



The shepherds desire to be supportive and accessible to you! We encourage you to speak to any one of us, or write a note about your concerns, or things we might help with.

Lakeview Church of Christ

February 18, 2024



GOD Protects and Guides

Matthew 2: ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. ¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

LIFE GROUP MEETINGS:

Jim Karkosky or Rex Farnsworth
Gary Calkins or Ray West
Darrell Davis or Don Mellor
Phil Leupold
Ray Glasman or C Baidoo-Essien
Rich Ewing or Wendell Tillman
Kenny Coleman or Matt King
Don Russell or Keith Purser
contact a host/facilitator for meeting time

MEETING AT:

1709 112th Street S. * Tacoma, WA
Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship Assembly: 10:00 A.M.
(& live stream on You Tube)
Wednesday Bible Class: - 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class on ZOOM - 7:00 P.M.

*AIM - Adventures In Missions
Delano Bay Christian Camp
Mountain States Children's Home
Jos, Nigeria—Tom Ekpot
Paris Mission - Roland Mohsen*



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Phil Leupold **Ray West**
Preaching Minister: Brent McFarland

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy! - Psalm 55:1

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE GROUP FELLOWSHIP - February 18 (today). *This is for everyone*, whether currently attending a life group or not. We'll have a catered sack lunch, with a choice of a salad or a sandwich with chips. We are not able to accommodate special dietary concerns, but please feel free to bring your own and join us. We'll have lunch just after the A.M. assembly, followed by a devotional.

FAREWELL - Today is the last Sunday before Naomi leaves us. On Monday, February 19, there will be an open house from 7:00-8:30 PM, to say goodbye. We'll meet in room 4.

BABY SHOWER - Please come to a baby shower for Sarah Hancock on Saturday, February 24, at 10:00 AM in the fellowship room. Brunch will be served. Sarah is expecting a boy and is registered on Amazon and babylist.com (Dylan and Sarah Hancock).

2024 SPRING ADULT CLASS - beginning March 3 Join us as we explore the Law and Grace. Using Galatians and then Ephesians, Paul helps us to understand the LAW. We will discover the differences between living for the law and living by the spirit.

Discipleship Begins at Home - Rediscovering the Lost Practice of Family Worship

Saturday, March 2

- 1:30-2:30 pm - Why Discipleship Begins at Home
- 2:30-2:45 pm - Coffee Break
- 2:45-3:45 pm - The Reason for Family Worship
- 3:45-4:00 pm - Coffee Break
- 4:00-5:00 pm - The Basics of Family Worship.
- 5:00-6:00 pm - Communal Meal (pasta)
- 6:00-7:00 pm - Getting Started with Family Worship

Adult sessions presented by Dr. Darren Williamson (Southwest Church of Christ, Tigard, OR)

Teen and Children's Classes taught by students from the NW School of Discipleship

Please scan the QR code to register by February 23 to help us with planning for the dinner!



We are not able to offer alternate meals to accommodate dietary restrictions, but please feel free to bring your own dinner and join us for the fellowship of dining together.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jane Voyles, as she is recovering from knee surgery.
- Don Mellor's sister-in-law Therena Mellor, is hospitalized in Portland.
- David Cornwall asked prayer for the Rockstead family, at the passing of Joel Rockstead.

Continued Health Concerns:

Joe & Ruth Behrent, Bob Bruns, Errin Calkins, Carmelita Calaug, Rhonda Carter, Ralph & Connie Coleman, Debbie Cornwall, Cheri Grice, Bob & Lily Hanson, Joan Haughawout, Sharon Henton, Marilyn Likens, Mike & Terry Martin, David Newman, Brett Nowlin, Thomas Pruett, Carol Robison, Sunday Sawyer, Jack & Jane Voyles

Lakeview Family, Phillip and I are so grateful for you all. Over the past 5 years, y'all have shown us love & support & have provided many ways for us to serve. Unfortunately, it's our time to leave & we will greatly miss the family we've made here.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for our family, Phillip and I appreciate all the support we've been getting during this transitional time. Please continue to pray as we start our next chapter in North Carolina. WE LOVE YOU ALL! Morgan & Phillip England

Dear Church, I just wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for all of your concerns, get well cards, calls, flowers, and especially your prayers for my healing during my long illness. My health situation has improved and my doctors are continuously working for my full recovery. Again, thank you and may God continue to bless this congregation of caring people! Praise the Lord.

