



## Monthly Meetings

- \* **Cancer Support Group** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. - Lakeview library at 7:00 pm
- \* **Coffee Shop Ministry** - Tues 7:00pm- Starbucks 128<sup>th</sup> & Pacific
- \* **Ladies' Caring Ministry** - last Tues. each month, 12:15 pm
- \* **Ladies' Prayer Fellowship** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 10:00 am
- \* **Men's Breakfast** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Sept-May, 8:00 am
- \* **Military Support** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of each month. Location and time varies
- \* **Seniors' Bible Study** - Tuesday at 10:45 am, fellowship activity on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month
- \* **Ladies' Thursday Study** - Thursday at 10:00 am

Elder of the month for January: Jim Karkosky  
Ladies' Committee Leader: Bobbie Jones

## Sermon Summaries

Speaker: Ben Cook

### AM - **Rejoicing with Christ** - Luke 15:3-17

God loves us. He always wants the best for us, and make no mistake, He is active in His efforts to redeem and rescue us. Even from ourselves and our own mistakes. The Bible makes it clear that often, we can be the stumbling block that keeps people from turning to Christ. This morning we will explore some of the ways the church can help each other turn to, and be restored to Christ.

### PM - **Doubt, Fear, and Trust - Gideon's Growth**

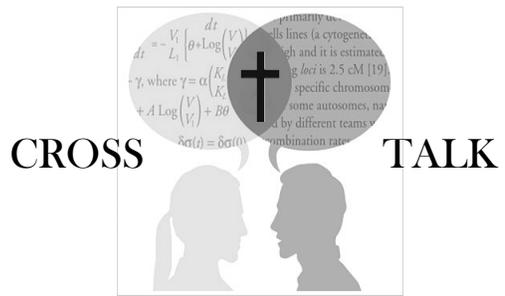
It's always surprised me that the Bible lists faith in the context of spiritual gifts. I have certainly witnessed people who have an incredible ability to believe, but I've also witnessed people who are crippled by skepticism and doubt. Gideon's journey to trusting God was certainly a journey, and it is filled with doubt, fear, confirmation, and trust. Maybe some of the best walks with God start off with doubt and fear.



### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study...**

(Senior Saint's Bible Class)

Whether you are a Senior Saint or not, EVERYONE is welcome at our Tuesday Morning Bible Study which begins each week at 10:30 AM. We are just beginning a new study of the Proverbs - *God's Wisdom for Life* as written down by Solomon. With a class full of Seniors the comments can be inspiring. Come and join us if you can.



*Who am I?* This is a question many people ask in a time of crisis. It is a question we should be able to answer at any time. A healthy Christian has a strong sense of identity. Out of that, we learn how to live appropriately in this world. Having a strong sense of identity allows us to stand out as individuals and live successfully in the Church. It contributes to our sense of peace and underlines how important people of faith are in our country.

You may mistakenly identify who you are as the same as what you do, or the role you play. You may think of yourself as an expression of your ethnicity. You may identify yourself as a soldier, parent, husband, wife, child, aunt, uncle, employee, CEO, minister, foreman, attorney, paramedic, construction worker, president, or doctor. You might have thought of yourself as rich, poor, healthy or sick, important and valuable or unimportant and unworthy. These are never a good way to identify yourself, because these descriptors are momentary. Mistakes on how you see yourself inevitably lead to personal crisis... an identity crisis. At this point we often ask, *Who am I?*

When humans identify themselves in ways that ignore biblical descriptors, the result can be a loss of contentment or even worse. Tielhard De Chardin helped us understand why when he wrote, "We are not physical beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings creating a physical experience." That is why what Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:22 is so important in developing our identity. "He has also sealed us and given us the Spirit as a down payment in our hearts." He wants us to know that when God sealed us, He identified and described who we are. That descriptor has to come first as you think about how you create your physical experience.

The Church has been going through an identity crisis. As culture presses in, we are tempted to change who we are in order to be more acceptable. The church of Christ in America has a unique history and we have forgotten how we got here. Political correctness has tried to change the language and so change the identity. We live in a society that wants Christianity to conform to its image.

All of these facts force us to double down on biblical descriptors to define who we are. This year we have to dig deeper into God's Word to discover the truths that define who we are, what we are and what we should be doing. May we all have a deeper commitment to the habits of spiritual formation, discipleship and fellowship. May our worship truly be in spirit and in truth and may it that tell others, *Who I Am*.

-Dennis

## Family News

**Elder, Deacon, and Ministry Leaders** meeting is on January 17th, and it begins at 6pm.

Jan 29th is the **5th Sunday Singing**.

Lakeview is hosting this month and we are asking you to bring sandwiches. We are asking other congregations to bring chips, desserts and veggie trays.

Singing begins at 5:00 and will be followed with the meal together. It would be wonderful for you and your family to attend and welcome our guests from other congregations. The singing and fellowship replaces our usual 6:00 meeting.



The **Military Support Group** will now be meeting each month on the 3rd Saturday. For the month of January, they will be meeting at the Coleman home for a game night and devo.

Please see Kenny or Cindy if you have any questions.

