

“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.



Please join the Chewelah Community for a Thanksgiving Meal at Chewelah's St.

Mary's Catholic Church. Doors open at 4pm on November 10th.

Sponsored by Chewelah Faith Resource Group.



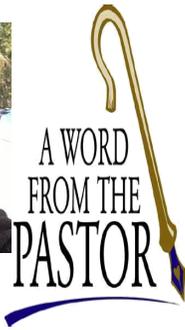
Come join us on Wednesday, November 23rd at 5pm for a time of Thanksgiving and worship to the One who is the Giver of all that is Good! "Soup's On" will be served directly after the service.



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



Pastor Brenda



A few days ago, my cat was at the door meowing, trying to get my attention to let her in. I went to the door, only to see she had a gift in her mouth for me. I've read, and been told, that when a cat brings you a "dinner" it believes you can't provide for yourself and you need its help. This is so funny, because we often do the same thing with God. We come to him in prayer, with an amazing plan. We give it to him, then ask him to bless it. In the back of our minds, we may even think we're doing God a favor, helping him out.

Thinking back to my cat, it is really me who provides the meals my cat needs to survive, not the other way around. Yes, my cat does do me a much needed service by keeping the mouse population down, but I'm still its provider. In the same manner, God doesn't need us to take care of him, or to do his bidding. He will continue with or without our interactions with him. God has always been and God will always be. No one is God's provider, he is ours. This world would not exist if it weren't for God's love expressed through his creativity as he formed order out of chaos, the earth and all of its inhabitants from his word and us from his perfectly created earth. So, he definitely doesn't need us to take care of it, or try to make it better. Yet, he did give us the task of taking care of it.

Even when it comes to leading people to him, he doesn't need us to show people who he is. However, God chooses to use us to bring people to him. We're to be his light in the world. God doesn't need us to do his work in this world, but he chooses to use us. The amazing thing is, it doesn't matter how much or how little we think we have to offer. What is important is our heart's motive. If God wanted to, he could speak audibly to anyone he wants. Yet, he chooses to use us to be his voice. He could rain down riches on anyone he wants. Yet, he uses us to help provide the needs of the poor. God most often uses his people to help others see his glory, not because he has to, but because he wants to. A day will come when everyone will see the glory of God. In this verse, Jesus reminds God's people that they are to be the light of the world. It is the same message God gave Ezekiel for the people of Israel. Nothing has changed from the Old Testament, to the New Testament, to today. God's people are meant to be the light of the world. One way God displays his glory is through the light of his people. May God's glory shine through you for those around you to see.

Verse of the Month



*You are the light of the world.
A city on top of a hill can't be
hidden. Matthew 5:14*

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The Myanmar FMC has not been able to hold an annual conference for two years. This month, they had a zoom conference. I was able to attend for a while the first day. It was heartwarming to see so many pastors and lay leaders that I had met while serving in Myanmar. One very exciting event is that the Myanmar FMC has become a full Annual Conference. They were a mission district under Taiwan for many years. I was there when they became a Provisional Annual Conference, and that was very exciting. This is even more so. Pastor Pa Kep asked that you please praise the Lord with him.

In his State of the Work report, Pastor (Supt.) Pa Kep said that they challenged everyone to pray for five new churches to be started in 2022 – and there are now five new churches – and the year is not over yet. 🎉🎉 God answers prayers. Please pray for these new churches and their pastors.

- Pastor Mi Pha at the churches of Pan Taung FMC, Golden Triangle and Shan State
- Pastors Silas Thang and Myao Mint Tun at the Garuna FMC in Mandalay
- Pastors Maung Kywai and Khin Su at the North Okkalapa FMC, Yangon
- Pastor Za Ceu at the Belhar B FMC, Khuathar, Chin State
- Pastor Kyaw Heign Tun at the Pabi (4) FMC, Maingko, Golden Triangle, Shan State

Pastor Pa Kep said he would like to visit these new church plants before the end of this year and asks us to please pray for the doors to open for these visits as there are still travel restrictions to certain areas of the country. He also said that they are “creating the curriculum and lessons to develop our leaders and church members, so we need wisdom from above.” Thank you for your prayers. Pa Kep

Pastor Pa Kep & Nu Hta



Hands Across Nations "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" Benefit showed how mourning turned to joy through support from faithful donors.

