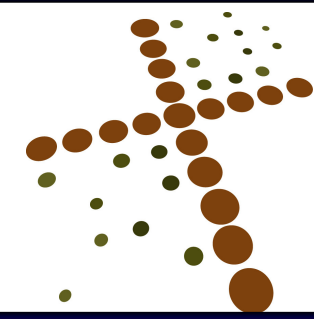




Calendar Highlights

- November 12th - Joy Group (55+) Meeting Baggie Brunch
- November 13th - International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- November 13th - Seek God for Ferndale @ 6pm in the Gym
- November 17th - Operation Rolling Thunder
- November 18-19 - Men's Retreat at Cedar Springs
- November 19th - MCC Blanket Project
- November 23rd - aLive Thanksgiving Dinner @ 7pm
- November 24-25 - Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 4th - Hymn Sing @ 6pm in the Gym
- December 15th - Operation Rolling Thunder
- December 17th - MCC Blanket Project
- December 23rd - Office Closed
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Service @ 7pm
- December 25th - Christmas Morning Service @ 10:15 (no Sunday School)
- December 27th - Office Closed



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With the orange and red leaves, crisp fall air, and frost on the windshield in the morning, there is no denying that we have entered into a new season. The Good News family is also going through some exciting changes as we search for an associate pastor and remodel our building. We make these changes to continue to reach out and make passionate followers of Jesus.

We would not be able to make these changes if it weren't for passionate and committed people before us. At this time, more than ever, I thank God for the gifted and wise servants He has had, and still has, at Good News. We stand on mighty shoulders. I recently read through Pastor Harold Schroeder's dream for GNF. I am encouraged that some of his dreams are being lived out like "we listen to one another's viewpoints" and "we warmly greet visitors and develop friendships with them".

I am also very thankful for the leadership and friendship of Skip Suess. As many of you know, Skip served as the pastor of Good News faithfully for many years. We are blessed to have Skip and Denise in our church body. Skip's love for people and caring heart is obvious in our church body.

Skip and Denise have been a key part of the changes in our church body in the past and continue to passionately serve God as a vital part of our facility's remodel team.

God has used many other loving, Christ-centered people to bring us to the point we are at currently at GNF. My prayer is that God will use the changes we make with our Associate Pastor search and building remodel to further His work in and through all of us.

We are in the process of searching for an Associate Pastor to enrich the ministry of our diverse church body. We are also in the process of a much-needed update of our facilities. Cracked walls will be patched, multi-colored walls will be repainted, wavy carpets will be replaced, etc. We are also looking to maximize the number of seats in our sanctuary to 299. We are moving the offices to the

gym building to make more secure room for the children's ministry classes which will meet in the current office spaces.

A good reminder for us in this season of God's work through us comes again from Pastor Harold's list of dreams: "We always put people ahead of buildings" and "we depend totally on the Holy Spirit for power in ministry". As we see changes happening in our church family for God's glory, let us remember that we are a part of a rich history and exciting future of doing God's work together for His glory

Praying for our ministry!

Pastor Bill

Ephesians 5: 1-2 *Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*



Prayer Ministry by Paul & Mary Acker

Paul and others in the early church prayed for healing, provision, opportunities to share the gospel, etc. But they also understood that they had a work to do through prayer for each individual believer in their fold.

Their aim was to **spiritually build up each member**. We can do likewise. Such prayers from Scripture can guide our petitions for our church family. In time, we'll see something remarkable happen among our people.

Prayer is the work of the Church.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

THE PRAYER CORNER – Following Sunday's sermon, you'll find prayer partners to intercede with you for a

variety of needs: health, employment, finances, relationships, spiritual struggles, moving, evangelistic opportunities, personal commitment to Christ, etc. It really helps to have prayer partners sharing your concerns!

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER -- Listed in GNF Family Directory, prayer partners are available to you during the week. There's more prayer power when 2 or 3 lift a need before God.

GNF PRAYER LIST (Weekly), available through email or at the information counter.

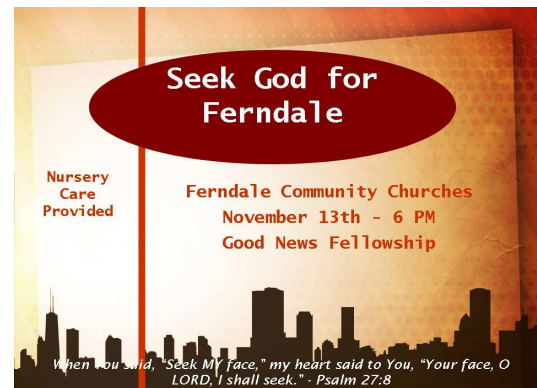
SEEK GOD FOR FERNDALÉ SERVICES – held in local churches. Next meeting is November 13 at 6 p.m.