## We Need Teachers and Helpers!

**Our children's classes are in need of new teachers, helpers, and stand-by's in case someone is sick.**

We are looking for as little as a one quarter commitment (3 months) and no experience is necessary! Most classes already have all the materials, we just need you to help lead it. If you are new and a little nervous, consider helping in the cradle roll class. They are all babies under the age of 2 that need snuggles. What better way to spend your Wednesday night, than sitting with a new baby. If you are interested or want more information, please call the office at 253.537.5181. Our littles thank you in advanced.



To start the new year 2017, the Ladies' Class (each Thursday at 10am) is giving all ladies a special invitation to come study the video, "Turn Your Eyes on Jesus." It's a study of how Jesus valued women, by Linda Smith. Great fellowship and a time to know your sisters at Lakeview.

## Prayer Requests

*Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praises. -James 5:13*

- \* Bob Ellsworth is requesting prayers for his niece's husband, Ken Rucker. He is hospitalized, in grave condition with a rare kidney problem called ANCA. He is undergoing more tests; Ken worships with Woodinville congregation.
- \* Alisha Shannon is asking for prayers as she struggles in life, with doubt in God, and troubles with the people she cares about.
- \* Please pray for Charlotte May and her family, who are all sick.
- \* LindaKay Drake is asking for prayers while she sees a physical therapist for her knee.
- \* Please pray for Linda Oden, Jeff Oden's mother, as she had knee replacement surgery last week.. Also, please pray for safe travels for Cindy, as she flies to Texas to help care for Linda for a week after she gets home from the hospital.
- \* Please pray for Ron Shelby, who is in the hospital after possibly having another mini stroke on Saturday. Ron is only 39 years old and has previously had several heart issues. Ron is married to Cindy Oden's cousin.
- \* Marshall Turner passed away last week. Please pray for his family.
- \* The Sprigler family, as Madison needs 2 surgeries on her hips.
- \* Nancy Armenta's sister, Hilda, passed away this past week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

## Continuing Health Concerns...

*Marilyn Likens, Micah Baker, Merna Jacobsen, Joe Behrent, Pat Brewer, Huey Kie, Cheryl Tillman, Art Koch, Daniel Tillman, Fred Callahan, Charlotte May, Bernice Townley, Wilhelmine Conner, Kate Rohr, Kimberly Ross, Jack Voyles, Don Glisson, Doug Smith, Jane Voyles, Henry Hopkins, Lury Williams, Judy Sprague*



## FOOD PANTRY

Beginning February 6th, our food pantry and clothing room will be open to serve the community and our church family. We'll be open to the community each Monday (except holidays) from 11:00am – 2:00pm. We need your help in this ministry with on-going donations of food and clothing. For the clothing room, all gently used, clean clothes are welcomed. Please no stained or torn items.

We will periodically run a list of foods needed. The current suggested food items are: canned fruits and veggies, peanut butter, cereal / oatmeal, rice, spaghetti sauce or mix, pasta, mac & cheese.



## Upcoming Events:

**January 29th.** Trampoline Nation... We will leave after morning service and come back before evening service starts. More details to come next week.

**February 10-12th.** Winter Retreat out at Delano: This will be our first time back at Delano since summer camps ended. Permission slips are in the Teen Cottage.

**Spring Retreat** is coming in April out at Delano. We don't know the exact dates yet but there will be more details soon.

Most of you know that we were looking into 2 different options for our Mission Trip this year. The choice was between going to Albuquerque, NM with the Woodinville and Bellevue churches of Christ or going to eastern Washington and serving in the Grandview area. Last week we had a parent / teen meeting after morning service and took a vote on where to go. The majority was for us to serve in the eastern Washington area.

The mission trip dates are August 6th - August 13th. We will have a few meetings in the meantime to start planning and to discuss more details. Thank you to all of the teens and parents who came to help discuss and vote on this summer's mission trip.

### Ringling Out the Good News

*Delano Bay Christian Camp \* Aberdeen Church of Christ \* Shelton Church of Christ \* Mountain States Children's Home*

<u>SERVING</u>	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 22</u>
SONG LEADER	DON RUSSELL	TONY PIERCE
PRAYER	JIM KARKOSKY	JIM KARKOSKY
LORD'S SUPPER	BOB HANSON	BRAD JONES
SCRIPTURE READING	BOB RILEY	LEON WILSON
PRAYER	BOB ELLSWORTH	JONATHAN KARKOSKY

January 8th, 2017

Attendance - AM 311  
 - PM 70

Contribution: \$ 8,618

Building Fund Received: \$193,714

6:00 PM

SONG LEADER	BRANDON YORK
OPENING PRAYER	JIM KARKOSKY
CLOSING PRAYER	JOHN LAUTERBACH



WEDNESDAY

SONG LEADER	BOB ELLSWORTH
SCRIPTURE READING	BOB RILEY

PARKING ATTENDANT SCHEDULE TODAY:

<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>6:00 PM</u>
BRIAN TURNER	DON MCCANN	AARON LINCOLN
CRUZ LUJAN JR.	JOSE GARCIA	RUSS JONES

