



Mitchell Community Church

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Sharing the Love of Christ



Newsletter

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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.

Church Officers 2022 – 2023

Chairman	Randy LaFollette	
Vice Chairman	Vern Larson	
Elders	Rex Wright	
	Rick Frazier	
Treasurer	Christina Ruiz	
Secretary	Cathy Black	
Trustees	Jon Fletcher	Roger Parks
	Vern Larson	Dan Ruiz
	Don McFarlane	Cliff Sanders
	Jay Mohr	Steve Weber
Deaconess	Kathy LaFollette	Diane Parks
	Jill McFarlane	Sherry Sotelo
	Leslie Mohr	Cheryl Weber
Sunday School Superintendent		Jennifer Maimone
Asst. Sunday School Superintendent		Kathy LaFollette

you're invited

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School, All Ages @ 9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts Fellowship Time

@ 10:15 a.m.

Church Service @ 10:45 a.m.



Our church calendar is online:

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

Psalm 119 Study
Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School
Starting January 1, 2023

A study of the longest chapter in the Bible

Psalm 119 is like no other Psalm. It affirms the character of the Scriptures and affirms that God's Word reflects the very character of God Himself. One of the prominent themes in Ps 119 is the profound truth that the Word of God is all sufficient. Ps 119 describes how the Word enables us to grow in Holiness and gives insight to deal with the trials and pressures that Christians often experience in their walk of faith.

- "Psalm 119 Stands as the Mount Everest of the Psalms"; John MacArthur.
- "Psalm 119 is like a string of pearls...".
"Remarkable for how often it refers to God's Word",
David Guzik

This interactive class facilitated by Ed Maze, is suitable for new believers, veteran believers, and nonbelievers.

Ladies Home Bible Studies

Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. beginning Jan. 3rd

Ten Women of the Bible, by Max Lucado
...one by one they changed the world...
At **Jill McFarlane's home**. Phone: 209-345-9028
Let Jill know if you are coming so she can order your book (\$15)

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.
beginning mid-January

"Abide" - This study is on 1st, 2nd and 3rd John
Join us at **Sherry Sotelo's home** to discuss your week's study of the lesson followed by a video from Jen Wilkins.

Contact Sherry at (209) 702-1802 if you are interested in coming so she can order your book, and let you know the start date.

Adult Sunday School Class Locations

Rick Frazier's class meets in the Sanctuary building
Ed Maze's class meets in the portable classroom bldg.

Children's / Youth Sunday School for all ages too!

Men's Bible Studies

- **Wednesday afternoons, 3:30 p.m.** re-starting January 11th at church.
- **NEW: Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m.** starting Jan. 12th **at Roger Parks' home.** Call Roger for more information, or if you need directions, (209) 401-0397.

Food Pantry Update

January donations request:
Canned meat, canned potatoes,
canned peaches

Please see Diane Parks or Cheryl Weber about donations to, or the need to receive food from, our church food pantry. ***The food is available, please do not hesitate to use this resource.*** Cheryl's phone number is 209-241-4110. Arrangements can be made to provide food on days other than Sunday if needed.

MITCHELL COMMUNITY CHURCH

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COOK-OFF

WED, JANUARY 18TH AT 6:00 PM

Enter your chili and/or cornbread.
If you're not entering, you can bring brownies or sodas to share! Signups at church starting 1/1/23.



Church League Volleyball

Games continue! We have 2 teams in the league, "Mitchell Community" and "Mitchell Crusaders". Games are on Monday evenings and held either at our Mitchell or at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) in Turlock

