

Puyallup Youth Group

All Events listed are for teens/preteens, and their families. Friday Night Alive every 2nd and 4th Friday night of the month from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at the Charpentier's house. This is an awesome event for youth and families to enjoy fellowship, games and a meal!

Bible Bowl 2018: The Bible Bowl will be Saturday, March 10th, 9:00 am at the Olympia church of Christ, 3132 Boulevard Road Olympia, WA 98501. Please consider attending and supporting our youth. They have worked hard to study and practice for this event. There will also be an adult team you can join and see if you know more than the youth.

Speakers and Sermons

Mar. 11 **AM Sermon: Mark Jamieson** - "I Will Uphold You" Isaiah 41:10

PM Sermon: Mark Jamieson - "Galatians"

To Request Recordings: mark.brown77@me.com

Class Topics

Sunday Morning Adults: Auditorium - "The Book of Acts"

Young Adults: Downstairs SIBI Rm. - "Introductory Christian Evidences"

Wednesday Evening Adults: Auditorium - "A New Relationship in Christ"

Elder for Mar.: G. McCaul

Deacon for Mar.: D. Collins

Ladies' Committee for Mar.: D. Sallee & E. Kile

ATTENDANCE 3/4: Bible Classes: 136 Worship: 171

CONTRIBUTION 3/4: \$5,175.00

AVG. WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION Feb.: \$3,935.00

BUILDING PLEDGE FUND: \$60,791.00

CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS: \$1,800.00 appx.

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Jean Charpentier James Heath Javy Santiesteban
Denny Collins Jonathan Holland Jimmy Zakem

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Worship Assignments

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements/Prayer

Song Leader

Head of Lord's Table

Assist

Assist

Assist

Assist

Assist Upstairs

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Closing Prayer

Greeter/Usher

Family Greeters

EVENING SERVICE

Announcements/Prayer

Song Leader

Sermon

Table/Closing Prayer

MAR. 11

C. Bartlett

S. Konwent

M. Farnsworth

J. Dacca

J. Monts

J. Heath

N. Little

M. Brummett

J. Ravet

M. Jamieson

J. Johnson

D. Collins

Heaths

J. Holland

C. Bartlett

M. Jamieson

D. Sears

MAR. 18

M. Farnsworth

J. Holland

J. Santiesteban

K. Petty

F. Petraski

D. Jamieson

F. Reiff

B. Zakem

M. Farley

M. Jamieson

J. Bailey

D. Collins

Vizguerras

J. Monts

W. Brown

M. Jamieson

B. Stump

WEDNESDAY - Mar. 14 B. Stump

Please contact Jon Holland at 209-233-1319 if you are unable to fulfill your assigned position.

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 am Sunday Worship: 11 am & 5 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

March 11, 2018

Reviving A Dead Congregation

We seem to be living in a time and place where people seem to be mesmerized by numbers. The bigger the better, the more the merrier. If the numbers are not large, then it is not valuable. This seems to be how many think about many things, including religion.

A striking feature of most of the documents written to churches in the New Testament is the lack of reference to "numbers" (the size of congregations). I realize that the Gospel accounts will note the number of followers of Christ at different times during His ministry and that Luke tracks the numerical growth of the first few years of Christianity (especially in Jerusalem and Judea). However, when one moves to the rest of the NT, the information concerning the size of congregations becomes virtually non-existent.

While having big numbers is great, it seems that Jesus is looking for something more important than the size of a congregation. Michael Gorman writes, "Christ desires a church characterized by the fullness of orthodoxy and orthopraxy, faithfulness and fearlessness, devotion to Jesus but not to the state, and a preference for the poor rather than the rich" (Reading Revelation Responsibly, 100).

The "letters to the seven churches of Asia" (Revelation 2 and 3) press the reader (hearers) to consider one's situation in relationship to Jesus. This is about "perspective." The oracles to the seven churches encourage the congregations to see themselves as God sees them. This is especially clear when Jesus tells the church at Sardis, "I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead" (Rev. 3:1).

Jesus fires off five imperatives ("commands") to the church at Sardis in Revelation 3:2-3. The imperatives are: wake up, strengthen, remember, obey, and repent. These five imperatives exhort the church to activate spiritual vigilance. Even though this church is in trouble there is still hope.

