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In a world that is struggling with the obvious, telling us to “follow the science” and then telling us men can be women, we can see the enemy is busy sending “strong delusions.” We are lead to believe that all our norms are wrong and if we don’t comply to these new standards, we prove we are the problem. I am a problem. I refuse to believe lies. I refuse to believe the rantings of mentally and emotionally disturbed individuals. My worldview is based upon the principles of God’s Word.

We don’t have to be argumentative or cruel, but we can ask God for wisdom to make others think and state the obvious. 1 Peter 3:15 “. . . Always be prepared to give to give an answer to everyone who asks you ti give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” **THAT’S HARD.**

Where We’ve Been, What We’ve Been Up to & Where We’re Headed Next . . .

3rd Monday monthly—Mending Fences Fellowship, Leadership Team, Spokane, WA (Hippe)

Country Bible Church, Dusty WA—Ongoing pulpit supply for May—Wayne Morris / Hippe June

PRAISE: Community Bible Church, Kettle Falls, WA —Pastor Mark Liesch and his wife Cindy arrive March 4th.

July 1—Cedonia Community Church, Cedonia, WA—Community outreach ministry—Hippe

July 10-15— Camp Cocolalla Bible Camp, Cocolalla, ID / Teen Week—Hippe

July 24-28— Camp Cocolalla Bible Camp, Cocolalla, ID / 9-10 year olds—Hippe

WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY EVEN ON SHORT NOTICE.

Do you need assistance with Creative outreach programs, AWANA or Kid’s Clubs, Sunday School, Family Camp, Teen or Kid’s camps or other special events? Contact us. We are here to serve.

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AN UNEXPECTED ADVENTURE

Our newsletter is the most effective way I have of communicating with ministry friends. The following is what has happened in the past month.

Life can be filled with surprises, twists and turns, mountains and valleys. I often encourage my students at Valley Christian School to remember that every breath we take, and every beat of our hearts is a gift from God. Use those gifts wisely. I was reminded of that. On April 6th my daughter convinced me to go ER at Valley Hospital. I had been diagnosed with a viral infection, but symptoms were worsening into the third week. My daughter said that it appeared I had a kidney problem. I did have some twinges of pain on the right side in the kidney area, so I complied. She was correct.

After a CT scan, it was determined that because of other complications, my kidneys were shutting down and I might have to go on dialysis. That got my attention. Interestingly, I also learned that both my kidneys are on the right side, so I would not have had any discomfort on the left side. That was verified by an ultrasound. I was in CCU at Valley Hospital for a week and then transferred to the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Northwest in Post Falls, ID.

I have been surprised by my weakness and limitations. For a few days in CCU, I could not lift my legs. I could do none of the simple human things of a daily routine. Learning to trust others is usually a challenge for all of us. I had no option. Simple willpower was not enough. I had to learn a new way of functioning. “Lord, what are You teaching me?”

I was reminded of what Paul said about weakness in 2 Corinthians 12. “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses . . . For when I am weak, then I am strong.” It is counterintuitive to be thankful for weaknesses and challenges. It is certainly true that when we are limited physically and lying in a hospital bed the only direction we can look is up.

James said, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.” Surely James is not going through a situation as difficult as mine. Then we learn that James and other early believers were going through life challenging situations with people who hated them enough to seek them out and kill them. The word “count” in this context is an accounting term. It does not mean that we are to be thrilled that God has allowed problems in our lives. It means that we count the benefit of lessons God is teaching us. I have often said, “I don’t need to experience that challenge. Just let me read about it in a book. I promise I will learn what You are teaching me.” God says, “Yah, right. “But God, I learned that before.” “Well, my child, you need a refresher course.”

**When
UNEXPECTED
Things Happen**

The Psalmist also reminds us in chapter 46 verse 10 to "Be still and know that I am God." That is a Hebrew expression to encourage us to simply "drop our arms," to quit trying to work things out on through our own energy, our own resources. This is especially difficult for men. We can fix the situation ourselves. As in previous newsletters, God at times does give us more than we can handle so we MUST depend on Him.

2 Corinthians 5 "For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens . . . So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. . . So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him."