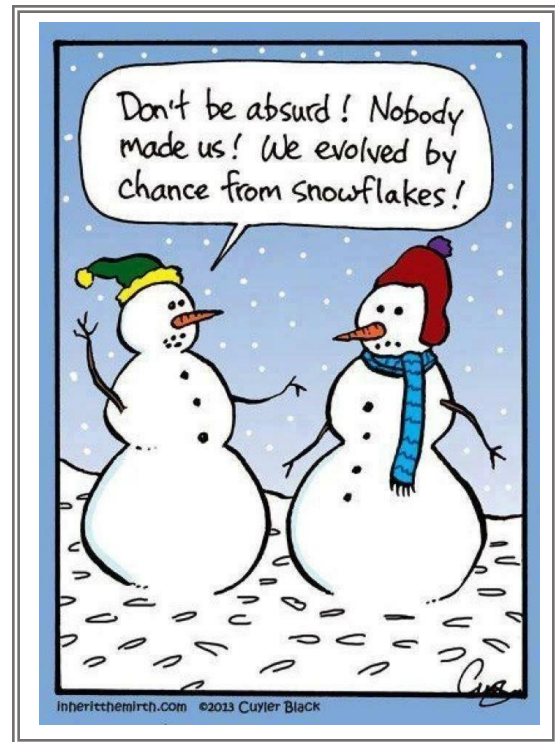
January game schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>
1/9	6:00	Mitchell Crusaders	MCC
1/9	7:00	Mitchell Community	MCC
1/16	6:00	Mitchell Community	MCC
1/16	7:00	Mitchell Crusaders	MCC
1/23	7:00	Mitchell Community	MCC
1/23	8:00	Mitchell Crusaders	GSLC
1/30	7:00	Mitchell Community	MCC
1/30	7:00	Mitchell Crusaders	MCC

Contact Rick Frazier if you have any questions or are interested in joining one of our teams, (209) 277-4303.

Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) Update

No meetings of the PSC occurred since November 29th, however the team continued to review a few applicants' resumes and communicate via emails and text messages. One interview of a local candidate is set to occur at the beginning of January.



SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
- JOHN 10:27 NIV

Wishing you a blessed New Year!

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Lord, please guide our thoughts and actions, and help us to bring glory to You in this new year. Amen

An article from Pastor Dave:

Becoming the Church You've Always Wanted

Galatians 5:13-26

We have been chosen to fulfill God's purpose in our generation; His purpose? To form a community of people in whom His Presence dwells, His priorities practiced, His transformative power seen, and His reconciliation plan explained and expanded.

Because of this goal,

You were the object of grace that drew you into relationship with God.

Your insurmountable debt of sin has been cancelled.

Your security from harm has been guaranteed.

You were made alive by the will of God, the work of Christ and the wooing of the Holy Spirit. As a result, you are God's child, Christ's bride and the Holy Spirit's temple.

What the specific purposes and practices in which we are to be engaged?

1. *I was created for God's pleasure*, so I will WORSHIP God as I submit every area of my life to His will for me.
2. *I was adopted into God's family*, so I will FELLOWSHIP with honor and love those who share my spiritual experience.
3. *I was given spiritual understanding*, so I will study and apply the WORD of GOD so my life increasingly reflects God's character.
4. *I was gifted to SERVE God*, so I will invest in ministry to others so that a part of God's virtue can be experienced personally.
5. *I was a recipient of the grace of God*, so I will SHARE my experience of God's mercy and blessing.

A Danish proverb goes like this- *What you are is God's gift to you; what you do with yourself is your gift to God.*

John Wesley lived by this motto: *I will do all the good that I can, by all means I can, in all the ways I can, in all the places I can, at all the times I can, to all the people I can, as long as I can.*

How can we become the people He's called us to be? We can only become the church we've always wanted by His prompting, His energy and His leading.

It is called *walking by the Spirit*.

The Old Covenant was anchored in the Law and the commandments. There were thousands of them. People of faith in those days thought in terms of tablets of stone and avoiding judgment. Jesus' redemption brought about a new work in people's hearts. His rule over us is by an inner work of His Spirit as He communicates by way of our spirit to obedience and response. We listen for His voice. It's a lot simpler.

The New Covenant Broke our Bondage to the Law and Flesh

¹³For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the

statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Walking by the Spirit Cancels Your Flesh and its Fruit

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. ¹⁹Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Walking by the Spirit Releases His Presence and Fruit

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

Anne Morrow Lindberg observed somewhere in her timeless little book, *Gift from the Sea*, that most of us don't really mind pouring our lives out for a reason. What we do resent is the feeling that it is being dribbled away in small, meaningless drops for no good reason. Living for God's divine purposes for which He created us is the noblest reason of all to pour out our lives. We are meant to give our all for Him in response to His for us. And while each of our offerings are uniquely our own, they all center in our corporate expression in our obligation to God and to each other- love God by offering our worship and learning of Him and his will for us and loving each other in service, fellowship and sharing Him with others. It's not that complicated and it is with His Spirit's enablement. Eternity will record whether we soar in the clouds or whether we waddle home.