



**Sunday Worship Times:**  
**8:30 am satellite service/  
online on  
Facebook Live & 10:30  
am in-person service  
Sunday School 9:45 am**

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## *The Anchor: NCCU News*

## November 2021

Pastor Michael's Message:

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What is the purpose of your life? This question was asked of the mission team I was part of last week while in the Dominican Republic. It is a good question, indeed, a necessary question. Last month I wrote, "Knowing the purpose of something, even our own lives, determines how we are then going to live out our life. Purpose informs procedure." It is crucial for every disciple of Christ to know and understand the purpose of his/her life!

Last month we learned that the purpose of every disciple of Christ is to build the Kingdom of God through the way we act, interact, and react with the world around us. This month I want to take another look at purpose, but from a different angle. We know that the purpose of the disciple of Christ is to build God's Kingdom, but what does it take to do that? How do we get there? What has to happen so that our life is oriented toward the Kingdom of God and its growth?

To answer this, we turn to the Apostle Paul's writings to the church of Philippi, particularly Philippians 4:12-14. Paul writes, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Notice that Paul says, "But one thing I do." This is important. It is as if he is saying, "If there is one thing that I am going to do in life, it is this. Of all the choices I could make and all the paths I could take, here is the one most important action that I could possibly be found pursuing." Paul is giving us his purpose statement: "This is what my life is all about." And what is his life all about? Let's take a look.

First, Paul does not live in the past. He does not live by his past failures or successes. They do not define him nor direct him. They may have shaped him, but he is not going to settle into the shape that his past would like to dictate to him. He forgets the past. He does not dwell upon it nor revel in it. The past has gone and will never come back, and Paul refuses to live there, either in glory or in shame.

Second, Paul strains toward the future. Paul puts his energy into what is ahead of him. He leans into the continuing purpose of his life. He looks forward to what God will do through him and what he can do for God's kingdom. He is not satisfied to stand around and recount either the regrets or the glory days of the past. For Paul, his life's purpose is about what lies ahead.

Third, he presses on toward the goal of eternal life and blessedness. He desires with all of his heart, soul, mind, and strength to win the prize of receiving full salvation upon the return of Christ. He is not going to stop pursuing a deeper relationship with Christ until he sees Christ face to face in eternity and hears Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Paul wants to continue to grow in Christ so that he can know Him more deeply and so that, through him, others might know Christ more deeply.

Paul knows his purpose and passionately pursues it. He is going to build God's kingdom by continuing to pursue a deeper relationship with Christ. He is pressing onward to be used more profitably for the building up of the kingdom of God, and he is not going to stop until he, himself, gets there.

Is our life given up for the glory of God? Are we pressing into the Kingdom of heaven? Are we moving forward to what *can* be with God, or are we stuck in what was? Purpose is not found nor fulfilled in the past. Purpose is found in the fulfillment of Christ at work in our lives for the building up of the kingdom of God. Press on with Jesus, press in to Jesus, and receive the prize – "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Sincerely His,

Pastor Michael



# ~The November Extra~

**What:** Operation Christmas Packing Party with Teresa Araujo  
707-367-1167 (please call Teresa for any info)

**When:** Saturday, November 13, 2021

**Where:** Teresa's house at 81 E Grey Wolf Lane, Shelton

**Time:** 11:00 am



Our guests will go shopping and purchase items to pack in the shoeboxes such as: dolls, soccer balls with manual air pump, stuffed animals, toothbrushes, pencils, stickers, jump ropes, shoes, underwear, tote purses, sunglasses, hair accessories, backpacks, fishing kits, etc.

At the home of the Araujo's: 81 E. Grey Wolf Lane, Shelton.

We will provide the shoeboxes, an awesome BBQ meal, and a fun workspace!

1) Decide how many boxes you would like to fill

2) Each box will need a donation of a \$9 check to cover collection, processing, shipping to over 100 countries, The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets, and training in the local churches where the shoebox goes. You also have the option to pay online for each box you pack. There are also boxes available for you at NCCU office or come and get one at the event.

**Women's Fellowship**  
**Saturday, November 06, at 11:30 am in the**  
**Office Conference Room.**

**Men's Ministry**  
**Saturday, November 13, at 9:00 am.**  
**Breakfast will *NOT* be served.**

**Sunday School**  
**New time: 9:45—10:30 Sundays**  
**Questions? Talk to Ray & Laurie Copelin 503-523-8724.**  
**School-aged children only**

**Hands for Christ**  
**Thursday, November 4th & 18th, 2021, from 10:00 am—1:00 pm**  
**Men & women welcome. Contact Joline Moore 208-746-9230.**

**Karaoke Night**  
**On Hiatus until January**  
**Contact Dan Washburn with any questions. 360-440-6127.**

*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><b>Accepting Food Bank donations ONGOING NOT EXPIRED</b></p>	<p>1 Monday Messages with Del, The Holy Spirit 10:00 am <a href="#">Facebook Live</a></p>	<p>2 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood  Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>3 7:00 am Wednesday Psalm Reading  Prayer with Lola 10:00 am <a href="#">Facebook Live</a></p>	<p>4 <b>Hands for Christ 10:00 am-1:00 pm</b>  Fireside Fellowship 10:00 <a href="#">Facebook Live</a>  Worship Team 6:00 pm</p>	<p>5 Prayer Group 9:30 am</p>	<p>6 Women's Fellowship 11:30 am Office Conference Room</p>
<p>7 <b>COMMUNION</b> Worship 8:30 ONLINE <a href="#">Satellite service &amp; Facebook Live</a> Sunday School 9:45 am  In-person service 10:30 am</p>	<p>8 Monday Messages with Del, The Holy Spirit 10:00 am <a href="#">Facebook Live</a>  Loss of a Loved One Grief Support 3:00pm-4:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood  Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>10 7:00 am Wednesday Psalm Reading  Prayer with Lola 10:00 am <a href="#">Facebook Live</a></p>	<p>11 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 <a href="#">Facebook Live</a>  Worship Team 6:00 pm</p>	<p>12 Prayer Group 9:30 am</p>	<p>13 9:00 am Men's Ministry  The Forge 10:00 am <a href="#">Facebook Live</a>  <a href="#">Operation Christmas Child w/ Teresa</a></p>
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<p>21 Worship 8:30 ONLINE <a href="#">Satellite service &amp; Facebook Live</a> Sunday School 9:45 am  In-person service 10:30 am</p>	<p>22 Monday Messages with Del, The Holy Spirit 10:00 am <a href="#">Facebook Live</a>  <a href="#">Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes</a></p>	<p>23 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood  Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>24 7:00 am Wednesday Psalm Reading  Prayer with Lola 10:00 am <a href="#">Facebook Live</a>  <b>Game Time NOON</b></p>	<p>25 <b>Thanksgiving Office CLOSED</b>  Fireside Fellowship 10:00 <a href="#">Facebook Live</a></p>	<p>26 <b>Office CLOSED</b></p>	<p>27 Moments 10:00 am <a href="#">Facebook Live</a></p>
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