

August 24, 2025

*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

## Overcoming Temptation



Matthew 18 <sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! <sup>8</sup> If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.



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### OUR SHEPHERDS:

Kenny Coleman Darrell Davis

Jim Karkosky

Phil Leupold Ray West

Preaching Minister: Brent McFarland

### 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*

### LIFE GROUP MEETINGS:

Jim Karkosky or Rex Farnsworth

Gary Calkins or Ray West

Darrell Davis or Don Mellor

Phil Leupold

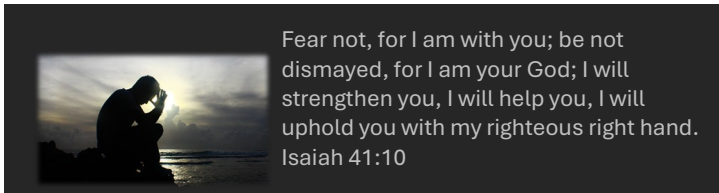
Ray Glasman or C Baidoo-Essien

Rich Ewing or Wendell Tillman

Kenny Coleman or Matt King

Don Russell or Keith Purser

*contact a host/facilitator for meeting time*



Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Those with continued concerns:

Bob Bruns, Andrea Cargill, Debbie Cornwall, Rich & Linda Ewing, Bob & Lily Hanson, Joan Haughwout, Duane & Sharon Henton, Don Langeliers, Eliah Leander, Marilyn Likens, Mike & Terry Martin, Dennis Mellor, David Newman, Brett Nowlin, Len & Janice Otte, Thomas Pruett, Carol Robison, Sunday Sawyer, Doug Smith, Cheryl Tillman, Charles & Betsy Tyson, Jack & Jane Voyles, Ida Wilson

**THE MILITARY SUPPORT MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP**  
Saturday, 30 August, at 5 P.M., hosted by Rex and Pat Farnsworth. Contact Jim Camp for additional information.

**AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY SINGING @ OLYMPIA**  
Singing will begin at 5:00, to be followed by a meal, provided by the Olympia congregation.

**FOOD PANTRY** Our current need is for canned fruit & breakfast items.

**CLOTHING BANK** Please, no more donations until further notice. Your generosity is surpassing the demand.

**TEEN PLANNING MEETING** - September 7th, following the morning assembly, there will be a planning session in the fellowship hall. We'll be planning for the upcoming school year and invite all teens and teen parents to join us. Lunch will be provided.

**PROMOTION SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 7**

## LAKEVIEW CALENDAR

- Cancer Support Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 6:00 PM
- Martial Arts, Monday & Thursday @ 5:30 PM
- Ladies' Thur. Bible Class - summer break until Sept 18
- Men's Group, Thursdays @ 7:00 PM, ROOM 2
- Young Adults - Saturdays @ 5:30 PM, ROOM 2
- Ladies' Prayer Group - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday @ 10:00 AM



Please return your cans by next Sunday, August 31!

Tis a Gift to be Simple *The Secret of Contentment*

Puyallup Ladies' Day - October 18th, 9:00-3:00

Register at [puyallupcofc.org](http://puyallupcofc.org) \* Please bring a salad to share for lunch (pasta, taco, green, fruit, etc.)

## 2025 PACIFIC NORTHWEST LADIES' DAY FELLOWSHIP

**Living Fully in God's Hands**  
*Psalm 37:3-5 & Galatians 2:20*

**Registration**  
Saturday September 13, 2025  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM  
Doors open at 9AM w/Light Breakfast  
Program begins at 10AM  
Southside Church of Christ  
12200 59<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Seattle 98178

Adults (18-64): \$30  
Seniors (65+): \$25  
Youth (12-17): \$20

Please register by August 31st  
Sponsorships Available

**Get Ready to be Inspired!**

- Dynamic Keynote Sessions
- Engaging Discussions
- Joyful Fellowship
- Powerful Sunday Women's Bible Study

Scan QR Code to Register or visit website below

Dear Sisters in Christ,

We are delighted to extend a heartfelt invitation for you to join us for the 2025 Pacific Northwest Ladies Day Fellowship!

- Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025
- Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (registration 9:00–9:45, program starts at 10:00)
- Location: Southside Church of Christ, 12200 59th Avenue South, Seattle, WA
- Event Colors: Turquoise, Fuchsia, Bronze

This year's theme invites us to deepen our trust in the Lord and discover the joy of living a fully surrendered life. Guiding scriptures include Psalm 37:3-5 and Galatians 2:20.

We pray you'll join us for a day of renewal, encouragement, and connection. Let's gather as sisters—ready to be filled, inspired, and sent forth as vessels for God's love.

*Don't just come to be fed, be prepared to go and feed.*

Visit our registration/info page : [www.scocseattle.org/2025-area-wide-ladies-day](http://www.scocseattle.org/2025-area-wide-ladies-day) Lunch will be included

**Men's Service Calendar** - please contact Wendell Tillman for scheduling conflicts

AUGUST 24      AUGUST 31

Opening Prayer	Ron Hollister	Dave Brazile
Communion	Don Russell	Ray West
Reading	Kevin English	Wendell Tillman

Tray Passing: Bob Riley, Jose Garcia, David Newman, Kurt Turner, Brian Turner, Jeff Bynum, Jose Garcia Jr.

AUGUST 17, 2025  
Attendance: 175  
Contribution: \$8,872



The Northwest School of Discipleship is putting on a **Young Adult Retreat** at the Twin Cities Church of Christ in Centralia, Washington on **September 26-28, 2025**. This retreat for people ages 18-25, church members and friends. Brent and our AIMers will be attending, so you might ask them about it. Or, for more information go to, <https://www.nwschoolofdiscipleship.com/refuge>

August 8, 2025

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES,  
JOS, PLATEAU STATE, NIGERIA.

