

“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.



Wednesday's at 5pm; gather in the fellowship hall for a home-made supper and faith based conversations!



Brown Bag Bible Study

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

We meet virtual and in person at the church every Wed at noon.



The Yada Yada group is meeting @ 11am on Tuesday's. Call Linda, 936-0031 for more info.



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



Music for the Maker is every Saturday at the Chewelah park 12-4pm. It's a positive energy, non-denominational, family friendly music gathering. Everyone is welcome and we have lots of music instruments to play or bring your own. If you want to come, meet some new friends, learn to play some new music instruments, or just enjoy a nice gathering at the park come stop by.

Hope to see you there.

Sponsored by those who can't get enough of Jesus in their lives!



The Lord has been working in amazing ways in Pastor Pa Kep's family. He and Nu Tha's oldest daughter, Jo Hannah was given permission to study in the U.S. A wonderful FM lady in Bad Axe, Michigan, Mary Robinson, has committed to paying all her expenses.

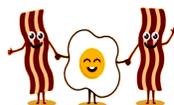
Please pray for Jo Hannah. When she and I messaged a couple of weeks ago, she said her classes were pretty good. But, I just checked her Facebook page and she had a video of a girl walking through school looking pretty "brain dead", with the song, "I've Got Nothing in My Brain" playing. Her comment is "This is me right now". Being an "A" student in English in Myanmar is very different than full immersion in the U.S. Also, being away from your family for the first time, and half a world away – and all the cultural differences. Whew!



Pa Kep and Nu Tha's second child, Joshua, was allowed to go to Chiang Mai, Thailand for University. He is staying with his aunt, Hlawn Hlawn, Pa Kep's youngest sister, and her husband, Seth VanTifflin, who is an FM missionary as well as having his own ministry called "In Better Hands", which runs small orphanages in Myanmar, Thailand and Cambodia to prevent children from being trafficked.



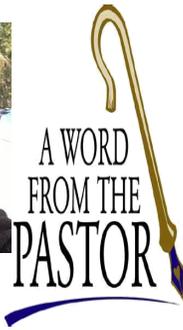
It is through the continued donations from my supporters that Joshua's first year at University is being paid. Please pray for Joshua. It was through the efforts of our Asia Area Director, Eric Spangler, that both young people, and several others, can continue their studies in other countries when all the government schools and universities in Myanmar are still closed.



Men's breakfast starts at 8am the first Saturday of every month. Join our men for great food and fellowship!



Pastor Brenda



The topic of imagination has come up to me several times in the past few weeks. There are kid's costumes already on display in the stores. A princess costume on a little girl swirls her into the imagination of her royal life as the most beautiful and loved princess in all the land. Many a little boy has tried to lift a manhole cover as he imagined he was a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. When I was a child, my friends and I would play Bonanza. We imagined we were different characters of our favorite TV western. You probably had your imagination experiences when you were a child too. As we grow older the things we imagine change, even the terminology changes. In high school and college sports, coaches tell their players to "visualize" the motions of their sport, the swing of a bat, the spike of a ball, the windup of a pass, etc. The imagination of a parent can really start to run wild with tragic scenarios when a teenage child is a couple of hours late getting home. As you know, our imagination can be positive or it can bring us to a messed-up place in our thoughts.

So, where am I going with all of this imagination stuff? Have you ever heard of imagination prayer? Imagination prayer is an interactive experience with the Scripture. For example, a few weeks ago I shared on the passage we refer to as, The Prodigal Son. I asked the question, who do you relate with the most, the younger brother, the father, the older brother, or one of the servants. With imagination prayer you take it one-step further and imagine you are actually there; you step into the story with your imagination. In your imagination you add sounds, smells, maybe tastes, you see details that are filled in by your imagination. If you relate to the older brother, you might imagine how you would feel, you're hot, sweaty, dirty from a day in the fields. You're tired and hungry. Then you see a party going on and ask what is happening. Your wonder shifts to anger when you hear the reason for the party. Then you see your father. You see how happy and excited he is, your anger shifts to feeling hurt. As you talk with your father, you see the love in his eyes for you and your heart softens. This is just a brief example of imagination prayer. The amazing thing about this is how it can draw a person closer to God, or maybe give an opportunity to wrestle with some questions a person might have. Ultimately, this is not about reading the Scripture to learn more about God, but to enrich your relationship with God. We need to study the Scripture and learn about God, but let's not neglect spending time in the Scripture to get to know God – to connect with him.

