says your compassionate LORD. Isaiah 54:10 (CEB)

The battle belongs to the Lord, and we fight THAT BATTLE on our knees...(Now) to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21)

**Headline news Monday March 30, 2026.....<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/clyew40w249o> This article is based from the BBC news.**

Barred from the recent general election, Myanmar's main opposition parties watched as military chief Min Aung Hlaing was nominated for president when parliament convened Monday.

Min Aung Hlaing is certain to win, having been nominated with two loyalists who pose little challenge. He has been sanctioned by many Western countries for leading a military coup five years ago. In the ensuing civil war, thousands of people have been killed, and millions have been displaced. Meanwhile, large areas of the country remain under the control of armed opposition groups.

Earlier, the general elections, held between December and January, were touted by the junta as a pathway to peace. However, the vote was widely seen as a sham, with many major parties banned and large parts of the country excluded due to the civil war. The regime has rejected this criticism, maintaining that the vote was free and fair.

About 90% of new parliament members are loyal to Min Aung Hlaing, either as military officers—guaranteed a quarter of seats—or as allies from the military's party. As a result, while they will spend the week debating the next president, the coup leader's selection is inevitable.

Min Aung Hlaing is known to have long wanted the presidency. The prospect of not winning after the military party's poor 2020 showing was a key factor behind the coup that removed Aung San Suu Kyi's government. If Min Aung Hlaing becomes president, the constitution requires him to relinquish command of the armed forces—a significant transition. That carries risk. Senior commanders are known to be dissatisfied with his leadership.

He has already chosen a staunch loyalist, General Ye Win Oo, to replace him, who has a reputation for brutal treatment of dissidents. But the risk remains that, once Min Aung Hlaing loses control of the military, he will lose some power. He also formed a new consultative council, which he will lead, possibly allowing him to retain authority over both military and civilian affairs. Therefore, the new administration will be an expanded junta in civilian clothing.

Neither Min Aung Hlaing nor his deputies have shown any intent to halt crackdowns on opposition since his 2021 takeover.



**I would like to introduce Pastor Za Bawi Bik**, the pastor of **Hmunhlalh FMC**. **Hmunhlalh is a remote village in the mountains of Chin State** located near the India border. He and his church serve many IDP (internally displaced persons - or refugees), and the church is growing both spiritually and in membership. He needs a motorbike to help refugees, visit church members, and share the Gospel. We need \$1,500 to purchase the motorbike. Please pray about donating. Thank you, and God bless. **Note:** Almost \$400 has been raised toward this motorbike. If you feel led to donate, please let Carol know.

Pastor PaKep from Myanmar shares the praise to the Lord that the 8th Commencement of the Free Methodist, *Light and Life Bible College* was held with many blessings on February 14, with six graduates—five attending in person and one by distance.

We praise the Lord that God has faithfully led our Light and Life Bible College (LLBC) for 21 years, through many challenges, including times of martial law and restrictions on Christian activities.

There have been 33 graduates from LLBC. More than 90 percent of them are involved in the ministry of the Free Methodist Church of Myanmar as pastors and church planters. Among them, Hlawn Hlawn, the wife of Seth VanTifflin (In Better Hands), has become a missionary with FMW. This inspires us to work diligently for the sake of God's Kingdom by pouring ourselves into these students' lives. Please pray for these recent graduates.

In the 2025–2026 academic year, there are 19 students (nine on campus and 10 online) and 7 teachers. Please pray for them.



## The Persecuted, Part 2 By Francis Frangipane (condensed)

### The Enemy's Tactics for Persecution

The way Satan persecutes is described in Matthew 5:11 (MEV): "Blessed are you when men revile you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake." Scripture says, "All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:12, MEV). Persecution is not a matter of if, but when. It can come from anyone—family, friends, coworkers, or teammates. When you strive to live holy and righteous, persecution will follow.

Understand that the enemy has designed persecution to immobilize you. If the enemy cannot take your life, he will try to crush parts of your life that render you ineffective, attempting to steal your joy. When criticism or persecution arises, Jesus encourages us not to let it stop our walk with God. Jesus says, "Rejoice and be glad." He knows the enemy's tactics but urges us to persevere in our walk with God.

When the enemy persecuted me, I sometimes became depressed. During a stressful period, the Lord spoke to my heart: "Rejoice and leap for joy." Dancing before the Lord helped break oppression and lift heaviness, so I leaped with joy, understanding that persecution aimed to steal my joy. Luke encourages us to leap for joy, meaning to bound about with joy. Such enthusiasm is sometimes necessary to overcome the heaviness designed by the enemy. The joy of the Lord is the antidote. If you feel the heaviness of persecution, leap for joy. Don't let it hinder your journey to Christlikeness. Persecution means you're doing something right. Rejoice and keep moving forward.

Next, the enemy may attack your credibility with suspicion and accusation if persecution alone fails. Faultfinding and accusation aim to silence you. For example, he may have someone criticize you or talk about you behind your back. And it doesn't even have to be a lie about you. It's bad enough when people lie about you. What's worse is when they tell the truth about you! They talk about things you really did, some of which you may have repented for. God forgets it. But who remembers it? The accuser of the brethren. He takes some of the things you did wrong, even after you've repented and received forgiveness, and uses them against you.

Revelation 12 provides an insightful picture of the accuser of the brethren coming after you as God's servant. It talks about a man-child and a dragon seeking to devour him, but verse 5 says the child "was caught up to God and to His throne." It's widely accepted that this refers to Jesus Christ. Though this passage refers to Jesus, it also shows that when under accusation, the only safe place is in God's presence—your refuge and contentment. Persecution propels you there.

"Great is your reward" (Matt. 5:12, NIV). This refers to, "[Yours] is the kingdom of heaven." Stay focused on God's throne, the only safe place from the enemy's distractions and accusations. If you've done something wrong, repent of it. But when the accuser comes, and you've examined your personal life and done all you can to deal with those accusations, you've got to get to God's throne and lay it at His feet. That's your place of safety.

**The Path to His Presence:** "But Francis, how do I get to His throne?" Worship is the pathway to His presence. Begin to worship and praise Him for who He is. Thank Him for His goodness and mercy and all His mighty works, then approach Him on behalf of those who persecute you, because part of being at God's throne is being there with Christ, who is ever living to make intercession for the saints. The nature of Christ is to pray for those who persecute. So, the way out of persecution is to get to the throne where God's presence surrounds you.

God never meant for us to fulfill His will without His presence. Through prayer and intimacy with Him, we find spiritual strength and replenishment. **In my book *The Three Battlegrounds***, I put it this way: Without true worship of God, there can be no victory in warfare. For what we bleed when we are wounded by satanic assault or persecution is the true measure of our worship. You see, what comes out of our hearts during times of pressure is in us, but it's hidden during times of ease. If you are a true worshipper, your spirit will exude worship to God no matter what battle you are fighting. In warfare, worship creates a wall of fire around the soul.



**CALL/TEXT THE PRAYER CHAIN: Kim at 208 553 2184**



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