

Wenatchee Brethren Baptist Quarterly Newsletter

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Will Everything Be Alright?

“²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Romans 8:28 New Living Translation

“Would you believe me if I told you everything will be alright? I won’t be offended if you are not sure. The way the world is today, it is hard to be hopeful. But I will share one small thought to tuck away in the back of your mind: you are a blessing. In the life of someone else, you are a living blessing. And as long as you are, as long as you care, as long as you love, everything will be alright, no matter what happens.” Bishop Steven Charleston

I think this verse we have from Paul in Romans may be one of the hardest to believe when our lives are extremely challenging, and especially when we’re suffering loss or tragedy. Can God actually cause everything to work together for good? It’s crucial to note that this verse does not claim that all things that happen *are* good. Many things that happen to and around us are horrible, senseless, and cruel. God certainly does not expect us to pretend that bad things are good so that we can have faith. That is not how faith works, contorting our emotions like a pretzel so that God can see that we trust.

I believe our faith is rooted in God’s power to redeem, to bring good out of bad, even when we cannot see how that works. We often cannot. I mean, we *often* cannot. Many times in my life I have wanted to see how things are working out for good for me or for anyone who loves God and is called according to God’s purpose. Through my own suffering and inability to see the bigger picture, I have come to believe in God’s faithfulness for what I *cannot* see. You and I *are* a blessing, a living blessing, in one life or in many. Whether we can see how I am blessing others, we trust this is true. Charlton writes “...as long as you care, as long as you love, everything will be alright, no matter what happens.” Steven Charlton is an indigenous American, an elder in the Choctaw Nation and a retired Episcopal Bishop. His writing and teaching encourages me because he speaks from the perspective of one who, personally and as part of a persecuted people, has suffered and whose faith has endured.

When I look at my immediate circumstances, I’m not at all certain that “everything will be alright,” in terms of specific circumstances working out as I hope. I pray, we pray, and many things do not get better.

But this is a deeper understanding of “everything will be alright.” Take a moment to consider this: “as long as you love, everything will be alright, no matter what happens.” We are no longer talking about whether all our circumstances—even the ones we consider the most important—will go smoothly, or remotely as we hope they will. This will sound contradictory and certainly is paradoxical, but Steven Charleston is teaching (or reminding) us that the only thing we have within our power is choosing whether or not we love. Is it really so simple as “if we love, everything will be alright?”

I can’t answer that question for you. But I can tell you I believe God loves us—and *everyone*!

I can tell you that I believe we know God’s love for us *as* we love ourselves and others.

Finally, I can tell you that I will continue to live by this faith of loving ourselves and others as Jesus has loved us. May we be a blessing, even when we cannot see how God is working everything together for good. May God give us faith that everything will be alright, even when things are not alright.

Pastor Mike



THANK YOU to Shirley Mueller who planned the lunch on August 30 and shopped for the food, and to everyone who helped set up and put away chairs and tables. It was fun! We need to do more of that sort of thing to keep us bonded.

DEACONS

We will have a Bread and Cup Communion on October 4 (first Sunday in October) which is World Communion Sunday.

Deacon Chairs,
Leanne Ford & Linda Vickery

MARY KINTNER MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mary Kinter's memorial service is Saturday, October 10, 11:00am at our church. Mary and her family were stalwarts in the Brethren Baptist Church for more than 50 years. Please join her family in celebrating her life.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to our Office Manager, Betty Radke, who can do anything we need and does it with a smile. She often must work from home due to her husband's needs but meets every deadline and produces quality work every time. Words can't express our appreciation.

The Church Board

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our Shut-ins:

Carolyn Storme
Shirley Beck
Darlene Ball
Warren & Evelyn Eikenberry
Jim Hart
Jay Stockwell

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

8th Annalise Rumley-Wells
9th Mike Rumley-Wells
18th Carolyn Storme
19th Kathy Madsen

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7th Valentina Saucedo
8th Tanya Zaytsev
9th Keith Madsen

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Colleen Michael
Rowan Rumley-Wells
9th Alexis Vickery
11th Jo Anne Cox
17th Joe Roy
22nd Barbara Dryden
Caleb Vickery



Happy Birthday to You
(sung to the usual tune)

Happy Birthday to you!
To Jesus stay true!
May all of God's blessings
Rain down upon you!

