

**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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I have often been asked questions about heaven and what it will be like. And I often wonder myself. What will heaven be like? Where will we live? What will the houses be like that the Father is preparing for us? Will we live in neighborhoods? Will there be cities and countries? What will we eat? Will we even have to eat? What will we wear? Will there be stores to buy stuff in? Will we even need stuff? Will we even need clothes? (Remember that Adam and Eve did not wear clothes until after the fall!) What will we do in heaven? Will there be sports? Arts and crafts? Recreational activities of some sort? Will we even need to have recreational activities? Will we finally understand rest and life?

There are so many questions that we have about heaven, and most of them cannot be fully answered until we get there! No one really knows what heaven will be like. There are plenty of ideas and theories and hopes and dreams and books and teaching about heaven, but how much of what we speculate about is actually going to be proven true when we get there? I suspect, not much.

Thankfully, God has given us a few words of insight and knowledge about heaven in the Holy Bible. (I say Holy Bible with intention because there are far too many "unholy" Bibles that people take instruction from!) There are, in fact, numerous Scriptures about heaven, mostly found in the book of Revelation, but the Scripture I want to draw attention to in this article is Isaiah 65:17-19. It reads as follows,

"Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more."

Most of these descriptions have been repeated in the book of Revelation: new heavens and a new earth, the city of Jerusalem where God will have His throne, the delightfulness and joy that will be experienced there, and the absence of weeping and crying. All good things to look forward to!

But these words still do not answer all of our questions about what heaven will be like. And you know something? I think this is done on purpose because most of our questions about heaven won't matter anymore once we are there!

I think that is the teaching of the words, "The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind."

Did you catch that?! "They will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind." The fact is, the things we wonder and ponder about today will not even come to mind when we arrive in heaven! We all have questions that we want to ask when we get there, but clearly those questions will not even come to mind in heaven. They won't even enter into our thinking! And they won't need to! We will have so much more to enjoy that is in front of us that we won't even think about or remember the past. The past will be, literally, a world away, and we won't have any reason to live in the old world when we enter into the new one.

At the point when we enter heaven, Scripture will be fully fulfilled in us when it says, "the old has gone, the new has come" (2 Cor 5:17). When we get to experience the fullness of the new creation, both in us and around us, why would we even bother with the old? The old will be gone, buried, over, in the past, part of an old world that will not even be remembered or thought about, even for a fleeting moment. For it seems to me that even a fleeting moment, thought, or memory of the past, would not truly be heaven. For those thoughts would take us away from the glory of God and the fullness of His Son and would diminish the joy and delight of that perfect place called heaven.

There will be no thoughts of past regrets, failures, shame, misfortune, or even past joys, happiness, and delights. For the past will be the past. It will never again enter into the present. In fact, there will not even be any thought of the future. We will always live in the present. Heaven is to be present with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever.

So, though we have so many questions about heaven, the irony is, most of them can never be answered until we get there, and when we get there, our questions won't matter anymore. We won't even think of them or remember them. How great is that! We will finally live life unquestioningly before the very presence of God.

Sincerely His,

Pastor Michael

2025 NCCU ANNUAL REPORT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee of NCCU met on several occasions to discuss, pray, and nominate members of NCCU to the Governing Board of NCCU and to next year's nominating committee.

The first purpose of the Nominating Committee is to seek and discern God's will and calling upon members of NCCU to fill the vacant positions on the Governing Board.

For the year 2026, nominations for the Governing Board are as follows:

2-year term: Paula Wood

2-year term: Steve Moore – Elder Representative

2-year term: Scott Frisbie

The second purpose of the Nominating Committee is to seek and discern God's will and calling upon members of NCCU to fill the vacant positions for next year's Nominating Committee.

For the year 2026, nominations for the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Niel Challstrom – Governing Board representative

Ray Copelin – Elder representative

Lana Clausen – Congregational representative

Marshall Maring – Congregational representative

Pastor Michael Wedman, Chairman
Wayne Elling, church member
Jolene McArthur, church member
Jim Heintz, Elder
Paula Wood, Governing Board



February



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 February 7th at 9:45 AM in the Youth Building. For questions, email or call Wendy Moyer at 503-990-1855.

Women's Lunch will meet at Hook and Fork on February 27th at Noon. RSVP by February 20th. Please reach out to the church office 360-898-7855. For 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 February 14th 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 Wednesday, February 4th at Alderbrook Clubhouse at Noon. For questions, call Wayne Elling at 206-714-8434.

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, February 4th and 18th from 10:00 AM –12:30 PM in the Youth Building. Sewing is not a necessity but a welcome skill! All are welcome.

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:

February 9th Last day to RSVP for Valentine Dinner

February 14th Valentine's Day Fundraiser Dinner 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM seating sign up in the Foyer

February 28th Movie Night @ 6:30 featuring "All Saints"

May 1st Registration opens for Women's Retreat Black Lake Bible Camp. Housing is first come, first served. Women's retreat weekends are October 2nd - 4th and 9th-11th.

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center Communion	2 Building being used by Movement Class 9:30 am	3 Office Closed Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	4 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Hands for Christ 10:00 am Men's Lunch at Alderbrook noon Youth Group 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Building	5 Worship Practice 9:00 am All-Church Prayer Noon (on your own)	6 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am	7 Women's Fellowship 9:45 am in the Youth Building
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15 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center	16 Office Closed Presidents' Day	17 Office Closed Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	18 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am H Hands For Christ 10:00 AM Youth Group 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Building	19 Worship Practice 9:00 am All-Church Prayer Noon (on your own)	20 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am Notify the office if you will be attending ladies' lunch next Friday	21
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			Don't forget our neighbors with needs. Donate to the food bank; bring donations to the office.	Backpack Ministry: needs nonperishable food donations.	Loss of a Loved One Grief Support: Now by appontment only; call Brenda Washburn @ 360- 490-4839.	