



September 21, 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

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 24 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, 3 so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. 4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. 8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. 9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. 10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. 11 The greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. 13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. 15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. 16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.' 19 You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? 20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. 21 And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. 22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it. 23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. 24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel! 25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. 27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. 28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. 29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, 30 saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' 31 Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. 33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? 34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, 35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. 36 Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Matthew 23:1-36



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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

Wendell Tillman or David Cornwall

Kenny Coleman or Matt King

Don Russell or Keith Purser

contact a host/facilitator for meeting time

Dear Brethren,

Let us all rejoice over that one sinner who repented and obeyed the gospel! (Luke 15:7) March 13, I had the joy and the privilege to immerse into Christ, Halison Andrianivoarivelo whom I mentioned in my last report. We studied 3 times a week and he realized that his previous baptism was not in harmony with God's teaching and decided to make things right with God. We no longer have a building with a baptistry, so decided to baptize him in Brother and Sister Dupros' bathtub. It was a moment of rejoicing for everyone on that day. Afterward the Dupros family invited us all to stay and eat with them. We spent time singing hymns and praying. Since that day Halison has been faithful to all the church meetings and classes.

Antoine Tran the contact of sister Colette Chao, who came to worship and follow the Bible correspondence course. In no time he finished the first course and requested another! He also wanted to be baptized for the remission of his sins. Since he measures more than six feet it was impossible to baptize him in Brother Dupros' bathtub. We are no longer allowed to baptize people in a public swimming pool, so I called the church in Lille. The brother there told me he was going for a 2-week vacation, and we had to wait till he came back. Since Rose and I were flying to the States I told him "Brother Christian can baptize you." He said, "Since you have taught me the gospel I will wait 'til your return." We continue to stay in contact and study together.

We arrived in the States on April 14th and I have been keeping busy with the church here and in Paris. I preach every Sunday by Zoom to the church in Paris. I usually go to bed around 7:30 PM on Saturday, to wake up Sunday morning around 2:00 AM. On Wednesday afternoons I have a class with the group in Paris, (7:00 PM their time) and Friday night we have prayer meeting with them. On Sunday after meeting with the group in Paris, Rose and I go to Bible class and worship at the congregation here in Delaware, and we participate to all the activities they have.

Before leaving Paris, I called my friend, the preacher of the Kingwoods Methodist to find out how was he was doing. He told me 'Roland I need your help and would like for you to take over my middle week Bible classes' When we arrived we found out that 4 times he fell while preaching on Sunday and was taken to the hospital. He has since retired. While driving near our house the Episcopalians had a sign outside "Friday night, open mike to all," so I went. I was invited to speak, especially when they found out that I was from France. When my turn came I shared God's word with them. I met a man who had worked many years in Europe and Africa, he invited me to come to speak to their Wednesday class which I did.

Our grandson Antony said to me "Grandpa we now have a cook at my work who is Mexican and does not speak English It would be nice if you go meet him and help him cook." Two days later I went there and cooked with Mayolo Martinez. We worked well together We had a Bible study together! He looked up the scriptures in Spanish on his phone. He used to be Catholic but for 10 years he goes to an Evangelical denomination. When we finished he said, "I learned so much with you." I will be available to further study with him.

Carla Guzzi the owner of the famous Bing's Bakery in Newark, has been in business for more than 150 years. Since I was interested I called the owner and I had an

appointment with her. Once there I noticed a picture of the Tables of the Law on the wall. I made the remark how I like the picture, we ended up having a Bible study for more than an hour. She told me that she was at first Catholic but was looking for a church to go to. I told her about the church of Christ and invited her to visit. She is interested to continue Bible studies.

While eating lunch with Rose a young man on the next table was reading the Bible, so I just asked him "What translation of the Bible he was reading?" He replied NIV that he quoted me a scripture but was wrong about the chapter and verse. I told him "The Scripture is found in John 8:32". He looked it up in his Bible than I quoted to him another scripture and he looked it up, afterward I told him if he wants, we could do more Bible studies, free of charge. He agreed and gave me his phone number and email address, so when I got home I sent him Bible material.

