

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

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

2nd Sunday: Communion

WEBPAGE www.abundantlifechewelah.com
includes the Sunday Bulletin and on-line giving.



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. They continue in Self To Lose, Self to Find. Call Linda, 936-0031 for info.



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.



With the upswing of COVID cases in in our county and the increasing cases of our church body, it has been decided that the prudent and wise thing to do is to temporarily curtail in-person activities inside the church.

There will be no in-person services for the next 2 weeks. You may go to our Facebook page, [Abundant Life, Chewelah](#) to take part in our worship service and you may give your offering on our webpage; www.abundantlifechewelah.com. God willing we will be back in person on Sunday, October 17th at the regular time.

All of the Small Groups will be a mixture of conference calls, or virtually on-line.



Hands Across Nations ON LINE AUCTION “We Are Family”

November 29th-December 10th

Due to the onslaught of Covid cases, HAN has cancelled the in-person Auction Benefit for this year, and is offering an online silent auction.

An invitation will be sent via email that will include a link for you to join the auction.



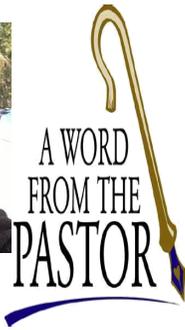
After months and months of not being able to utilize our Fellowship Hall, we have started having activities there again. The Yada Yada Group has

moved up from the downstairs and Sunday Fellowship after the service is also now located upstairs. The Wednesday Bible Study meets in the conference room.

Also, please take noted that Sunday Adult Bible Study has started up again! Pastor Brenda is leading us using the daily devotionals from our Facebook page at Abundant Life Fellowship, Chewelah. Please join us!



Pastor Brenda



As you have probably heard by now, we are going to be moving to online services for a couple of weeks. The board and I have decided that with the number of cases in our church and the population of our church family it was only prudent we take action to care for our congregation. We are not are not doing this out of fear, but out of love and care for our church family. Now is the perfect time to call and check in with each other. Let's pray with and for each other. Some in our church family are sick and some have family and friends who are sick or have lost those they love. We can use this time to encourage each other rather than discourage each other. We can be that calm presence when those around us are freaking out. Another thing we can do is not spread a message of gloom and doom, it can become a form of gossip, and it's easy to get caught up in it. I'm not saying we stick our heads in the sand and pretend everything is fine, but we don't have to perpetuate panic in the hearts of those we talk to. What we can do is spread a message of hope, hope in Jesus. Bethel Music has a song called, "Raise a Hallelujah." There's a line in the song that says, "I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm..." Let's be the kind of people who sing in the middle of the storm because our hope is in Jesus.

The *Will of God*
will never
take you where the
Grace of God will not
protect you.

Verse of the Month

Exodus 3:2b

"Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up."

I love when the seasons change, I get excited about the new season ahead. You're probably wondering what this verse has to do with autumn. Part of what happens during the fall is the gathering of the garden and yard debris. Some people take that debris and burn it. I have several huge piles of tree branches that were cut this summer waiting to be burned. Sometimes it can feel like we are the debris and have been gathered to be burned in the burn pile. This bush that Moses saw was burning but wasn't burned up. What was so unique about that bush that it didn't burn up? It was the presence of the Lord. Because there was fire the bush should have burned up, but it didn't because of the Lord. We are still trekking through a time of fire, a fire ignited by fear, and it seems to be getting closer and closer to us. The question is, "Will we be consumed by the fire?" Will we allow fear to rule in our lives? When we have the presence of the Lord in us we do not have to be afraid, he is in control.



October is upon us and once again, Hands Across Nations' (HAN) plans have been changed due to the Covid-19 ever-changing requirements!

The planned HAN Benefit, which was to be October 9th at the Civic Center is canceled and rescheduled as an online auction of amazing donated items starting Monday November 29th through Friday December 10th.

