

**“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**

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### **Worship & Praise**

**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

November 5th **POTLUCK**

### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Prayer @ 9:45am

**Worship Dance Class**

2:00pm Call Lin @ 935.6245

**Prayer & Praise Service**

November 8th @ 6:30pm

#### **SATURDAY**

**Men's Breakfast**

November 4th @ 8am

#### **SUNDAY**

**Priority One Volley Ball**

November 19th @ 5:30

### **Thanksgiving Services**

The season of Thanksgiving will be celebrated with an evening of worship and praise to God on November the 21st at 7pm.

We are hosting this year's celebration of God's bounty with the Faith Community Church. Pastor Jim Wallace will be giving the message.

If you would like to help furnish cookies for after the service contact Leanne: 936-4305 or Tami: 360-951-5617.

### **Thanksgiving Day Dinner**

ALF will be hosting a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Details will be forthcoming.

Please contact Joan if you would like to be involved in providing food or helping out. 935-6730.



The women have re-located to the ALF Fellowship Hall for their monthly meetings. There is a full kitchen available so all types of potluck dishes can be served. Come early to visit and bring a dish to share!

The Crisis Preparedness Group is meeting Nov. 7th @ 1pm. at Judy's home. All are welcome. Call Judy at 509.979.6723 for either gathering.

### **small groups**



Many people think Christianity is all about doing what Jesus says, but what if doing what Jesus says isn't what Jesus says at all? Jesus' invitation is an invitation to relationship, and it begins with a simple request: "Follow Me."

Join Greg and Joan Scott as they delve into this question and find the answers with the "Follow", Andy Stanley DVD/workbook starting Nov. 7th in their home at 7pm. Call them at 935-6730 for details and to order your workbook.



Round out your Sabbath Day at Kerry and Loretta Burkey's home with the study of Judah Smith's, "How's Your Soul", on Sunday evenings at 6pm. Give Loretta a call at: 680-1870 for details.

In *How's Your Soul?*, Judah 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 to discover the soul-healing essentials of *rest, responsibility, restraint, and relationships*, all rooted in what he calls the soul's only true home—God himself.



The book of James is being studied with "Mercy Triumph's" by Beth Moore on Tuesday's at 10am in the ALF Fellowship Hall with Linda Norris. For more info call Linda at 936-0031 to join this women's group.



This past month has featured great Fall weather, for the most part. After a crazy weather year including a rough winter, a wet and cold Spring, and a hot and record breaking dry Summer, a normal season is a lovely break. I have been appreciating the leaves on my drive to and from Chewelah this last month.

We have had a good month at ALF. While I can't point to any one thing, the combination of God's presence in different gatherings, the emphasis on evangelism, increasing energy, and the like, have been positive. Oh yes, from my perspective, Pastor Appreciation month is always a hit with me. Just let me say, I really appreciate this congregation, even if you don't get your own month to receive it.

The climax will be our Harvest Party on Halloween as we give community folks an alternative to the usual trick or treat, spook oriented experience. Thanks Rod for your great work on this. This year is special as that date celebrates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event credited with starting the Protestant Reformation.

God Bless, Pastor John Southwick

## Verse of the Month

Psalm 105:1

**O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.**



For most of us the most notable day in November is Thanksgiving. Of course it is a four day weekend for most workers, except those in retail sales. Unfortunately the culture has mostly forgotten about giving thanks and is more concerned about the time off and a large meal featuring turkey. I cringe when I hear this special day called turkey day.

As Christians, we often do much better at expressing our thankfulness at this time. We are also generally a more thankful people since our faith tells us that the ultimate source of all we have to be thankful for derives from the Lord. Foremost on the list is the great salvation so graciously offered to those who put their trust in the Lord Jesus. Our verse of the month reminds us not only to be thankful but to make the LORD's deeds known. May we do just that!



## AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Sophia,

Two years ago, I witnessed you showing off your new skill of writing your name on a handmade chalkboard leaning against a Mango tree.

Carolyn and Keith Jones, and I traveled to your compound on Sunday morning and shared Sunday worship with your small congregation. Carolyn was honored to speak the word of the Lord that day!!

Inside the mud hut church, I remember sitting in the front (seats of honored guests), trying to ignore the bees zipping through the air above my head, and spending some time examining the various hives and other habitat in the thatched roof. Carolyn gave me “the look”, knowing that I have a serious aversion to bees!! Setting that aside, an energetic and faith-filled service commenced.

