




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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Last month I wrote, "Salvation must change the way we live. Salvation must cause us to take an account of our actions and words to see if they line up with the words and ways of Jesus." This month, I want to continue in this theme. The Apostle Paul writes, in Romans 7:4-6,

So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God. For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the laws were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death. But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Paul tells us, that through the new nature that we have in Christ, we have died to the law which brings death. We are not under the control of the sinful nature, but instead, we are now to be under the control of Christ. That is to say, the way we live needs to change, and the fruit we bear, through our actions and our words, is no longer the fruit that leads to death, but now is the fruit that leads to life. Yes, we are to live a new way because of the Spirit of Christ in us. The old is gone, the new has come! We are now people who live to bear fruit to God.

This, of course, living the new life, is not as easy as it sounds. Paul knows that we struggle with sin that comes from the old self. Paul acknowledges that he, too, struggles with sin and the old nature that still lives in him. In Romans 7:21, Paul writes,

So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am!

The struggle is real, and Paul feels it too. Living the new life for God puts us in a war between our old sinful nature and our new spiritual nature. We know what the right thing to do is, but we don't always choose to do it. And just when we think we are making progress in the new life, we sin again! The desires that battle within us gain the upper hand. Being a better person can be exhausting!

Of course, and this might be surprising to you, Jesus does not call us to be better people. No, He doesn't. We are called to live in the new nature; not to clean up and make better the old nature. We are called to be different, not better. We are called to a new way of life, not to making better the old way of life. Our sinful nature will never be made better. It can't; it is, by nature, sinful. The only thing it knows how to do is sin. That is why we have been given a new nature! So, the struggle is not making the old nature better, but rather, the struggle is choosing to live in the new nature.

Again, life in Christ is a choice. It is the choice to submit to Christ's new nature in us or to continue in the old nature that is still in us. And it is a choice that we cannot do in our own power or strength. Paul knows that. This is why he cries out, "Who will rescue me from this body of death?" The answer? Romans 7:25. "Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

The only way to live out the new life is through the power and strength of the One who gave us the new life – Jesus. We cannot live the new life by our own power and strength. So stop trying so hard. You can do it. You were never meant to do it. Give up. Go to Jesus. Submit to Him. He is our Lord, and only by submitting to Him as Lord will we be able to live the new life.

The struggle is real. The war wages. But Jesus has already won. And so can you.

Sincerely His,
Pastor Michael



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Home Teams

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

OWLS

Meets the Last Thursday of every month: June 25th at 11:00 AM. Outing to Theler Wetlands Trail in Belfair / Dairy Queen Sign up in the foyer.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is on a break. Join us for a summer lunch at Mary's in July. Fellowship resumes in September. For questions, email or call Wendy Moye at 503-990-1855.

Women's Lunch will meet on June 26th at 12:00 PM at El Puerto De Angeles in Hoodspport. Please reach out to Juli McClellan, 360-265-9346, for questions. For those who would like to carpool, the group will leave from the church at 11:30 AM.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Lunch group will meet Wednesday, June 3rd at Alderbrook Clubhouse at Noon . For questions, call Wayne Elling at 206-714-8434.

Men's Fellowship meets on June 13th at 9:00 AM , in the Youth Building. For questions, email or call Wayne Elling at 206-714-8434.

Youth Group

The Youth meet weekly on Wednesday, from 6:00-8:00 PM, in the Youth Building. Contact the office for questions.

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 is on a summer break. They will resume Wednesday , September 16th at 10:00 AM.

Loss Of A Loved One, Grief Support: please contact Brenda Washburn @ 360-490-4839 for an appointment.

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

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

Hood Canal School Backpack Program still needs nonperishable food. Items can be dropped off in the NCCU office. Reach out to Susan Bosman for the type of foods needed.

Save the Date:

June 19th Friday Night Movie Night 6:30 PM.

July 11th Joey Thompson Celebration of Life 10:00 AM

July 18th Frances Fender Celebration of Life 10:30 AM

July 26th Baptism will be held at Mary Randolph's house

July 27th - August 1st Family Fun Days

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Dominican Republic Mission Trip meeting 6:30 pm	2 Office Closed Worship Team Practice 9:00 am Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	3 Men's Lunch at noon Youth Group 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Building	4 All-Church Prayer Noon (on your own)	5 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am	6
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