

Monthly Calendar

The Men's Breakfast: The first Saturday of the month, 8 am at the Lakeview church of Christ. The cost is \$4.00 with the proceeds supporting Delano Bay Christian Camp. Contact person: Gene McCaul.

Ladies Night Out: Usually, the second Monday of the month, 6:00 pm at an area restaurant. Contact person: Carolyn McCaul.

Teen Devotionals: Every other Thursday, 6:30 pm, either at the church building or at a family home. They share dessert and have a short devotional and/or activity. Contact person: John Dacca.

The Monday Night Bible Study: Monday nights, 6:30 pm, at the home of Keith and Lindsey Petty. They are currently studying from the book "Radical Restoration." Contact person: Keith Petty.

The Senior Saints Bible Study: Tuesdays, 10:30 am in the downstairs SIBI classroom. They are studying from the book of Job. Contact person: Ken Wilson.

Friday Night Singing: Every other Friday night 7:00 pm at various members homes. We are going through the songbook starting at the beginning and singing each song. Contact person: Gene McCaul.

Speakers and Sermons

May 25 **AM Sermon: Robert Henton - "A Six Second Memorial" Joshua 4:1-7**

PM Sermon: Bob Stump - "Never-Never Land or Promised Land" Hebrews 5:11-14; 6:1-12

To Request Recordings: soundbooth@puyallupcofc.org

Class Topics

 **Sunday Morning** Adults: Auditorium - "The Life of Christ"

Adults: SIBI classroom - "Personal Evangelism"

Wednesday Evening Adults: Auditorium - "Historical Christian Evidences"

ATTENDANCE 05/18: 131 CONTRIBUTION 05/18: \$2,279.00
AVG. CONTRIBUTION APR.: \$2,486.25

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Worship Assignments

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements/Prayer
Song Leader
Head of Lord's Table
Assist
Assist
Assist
Assist
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Closing Prayer
Greeter/Usher

EVENING SERVICE

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Table
Closing Prayer
WEDNESDAY - May 28
Elder for June
Deacon for June
Ladies' Committee for June

MAY 25

B. Sallee
C. Bartlett
G. Linton
J. Bailey
M. Sant
C. Ebenstiner
B. Reiff
M. Farley
R. Henton
M. Brown
D. Collins

M. Brown
J. Johnson
B. Stump
J. Monts
J. Monts
C. Bartlett
C. Bartlett
J. Dacca
J. Bartlett

JUN. 1

H. Kile
D. Reitan
M. Sant
K. Petty
C. Johnson
M. Farely
F. Reiff
C. Ebenstiner
K. Wilson
M. Brown
B. Sallee

J. Johnson
M. Brown
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WELCOME VISITORS!

Sunday Bible Study: 10 am

Sunday Worship: 11 am & 5 pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Memorial Day: Written in Charcoal

The aged veterans sit and tell stories, their old uniforms bulging at the seams. Their minds and scars never forget where they have been, the wars they have lived.

After hours of laughing and crying, the men file out to their cars. Henry shakes their hands and exchanges hugs and promises to keep in touch. Their annual Memorial Day event lies dormant for another year. None of them knew who would be alive for the next meeting.

Henry walks to his aging Chevrolet and looks down the street at the homes and people grilling, drinking and laughing. He removes his Army jacket and enters his vehicle. Driving past the revelers, his eye catches all the Memorial Day ads and the people coming out of restaurants in swimwear.

Henry drives to the cemetery, to the corner reserved for veterans. As he walks to the grave markers, he sees no one. He scans the grounds for any fresh flowers and sees none. The grass under his feet is several inches high and obviously neglected by the groundskeepers.

He begins to cry anew that his beloved Memorial Day is becoming a stranger to his country. The nation celebrates those who died for them by shopping and swimming. They care more for beaches and burgers than the blood and broken lives of heroes.

He understands that people can only do these things because they are free and they are, in a way, an expression

of thanks. Yet, they are still somewhat hollow. Soon all of his generation, who persisted in keeping these memories before the public, will pass from this life. Who will persist in reminding the public of their sacrifices?

Henry pulled out his pocket bible, opening it to Joshua 4:1-9 and wondered if future generations would ask what these stones meant. Will they have a grasp of what the words meant on the grave markers? Will they honor the memorials? Would God's people forget about those who made their religious freedoms possible? Would they just think that they always existed? If not, how would they hold on to them, if they never realized how valuable they were?

Religious freedoms in a sinful world are not a birthright, but secured by blood. Yet, they are, to many, like faded photographs, tossed into the landfill with the rest of the discarded charcoal.

If we see them as common and ordinary, Satan will be happy to negotiate them away for worthless trinkets and laugh at our ignorance, as we walk away, pretending we are enlightened.