After 3 years of not being able to celebrate together and join in supporting Hands Across Nations in Uganda, an amazing group of people this year formed a dynamite team who organized and put on a "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" benefit dinner, silent auction and audio visual displays. They were the volunteers behind the scenes planning and preparing the dinner menu and desserts, displays and table decorations, and gathering silent auction items. Others were preparing for the sound and video shows, and practicing speeches. And THEN, it all came together! The worry of too few people coming, morphed into celebration that so many did come! The meal was over the top scrumptious, thanks to Chef Anna Miller-Rhees from Front Porch Church. More than a dozen teens served the tables of people and received MANY words of praise for how they took care of them throughout the night. Brad Shaffer, our MC was stellar, having researched Uganda's history and current situation so he could lay a foundation for people's understanding of the living conditions. Debbie Barbee and her team sold African crafts. And last but definitely not least, our own Jay Andrews was a perfect video and sound man, carrying it off without a single glitch!!



Jay showing Carolyn how the sound and video system works.

Not only did supporters come, they came to see, in living color, the stories of real people, in dire need in Lira Uganda, who came to the gate of the HAN office or were found on the streets. The names, Dickens, Joe, John, Jusephine, Jenifer and Joseph became real people as their faces cried out in the video presentations. Many were touched by their struggles; of being run down on the crowded roads and left for dead, or paralyzed by typhoid of the spine, even suffering from multiple fractures from a genetic bone disease. The stories didn't end there though.....With the faithful help of many donors, HAN gave them the needed medical care, equipment and food to recover. Faces were surgically repaired, bones casted or strapped in place, a newborn delivered by C section, and burn wounds of an epileptic young man healed through the care of lepers! Many are rising up with help from HAN to be productive and joyful people, experiencing God's love through the donations of people halfway around the world, in Northeast Washington.

Those that attended the benefit were overly generous in their bidding on donated theme baskets and even if they didn't need any more "stuff", they left all sizes of contributions. The final count amount is over \$14,000! This is a remarkable place to live! That's almost 20% of our yearly expenses. Praise God!



Debbie selling crafts to Dee and Liz Acheson, HAN Advisory Committee

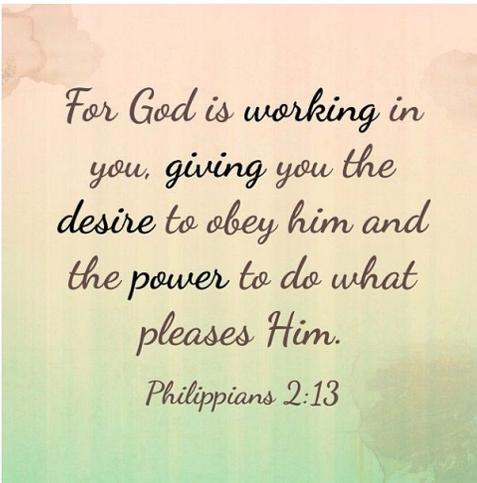


"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

In this passage of Philippians, Paul is addressing a group that seems to have weaseled their way into the thinking at Philippi. They are the strict rule followers of the Jewish tradition, claiming that new believers in Jesus have to follow every law of Moses to be saved. Paul was once a zealous leader of this group. His pedigree and position and passion led him to persecute the early believers, approving of their deaths and imprisonments.

But an intervention with Jesus on the road to Damascus changed all that. He quickly understood that salvation through Jesus has nothing to do with accomplishments and pride and everything to do with laying it all down to serve Jesus. That is what he means when he says "forgetting what is behind". It's all his trophies, the looks of praise from the people he passed, his respected position in the city of Jerusalem. He calls these garbage in comparison to knowing Jesus. Wow. That is convicting.

What is he pressing on toward? What does he strain for now? The goal to win the prize. I think it's knowing Jesus and getting a well-done from God rather than a well done from people. Ouch. Conviction here. How often do I (we) enjoy the praise of people and forget all together to seek the most important praise from our Heavenly Father. Our small "insignificant" acts of love may go unnoticed or unappreciated, but they add up to a life well lived, filled with His Spirit, rather than a straining for the dust of people's praise.



Lord Jesus, open our hearts to know you the way Paul did. So that knowing you more becomes the prize rather gaining praise from people. May we strive to live a life surrendered to you, loving you and people around us in small ways, seeking you in it all. Thank you for the grace that we do not have to accomplish our relationship with you, but can enjoy knowing you despite our failings.

Abundant Life Fellowship

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LOVE PEOPLE.

MAKE DISCIPLES.



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