Verse of the Month

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. Psalm 119:195

God's word allows us to get to know about God, to get to know God, and to be led by God. His word is interactive, not just an object of study. His word is communication between the divine and humanity. His word is a guide for everyday life. As we live out God's word, we experience what it means to be his delight.



BENEFIT

Chewelah Civic Center / 302 E. Webster / Sat Oct 15

Doors Open 4:30 pm __ Dinner served 5:30 to 6:30 pm

"Sharing the Love
of Christ"



Halleluiah! Finally, after 3 full years of Covid restrictions, Hands Across Nations is having an IN PERSON Benefit Dinner and Dessert at the Chewelah Civic Center on October 15 th !! Doors open at 4:30 for people to see the displays, check out the crafts and peruse the fantastic silent auction items. 2 beautiful homemade quilts are up for raffle tickets and 2 people attending the benefit will win them! Dinner will start at 5:30, buffet style. Young people will be your servers, completely at your service!

This will be a very special dinner with locally raised roast beef and mashed potatoes, a squash dish, with green salad and dinner rolls served at the tables for starters. To top it off, a plethora of delicious desserts to choose from!

Brad Shaffer will be our illustrious MC for the evening bringing humor and a spirit of joy to the night! Keith and Carolyn will present special videos of work that has been ongoing during the Covid lockdown in the prisons, feeding the hungry and poor in the villages and Lira town, and helping the ill, injured and disabled overcome their challenges. You'll also hear a few special stories about Connee Potter's stay in Uganda, and how it takes all of us to make the

huge difference that has come due to the loyal supporters of Hands Across Nations.

Tickets can be bought at Akers or Valley Drug Store or online at [eventbrite.com/handsacrossnations](https://www.eventbrite.com/handsacrossnations). Debbie Barbee, 509-935-6269, has tickets and is at the Chewelah Farmers Market on Friday's and Carolyn Jones, 509-979-7448, has tickets.

Adults are \$18, children are \$10 and little ones under 2 are free! If you want a reserved table for 8 you may call Debbie or Carolyn.

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Fun Fundraiser, &
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HE'S MY BROTHER!!

Tickets: @ Akers Drug or www.eventbrite.com \$18.00 Child \$10.00

Reserve Table for 8 - 509-979-7448_ INFO: handsacrossnations.com

Can't go back to Egypt

This morning I read Numbers 13-14 which records the story of the spies that were sent

into Canaan charged with reporting back to Moses the state of things in that land. The spies came back and the majority reported two conclusions: The land is a good land which “flows with milk and honey” and the cities are fortified and we’ll never succeed in conquering them

I should point out that two of the 12 spies did not agree with the second conclusion but the other ten persuaded the majority of the people against attempting to take the land. Then the Israelite people did something that seems very odd. They decided to choose another leader and head back to Egypt.

Think about it, they wanted to go back to Egypt, the very place where they cried out to God because of how difficult life was there. They begin romanticizing the memory of Egypt to make it seem like a relative place of safety compared to the unknown that they were facing in Canaan. **But don't we do the same thing at times?**

When we are faced with difficulty or uncertainty in our current situation, we can wish that we could go back to some other time and place that seemed like Paradise compared to what we currently face. Like the Israelites, we can forget about the discontent, stress and other annoyances that caused us to move on. The problem is that we can't go back. And even if we could, we would find that it was not as great as we remember it.

Can we agree that the good old days were not as good as we might wish them to be?

This is the pragmatic reason for not going back.

For Christians, there is a more important reason for not attempting to go back. To attempt to go back ignores the fact that God has been using the events that got us where we are, even the really difficult ones. God is using the circumstances to complete what he has begun in us (Philippians 1:6). Paul later tells us that “it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13). Paul hints at this, later in the letter, when he writes, “forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead . . .” in Philippians 3:13. The hard bits of living are often the ones that are most effective in teaching us what is important and what is not. C. S. Lewis makes this point in his book, The Problem of Pain:

“We can ignore even pleasure. But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

I feel called to point out, as I conclude, that sometimes God uses difficulties in our lives to show us where we need to change either our thinking or our behavior (or both).

We cannot go back, we can only go forward trusting that God has us where he wants us and will see us through until the end. —Mark McIntyre 

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