I was able to give out 60 or more "Forgiven Witness" cards with the simple message that Christ died to make forgiveness possible. Hospital staff gladly took the cards and some even took an extra one two for others. Praying God uses the seed in hearts to bring some into Heaven.

I am uncertain of course when you will receive this newsletter. On May 11th I have an appointment with a kidney specialist. So far, all testing has shown normal function. I have another appointment on May 19th that will determine the next step doctors will take. I have been assured that the probable procedure will take care of my problem. **PRAY WITH US TO THAT END AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL ENCOURAGEMENT.**

NEW PASTOR AT COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN KETTLE FALLS, WA

Our faithful ministry partners at Community Bible Fellowship in Kettle Falls, WA have been without a shepherd for over a year. Kettle Falls is a small community about an hour south of the Canadian border. God definitely opened the door for Pastor Mark Leisch and his wife Cindy to fill the need at CBF. Mark and Cindy have served the Lord in vocational ministry for many years. I know the flock is excited to once again have a shepherd.

I was going to attend this special service, but God had other plans. Our friend and partner in ministry, Wayne Morris, was able to attend the installation service representing ESM. Wayne has been a tremendous blessing and encouragement sent by God at just the right time. At one point, we had three churches without pastors. Coordination of times, dates and places was a challenge at times.

One thing we can pray with these faithful folks about is a meeting place. They are currently holding service in the local American Legion Hall, but have been given notice that they will no longer be able to meet there by the end of the year. The city council will not allow another new church building within city limits. God certainly has creative and unexpected ways of meeting our needs.



LEADERSHIP TEAM

INSTALLATION SERVICE SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023

PASTORS
are special
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PASTOR'S WIFE
is a blessing



PASTOR MARK AND CINDY LEISCH



Thoughts from Dawna . . . Things Used To Be Harder

Yesterday I was reminiscing with one of my kids about what it was like growing up in a house that was built in the 1950's. According to modern aesthetics of the 1990's, when I was a teen living in that house with my parents, it might not have been considered desirable by most families. However, that house (where my dad still lives) was built to endure the decades with its heavy construction materials, thick walls, and solid floors.

My daughter, who is 15 years old, then also began to reminisce about what it was like for her spending most of her childhood up until now having lived in an older home. She said, "All the drawers in the kitchen and hallway were heavy and hard to pull out." *She went on to say, "You know, I miss how that used to feel. Things are easier now, drawers in new homes are easy to open and close, but I miss that feeling of it being hard." *

After she said this out loud to me, she apologized for possibly sounding weird or that it might not have made sense. I insisted otherwise and thanked her for sharing something that I regarded as profound due to the substance of what she was saying. The feeling of resistance and difficulty is a good thing and when you don't have hardship in your life, you're missing something essential.

As it relates to scripture, it made me think of **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**.⁹ *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*¹⁰ *That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*



How does a heavy drawer that moves back and forth on wooden slides remind me of Jesus? Because even a child recognizes that when adversity is gone, when hardship is gone, when you no longer need to exhibit strength because things are easier, you're missing out on something.

Without weakness and persecutions, we don't need a Savior. It's tempting to wish that all those things in life that seem to bungle up progress, slow us down, make us angry, and are in the way of progress, end up being constant reminders that in our weakness God makes us strong. We are being built for eternity and finding closeness in a relationship with Jesus through the things that are hard, not through the progression of easiness and a simpler life.

*A special thank you to Adeline Ruth Wilson for her young, contemplative mind and her willingness to always share it with me.

2 Corinthians 1:11 "You help us by your prayers. . ."

- Pray for our son, "G2," who continues to struggle with pain.
- I would appreciate your continued prayer for the health challenge I am facing. I have been told by the doctors that the upcoming treatment will be successful. Pray to that end.
- Pray for our friend, Pastor Kevin Che'n and his wife Janell, as they face Pastor Kevin's dialysis treatments and kidney transplant.
- Continue to pray for God to help us plan for the future of ESM and a Timothy to partner with us. Recent health challenges make this a priority.
- Pray with our friends at Country Bible Church in Dusty, WA as they seek a new shepherd for their flock.