OPERATION ROLLING THUNDER (ORT) – Our church participates in 24-hour prayer coverage for Whatcom County on the 3rd Thursday each month. Pray from your home. There are still time-slots to fill. Call Marsha Hatton (366-5479).

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Seek God for Ferndale

We desire to seek God's face, His heart and His blessing for our community in all of its facets: education, churches, government, media, families, business and military. It is an expression of love without condemnation, social or religious agendas.



News for you about aLive Student Ministries by Eric Young

It has almost been three years since Savannah and I began to work with youth at Good News Fellowship. Time has flown by, but in that time we have been blessed to see the hand of God at work both in Student Ministries and within the Good News Church body. We have felt so much to be a part of the church family and cannot express enough our gratitude for the generosity and overwhelming kindness we

have encountered. God has amazing plans for the future of Good News Fellowship and we rejoice with you in the things to come. More important than beginning something well is finishing well. I am excited to pass the baton of youth ministry off to a capable and energetic team with a heart to see students grow in their relationship with Christ.

Luke LeViere has been hired as the interim director and will be overseeing the youth ministry. Luke and his team will faithfully lead where the Lord directs and I believe that the best days of youth ministry are ahead. Thank you all for your prayers and support over the last few years. We have truly been blessed to be a part of this family.



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Children's Ministry by Petra Karber

I just love pre-schoolers! Aren't they great? Ask them a question and you never know what will come out of their little mouths. No inhibitions – they just tell it like it is! That's why, for us parents, they can be both loveable, adorable and scary at the same time! No editing! No review. No checking the facts of what they'll say – they just say it!

Four-year-old, Jenny, was telling her Dad about the Bible story she heard in her Sunday school class. It was the story of Jesus healing the blind man. When she got to the part where the Pharisees questioned the healed man, she said, "Oh boy, were those Ferris Wheels jealous of Jesus!" It's funny what they believe they've heard from us as we try to teach them. I'll bet you never prayed: "Our Father who art in heaven Harold be thy name." Or "forgive us our trash bas-

kets as we forgive those who throw trash in our trash baskets." Pre-schoolers have!

But then, pre-schoolers at times can say some things that are truly, deeply profound. Four-year-old Jonathan was trying to learn the Lord's Prayer. He learned by listening at church each Sunday. On one Sunday as the family was praying the Lord's Prayer, he could be heard above all the others, praying, "Our Father who art in Heaven, I know you know my name." "I know you know my name!" And He does! He knows me by name and He knows you by name; and our children know that He knows them by name too!

Right now we have 55 children who are seeing the love of God in our nursery and hearing about the love of God in Sunday School and Children's Church. This cannot be done without

the faithful serving of our nursery staff, teachers and helpers. The need for help may seem like a broken record but I would ask you to seek the Lord to see if He might be nudging you to even just be in the rooms for crowd control; I guarantee, though, that you will be so blessed by their lives you will want to do so much more! They need you to teach them about the love of Christ and the life they can have right now with Him. It is the heart of the Children's Ministry Team that each child that comes through the doors of Good News Fellowship learns from an early age what it means to have a personal relationship with Christ.

Jesus said, "Let all the children come to me." What role will you play?

Worship Ministry by Jaron Stanage

My name is Jaron Stanage, and I have the privilege of leading worship at Good News Fellowship Church. Although worshipping God can look like countless things (it is a lifestyle after all), music is a very effective tool in creating a worshipful atmosphere among a congregation. I believe in worshipping the Lord with every thing I have because every thing I have, I don't deserve. I do not want to take for

granted anything the Lord has given me, including the musical gifts I have been blessed with. Therefore, I will use them for Him. And what an incredible privilege it is.

Lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi. This is a Latin saying used in the Catholic church and translates as this: How we worship reveals what we believe, which in turn determines how we live. This is how I

hope all Jesus followers live their lives. I would like to see every member of the congregation (including myself) live a life that is constantly worshipping the Lord. It is my desire to see everyone grow in every aspect of worship so that when we come to church on Sundays, we are just continuing what was already a six day long time period of worshipping God. How wonderful would that be! Lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi.

Mennonite Your Way by Susan Baker

Pastor Bill has been talking about the importance of connecting with other people. One way that I have connected with people from the US and even a few from Europe is to have my name in a book called, Mennonite Your Way. It has names of people with their contact numbers from all across the US and around the world who are willing to host

travelers in their homes overnight. It has been an enriching experience for me to meet different people who have stayed in my home. I've had people from different states including a couple from Vermont who even came to church with me, some families from Pennsylvania, a bicyclist from Europe, as well as several other young adults from there. All

these people saw my name in the book, made arrangements with me to stay a night or two. Sometimes I served them meals, but that is not expected. If you would like to know more about the book, to buy one, or even to have your name included in the book, check at the information table for all the details.