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Family News

 **New Sites & Facebook:** The new Puyallup church of Christ website has been launched. We will still be adding more information to it such as a secure member's area, request for bible studies, etc. Please check it out at www.puyallupcofc.org. We also have a new Facebook page as well. SIBI NW has a new website as well. You can check it out at www.sibinw.org.

 **Welcome:** Arlene Luton has let it be known that she would like to worship and work with the church here in Puyallup. Arlene's address is 1108 20th St. NW Puyallup, WA 98371. Her phone number is 253-576-2519 and her email is aaLute@comcast.net. Welcome to Puyallup, Arlene!

 **Directory Changes:** Please make the following changes in your directories: Hugh and Esther Kile have a new email address, hughkile@yahoo.com. Also, Retha Avey's corrected address is 9210 190th St. E. Puyallup, WA 98375.

Family News (cont'd)

 **Teen Devotional:** Teens, there will be a devotional Thursday, June 5th, 6:30 pm at the church building. The Daccas will also be providing dessert for the evening.

 **Memorial Day Fellowship:** There will be a potluck-style bbq at the Daccas' home on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th at 12:00 noon followed by a walk at Nathan Chapman Park (weather permitting) at approximately 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to John or Shannon Dacca for the bbq and let them know what side dish you'd like to bring.

 **Vacation Bible School:** Come explore Discovery Island with us as we discover "God is in Control", Saturday, June 21st 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

 **The Power of Singing:** The Graham Street church of Christ cordially invites you to "The Power of Singing." Come join us as we lift our voices to praise God and edify each other Friday, May 30th, 7:30-8:45 pm. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

 **Sing! 2014:** Sing! 2014 will be Saturday, June 7th, 7:00 pm, at the Smith Auditorium on the Willamette University campus in Salem OR. Last year they had approximately 600 voice singing gospel hymns. Please see the letter on the bulletin board or pick up one of the business cards on the shelf for more information.

 **Gospel Meeting:** The Tacoma church of Christ will be hosting a Gospel meeting June 8th-11th. The theme is "The Time Will Come" and the guest speaker will be Bro. Wesley T. Leonard of the Southside church of Christ in Orlando, FL. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more detailed information.

 **Refuge in Christ Update:** Clio Eldred and Robert Henton would like to report that there has been four baptisms recently through the studies that they have been conducting at the federal detention center in Sea-Tac, WA. Please pray for these individuals as they begin their Christian walk.

 **Congratulations:** TJ Bostic and Emily Gurchiek were married Friday evening, May 23rd. Congratulations on your commitment to each other! TJ and Emily will be returning to us in December.

Prayer List

- ♥ Please remember the **Henton family** in prayer as they deal with the situation with their daughter, Elizabeth.
- ♥ Please pray for **the children** who lost their parents in a shooting in Eatonville.
- ♥ **Chris Pfeiffer** has pneumonia and the rest of **the Pfeiffer family** are recovering from various sicknesses. Please pray for healing for the family.
- ♥ **Jolene Bartlett** is still needing continued prayers for her health issues and for answers from the doctors.
- ♥ **Arlene Luton** would like prayers for her daughter and husband. They both will be having surgery soon.
- ♥ **Gayle Putman**, Amber Kile's mother, is undergoing chemo treatments and not handling the treatments well. Please pray for Gayle and the Kile family as well.
- ♥ **Bob Stump** has heard back from his doctor and there doesn't appear to be any cancer, but the doctor wants his colleagues to look over the reports and see why the node has grown so much before they schedule surgery.
- ♥ **Pat Conrad** would like prayers for improved health and for her son's relationship with his wife and with God.
- ♥ Barbara Clark's son, **Darrell**, has a very painful nerve condition. Please pray for healing and pain relief.
- ♥ **Darryl Reitan** is recovering from a lung infection. Please pray for his healing.
- ♥ **Debra Reitan** will be having hand surgery this week. Please pray for her recovery to go well.
- ♥ **Ruth Bailey** is recovering from surgery hernia repairs. Please pray for her recovery to go well.
- ♥ **AIM Students:** Sarah Harmon.
- ♥ **Our Missionaries:** Roman Halamicek (Slovakia), Clio Eldred (prison ministry), Mountain States Children's Home (Longmont, CO).
- ♥ **Traveling:** Brandons, McCauls.
- ♥ **Those Looking for Employment:** Paris Rogers.
- ♥ **Pray for Our Military:** David Gebbie, Logan Peterson, Paul Ramos, Eric Buggeln.
- ♥ **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Ida Reiff, Russ Pedersen, Clio Eldred, Pat Conrad, Darryl & Debra Reitan, Funda West, John Harmon, Kim Speck, Joe & Erin Davis, Kristie Whitaker.