Tia Swynn, is a young woman (former Mormon) desiring to know the truth. She has been coming to the mid-week Bible classes. After class I talked to her and explained certain things that was not clear to her in the Bible. She is planning to come to our house for Bible studies. Maria Gattlin, a recent convert, heard me talking to Tia and she also wanted to further her Bible knowledge, likewise I also send her Bible material.

Brother Larry Steiner and his wife Margaret will be going with us to Canada and Sister Francoise Besse from Paris will be coming along. The theme for this annual retreat of the church of Christ in Canada will be about love. Brother Larry and I are on the program, and I will also be cooking like I do every year. From Newark, Delaware to Saguenay, Canada is a 14 hour drive one way. On the first day Larry and I will drive 7 to 8 hours and rest one night and the next day we will arrive ready to help Jean Grenier prepare for the retreat. We are not flying there because of the cost of airfare. Anyone who would like to help us with the trip to Canada it would be gratefully appreciated.

I continue to help Brother Simon Motaze (Cameroon) with preparation for a Bible camp by sending sermons and teaching materials. I also do this for a preacher in Liberia. Soon SIBI will have all their courses translated into French I will begin recording them. This will significantly help the French world. I have seen some of the translations done using Google translator Unfortunately some were not well translated. Which is ok but not for the French world.

From the 9th to the 14th of April, we had the visit of Brother Tim Burrow president of Sunset International Bible school and one of the elders of the Sunset church of Christ. The visit went well, and they explained what their plan is to help the French work. We are still looking for a place to meet in, but in Paris rent is expensive and some places do not accept religious groups. But nothing is impossible for God. We also pray that someday an Evangelist sound in the faith will be interested in coming and collaborating with the congregation.

We are so grateful unto God and to all of you have remained faithful to pray for the French work and our work and supporting us financially. Without your help we could not continue the Lord's work. May God richly bless you physically and spiritually.

In Him,

Roland

Paris, France Mission



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



Please welcome the Simpson Family! Emerson and her father, Nate were both baptized September 14. Remember to keep them in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Cyndi Larson is asking for prayer for Kevin McCracken (Huntsville, AL); he had a stroke, blood clots in his lungs, and a mass on his pancreas, possibly cancerous, all discovered at one time.
- Andrew Pierce's mother passed away, prayer for all of the Pierce family during this time of grief.
- Pat Brewer underwent shoulder surgery on the 15th.
- For the Schadeegg family, Silas' brother was killed in an paragliding accident.

Those with continued concerns:

Bob Bruns, Andrea Cargill, Debbie Cornwall, Rich & Linda Ewing, Bob & Lily Hanson, Joan Haughawout, 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

Follow-up from the brother in Cairo, Egypt who was summoned to appear before the National Security authorities-

"In fact, the interrogation was with a National Security Brigadier and a National Security officer was so rough and harsh. They had slipped into the church and taken photos of me sitting with several Muslim individuals. Their questions centered on why these gatherings were held and what they were doing at the church. I thank God for the answers He gave me. Even so, they released me after nearly three hours, threatened me not to repeat these sessions or they will summon me again. Please continue to pray that God would blind their eyes on the work of the Lord. Thanks a lot for your concern and support."
-Alfred

For those who may have known Jennifer M^cSheridan, a Celebration of Life Memorial will be held September 27 at 10:30 am, at Federal Way Church of Christ.

LAKEVIEW CALENDAR

- Cancer Support Group, 2nd Monday @ 6:00 PM
- Martial Arts, Monday & Thursday @ 5:30 PM
- Ladies' Thur. Bible Class - each week @ 10:00 AM
- Men's Group, Thursdays @ 7:00 PM, ROOM 2
- Young Adults - Saturdays @ 5:30 PM, ROOM 2
- Ladies' Prayer Group - 2nd Saturday @ 10:00 AM

Men's Service Calendar - please contact Chet Hunter for scheduling conflicts

	SEPTEMBER 21	SEPTEMBER 28
Opening Prayer	Chet Hunter	Don Mellor
Communion	Kurt Turner	Chet Hunter
Reading	Wendell Tillman	Keith Purser

LIFE GROUP NEWS - The elders are pleased to announce that Chet Hunter will lead and direct our Life Group Ministry. This ministry was previously led by Christopher Badoo-Essien. In the next few months Chet will visit our currently active small groups and, with input from the groups, begin the planning process for next year. Please encourage and support Chet in this important ministry.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS - Women of all ages are invited to Thursday Bible Class at 10:00 AM. We're studying the Book of Proverbs. Any week is a good time to join us for great study and fellowship!