Dear Beloved brethren,

On behalf of my wife, Sandra, I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I rejoice for the single privilege of being a Christian. This gives me some sense of purpose in this life. Thank you all for your constant prayers and support towards the work of saving souls in Africa. We must do the work of him who sent us while it is day, because night comes, when no man can work. It may appear to be difficult now, but if we do not rise to the calling, situation will be worse in the future. The month of July was a month that witnessed a high rainfall in Nigeria. In some States, there are cases of flood mentioned. We thank God because the ones in Jos are not severe even though the rainfall is heavy.

#### The School of Biblical Studies

Our students who went on holiday and some for internship will be returning to school from August 9. This academic year, we are having one new foreign student from Uganda. He comes to join with one who is going to 300 level of his study in the School of Biblical Studies. On the 31st of July, one of our students who went down to see his mother before the resumption of school was kidnapped by the Islamic militants in the Southern Nigeria. The young man was kidnapped from the church meeting place as he went for Bible study. He happened to be the first person there and the only for that matter. The evil who were already staying in the nearby bush came out and moved him into the bush at gun point. The church in Nigeria prayed for this young man. He was released after a ransom was paid on the 5th of August. Join us in thanking God for sparing the life of the young man. Please, join us in prayers that we will have a hitch free semester.

#### The Local Congregations

a. Church of Christ, New Village – Foron: For some time now, I have been struggling to get a preacher who will be willing to go and work with the small congregation there. It has always been difficult because of language barrier. Being a village congregation, they needed someone who will be able to communicate the gospel in Hausa language, which is the major language spoken in the Northern Nigeria. I am glad to mention that I have gotten an energetic and vibrant preacher, who is committed to serving God. His name is Ezra. I will be supporting him to work with the congregation. That will give me some time to help the young congregation at Gura Topp to come up.

b. Church of Christ, Gura Topp: The young congregation, located in the city, is growing is fast. Remember that we bought a land about two years ago where we now have a temporary meeting place. We have been trying to register the land so that the Government can allow us erect a permanent meeting place, though nothing is permanent in this world. I am glad that we have a made forward after a long delay. We are determined to meet the demands so that no one obstruct the work when we start. Throughout the month of July, I taught lessons on church growth during Sunday Bible School. I am handling chapter 3 of Colossians during Friday Bible Class. God added a soul to the church during the month of July by name Amara. She was feeling so excited to be baptized on her birthday. It is our tradition to give out a copy of Bible to a new convert. That should motivate the new Christian to read the Bible.

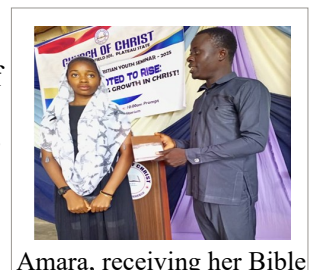


c. Mazah Road Church of Christ: The congregation is stable. We give praise to God. I covet your prayers for a faithful brother by name Gabriel, in Mazah Road congregation, who is currently having liver problem. This brother has been faithfully serving the congregation even though he had accident many years ago that damaged his sight. That did not reduce his desire and zeal for God. Now, the eyes are worse, and he has liver challenges coupled with his diabetic condition. I plead that we pray for him to recover from his health condition. The ones that cannot be healed, may God grant him the grace to manage his situation to the glory of His name.

d. Church of Christ, Foron Mission: This is one congregation that my heart is always with them. The zeal of the sisters and the children in this congregation infects whoever works with them. The few sisters have stood their ground despite their husbands not wanting to become Christians. The sisters have continued to bring their children to be taught. They have suffered multiple attacks by the Islamic militants, yet they will not allow threat to deter them from coming for worship. For this reason, they have grown so fast in their faith and knowledge of God's word. Their unity has helped them to weather every storm that comes their way. Continue to pray for these brethren.



As we enter the 8th month of the year, I pray that the same grace God gave us through the month of July, be extended to us in the month of August. Once again, thank you so much for your sacrifice, sending us funds to help us with the work and constantly praying for us. May God continue to bless you in every good way.

Grace and Peace,  
Tom Ekpot (Jr)



Amara, receiving her Bible



<div>2025 September</div> 	1		2	3	4	5	6
					Rex & Pat Farnsworth - 72 years	Jada Bynum –20 Keith Purser	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Len & Janice Otte - 62 years		David Newman	David Myers	Peggy Horner		Linda Colon
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Betsy Tyson					Miguel Colon Delia Garcia
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Ray & Leann Glasman			Dexter Hutton			Isaac Myers - 6	Cindy McNeely
28	29	30	Ecclesiastes 9:17 The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools.				

Sept	Chronological
1	Ezekiel 18-19
2	Ezekiel 20-21
3	Ezekiel 22-23
4	Ezekiel 24-27
5	Ezekiel 28-31
6	Ezekiel 32-34
7	Ezekiel 35-37
8	Ezekiel 38-39
9	Ezekiel 40-41
10	Ezekiel 42-44
11	Ezekiel 45-48
12	Joel 1-3
13	Daniel 1-3
14	Danile 4-6
15	Daniel 7-9
16	Daniel 10-12
17	Ezra 1-3; Ps 137
18	Ezra 4-6
19	Haggai 1-2
20	Zechariah 1-6
21	Zechariah 7-10
22	Zechariah 11-14
23	Esther 1-5
24	Esther 6-10
25	Ezra 7-10
26	Nehemiah 1-3
27	Nehemiah 4-6
28	Nehemiah 7-10
29	Neh 11-13, Ps 126
30	Malachi 1-4