God continues to guide HAN through all the challenges in Uganda. Schools in Uganda remain closed until January 2022, and prisons are closed to visitors including HAN but are allowing us to take school supplies to the HAN literacy classes. HAN also continues to have the destitute and injured arriving at our gate each day. Their condition is often critical and God provides a way through HAN generous donors to help them.

Apolo Tom Richard, is a disabled man, who completed the HAN "Learning to Read to Read the Bible" literacy class and teacher training. He became a literacy teacher to a large class of disabled people in his village, and was recently hit by a car as he crossed a main road. The driver has not been found. A young Christian man named "Emmanuel" rescued him from the road and a stranger with a car transported him to the hospital.

Tom suffered an open fracture of both bones in his left lower arm, a head injury, and blindness in his left eye, which he is unable to open. He was unconscious for 2 days but has regained consciousness. Fortunately, the traveling orthopedic surgeon we know was in town evaluating patients that week and performed a surgical repair of Tom's arm. However, the cast applied to his arm at the time of the accident was too tight, cutting off the circulation, which destroyed most of the forearm muscles. Plates were attached to the broken bones and nurses did the wound care for several weeks. His arm became infected and may eventually need to be amputated at the elbow.



A scan of Tom's brain showed the amazing power of God's healing – no permanent damage to the brain although his eye has not recovered. Tom is awake, recognizes his family and emphatically states he must get back to his village to continue to teach his students how to read God's Word! He is walking with assistance short distances, Praise God! Pray for him and his family, as he has been a Godly moving force for good in his community. His injuries are appalling but his spirit is strong. He knows and we know God is strengthening him. We praise our living and active God!

In the Christian life, we run the race of faith. We don't strive for the crown that only one can receive. We strive to finish strong in our faith. God makes us all winners when we cross the line. We get him! Forever! Thus, we all win God by persevering in faith and getting to the finish line. But we, like runners, must lay aside hindrances of our endurance. Hebrews 12:1-3 says,

THE RACE OF FAITH

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Runners not only properly nourish their body and recover well, but they also work hard to build endurance. They endure long runs. They do speed workouts. They lift weights. They stretch. They push through pain. They have sore muscles and tired lungs. Likewise, as Christians, we work hard to strengthen our faith to endure the race of faith. We must seek him daily in his word and in prayer. We must seek fellowship among other believers and let our fellow church members encourage us in the faith. We must welcome rebuke and embrace trials. Personal discipline is essential if we are to keep our eyes focused on Jesus.

Every ounce counts in a foot race. The lighter the endurance runner, the swifter the runner. The same is true in the Christian life. Many things slow us down and eventually stall us in the race of faith. In my case, chasing self-centered joy and personal accolades. Sin clings closely. It's hard to get off, and it's heavy. We lay aside every weight and clingy sin. The farther we are from sin, the closer we are to Jesus.

When we sin, we take our eyes off Jesus and put them on ourselves. We choose to do our will instead of his. But we can't make it to the finish line without looking to Jesus — the author and finisher of our faith. When we set our eyes firmly on him, we will not grow weary in the fight against sin and in the race to persevere in faith. We remember the crown waiting for us in glory and continue running.

HE IS OUR CROWN! The good news is Jesus made us lightweight runners. He took the burden of our sins and placed them on himself at the cross. Then he rose from the dead and sat at the right hand of God to pray for us to fight sin and continue in faith.

In my last collegiate season, Hebrews 12:1-3 was such a gift from God to run each race. When the gun went off, I pictured Jesus, who knew what the brutal cross would accomplish, enduring it with full joy. I didn't grow weary when I felt like giving up because Jesus didn't give up. As a result, I grew closer to Jesus. The physical race became a real-life vision of the cross where I could — in part — identify with him.

The race of faith is life's journey for the Christian. Imagine what would happen if we looked to Jesus every day. Every weight would fall off and every sin would untangle from us. Each look at Jesus would strengthen us to endure and finish well. He waits for us on the other side. He is our crown, and we will be with him forever. Every huff, every twinge of pain, and every prolonged day on earth is worth patiently enduring the journey to get to the finish line — to get to Jesus. Article by Jennifer Brogdon



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