After the service, your Pastor, teacher and translator for the HAN program, Richard Otim gathered his literacy students together under the Mango Tree. It was the first lesson I had witnessed since arriving in Uganda. During the lesson a man, very unsteady on his feet, dirty and quite bedraggled arrived and George, owner of the compound, got him situated safely. During a private conversation, the man accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior!



The lesson ended and that's when you were so very brave to go in front of everyone and show off your cherished new skill of writing your name! How would you know that 2 years later a small community would gather and honor that moment. The photo of your moment of courage was used to gather funds to continue the work set before HAN by God to help your countrymen in “Learning to Read, to Read the Bible”.

A simple thank you isn't sufficient: You Sophia stepped out in obedience to God and that step traveled across the world to impact the hearts of this community. Go with God Sophia, Debbie

Months of planning go into each HAN fundraiser. Every year, the blessings of that event are exhibited in the generosity of our small community. Behind the scenes, God is in control and He specializes in changing the hearts of men to relationship and faith, with and in Him.

We don't know the “whole” of it, but we do know that this program has not only raised record funds, but also changed the hearts of God's chosen people, here and in Uganda. That alone is the goal.

(This picture was taken after the class disbanded and relocated to another Mango Tree. The students are taking turns reading the bible.)





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

There is a need of another regular teacher for the Children's Sunday School Group, if you are interested, please give Val Messerall a call at the church office: 935.8029.

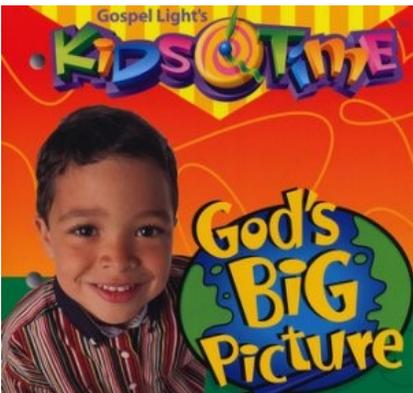
Adult Sunday School continues "Walking through Ruth" with Brenda Nagunst facilitating during the month of November.

Starting this month, the High School class will be under the tutelage of Loretta Burkey, replacing Carolyn Jones. They are continuing the study of "The Real God, Living on the Edge" with Chip Ingram

Junior High classes are working their way through the challenges of making the right choices with the study called "Grapple" with Kerry Burkey.

Another change is Val Messerall she is taking the Elementary Class with Gospel Light Sunday School Curriculum with the theme: "Who's in Charge?" reflecting on the lives of Samuel, David and Solomon. Brian Nagunst has graciously offered to assist. Thank you Brian!

Phyllis Fitzgerald rounds out the teaching staff with children that are pre-readers of any age. Her curriculum centers around stories from the bible and fun activities.



Children's Church teachers are gearing up for the holiday season by preparing a short skit for the kids to present to the congregation during the month of Christmas.

Val Messerall (Education Director) is also on the search for some back-up teachers that would be willing to step up to the plate for the kids when one of the regular teachers are not able to teach. This would involve snacks and a movie.

Lesson	Title
1	God's True Story
2	Created by God's Hand
3	The First Family
4	Safe in the Ark

**DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU  
KNOW NEED PRAYER?  
CALL THE PRAYER CHAIN:  
LOLITA LYON 935-8244  
OR  
MARY KNAPP 936-0319**

## Philippians 4:11,12

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

*The world goes about the quest for contentment in all the wrong ways, so we must studiously avoid its ways. Paul's words show ...The secret for contentment in every situation is to focus on the Lord--as Sovereign, as Savior, and as the Sufficient One.*

Live in such  
a way that  
you wouldn't  
be ashamed to sell  
your parrot to the  
town gossip.



*Will Rogers.*

## The Secret for Contentment.

Sometimes God supplied abundantly, and so Paul had learned how to live in prosperity. Most of us would like to learn that lesson! But sometimes God withheld support, and so Paul had to learn to get along with humble means. At those times, he did not grumble or panic, but submitted to the sovereign hand of God, trusting that God knew what was best for him and that He always cared for His children (1 Pet. 5:6-7).

But notice, Paul *learned* to be content in all conditions. It didn't come naturally to him, and it wasn't an instantaneous transformation. It is a process, something that we learn from walking with God each day. Key to this process is understanding that everything, major and minor, is under God's sovereignty. He uses all our circumstances to train us in godliness if we submit to Him and trust Him. Our attitude in trials and our deliberate submission to His sovereignty in the trial is crucial.

## Abundant Life Fellowship

**LOVE GOD.  
LOVE PEOPLE.  
MAKE DISCIPLES.**



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