

“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY 2018

ISSUE #48



SUNDAY

8:00-9:00 - Coffee & Fellowship

8:30-9:00- Prayer Walk & Morning Prayer

9:00-9:45-Adult & Children's Sunday Bible Lesson

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 - 11:30

Children's Church

2nd Sunday: Communion

11:30-12:30 SOUP

FEBRUARY 4TH POTLUCK



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY

Prayer @ 9:45am

Worship Dance Class

2:00pm Call Trish @ 935.4899

Prayer & Praise Service

February 14th @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY

Men's Breakfast

February @ 8am

SUNDAY

Priority One Volley Ball

February 17th @ 5:30



Kick-off Potluck

Feb. 3rd, Saturday at 5:30, for volunteers, potential volunteers and fundraisers. Please join us in the fellowship hall, and bring a dinner dish to share!!!

Calling all Crafters



Tami Turner (360-951-5617) is heading up the activity center for camp again this year. If you are interested in helping at camp, or would like to be involved with the planning, please attend the meeting, Feb. 15th at 6:30 at the church.



Love, love, love!!! Valentine's Day is the theme for this women's luncheon with Teresa Flynn as special speaker. Come early, bring a lunch dish for this potluck filled with worship, laughter, prayer and a wonderful testimony from hell to heaven; hate to love with Teresa. Oh, and yummy food too!



Join Greg and Joan Scott as they study as they start the study Feb. 6th, Tuesday at 7pm. Call 935-6730. for details.

“In *How's Your Soul?*, Judah Smith explores that “inside you.” Sharing his own, often humorous, mistakes and foibles, he helps us find our way through the emotional roller coasters of life. *How's Your Soul?* is an invitation to find lasting emotional satisfaction and stability by bringing our feelings into alignment with God's truth, moving beyond simply surviving, and learning how to live each day with eternal significance.



Round out your Sabbath Day at Kerry & Loretta Burkey's home with this new study Sunday at 6pm. Call

680-1870 for details.

Why do you believe what you believe? Francis Shaffer did a similar project, but the truth project takes the concept much deeper and you leave with a very solid foundation and building (Spiritually) that developed ones ability to convey to others an understanding of How the Trinity has worked, is working and will work through time and really establishes why we are here. It gives one a clear understanding of who we are as human beings and why God created us. Can't say enough except to be either transformed or renewed or both.



The Yada Yada study is Tuesdays, at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Linda (936.0031) will supply the study topic for each week from Jonathan Chan's *Book of Mysteries*.



January has gotten us off and running in 2018. Unfortunately it has been marred by lots of illness in our church body. Let's pray we are moving beyond that and that we will see God manifest

more healing in our midst. We can be thankful for milder weather this January than last year and hope this will continue through February as well, though dropping lots of snow on the mountains. On another note, Kraig, Patty and myself just attended a meeting to introduce the new conference superintendent. Lo and behold we are getting a clergy couple who will serve jointly. They are both medical doctors as well. We were impressed with their obvious leadership skills as well as their impressive service record to our Lord. They are Doctors Michael and Amelia Traylor. They will start their position after Annual Conference in June. While I will personally miss working our current superintendent, Dennis Jeffrey, I am looking forward to good things in our conference and church in the coming years.

Verse of the Month

I John 4:7-8

**Beloved,
let us love one another,
for love is from God,
and whoever loves
has been born of God
and knows God.**

**⁸ Anyone who does not love
does not know God,
because God is love.**

As we enter February, I am looking ahead at emphases we will likely ponder

then. Of course,

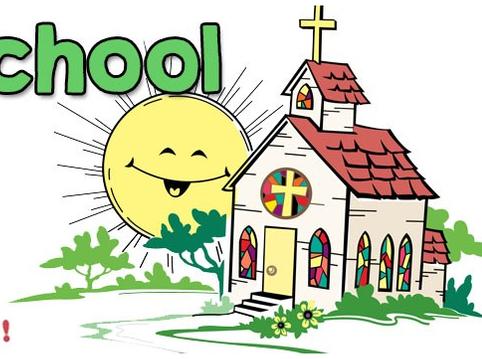
right in the middle of the month is Valentine's Day. As far as I am concerned this is a manufactured holiday for the benefit of those in the flower, cards, candy, ... production and sales businesses.

Nevertheless, as messed up as our culture gets it, love is highlighted. Love is definitely worth

highlighting, since the Bible and our Lord do so. Our verse of the month is one of the more famous love verses and calls us to not forget about it, especially in these contentious times. This is God's heart and character and desire. Also, we will encounter Ash Wednesday this month and guess what! It falls on Valentine's Day! Ash Wednesday starts us toward focusing on Good Friday where the ultimate act of love took place, the death of our Lord Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins. Let's have a lovely month.



Sunday School



Sunday School is from
9:00 - 9:45 for all ages.

