

**Sunday Worship Times:****8:15am** Facebook Live online**9:30am** Sunday School**9:30am - 10:30am** Fellowship Time**10:30am** In-person Service**New Community Church of Union**

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For the past couple of months, I have been trying to figure out how to write this article. It is a difficult topic to write about, and I can't say as I have any particular insight into it. That's what makes me nervous to write this; I just don't have a full picture by which to form any lasting or definite insights. It is a topic that I keep watching and wondering where it is all going and what the end result will be. And by the end result, I am referring to the effects upon the Kingdom of God, not the Kingdom of Man.

The topic this month is the killing of Charlie Kirk and the effects it is having upon this country. Now, whatever your political/social/religious views are, the assassination of Charlie Kirk was wrong and against the ways, words, and will of God. There is no debating that. The truth of God tells us that the murder of another human being is sin, whether you like the person and his or her views or not. Nothing justifies murder before God.

I am grieved that people of this country would proudly exhibit signs and sayings that celebrate, laud, agree with, or make light of this murderous act. When did murder ever become right, or justified, or humorous in this country?

I am also grieved that others would seek political and potential gain from this act. If Charlie Kirk stood for discipleship in Christ, then this can't be political. Jesus did not die on the cross for political reform or posturing. Neither did Jesus tell us to die to our own sinful nature for the purpose of political gain or greater social influence. No, discipleship is about promoting Christ and His Kingdom, not our own, nor another's, nor our political preferences.

I am worried that this event is promoting morality. Yes, you read that correctly. It is not that morality is not good; morality is good. But what is morality without the power of Christ? There is no morality without Christ. Morality is nice; morality helps us all live better and more peaceful lives, but Jesus is not just about morality! Jesus did not die on the cross to make people more moral. He did not die just to clean up people and their language, or thinking, or actions. NO! Jesus died to give us forgiveness of sins, to create in us a new nature. The apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Discipleship is not morality; it is actually death to the old morality in order to live by the life of Christ that is in us through His Holy Spirit. So, a greater morality in the life of unbelievers is laudable, but it is not the purpose of Christ in us, who are His disciples. Yes, we are to be salt and light in this world, which would suggest greater morality, but let me ask you this: Why are we to be salt and light? For what purpose are we to stem the tide of evil in this world? The answer: so that all may come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour for the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. That is so much greater than morality. We can celebrate an increase in human morality, but let's remember, it is about a new life. It is about the eternal destinies of those around us. It is about the Kingdom of God.

I am worried that this event is promoting a nationalism of some sort – a type of “Let's get back to American ideals and standards.” “Let's be American again.” Again, this is not necessarily a bad thing, but let's keep in mind that Jesus did not die so that God could bless America. It is not about American idealism or American values. I certainly agree that the America we live in needs to be challenged and changed. I am in favor of a Super Bowl half time show that is not full of wickedness and evil and immorality. I am in favor of a world that is not full of wickedness and evil and immorality. But only Jesus can change that. Not you, or me, or governments... or Charlie. Only Christ... Christ who is in us.

So, what are you doing? What are you doing so that Christ shows up in you this week so that your neighbors, friends, and family can have their very eternities changed by Jesus? Very gently I say to you... It is not about Charlie. He was a useable vessel for God, but it is not about Charlie. Rather, it is about Jesus -- Jesus in him, and Jesus in us. Let us promote the right person and the right kingdom.

Sincerely His,
Pastor Michael



November Extras



Home Teams

Enjoy fellowship, prayer, laughter and learning by signing up for a Home Team. Reach out to Jerry Clausen at (360) 490-5251.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets on November 4th at 9:45 AM in the Youth Building. For questions, email or call Lisa Nelson at LNELSON169@gmail.com or (425) 495-6537.

Women's Lunch will meet at Wilde Irish Pub November 28th at Noon. RSVP by November 21st. Please reach out to Roxy Clake at (206) 293-1276. Those who would like to carpool, the group will leave from the church at 11:30 AM.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship meets on November 11th at 9:00 AM in the Youth Building. For questions, reach out to Wayne Elling at (206) 714-8434.

Men's Lunch group will meet at Alderbrook Clubhouse at Noon, Wednesday, November 5th. For questions, reach out to Wayne Elling.

Weekly Prayer Warriors

Friday at 9:30 AM: Are you a Prayer Warrior? Want to help pray for all the prayer requests with an awesome group of other warriors? Just show up at 9:30 AM on Friday mornings in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome. Prayer Warriors unite!

Each Thursday at Noon, we encourage the entire church to pause and pray for our church, wherever you are.

If you would like a Prayer Medic Team, please contact Pastor Michael.

Ongoing Community Outreach

Hands for Christ meets Wednesday, November 5th and 19th, 10:00 AM – 12:30 pm in the Youth Building. Sewing is not a necessity but a welcome skill! All are welcome.

Nonperishable food items can be dropped off in the office for the Hood Canal Food Bank.

Hood Canal School Backpack program is in full swing. Nonperishable food items can be dropped off in the NCCU office. Talk to Susan Bosman for the type of foods needed.

Toys for Tots is collecting new UNWRAPPED toys for the kids for Christmas, October through December.

Thanksgiving Meal for Hood Canal School Families November 22nd. Prep for Meals November 20th thru November 22nd.

Save the Date:

December 6th: Pick up some Hallelujah Fudge at the Holiday Market.

December 21st: Baby Born in a Barn @ Hunter Farms

December 24th: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

Other Community Happenings at NCCU

Mondays: We have the Movement Class with Sue Ullom at 9:30 AM. This is not Aerobics or Zumba; it is just some body movement to get your week started.

First & third Mondays: Locals with Littles meets in the Youth Building at 10:00 AM.

Tuesday Evenings: Addiction Ministry meets in the Youth Building at 6:00 PM.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Loss of a Loved One Grief Support: Brenda Washburn Meets the second and last Monday at 3:00 pm in the conference room.	Don't forget our neighbors with needs. Donate to the food bank in the office. The food bank has lost funding.	Backpack Ministry: needs nonperishable food donations.	Toys for Tots : collecting UNWRAPPED new toys for kids. Runs October through December. Toys can be dropped off in the foyer.			1 Women's Fellowship 9:45 am Youth Building
2 * Daylight Saving Ends* Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center Pastor leaves for India.	3 Building being used by Movement Class 9:30 am Locals with Littles 10:00 am Pastor leaves for India.	4 Office Closed Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	5 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Hands For Christ 10:00 am Men's Lunch Noon Youth Group 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Building	6 Worship Practice 9:00 am All-Church Prayer noon (on your own)	7 Prayer Group 9:30 am	8 Men's Fellowship 9:00 am
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