



Sunday Worship Times:
8:30 am online on
Facebook Live & 10:30
am in-person service

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Pastor's Message

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I have been thinking about our country a lot lately, especially the leadership of it. But don't worry, this is not going to be a political article; it is rather an article about prayer. Yes, prayer.

The apostle Paul wrote about the leadership of his country and the disciple of Christ's response to it. He wrote to Timothy in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

Of first importance for Paul was that disciples of Christ pray for their governments. It is important to note that Paul was in a Roman prison when he wrote this to Timothy. The government had not been particularly good to Paul, and the Emperor was certainly not in favor of Christianity. In fact, Christians were being persecuted at this point by the rulers and authorities of the empire. Yet Paul directs Timothy and all disciples of Christ to pray for their rulers, even though they may not have voted for them. (Remember that in Rome, there was no voting for who was to be Emperor by the people.)

Paul's directive to pray for the government was not motivated by his like or dislike of them, nor was it motivated by his vote or political views and opinions. No, Paul told us to pray for the rulers and authorities because that is what Christ directs us to do. As disciples of Christ, we are to pray for those in leadership of this country whether we like them or not because Jesus asks us to pray for them.

And what are we to be praying? We pray that those in authority would come to make decisions and rule in such a way as to allow Christ to be made known to all people. We pray that those in authority ruling this country would come to know and follow the will of God. Paul says to pray, "that we might live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." This means that we, as followers of Jesus, would be able to continue to follow Jesus in a climate of peace and order, in a climate that is favorable for Christians to live out and proclaim our faith without fear of retribution or persecution. It means that we pray for the ability and freedom to be salt and light to those around us so that they too would come to know and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior in their lives.

We are to be praying for our government, like it or not. And our prayer is that they would lead this country so that the message of Jesus could continue to be promoted and proclaimed to all people. Our prayer is for the salvation of all people, rulers included, and for the social and political climate to tell people about salvation. This is more important than climate change, health care, or the energy industry. We can pray about those things too, but let us remember that the most important praying we can do is to pray for the salvation of people and a government that allows the freedom for the gospel to be preached without fear of persecution.

And, as Paul says in the next verse, "This is good and pleases our God, our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Sincerely His,

Pastor Michael

Reminder:
Masks are Mandatory
Statewide. Show you care
about others...wear one.

Join us 8:30 am Sunday
at
<https://www.facebook.com/NCCUnion/>
for services online.
Also join Prayer with Lola
Wednesdays at 10:00 am.
Thursdays watch Fire-
side
Fellowship at 10:00 am.
See interviews on The
Journey
Saturdays at 10:00 am on
Facebook Live.

Visit our website
<https://thenccu.org/>
for daily devotionals and
to tithe with PayPal or a
credit card.



Fudge orders due February 10 2021



♥ **"4th Annual Fudge-raiser"**
 Order your fudge for your sweetie or yourself. Donation of \$10.00 per box.
 The flavors this time are:
 ~Chocolate~ Chocolate-Walnut~ Sea Salt Caramel~ Rocky Road~& ~Peanut Butter~
 ~Call in an order at NCCU 360-898-7855~
 Or stop by and order at our NCCU office
 ~951 E Dalby Road, Union, WA 98592~
 ~Office hours are: Monday-Fri day, 9:00 am-3:00 pm~
 Order yours today and pick up anytime before Valentines Day
 All proceeds raised go for the Missions Ministry at NCCU ♥

Ministry Moment:
What is happening in “Hands for Christ”



Purpose: We are the body of Christ, using our hands to worship God by making gifts of love for those in need.

Hands for Christ provides hygiene kits for our Community Lifeline for the homeless in Shelton.

Habitat for Humanity receives valances for the children’s bedrooms with their favorite color and theme on them along with a throw pillow for the bed that matches. A quilt is also donated to the parents.

Care Net receives burp towels and baby quilts for their organization.

Hands for Christ will continue to explore projects to provide organizations with items they need.

If you would like to join the group, we meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 11am to 1pm. You are welcome to leave early or come late if you can’t stay the whole time.

We are looking for people who enjoy working with their hands whether it is knitting, crocheting, sewing, or making jewelry.

We are always looking for cash donations so we can buy the necessary items to make our projects. Checks can be made out to NCCU and include in the memo: Hands for Christ.

**The newest project will be personal hygiene kits.
They are asking for donation items for projects. The list follows:**

**Wash cloths & bath hand towels (NO white or cream colors)
Bar Soaps (preferably Anti-bacterial) Toothpaste
Chapstick Toothbrushes (individually wrapped) Small hair brushes
Combs Small lotions Small shampoo & conditioner Small nail clippers**

Hands for Christ will still be making receiving blankets, burp towels and now the hygiene kits for local distribution to the homeless and women’s shelters.

Are you interested in sewing, learning to quilt, having great fellowship, sharing your talents with others & serving others? If you sew or crochet or do other hand crafts, please come join us. Men & women are welcome.



*Our Purpose:
Anchored in God's Love, we exist to promote and proclaim
the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation and
sanctification of all people.*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Accepting Food Bank donations ONGOING</p>	<p>1 Haircut Fundraiser call Kay Shin 360-801-2662 Monday Messages with Del 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>	<p>2 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703 Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>3 Hands For Christ 11:00 am-1:00 pm Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>	<p>4 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live</p>	<p>5 Prayer Group 9:15 am</p>	<p>6 The Journey 10:00 Facebook Live Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm Zoom</p>
<p>7 Worship 8:30 ONLINE Facebook Live In-person service 10:30 am Communion</p>	<p>8 Monday Messages with Del 10:00 am Facebook Live Loss of a Loved One Grief Support 3:00pm-4:30 pm Sunday School Building</p>	<p>9 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703 Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>10 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live Fudgeraiser Deadline</p>	<p>11 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live</p>	<p>12 Prayer Group 9:15 am</p>	<p>13 The Forge 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>
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<p>21 Worship 8:30 ONLINE Facebook Live In-person service 10:30 am</p>	<p>22 Monday Messages with Del 10:00 am Facebook Live Loss of a Loved One Grief Support 3:00pm-4:30 pm Sunday School Building</p>	<p>23 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703 Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>24 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>	<p>25 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live</p>	<p>26 Prayer Group 9:15 am</p>	<p>27 Mission's Moments 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>
<p>28 Worship 8:30 ONLINE Facebook Live In-person service 10:30 am</p>						