Love in Christ, Carmelita Caluag



TEEN CALENDAR

Please talk to Brett or Lanie if you have questions about events. Feb 24 @ 5:00 pm - Devo @ Garcia's. Contact Brett or Delia for the address.

Mar 9 - Family Fun Center, leaving Lakeview building at 1:00 pm, returning around 7:00 pm. Bring money for dinner, games, and activities.

Mar 14 @ 7:00 pm - Parent Meeting on Zoom.

Aug 9-11 - Teen Retreat @ Lewis & Clark State Park We have reserved the lodge, but if your family wants to use your own RV or tent, you'll need to make your own reservation. This is for **all** current teens, promoting teens (current 6th graders), and their families. Please reach out to Brett for more information

Contact Matthew King with scheduling conflicts

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Communion Darrell Davis Rex Farnsworth

Reading Eric Roley Cruz Lujan Jr.

Closing Prayer Loren Bevington Miguel Colon

Tray Passing (all month): Ryan Gallagher, Bob Riley, Jimmie Brewer, Ryan Hill, David Cornwall, Philip Fitzsimmons, Brian Turner, Matthew King

February 11, 2024
Attendance: 194
Contribution: \$6,011

Jos, Nigeria

February 10, 2024

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2024

Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We appreciate God for his faithfulness, seeing us through the month of January. We appreciate you all for your prayers and support all these years. The month of January was quite brief, may be that is because we had much in our hand not noticing the month swiftly moving. The months of December 2023 and January, 2024 witnessed much destruction in terms of human life in Plateau State. Some villages are now completely empty as several attacks by Islamic militants sacked the occupants of those villages. But we are grateful today because, the attacks have reduced, though it is difficult for people to return to their homes since they have lost everything including human relations, houses, farm produce, and peace of the environment. Two of our congregations were completely displaced by this same attack. Please, keep us in prayers for God's will to be done. Some people have been wondering why we cannot defend ourselves, the case is that it is illegal for civilians to carry arm in Nigeria. But Islamic group is lawless everywhere because Islam promotes violence, they cannot keep orderliness.

After the celebration of the New Year, everyone who is conscious of the brevity of human life and the purpose of our being here on the earth is back to the business of reconciling man to God. Whatever we are doing in this planet, is to help us point people to Christ. I see this as the noble task, in which am only opportune to be part of it. In the first week of January, I was invited to speak to high students in Akwa Ibom State. The School is quite a big school with over 800 students. It was a great opportunity for me to talk to them about the purpose of man on earth. While encouraging them to focus on their studies, I build my lesson about the right use of time, and the best use of time is to serve God while we are still young.

At Rayfield Church of Christ, the young congregation is growing gradually. The population is not steady as some people who were baptized have relocated to other towns. Since the congregation is located in the city, people who come around and meet the Gospel return home as Christians. This gives me joy that the message is sounded out from here. With the help we received, the congregation organized widows and victims of violent conflict day. It was a day we set aside to pray for the widows and those who have suffered from the recent violent conflicts in Plateau State. We shared food to these people as some of them came to worship with us, to identify with their plight. With the escalating price of food stuff in Nigeria, giving these people food was seen as a great relief to them. It was a day people shed tears of joy for the gift, and some cried recalling the death of their loves ones who died as result of the violent attacks by the Islamic militants. We prayed together, shared raw food stuffs to the people, and the church had meal fellowship with everyone. We wish to have this every year

as God gives us the privilege. The children's class sang a song of comfort to the widows and victims of violent conflicts.

