



# Spirit of Faith

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Of East Wenatchee  
July 2023 News Letter*

....to inspire and challenge believers to seek deeper ways of serving Our Lord, to motivate all people to follow Jesus Christ, and to nurture one another.

## **The Importance of Caring**

*“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”  
Romans 12: 15*

One of the greatest qualities of Jesus Christ was his caring attitude. Unlike many of the so-called religious leaders of his day, Jesus cared for people. Not just some people, but all people.

He cared for Zaccheus, a man of shorter stature who was despised by many Jews. He cared for the woman at the well, who was shunned by many of her fellow Samaritans. He cared for his friend Lazarus, weeping at the news of his death. He cared for the woman with the flow of blood who touched his robe to be healed. He cared for everyone he encountered.

As Christ’s followers, we should care about others. Unfortunately, we live in a culture which does not encourage empathy. The stresses of the last few years, including Covid, and divisive political elections, have not brought out the best in us, as a culture. Many observers believe we are more divided than ever.

What is the path forward? Empathy and caring are important first steps. What is empathy? There is line from the book, To Kill a Mockingbird, where Atticus Finch says, “First of all, if you learn a simple trick, Scout, you’ll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view ... until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.” That is empathy.

Besides modeling caring himself, Jesus pointed out the ways in which the religious “leaders” of his day often did not care about anyone other than themselves. In Matthew 23: 4, Jesus says that the scribes and Pharisees, “tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.” Not very caring at all!

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In contrast, Paul paints a picture of the church as a community of believers which shares life together, in all of its glory, and in all of its pain. That is why he says we are to “rejoice with those who rejoice, and to weep with those who weep.”

In the last couple of months, I have officiated or participated in four different weddings: those are opportunities to rejoice! Yet there have been, and continue to be opportunities to grieve, as well. The memorial service for one of our oldest saints, Mary Perkins, takes place this month, on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm. There are other griefs as well.

When I was ordained as a minister, one seasoned pastor gave me a wonderful piece of advice, which I try to live up to. Rev. Al Oliver said, “People do not care how much you know, until they know how much you care...”

May we be known as a church which cares about people...

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

*A message from Tall Timber staff*

Dear supporter of camp,

We are so excited that summer is finally here!  
Registration for camp is open and we hope you will join us in the White River Valley sometime this summer.



We are offering a traditional line up of camps with a rock-climbing camp for junior high and senior high aged campers. Family camp will once again be offered the first week of July (3-9th).

To register for camps, visit [talltimber.org](http://talltimber.org).

7/5-9: Junior Camp (grades 4-6)

7/9-14: Jr. High Camp (grades 6-8)

Thanks to generous supporters we will be able to offer partial and full scholarships. If you feel called to donate to our scholarship fund, please visit the church website.

7/16-21: Sr. High Camp (grades 9-12)

We hope to see you soon!  
The Tall Timber Team

For more information, go to [talltimber.org](http://talltimber.org)!

**Financial Update**  
**June 29, 2023**

Tithing brings Luke 6:38 to life - *Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full - pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.* This verse is a great reminder that when we give, we can expect to be blessed in return.

Church finances remain healthy, however, giving for the year through June 21<sup>st</sup> is below budget. Total giving which includes both pledged and non-pledged offerings was \$76,749 which is 10% below budget of \$85,029.

| Giving versus Budget at June 21, 2023 |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Giving                          | \$ 76,749  |
| Total Budget                          | \$ 85,029  |
| Difference                            | \$ (8,280) |

Thank you for your continued financial support of the church and its ministries! Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
 Josh Weldy  
 Elder, Finance and Administration

**July  
 Birthday**



|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Jacob Deal       | July 1  |
| Paul Ford        | July 1  |
| Linda M Mitchell | July 6  |
| Chris Dugan      | July 13 |
| Brenda O'Brien   | July 19 |
| Chris Elliott.   | July 30 |
| Frankie Zumwalt  | July 31 |

**July Anniversaries**

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Jon and Tara Abbott       | July 03 |
| Bruce and Julie McLean    | July 04 |
| Heath and Patty Rush      | July 10 |
| David and Erica Stanfield | July 16 |
| Pastor Jim and Jeana Deal | July 20 |
| Jim and Claudia Patterson | July 26 |





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|   |                        |  |                                     |   |  |  |  |  | 1<br>10am to 5pm<br>Hispanic Church |
| 2<br>10am Worship<br>11:15 Fellowship                         | 3<br>Office Closed     |  | 5<br>9:30 am Women's<br>Bible Study | 6<br>10:30 Office is open                         | 7<br>10:30 Office is open                                    | 8<br>1:30 pm Memorial<br>Service<br>For Mary Perkins |  |  |                                     |
| 9<br>10am Worship Service<br>11:15 Fellowship                 | 10<br>Office Closed    |  | 12<br>9:30am Women's<br>Bible Study | 13<br>10:30 Office is open                        | 14<br>10:30 Office is open                                   | 15<br>10am to 5pm<br>Hispanic Church                 |  |  |                                     |
|   |                        |  | 7-9 Hispanic Church                 |   |  |  |  |  |                                     |
| 16<br>10am Worship Ser-<br>vice<br>11:15 Fellowship           | 17<br>Office Closed    |  | 19<br>9:30am Women's<br>Bible Study | 20<br>10:30 Office is open                        | 21<br>10:30 Office is open<br>5-9pm Ginko Mineral<br>Society | 22<br>10am to 5pm<br>Hispanic Church                 |  |  |                                     |
|   |                        |  | 7-9 Hispanic Church                 |   |  |  |  |  |                                     |
| 23 10am Worship Service<br>11:15 Fellowship                   | 24<br>Office Closed    |  | 26<br>9:30am Women's<br>Bible Study | 27<br>10:30 Office is open<br>6pm Session Meeting | 28<br>10:30 Office is open                                   | 29<br>10am to 5pm<br>Hispanic Church                 |  |  |                                     |
| 30 10am Worship Service<br>11:15 Fellowship<br>July Birthdays | 31<br>Office is Closed |  | 7-9 Hispanic Church                 |   |  |  |  |  |                                     |