FOOD PANTRY: The need has been increasing and we are always grateful for the donations and support provided by our Lakeview family. Some items that are very popular are: cornbread mix, mac & cheese, canned chili, and canned soups. Thank you!

DIRECTORY UPDATE! There are directory information sheets in the foyer; we are asking you to review the information and verify it as current or make changes and additions. Thank you!

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS—The Gospel of Luke

One common thread between people of the first century A.D. and people living today is their need for a Savior. Men and women are bruised and battered by life's disappointments and society's injustices. So were the people of the first century. People today must face the awfulness of their own sin just as people had to do in the first century. And people today can find strength and hope through trusting in Jesus just as Luke's first reader, Theophilus, may have done when he read Luke's letter.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS at 7:00 PM. Brent McFarland is teaching from The Pilgrim's Progress. And, don't forget we have singing on the first Wednesday of each month.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS on ZOOM! Beginning Sept 24 at 7:00 PM Bob Hanson will be leading this class on the Holy Spirit. The Zoom link is available through email or at <https://www.lakeviewchurchofchrist.church>

Have you registered yet? **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>

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Attendance: 179 Contribution: \$8,756

Tray Passing: Logan Pierce, Tristan Pierce, David Newman, Ron Hollister, Kevin Brazile, Wayne McNeely, Jeff Bynum, Leon Likens

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ecclesiastes 10:12 The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor, but the lips of a fool consume him. 			1	2	3	4
5 Chet Hunter	6	7 Stephanie Brewer	8	9 Russell Myers	10 Tristain Pierce 18	11 Michael McFarland 12
12	13 Nick Hafner Chong Sibley	14 Paul & Cyndi Larsen Tom & Marty Riggs	15	16	17	18
19	20 Pam Lewis Martin & Laurel Svingen	21 Tymme Hafner Charles Tyson Winda West	22 Jose Garcia	23	24	25 Melissa McSwain William Nowlin 2
26	27	28 Kurt Turner	29	30	31	<div>2025</div> <div>October</div> 

Chronological
Oct 1 ☐ Luke 1; John 1:1-18
2 ☐ Matt 1; Lk 2:1-38
3 ☐ Matt 2; Lk 2:39-52
4 ☐ Mt 3; Mk 1; Lk 3; Jn 1:19-34
5 ☐ Mt 4; Lk 4 Lk 5:1-16; Jn 1:35-51
6 ☐ John 2, 3 & 4
7 ☐ Mt 9:1-17; Mk 2:1-22; Lk 5:17-39
8 ☐ John 5
9 ☐ Mt 12:1-21; Mk 2:23-28; Mk 3; Lk 6:1-19
10 ☐ Mt 5, 6, & 7; Lk 6:20-49
11 ☐ Mt 8:1-13; Mt 11; Lk 7
12 ☐ Mt 12:22-50; Lk 11:5-54
13 ☐ Mt 9:18-38; Mt 10; Mt 13; Lk 8
14 ☐ Mt 8:14-34; Mk 4; Mk 5
15 ☐ Mt 14; Mk 6; Lk 9:1-17
16 ☐ John 6
17 ☐ Mt 15; Mk 7
18 ☐ Mt 16; Mk 8; Lk 9:18-27
19 ☐ Mt 17; Mk 9; Lk 9:28-62
20 ☐ Mt 18
21 ☐ John 7-8
22 ☐ John 9; John 10:1-21
23 ☐ Lk 10; Lk 11:1-4; Jn 10:22-42
24 ☐ Luke 12-13
25 ☐ Luke 14-15
26 ☐ Lk 16; Lk 17:1-10; Jn 11
27 ☐ Lk 17:11-37; Lk 18:1-14
28 ☐ Mt 19; Mk 10; Lk 18:15-43
29 ☐ Lk 19; Mt 20-21
30 ☐ Mk 11; Jn 12
31 ☐ Mt 22; Mk 12; Lk 21:1-4