



Fear, Faith, and Opportunity

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*"Our mission is to
proclaim the Word
of God, leading
people to a saving
faith and a growing
relationship with
Jesus Christ."*

Esther was afraid, and she had good reason to be. *"(Everyone) knows that for any man or woman who comes to the king's court who is not summoned, he has but one law, that he be put to death, unless the king holds out to him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days"* (Esther 4:11). Yet Mordechai was asking her to go the king's court.

Esther's situation is interesting. She was chosen to replace the previous queen over a host of other contestants, so her prominence is great. Right? But over four years have passed (compare Esther 2:16 & 3:7), and she apparently has lost some of the appeal she once had. It's been more than 30 days since she was summoned.

Summoned? Yep. It seems that being queen isn't everything it's cracked up to be. She has a title, which apparently doesn't mean much. Maybe she gets served first at dinner and such. But she doesn't even have the right to just walk up to her own husband!

Still, her odds are good, aren't they? She has a much better chance the king will favor her than if you or I tried to walk up to him. Yeah, the odds might be better, but don't forget how high the stakes are! And if she hasn't been called for thirty days, maybe the king has a new favorite and this would be a great way to get rid of an old wife that has become something of a nuisance.

But the future of the Jewish nation is at stake, and Mordechai cranks up the pres-



sure. *"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"* (Esther 4:14).

Mordechai is convinced God will deliver His people. He has to; He's made promises. But he doesn't say, "Don't worry, God will deliver them another way to the pressure's off."

Instead, he says, "Look at where you are. You're in the perfect place to act."

If you need to refresh yourself, read the book of Esther. You'll find she steps up and God does use her to deliver the Jewish people. She was indeed given her royal position for that time.

Her position gave her opportunity. Opportunity was not enough. It had to be met with courage, and with faith.

Most of us don't relate real well to the story of Esther. Fairy Tale story, Cinderella. King's castles and royal intrigue. It all makes good entertainment, but it doesn't fit our everyday scenario.

But opportunity, requiring faith and courage? That is something we all encounter. Opportunity to witness, opportunity to defend your faith, to stand your ground, to give, to go. Very few of our opportunities are big and dramatic. Many of them, however, are frightening; to some degree anyway. And many of us, often, do not meet the opportunity with faith, courage, or action.

You are where you are for such a time as this. Grasp the opportunity.



Photo of the Month



Last month's picture showed guys working in the rafters. Now the rafters are full of insulation and covered with sheetrock. What will next month look like?

Elders Report

Tuesday, 3 February 2026, 6:00pm

Attendees: Steve McLachlan, John Doyle; Dion Ricketts, Knute Hernas, Mike Bell and Ranse Herzinger. Guests: Annie Ricketts, Colby Floyd

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved.

Pastor's report

- The Almira church's annual Anvil Men's Conference is set for March 13-14.
- Steve wants to repeat the Love & Respect Bible study at 6:00 pm on Sunday evenings. It is 12 weeks long.
- The Hamms would like to pay us a visit this Spring.
- Vicente is ready to retire after 46 years of service to his church in Mexico. We need to discuss his support.
- Life Services Baby Bottle fundraiser is set from Mother's Day through Father's Day.
- We're considering another Men's Fishing Trip out of Westport this September.
- Building Report: Insulation is going in, to be followed by sheetrock.

Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership Training (YLT)
 - Good attendance – 11 Youth.
 - Planning an April 6-10 mission trip to the House of Omeed. It has been fully funded: \$1,500.00.
- 4 YLT's gave their personal testimonies at church in place of the sermon. They all did GREAT!
- Sunday School – Discussing how to give their personal testimony.
- Youth Group
- Going OK, 4-6 youth.
- 4 Youth went to Winter Camp at CLBC

Old Business

- Scholarship Application Form is ready to use. Application time is nearly upon us.
- CLBC is still aging – Gym upgrades and repairs estimate is \$35,000; getting estimates on 3 additional vital areas.
- Dad Jokes and Chili Cookoff are happening March 1.

New Business

- Naloxone single-use vials (for opioid overdose) are now kept with the AED in the church Library.
- Colby suggested an Auto Mechanic-based fellowship. Discussion ensued, but nothing was scheduled.
- Elders will take turns teaching The Shepherd Leader at Home at Men's Breakfast

Intercessory Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 3 March 2026, 6:00 pm

Church Funds Report not available



Ladies Fellowship and Breakfast

Join us Saturday, March 14th, for a wonderful breakfast made even better by the joy of sharing it with good friends. It's so good to spend time with each other!

Patchwork of Grace Quilt Retreat

March 19-21 at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. Classes, samples, and a flexible schedule. Register by March 9th. Brochures at TBF or online at clbcamp.org



Plan Ahead for Easter

Good Friday is April 3rd. We will have a service at 7 pm, with a special Choir presentation.