While it is always good to pray for these people, extending hand of fellowship to them made them really feel the love of Christ. We had people who came for the meal fellowship who are not members of the church. We used that moment to speak the message of hope to them, encouraging them to see the need to be reconciled with Christ. We hope some day, they will see the need to be saved.

The challenge we have is having conducive meeting place. The present place we are meeting is a rented space, and people come around to drink making noise in the next shop while fellowship is going on. This disturbance is not allowing people concentrate in worship. We do not have space to teach children as well. For me, I believe in grooming and indoctrinating children with the word of God, so that when they grow, they will see the reason to remain faithful to God. We pray that God will provide us a meeting place.

Am glad the congregation at Foron is maintaining faith despite the challenges confronting them. Some of them came over to Jos to pray with us since after the death of my father. I really appreciate this congregation and they are dear to my heart.

We appreciate God that all our students who traveled for Christmas holiday returned safely. Traveling in Nigeria can be adventure because of the high rate of insecurity in the country. Classes have since resumed. We pray God will grant us a peaceful semester, so that all the activities lined up this semester will take their due course. Please, keep us in prayers. Permit me to use this opportunity to appreciate each and everyone of your for supporting us. It is not easy for one to sacrifice even a cent for mission work in view of the economic downturn experienced everywhere. May God of all grace continue to supply needs according to his riches in glory. I wish us all another blessed month of February, 2024.

Grace and Peace,

Tom Ekpot (Jr).



Camp Yamhill Men's Retreat * March 7-9, 2024
Register at campyamhill.org.

Delano Bay 5K! May 11 - Raising funds to move the septic electrical. Sign up to walk, run, or to sponsor at www.delanobay.org/delanobay5K

Faithbuilders NW - Modern Day Christianity
Understanding Truth in an Ever-changing World
faithbuildersnw.com

Trey & Lea's Stronger Marriage Workshop
August 30-31, 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>A 31 Day Encounter with Jesus</i></p> <p>The summary for this plans states, "This is an excellent Bible reading plan to refresh yourselves in Him. In just a few minutes a day for a month, you will be stronger in your faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!"</p>					1 Wayne & Cindy McNeely	2
					Isaiah 53	Matt 1:17-24; Lu 1:5-2:20
3 Daylight Saving Begins Anjie Dunn	4	5 Leann Glasman Leon Likens	6 Bob & Julia Bruns	7 Debbie Cornwall Rachel Likens	8	9 Grant Myers -17 Ann Riley
Matt 3:1-4:11	Jn 2:1-11; 4:1-26	Luke 4:14-30	Luke 5:1-11; Matt 9:9-13	Luke 6:17-49	Matt 8:1-13; Lu 7:11-17, 36-50	Matt 12:1-13, 22-45
10	11	12	13 Kathy Hunter Jane Voyles	14	15 Ida Wilson	16 Cindy Coleman Karen Leupold Joe Martin
Matt 13:1-43	Luke 8:22-25; Mark 6:45-56	Mark 5:1-43	John 6:1-14	Lu 9:18-27, 17:1-8	Mark 9:14-32	Matt 17:24-18:20
17 	18	19 Amy Baidoo Ron Hollister Tom Riggs Bob & Lily Hanson	20 Connor Glasman Ian Hunter	21 Sean Jellison -21	22	23
Matt 18:21-19:15	Mark 10:17-31	Luke 10:1-24	Mark 12:28-44	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 11:1-13	John 11:1-44
24 Cheryl Tillman	25	26	27	28	29 Marc Farnsworth	30 Tru Lujan -19
Matt 21:1-27	Jn 13:1-17; Mat 26:17-35	John 14-15	Matt 26:36-75	John 18:19-19:16	John 19:17-42	John 20:1-21:25
31 	<p>Matthew 28 ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."</p>					
Matt 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53						