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

None

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

23rd Joe & Merry Roy



STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY OCTOBER 11



Each year we have a special Sunday devoted to stewardship. Stewardship is how we use and share the resources God has entrusted to us. On

Stewardship Sunday we offer our “pledge cards” and commit ourselves to giving of our time, talents, and money in the coming year. This helps us reflect on our own stewardship, and it helps the church prepare next year’s budget.

This year, Stewardship Sunday is on October 11. ***Generosity, Sharing, Giving, Love.*** 2 Corinthians 9:11, “*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.*”.

You should have received a mailing with more information and your pledge cards for 2027. If you didn’t get one, there are more available in the office.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Pacific Northwest District meeting is at Camp Koinonia, September 25-27.

This is a beautiful time of year to be at camp, do business, and fellowship together. A report will be available after we return.

FUTURE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Future Church Committee met on Tuesday, August 25 to start the process of looking at the future of our congregation. The committee was attended by 7 individuals: Joe Roy, Steve Shell, Jim Bailey, Leanne Ford, Keith Madsen, Jan White and Lael Vickery. Rudy Mueller is on the committee and will attend the next meeting. There was a lot of discussion on what the future of our church might be, and as we move forward it will take time to weigh all the thoughts and ideas that will best serve our small church and congregation.

All of us seemed to agree that we want to keep our congregation together as long as we can. One thought is to meet in a smaller area, so we don’t seem so small of a group in a large room.

Lael, Rudy and Jim met with Pastor Carson and talked about the future remodeling of the building to see how it might affect our congregation. Trinity does not have any set plans as to when they will begin remodeling, but they will let us know in plenty of time what their plans are.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 22 at 10:00am. If you have any questions, please talk to Lael or one of the committee members. We will keep you informed as to when our future meetings will be.

Co-Moderator Lael Vickery

Update from Tuesday, September 22 Meeting

The second meeting of the Future of the Church Committee was held this morning. After hearing thoughts from the committee members, the committee recognized they needed to hear the thoughts of other members of the church. A simple survey will be designed to help members share their thoughts. The survey will be available to all members of the church. It should be available by the third week of October. Your thoughts can be shared either in writing or by talking with one of the committee members: Lael, Steve, Leanne, Rudy, Keith, Jim, Jan, and Joe.



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CREATION CARE CORNER

Care for Creation

Fall 2026

Speak to the earth and it shall teach you. Ask the creatures of earth and sea for their wisdom.
Job 12:8

What do God's creatures teach you?

September begins the "Season of Creation". What can you do to honor God's beautiful Creation?

Advocate for public transportation in your town. Carpool, share rides, and ride the Link bus —it's free! As the weather cools, spend more time outside walking and noticing nature.

As the leaves start to change colors, take time to get to know the trees and plants around you. You don't have to go far; look in your own yard or in the parks around you.

Have a recycled Halloween. Create a costume solely out of recycled items. You can be a bug, an animal, a plant, or an eco-hero.

"Nature is the one song of praise that never stops singing" —from Father Richard Rohr.

Creation Care Team



FROM THE DESK OF CO-MODERATORS, LAEL & CONNIE

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Fall Church Council meeting will be on Sunday, December 5 immediately following worship.

The topics will include:

- ✓ Approval of the 2027 Budget

Lael & Connie



JUSTIN MURPHY-MANCINI

Organist Justin Murphy-Mancini will perform at Grace Lutheran Church on Friday, October 9, at 7:00pm. Tammy Kintner will join in with the English Horn and Kara Hummicutt with Cello.

2 CENTS WORTH OFFERING Sunday, November 29

The 2 Cents Worth Offering is where every person sets aside 2 Cents for every meal every person eats in their home to go toward world hunger and the Heifer Project.





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MISSION STATEMENT

It is our joyful response to God's love and grace in Jesus Christ that we be faithful servants to one another and the world.

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to:

- Experience God and mature in Christ,
- Equip believers for service,
- Encourage one another in love,
- Share the good news with the lost and hurting world,
- Encourage one another to practice our faith.

Brethren-Baptist Church Staff

Pastor
Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Minister of Music
Transportation Ministry
Jr. Church Teacher

Mike Rumley-Wells
Betty Radke
Judi Delabarre
Caleb Vickery
Merry Roy

PASTOR MIKE'S DAYS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Mornings

BETTY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Thursday

In-Office Hours are flexible & limited.
Please call the office before coming in.