Once again we will join with Lake Roosevelt Bible Church at 7 am Easter morning for a Sunrise Service at the old Swedish Cemetery, just above Deer Meadows. We will have a normal Sunday schedule for our worship service. No Youth Group on Easter.



by John Doyle

Looks like the Youth G.A.N.G is sliding into March. This February was a bit rough with all the colds and flus going around but I think we have all survived. This month we will be in full swing. Food, Fun and a **St. Paddies Day** party, what more could you want? Please pray for the Youth Leadership, our mission trip is coming up fast in April. Let's bring it on cause the Youth G.A.N.G. is on the Move

Youth Group G.A.N.G. (God's Anointed Next Generation)

Youth Group, come hang with the G.A.N.G. Discover Jesus Christ and maybe play a game or two. Youth Group runs 3:30 to 5 pm

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

Youth Leadership Mar 2nd & 16th 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Upcoming Events:

YLT Mission Trip to Canada, Apr 6th to 10th

Big Event for March

St. Paddies Day Party March 15th Come dressed in green and win a prize!! 3:30 to 5 pm



Volunteer

The Youth ministries can use your time, talent, and prayers. If you are interested in volunteering or serving the Youth G.A.N.G we can sure use help, please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, tbfypdoyle@gmail.com

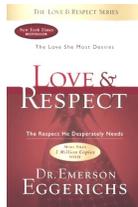
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

On Saturday, March 7th we have 8 hosts who will be ready to receive guests at 5pm. Those who sign up will be matched with a host and receive an envelope in their church mailbox with the name and address of their hosts on March 1st. Please keep it a secret! You will also be given an item to bring (i.e.-salad, vegetable, or dessert). The food theme is Italian.

This is a fun way to get to know some new families in our church! Please contact Justina Sliter with questions.

Love and Respect

A couples' video presentation by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. Enjoyable, meaningful, and practical. Facilitated by Pastor Steve, starting Sunday, March 1st at 6 pm. No cost, child care is provided. Feel free to join us.



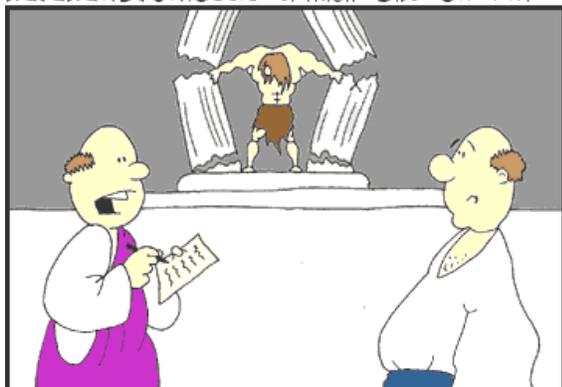
Men in March

March 1st: Chili Cook-off and Dad Joke Contest. Categories for Best, Hottest, and Most Unusual Ingredient. Definition of a Dad Joke: A short joke a dad could tell his kid, whether his kid gets it or not.



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AND FOUND SOME PRETTY SERIOUS
STRUCTURAL FLAWS

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AWANA is picking up after the Christmas break! This week, we have my personal favorite theme: PAPER AIRPLANE NIGHT! The kids always love making paper airplanes, racing them, and playing airplane themed games.

Monthly Average Attendance:

Cubbies: 13 || Sparks: 21.5 || T&T: 14 || Trek: 6 || Staff: 23

Things to Pray for:

Grand Prix - March 11 - Please pray that the hearts of parents and children alike will be opened to God's word.

Special March Nights

March 4	Boots Night
March 11	Grand Prix!
March 18	Not Baseball Hats
March 25	Ice Cream Social Night

Missionary of the Month:

Robert & Cindy McDowall

Serving Washington & North Idaho



March 2026

Women's Ministry Leader: *Joan McLachlan*

Group Members: *Lorie Wandling*

Debbie Boleneus

Jen Doyle

Tiffany Carstens



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chili Cook-off & Dad Joke Contest after church Love & Respect Study 6 pm	2 Youth Leadership 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	3 Elders Meeting 6 pm	4  6 pm Boots Night	5 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	6  7 am	7 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 5 pm
8 Daylight Savings Time begins  Youth Group 3:30 pm Love & Respect Study 6 pm	9 Deaconess Meeting 1 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	10 Mission Committee Meeting 2 pm	11  6 pm Grand Prix Night	12 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	13  7 am Men's Anvil Conference in Almira	14  9 am
15 Youth Group St Paddy's Day party 3:30 pm Love & Respect Study 6 pm	16 Youth Leadership 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	17	18  6 pm Anything But Baseball Hat	19 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	20  7 am	21  8 am
22 Love & Respect Study 6 pm	23 Choir Practice 6 pm	24	25  6 pm Ice Cream Social	26 BSF 10 am Ladies Prayer 1 pm	27  7 am	28 Baby Shower for Grandma-to-be Annie Ricketts 11 am 
29 Communion/ Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30 pm Love & Respect Study 6 pm	30 Choir Practice 6 pm	31				

Christian Heritage School ONLINE Auction March 11-15

Quilt Camp @ CLBC March 19, 20, 21