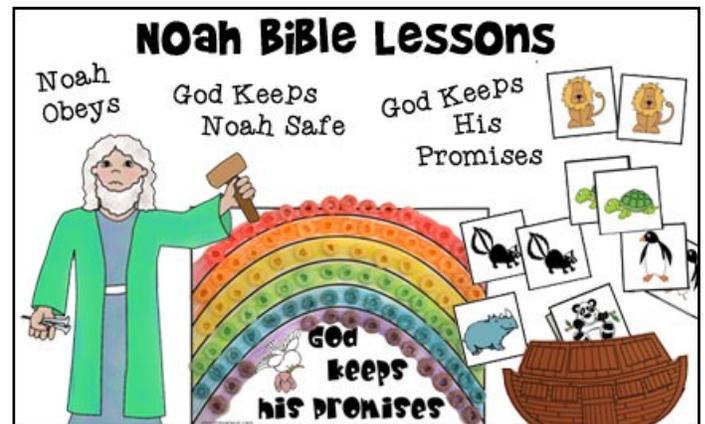
Joe Santiago is finishing the rousing study in Adult Sunday School of "Jew, Gentile, Remnant" the first Sunday of February. Thank-you Joe!!! Starting the next Sunday, February 12th, Pastor John will be leading us in The Prayers of Ephesians for the rest of the month.

Phyllis Fitzgerald continues with her curriculum for the youngest children (ages 3 through K), while Val Messerall is continues Children's Sunday School with a memory verse-based curriculum for the 1st through 4th graders. Kerry Burkey is using his own curriculum for the 5th through 8th graders, and Loretta is using the Grapple studies for her High Schoolers. Brian Nagunst is a floating aide, helping where needed and truly appreciated.

The Sunday School Van Ministry has been postponed until the basement bathroom repairs have been resolved.

We need substitute Sunday School and Children's Church teachers and assistants for all classes. If you would be willing to help out occasionally, please contact Val.

Children's Church



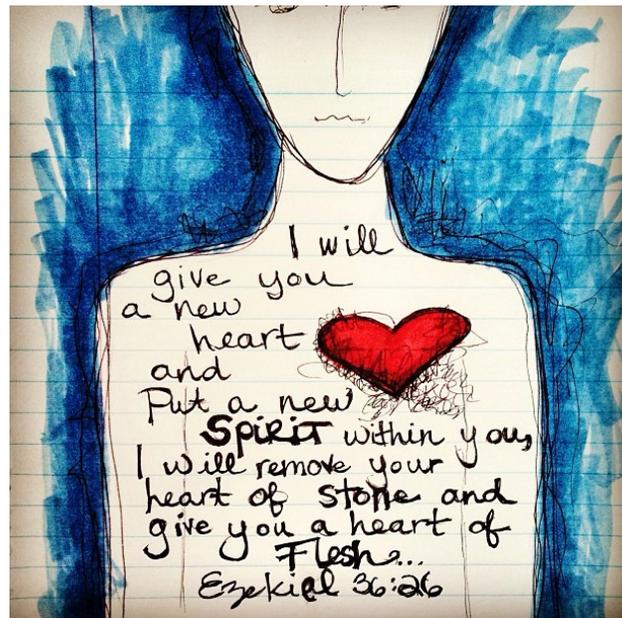
The 3th grade and up Children's' Church class is learning about Communion and will be staying upstairs for Communion Sunday, February 11th .

K-2nd grade class is spending the month of January learning about how Noah and his family were safe in the Ark.

Heart of Stone to a Heart of Flesh

A "heart of flesh" is known by its *tenderness concerning sin*. To have indulged a foul imagination or to have allowed a wild desire to linger even for a moment is quite enough to make a heart of flesh grieve before the Lord. The heart of stone calls a great iniquity nothing, but not so the heart of flesh.

If to the right or left I stray,
That moment, Lord, reprove;
And let me weep my life away,
For having grieved Thy love.



The heart of flesh is *tender to God's will*. Unlike a strong heart that refuses to bow before God's dictates, when the heart of flesh is given, the will quivers like an aspen leaf in every breath of heaven and bows like a willow in every breeze of God's spirit. The natural will is cold, hard iron, which refuses to be hammered into form, but the renewed will, like molten metal, is quickly molded by the hand of grace. In the fleshy heart there is a *tenderness of the affections*. The hard heart does not love the Redeemer, but the renewed heart burns with affection toward Him.

The hard heart is selfish and coldly demands, "Why should I weep for sin?" Why should I love the Lord?" But the heart of flesh says, "Lord, You know that I love You; help me to love You more!" There are many privileges of the renewed heart. It is here the Spirit dwells; it is here that Jesus lives. It is fitted to receive every spiritual blessing, and every blessing comes to it. It is prepared to



yield every heavenly fruit to the honor and praise of God, and therefore the Lord delights in it. A tender heart is the best defense against sin and the best preparation for heaven. A renewed heart stands on its watchtower looking for the coming of the Lord Jesus. Do you have this heart of flesh?

**DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU
KNOW NEED PRAYER?**

**CALL THE PRAYER CHAIN:
LOLITA LYON 935-8244 OR
MARY KNAPP 936-0319**

Abundant Life Fellowship

LOVE GOD.

LOVE PEOPLE.

MAKE DISCIPLES.



**Pastor John Southwick: Office and Community
Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm**

Assoc. Pastor Brenda Nagunst: Hours vary

Business Office: Tuesday- Thursday: 8am-noon

Contact Info: (509) 935-8029

PO Box 74

N. 203.2nd & Clay St. East
Chewelah, WA. 99109

E-Mail: abundantlife@centurylink.net

Website: abundantlifechewelah.com