




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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There are two topics that the apostle Paul loves to write about: salvation and sanctification. Almost every one of his letters is divided into those two parts. Paul writes about the grace of God for salvation and then goes on to help us understand what the effect of salvation should have upon our lives. Yes, salvation should make a difference to the way we live. Moreso, salvation must have an effect on the way we live.

In the book of Romans, Paul takes the first five chapters to explain salvation through the terms of atonement, justification, reconciliation, righteousness, faith, and grace. Then, in Romans 6 Paul says, "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" Paul recognizes the tendency to receive Jesus as Saviour, but not as Lord. In other words, we like to know we are saved, but following the words, way, and will of Jesus in our everyday living is considered somewhat optional - especially when we have to make a change.

I believe it to be generally true that churches and Christians don't make it a priority to seek the deeper life in Christ. That is to say, we don't take the "died to sin" part too seriously. We often live as if that was an unfortunate add-on that we can simply ignore. However, Paul, as well as the rest of Scripture, is clear; we need to be making decisions to die to self and live for Christ. In Romans 6:11, Paul tells us that we are to "count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." This means that we have to make a decision. The word, "count", can also be translated as "reckon". The word "reckon" makes it clear that we have a decision to make. If there is reckoning to be had, it means that the actions taken and words said have to be accounted for and judged. There will be an accounting for what has been done. There must be a reckoning for our actions in light of our salvation. Paul is telling us to take an account of what it means to be saved by grace, and more pointedly, what it means to live for Christ... and even die with Christ.

The fact is, 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. Are we living out of the old self, or out of the new self? Our way, or Christ's way? The sin life, or the Christ life? This is the reckoning or accounting that we have to do.

The deeper life in Christ is a life that seeks to live according to the words, ways, and will of Christ rather than our own. It is a life that constantly makes decisions to die to self and sin and live for Christ and righteousness.

What decisions are you making in your life with Christ? Let us choose, reckon, and make our lives count for Christ.

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: May 28th at 10:00 AM. Brinnon Road Trip to Whitney Gardens, Rock Brook Falls and lunch. Sign up in the foyer.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets on May 2nd at 9:45 AM in the Sanctuary for a Spring Tea/ CareNet Baby Shower. For questions, email or call Wendy Moyer at 503-990-1855. Sign up in the Foyer.

Women's Lunch will meet on May 22nd at 12:00 PM at The Boat House Restaurant in Allyn. 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, May 6th at Alderbrook Clubhouse at Noon. For questions, call Wayne Elling at 206-714-8434.

Men's Fellowship meets on May 9th 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 Susan Bosman @ 360-220-6319 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 on Wednesday, May 6th is **cancelled**. We will be meeting on May 20th to finish up the end of the year and go to lunch together! It has been a great year, and it will be great to meet one last time.

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:

May 4st 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. Women from the church are going the first weekend in October. May 30th Gary Larson Celebration of Life 2:00 PM.

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

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

July 27th - August 1st Family Fun Daze

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Don't forget our neighbors with needs. Donate to the food bank; bring donations to the office.	Loss of a Loved One Grief Support: Now by appointment only; call Brenda Washburn @ 360-490-4839.	Backpack Ministry: needs nonperishable food donations.			1 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am	2 Women's Fellowship Spring Tea and CareNet Baby Shower 09:45 am in the Sanctuary
3 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am Communion In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center	4 Black Lake Bible Camp Registration begins today Women's Retreat is October 2 nd - 4 th and October 9 th -11 th	5 Office Closed Worship Team Practice 9:00 am Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	6 Men's Lunch at Alderbrook noon Cancelled Hands For Christ 10:00 am Youth Group 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Building	7 All-Church Prayer Noon (on your own)	8 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am	9 Men's Fellowship 9:00 am in the Youth Building
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