

The Chimes

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From the Pastor

The Chimes April 2025

In the four centuries between the closing of the Old Testament writings and the narratives of the New Testament several changes can be noticed. One of these changes has to do with the concept of life after death. Almost entirely absent in the Old Testament (Sheol is an undifferentiated realm of the dead. It is not life after death) the concept is so well accepted in the New Testament that well-developed arguments and religious divisions over it are present.

Religious researchers suggest that the notion of life after death began to appear in world religions some time around the seventh century BC. The concept might have arisen because justice never seems to be entirely fulfilled in this life, a lack that an afterlife might satisfy. A common form of the concept involved some part of a person that survives even death, perhaps a "soul" or a "spirit."

Christian teaching about an afterlife drew upon its Jewish heritage and affirmed not "survival," but resurrection, and insisted that resurrection must include the body. In the creation account God added his breath (spirit) to the mud-formed being of a

human, and “man became a living soul.” Full humanity involves a psycho-physical unity of spirit and body. Resurrection must include both.

But resurrection is not therefore some type of resuscitation. Lazarus was resuscitated not resurrected. Resurrection is not just “life after life.” Resurrection is new life, life made new, novel life. Resurrection is the fulfilling of what “eye has not seen, nor has the ear heard, neither has it entered in the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love God.”

Pastor Dan Berg

MODERATORS REPORT

Hello Brothers and Sisters.

April has arrived along with God’s spring showers and sporadic weather.

That’s how we know the season has changed. Things are also changing in

Our church. We have voted overwhelmingly to approve a pastoral candidate

who preached a wonderful sermon on March 23rd along with answering questions

form our congregation. He has been offered the position. We are waiting on

his response. We look forward to hopefully working with him to move the church

forward to it’s ensuing stage.

It was nice to have several young people attend services over the last couple weeks.

We could feel the energy and excitement they brought with them.

On a sad note, we sent our brother George Pontefract off to be with our creator.

He lived a full and active life. He will be missed.

In closing I believe we are all looking forward to what God has in store for the church.

In Christ we pray..

Kevin Hunt, Moderator of Newport Community Church

Trustees Report April 2025

Greetings to all,

My apologies as there has not been a Trustees report for a few months. You may know that Alice and I have been in Arizona since mid December. A big thank you to the Trustees that have stepped up in our absence. Thank the Lord, we didn't have any real emergencies.

I still don't have anything to report, however I'd like to take this opportunity to invite anyone, member or not, to join the Trustee committee. We could really use some help, so if you have any skills or a desire to get involved with the care, maintenance or security of our beautiful church building, let one of us know. On average, it may require an hour or two per month. Think about it, pray about it.

Blessings to all,

Bill

Diaconate News for April 2025

We have several events scheduled for the Lenten season.

April 9th will be our soup supper. The meal is at 5:30 followed by a short service. All are welcome to attend, and we are expecting friends from the Baptist church, so make them welcome. Soups will be: broccoli potato, chicken noodle, and hamburger vegetable. There are signup sheets for ingredients and helpers. As well, you can make a donation toward the cost of items. Please help us make this a wonderful time for all.

April 17th will be a gathering for Maundy Thursday. There will be time to converse with others, enjoy a small meal, and we will celebrate communion, all in the Fellowship Hall. Last year's gathering was very meaningful, so plan on coming.

You are invited to bring green plants to help decorate the sanctuary for Palm Sunday.

As always we need people to sign up again for lay readers and fellowship hour. So team up with someone and volunteer. Remember, coffee hour does not have to be a feast. Crackers from the cupboard are just fine. And I know that some of you live to cook. Coffee hour is what you make it. This is a time of fellowship, the food is an added bonus. And don't be afraid to step up and help clean up. Also, check out the reader board and sign up so Sheryl does not have to call you and beg. Granted, not all of us can read well, but if you are one of those who can, step up.

Chris

MISSIONS

Thank You All for remembering to support "Kathy's Cupboard" with food and clothing. Everything you give is taken by those in need.

Also: The Heifer Boxes are out for your donation. This has been a Lenten Tradition of our Church for MANY years. Your donation supports many people around the Globe with livestock, trees, bees etc. Boxes can be returned at Easter, or at any time and you are welcome to take one to fill during the coming year.

Dee Hargitt

Social Activities Team Report-April 2025

The Team is planning some events and outings for 2025.

Hoping for better weather of course.

The Spokane Indians have contacted me regarding our annual outing to Avista Stadium. They have a 25-person skybox reserved for us in August. We just need to choose a date. Our choices are August 12, 14, 26, 27, or 28. So check your calendars so we can confirm a date. We will have an all-you-can-eat buffet of course. Details to follow.

Alice and the team!!!

Newport Christian Women's Fellowship Report-April 2025

I was enjoying the sunshine in AZ so missed Jan, Feb, and March meetings.

I understand that the meetings went well with the leadership of VP Jackie Hunt and crew. Thanks to all who helped with the meetings.

February-They had a valentine's Day luncheon with Rudy Bergau as the speaker. Very amazing stories. The men were invited to attend as well to hear Rudy speak.

March-the speaker was our own Kamori Cattidoris who presented KISS your way to Health. She also made an amazing mulligatawny stew with all organic ingredients.

April's meeting will be on Friday, April 11th at noon. Lunch will be provided. The program will be to finalize plans for our Spring Fling Tea Party on May 9th. We will be discussing who we want as our speaker. See you there.

Alice,

President, WF

What is a God Wink? An event seemingly coincidental, but coming from divine origin, always a sign of hope. An answer to prayer. How many could look at the day a see if you had a God Wink Moment? Please take a moment and considered how many times God Winks at you.

Called to Care and Prayer Chain

Please think about joining the Called to Care Committee. Please help support Called to Care and the Prayer Chain by joining one or the other. Being on the prayer chain only take a minute to pray for someone in need.

God Bless Sheryl Loutzenhiser, Chairman

Prayer Requests

The office and Called-to-Care are trying hard to keep the prayer list in the bulletin accurate and updated. It would help the office if you would, please, send prayer requests to the office by e-mail or fill out the tear-off tab from the bulletin and place it in the offering basket or blue-office folder. Please check the bulletin and see if anyone can come off. Thank you.

If you are interested in Legacy Giving, please contact the church office.

If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office.

If you are interested in being a member, please contact the church office.

Reminder: We are not recycling aluminum at this time.

Mysteries of Life

As spring approaches as it always does,
The birds will sing, and the flowers will bud,
The air will be fresh, and the sun will shine,
and beginnings of life will start to unwind.

The days go by, and the rains do come,
giving the Earth it's life blood along with the sun,
As life goes on, we look forward to summer,
with its longer days and storms with thunder.

The dog days come then autumn is near,
kids go back to school and there's a chill in the air,
Colors change and the leaves will fall,
I can still smell them burning from when I was small.

Now it's winter again and as the cold winds blow,
we look back at the year and what we do know,
We know that our family loves us for us,

they look past our faults and in God they do trust.

We know we have friends that help us to laugh,
they look to our future, and they are part of our past,
We sometimes wish that we were never born,
but life is a gift and for our dead we do mourn.

Loved ones may leave us but they are still in our minds,
We'll see them again it's just a matter of time.
We remember the good times and we'll never forget,
how their lives touched ours and how we're better off for it.

At the end of the day though there is hardship and strife,
we give thanks to God, it's a wonderful life!

By Kevin Hunt

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