



Mitchell Community Church

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Sharing the Love of Christ



Newsletter

Mission Statement

Developing Passionate Followers of Jesus Christ

We at Mitchell Community Church are dedicated to providing a Biblical ministry to the people of this community. Our goal is to provide love and support for each member of this body of believers and to share the love of Christ with all members of our community. We are convinced that the Bible is God's word to man. We believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised again on the third day according to the Scriptures..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact one of our Pastors or Elders.

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Youth Director – Tim Mejia

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You are invited

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Spanish-Speaking Sunday School Class
9:45 a.m.

Drive-in Church – 10:45 a.m.

Youth Group/Sunday School
& Children's Church
(during drive-in church)

Church Officers 2020 – 2021

Chairman	Don McFarlane	
Vice Chairman	Tom Veneman	
Elders	Don McFarlane	Tom Veneman
	Dave Bobbitt	
Treasurer	Brian LaFollette	
Secretary	Cathy Black	
Trustees	Jon Fletcher	Jay Mohr
	Randy LaFollette	Roger Parks
	Vern Larson	Cliff Sanders
	Paul Maze	
Deaconess	Jill McFarlane	
	Wanda Stone	
	Leslie Mohr	
Sunday School Superintendent		(vacant)
Asst. Sunday School Superintendent		Sarah Maze

Our church calendar is online:

<https://www.mcchurchturlock.org/google-calendar/>



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We continue to study the life and miracles of Jesus. On March 21st we will begin studying Palm Sunday and the events leading up to Easter. Please make sure that your child comes with a mask on. They are required to wear a mask during Children's Church.

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 28TH-JULY 2ND

VBS is a powerful week of ministry at Mitchell Community Church. It's full of the gospel, children, servant hearts, and fruit from the Lord. We have tentatively scheduled this ministry with hope. The format will look different under the current cohort guidelines, but it is possible. ☺ Each class will be limited to the first 14 children in that age group to register. Instead of rotating through stations, each class will remain in their own classroom for a variety of activities each night except for outdoor games.

While these dates may seem a ways off, it is really important to know if we will have enough help to hold VBS. Please let Sarah Maze know as soon as possible if you may be able to help. The level of available help needs to be determined in order to prepare and plan for this ministry. Please be in prayer as we seek the Lord's wisdom and guidance.



EASTER SUNDAY

On Easter Sunday, the children will be joining the worship team in singing the chorus of Living Hope by Phil Wickham. We will also be practicing Jesus Loves Me. We will practice this chorus in Children's Church. Please reinforce it at home.



Pulled Pork Sandwich Dinner

Held March 3rd and sold out (fast!)

Thank you for supporting our kiddos going to Hume Lake Christian camp this summer!

There will be another drive-thru dinner fundraiser in April!

Sojourner Youth Fellowship

Jr. High & High School Youth Group – Sunday School Sunday mornings at church

Last Sunday of each month meet for lunch and fun.

For more information:
Tim Mejia
(209) 535-4118

Men's Fellowship

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Held in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAYS @ 3:30 PM

A study in the book of Daniel led by Pastor Rex and Jared.

Contact Pastor Rex for more information (209) 648-1924

THURSDAYS @ 7 PM

"The Measure of a Man"

by Gene Getz

Contact Rick Frazier for more information (209) 277-4303

Each Wednesday
@ 7 pm
PRAYER MEETING
in Church
Fellowship Hall
All are welcome!

Women's Bible Study Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m.
"ENGAGING GOD'S WORD"
Book of Daniel



@ Jill McFarlane's house
209-345-9028 for more information

From Pastor Dave ~

Gracefully Broken

I was in one of those dollar stores last night. My kids are adults now and this woman and her two little children reminded me of myself decades ago. I was waiting in a long line and behind me was this woman and her two children. One of the kids looked like he was a Jr. High boy and the other a pre schooled aged little brother. The older boy had a pack of glow sticks he was eager to get out of the store with. The toddler's imagination as his big brother explained why he loved glow sticks, had stirred him up and he was soon screaming for his own glow sticks! The mom was exasperated and impulsively took the package of them from her older son and ripped open the package to give the temper-tantrum throwing youngster what he wanted and he quieted now. He was now walking around triumphantly but when the bigger boy took it back, the toddler started screaming again.

Just as the mom was about to repeat her pacifying strategy of giving the offended brother the glow stick back, the older child broke the membrane to allow the glowing liquid to activate the glow stick and then he handed it back to the toddler. As we walked outside at the same time, the toddler noticed that the stick was now glowing; and his brother explained his actions – "I had to break it so you could get the full effect from it!"

It was then that the Lord came up to me and He had my full attention. He spoke to me- "I had to break you to show you why I created you. You had to go through brokenness so you could fulfill the purpose I made you for." I knew exactly what heartbreaks He was talking about.

The little boy was happy just swinging the unbroken glow stick around in the air. He didn't understand what the stick was created to do- it was meant to glow.

There are some people who are content just to blend in. But God created us to show forth His light, His glow. We have to be broken to let release His glow.

We have to get sick.

We have to lose a job.

We go through a divorce.

We bury a spouse, our parents, a best friend or our very own child.

In those moments of desperation, God is breaking us. And as we align to His eternal purposes, we get a clearer vision for the reason He allows us to be broken.

The outward glow is the unexplainable peace that He gives to those who cling to the only Sure Thing that never fails- His love and faithfulness.

- Rhonda Petrillo