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Cultivate God's Precious Gift

Loneliness . . . the word is one of the most frightening that I know. Imagine living your life apart from others. Imagine having no contact with anyone. Imagine total isolation. The picture is bleak and dreary, isn't it?

Friendship . . . the word is one of the most comforting that I know. Imagine living your life surrounded by a caring family. Imagine togetherness. Imagine a life filled with meaningful friendships. The picture is pleasing and encouraging, isn't it?

A part of human nature is the desire for companionship. We want, and must, be with others. God made us to be communal creatures. Do you remember the scene in the garden? "It is not good that the man should be alone," declared God. God's solution: he made Eve. God provided for the needs of man; he provided companionship. It was God's first gift to man!

The world places a premium on wealth and power to the neglect of cultivating relationships. However, a truly successful person is the one who values relationships and friendships. The statement has been made that if a man is unable to love his fellow man, he is unable to love God.

- by Jeff Foster



**Be
Thankful**

Our Prayer List

- Pray for safety of Robert and Jessica Belshay's nephews in Maine; Joshua and Nicholas and others. The suspect of the mass shooting and killing is still being hunted.
- Please keep praying for Jon Powless' friend Wayne who broke both of his wrists in an auto accident and is unable to drive.
- Jennifer Wright (friend of Bonnie's family) will be having surgery on her arm in December and her other arm which had previous surgery may have to be redone. Pray for her healing as she does have chronic pain and is very uncomfortable.
- Bonnie has been diagnosed with Osteoarthritis in both hands, which is bone on bone and very little cartilage. I am having to adapt my lifestyle and home to fit the needs to deal with this patiently and faithfully. This causes continuous pain in my hands. All and any prayers welcome.
- Nancy Armenta is scheduled for a stent in her neck procedure at Tacoma General November 2nd. She will be in the hospital for 2 days.
- Brooke Armenta is scheduled in November for an angiogram .
- Karen Taylor requests prayers for Marti Badley who has pancreatic cancer. She is in need of prayers, comfort and peace.
- Dennis Badley is recovering from removes of his kidney and 2 knee surgeries. Prayers are requested for his physical strength.
- Pray for our children who will be leading worship next Sunday.
- Pray for suggestions for those who might be future Deacons or Elders. Should you have suggestions please submit the names to the SLT - Darrell & Laura, Brad and Eunice, Bob and Sharon or to our Deacons Gary, Troy, Brad and Cisco.
- Pray for the Chasteens who are traveling back from Illinois visiting family.
- Pray for Israel.
- Praise God, who is good ALL THE TIME.
- Have a Blessed and Prosperous week.
- Be sure to cover your outdoor faucets and disconnect your hoses. Freezing weather is in the forecast for the next few days.
- Stay warm and safe.



We hope that all of you will be able to join us for 5th Sunday Singing on October 29 at 5:00 P.M. The theme for the potluck to follow the singing is autumn, of course. So, Lakeview will be responsible for Fall and Winter soups and drinks. Sister churches are being asked to bring desserts and bread rolls. Thank you!

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- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online. Click on Teachings
- Current Event Calendar - Click on News & Events
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous video recordings, too:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the desired video.
 Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.



Sunday Worship

October 29, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon)
 (Children are dismissed for Children’s Church after communion)

Watch live-stream or after our worship time:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ

This Sunday, Brad Orser will lead our youth as they share about “The Armour of God

For the latest worship leader schedule, click this link:
http://pococ.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/7/2/26721665/worship_leaders.pdf

October Servers – Brian Bungart | Elijah Herbert | Dan Gross | Terry Bratcher

9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium
 Led by Trent Herbert

Children Class: Downstairs
 Two Classes: children and pre-teen

Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID

Men’s Fellowship
 Downstairs Fellowship Room
 Tuesdays - 10:00 am

Ladies in the Word
 Upstairs Overflow Room
 Tuesdays - 10:00 am

Bible Class & Prayer
 Colossians (in person or on Zoom)
 Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Ladies Prayer Group
 LaDonna’s home
 Thursdays 10:00 am

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October 15, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$

If you have any questions, please give me a call.
 God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

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Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address below. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

November: Laura Beigler – 2, Brandon Zepf – 2, Jessica Zepf – 7, Brian Bungart – 15, Dan Gross – 15, Julie Snypp – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24.

December: Cornell Stull – 1, Nicole Karn – 3, LaDonna Latham – Tristen Herbert – Sarah Benjamin – 8, Elizabeth Volpitta – 8, Jedidiah Herbert – 17, Bonnie Mitchell – 18, Wayne Hammock – 25, Gary White – 28, Jake Orser – 31, Randy VanLeuvan - 31.

Gifts From God

Verse 1

Back when I was a kid
I thought gifts from God only came from church
But the more that I live the more I learn
It's not always the way it works
Sometimes you don't see it till you're looking back
When you didn't get what you thought you had to have
'Cause He had a bigger plan than the one you had
Yours didn't work out and aren't you glad

Chorus

When you take a look around it ain't hard to find
Everybody's got things that money can't buy
If the ones you love are sitting right beside you
Then I'd say you got a lot
The best things in life are straight from His hands
Like raising kids on a piece of land
A little peace of mind when the day is done
Where you think that comes from
That's gifts from God

Verse 2

It makes you thankful for the hills that we climb
For the waves that we ride
For the lows and the highs
For the wrongs made right
For the songs we sing
For the dreams we dream
Makes you thankful for everything

Bridge

Hallelujah every day's a gift from God
Hallelujah every day's a gift
Hallelujah every day's a gift from God
Hallelujah every day's a gift

Bridge

Hallelujah
Where you think that comes from
That's gifts from God
Hallelujah
You know that's gifts from God
Hallelujah
Every day's a gift from God
Hallelujah
Every day's a gift
Gifts from God



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