



September 28, 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

CONGREGATIONAL REVITALIZATION



Revelation 3:1-6

3 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

“‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴ Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

Speaker: Mark McLean



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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

Wendell Tillman or David Cornwall

Kenny Coleman or Matt King

Don Russell or Keith Purser

contact a host/facilitator for meeting time

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES,
JOS, PLATEAU STATE, NIGERIA.
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2025
(TOM EKPOT JR.)

September 9, 2025

Dear Beloved brethren,

On behalf of my wife and children, I send you greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We continue to thank God for His sustaining grace and for your unwavering prayers, encouragement, and financial support toward the mission work here in Nigeria.

Your partnership in the gospel is truly bearing fruit for the Kingdom. Thank you so much for joining us in praying for my student who kidnapped in August. In fact, it was a traumatic time for us here. Brethren rally around and the ransom was raised and paid. It amazed me the show of love the brotherhood demonstrated in this case. But the young man was thoroughly beaten by the evil people before his release. He is back to school, now facing the trauma of the whole incidence. I know with time, the memory will fade away as he enjoys his salvation in Christ.

The School of Biblical Studies

We thank God for bringing back our students from holiday safely. This year, we have 24 new students, including one student from Uganda. Our Annual Preachers/Leaders' workshop is about two weeks from this week. Join us in prayers that we will have a successful semester. And that the workshop will be successful as well.

Evangelism

This past month in Rayfield congregation area, we conducted several door-to-door studies with our prospects. We distributed tracts, shared Bible correspondence courses, and held follow-up studies with those who showed interest. By God's grace, some of our prospects have started worshipping with us even as are continuing in regular Bible study with them and others. At Mazah road congregation, we are also continuing with our prospects who are interested in studying the Bible with us. The congregation is facing hard time as one of the strong members there is very sick, having liver problem. Please, do well to commit him to God in your prayers. His name Gabriel.

Church Growth and Strengthening

The congregations in Mazah Road, Rayfield and Foron remain steadfast. We continue to provide teaching on church growth, emphasizing Biblical pattern of Church growth. Our focus has been on equipping men to handle the word accurately and encouraging members to see themselves as active soul winners in the body of Christ. In addition, we have continued to strengthen the youth group in Rayfield congregation. The young people are actively participating in their weekend class where we discussed Christian living, purity, and service in the church. Their zeal gives us much encouragement for the future of the work.

Challenges

While we rejoice in the progress, we also face challenges.

Economic hardship has increased in many areas, and this sometimes affects brethren's ability to gather or support the work locally. We also continue to pray for stability and safety in certain regions. Please join us in prayer for God's protection and provision.

Prayer Requests

- i. For continued strength, wisdom, and boldness in proclaiming the gospel.
- ii. For the recent converts to remain faithful and grow in their new life in Christ.
- iii. For more open doors in schools and communities to teach the word of God.
- iv. For God's provision in sustaining the mission and in raising strong local leaders.
- v. Pray for me, I am not feeling well.

Once again, we express our heartfelt gratitude to you all for supporting our mission work in Nigeria. Your labor of love, constant prayers, and sacrificial giving are helping us bring many to the knowledge of Christ. We are reminded daily that this is a shared mission, we plant and water, but God gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:6).

May the Lord continue to bless you all abundantly as you partner with us in His harvest.

Tom Ekpote

Lived-Experience Circle

Based in open & shared Faith and Spirituality, this open lived-experience community supports those who have experienced Homelessness, Addiction (personally or through caring for loved ones), Justice-Impacted, and Mental Health (both lived & shared).

Forgiveness | Acceptance | Journey | Amends

Facilitator: Eli Leander 253.316.2068

Location: Parkland-Spanaway Library
13718 Pacific Ave. S
Tacoma, WA 98444

Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM Resource Time

4:00-5:45 PM Lived-Experience Group

Contact facilitator before attending if you are justice-impacted or need a virtual experience

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



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

- Wendell Tillman is having some heart health issues and will undergo a procedure in October.
- Darrell Davis' sister Brenda, she had cancer surgery this past week and is recovering at home.
- Bro. Alveraz and those impacted by the typhoon in the Philippines.

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



Rejoicing! There is rejoicing in heaven and here on earth as Sean Jellison was baptized on Saturday, September 20. Even though Sean has grow up here at Lakeview, we now welcome you as our brother.

Adult Bible Study Classes

Sunday Auditorium Class—The Gospel of Luke

Sunday Fellowship Room Class - The Fruit of The Spirit

Wednesday Evening Class at 7:00 pm. *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Singing on the first Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday Bible Class on Zoom! If you can't be here at the building, you can still participate in a study of The Holy Spirit. The zoom link is available on the home page of the Lakeview web site, at www.lakeviewchurchofchrist.church



Join us at 6:00 pm on Wednesday October 1 for an ice cream social. Then, stay for our 1st Wednesday singing night which begins at 7:00.

Do you need a good car seat or know someone who does? Scott & Rhonda Shields have a never-been-used car seat to give away. If you need their contact information, call the office.



The elders are pleased to announce that Chet Hunter will lead 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.

The Food Pantry has seen an increase in the number of people being assisted. 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!

Are you planning to attend the Puyallup Ladies' Day?
October 18th, 9:00-3:00

Tis a Gift to be Simple *The Secret of Contentment*
Register soon at puyallupcofc.org
Please bring a salad to share (pasta, taco, green, fruit, etc.)

OLYMPIA CHURCH OF CHRIST Ladies Day 2025

~~~~~ **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING** ~~~~~  
Embracing Our **with Grace in Every Season of Life** Royal Identity

For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11



November 8, 2025

Olympia church of Christ

meeting at

3132 Boulevard Road, Olympia, WA 98501

8:30 am to 1:30 pm

~~lunch provided~~

Please RSVP

By phone, postal mail, QR code or email

by October 24, 2025

Phone: 360-357-8304

Email: [olycofcladies@gmail.com](mailto:olycofcladies@gmail.com)



Men's Service Calendar - please contact Matthew King for scheduling conflicts

|                | SEPTEMBER 28 | OCTOBER 5     | OCTOBER 12        | OCTOBER 19       | OCTOBER 26     |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Opening Prayer | Don Mellor   | Brian Turner  | Cruz Lujan Jr     | Kevin Brazile    | James Reid     |
| Communion      | Chet Hunter  | Kevin English | Eric Roley        | Matthew King     | Jim Karkosky   |
| Reading        | Keith Purser | Jonathn Mohr  | Joseph Blackstone | Isaiah McFarland | Randy Helgeson |

Tray Passing: Troy Taylor, Ian Hunter, Dave Brazile, David Cornwall, Stephen Hill, Machael McFarland, Tony Tittsworth, David Newman

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Attendance: 205 Contribution: \$5,946

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