These imperatives provide a framework for a congregational restart. It involves (1) remembrance, (2) repentance, and (3) renewal through appropriating past values and strengthening present life. Failure to either be resolute or repent will result in spiritual death.

Mark Johnson, Columbine church of Christ

Family News



Memorial for Marjorie Eldred: The memorial for Marjorie Eldred will be Saturday, March 24th, 11:00 am at the Puyallup church of Christ. There will be a light lunch following the memorial service. The family is asking for some help with food for the luncheon by providing chips, vegetable and fruit trays, and desserts.

Family News (cont'd)



Welcome: Roy and Jo Vaughn have made it known to the elders that they would like to worship and work with the church here in Puyallup. Their address is 27014 8th Street E. Buckley, WA 98321 and their phone number is 253-651-9553. Welcome to Puyallup Roy and Jo! We are glad you are here!



Baked Potato Feed/Game Night: We will be having our annual Baked Potato Feed/Game Night Saturday, March 24th, 5:00 pm at the building. Please see the sign up sheet in the foyer to sign up for something to share. Don't forget to also bring your favorite games. This has always been a fun, enjoyable event for all.



Bowling: We will be going bowling Saturday, April 21st, 1:30 pm, at Pacific Lanes in Tacoma. The costs is \$6.00 per person and includes two games and shoe rental. Please see John or Shannon Dacca to RSVP and prepay.

Prayer List

- ♥ Please pray for **our nation** to return to honoring and serving God. Pray for **the government leaders** to lead with Godly wisdom.
- ♥ Please continue to pray for the **Be the Tree campaign**. Pray we will lift others up to see Jesus.
- ♥ Marjorie Eldred passed away last week. Please pray for **Clio and the family** during their time of grief.
- ♥ **Heidi Petak** is still struggling with cancer and need prayers. Please pray for the treatments to be effective in destroying the cancer.
- ♥ **Sandy**, Amber Kile's brother's mother-in-law, has been diagnosed with cancer and only has weeks to live. Please pray for the family at this time.
- ♥ **Janiece**, Amber Kile's ex sister-in-law, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is having a lot of anxiety. Please pray for treatments to be effective in destroying the cancer and for peace for Janiece.

Prayer List (cont'd)

- ♥ **Margo**, Connie Sergent's sister, is back in the hospital because of two infections. Please pray for healing for Margo.
- ♥ **Brian Hevly** will probably be in AFIB for the rest of his life and his doctors advised no more surgery as it is too risky. Please pray for strength and health improvements.
- ♥ **Ron**, Robbie Hevly's brother had a heart attack a couple of weeks ago and by-pass surgery last week. He has since been sedated and on dialysis. Please pray for Ron and the family at this time.
- ♥ **Christa Farley's orchestra teacher** has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please pray for the treatments to be effective destroying cancer.
- ♥ **Jan**, Dave & Connie Sergent's neighbor, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please pray for the treatments to be effective in destroying the cancer.
- ♥ **Pat Conrad** is recovering from surgery. Please pray for her recovery to go well and for a good prognosis.
- ♥ **Rachael**, Gayle Kronewitter's daughter, is recovering from surgery. Please pray for her recovery to go well and for a favorable pathology report.
- ♥ **Debra Armstrong** has been working nights and is now looking for a day shift. Please pray God provides a day shift opening for Debra.
- ♥ Please pray for **our brothers and sisters in Guyana** to remain strong in the Word.
- ♥ Please pray for our **many visitors** to have open, seeking hearts.
- ♥ **Our Bible Studies:** Private studies with individuals.
- ♥ **Our Missionaries:** Roman & Johanna Halamiccek (Slovakia), Clio Eldred (prison ministry), Mountain States Children's Home (Longmont, CO), Ray & Maricela Dennis (Cuernavaca, Mexico).
- ♥ **SIBI NW Students:** Bobby Lumpkin.
- ♥ **Healthy Babies & Mothers:** Ashley Sue Vizguerra
- ♥ **Traveling:** P.Rogers.
- ♥ **Pray for Our Military:** David Gebbie, TJ Bostic, Curtis Ringus, Tim Chafins, Kimberly McGuire, Sergio Vizguerra.