



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

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## *The Anchor: NCCU News*

## October 2020

### Pastor's Message

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October. October! Can you believe we are in October?! I have no idea or remembrance of how we got here so quickly! It's like I went to sleep in March and woke up in October. Yikes. It reminds me of the Apostle Paul's words to the Corinthians, "In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye..." It does seem that way, doesn't it? The summer months have gone by in a flash and in the twinkling of an eye.

Of course, Paul used those words for a different purpose: not to describe the speed at which we find ourselves in October, but for the speed at which we will find ourselves in eternity. Those words come from 1 Corinthians 15:52. They are part of the teaching that Paul gives to us about the second coming of Christ and our resurrection with Him. Let me quote a little bit more from that teaching, beginning with verse 50.

"I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

I like those verses. They are encouraging to me because sometimes I get discouraged, tired, and feel like I am all worn out. And the days and weeks feel like they drag on much longer than they were meant to. Maybe you get those times too. You wonder just how much longer life will be this way. How much longer do I have to deal with this or that? How much longer, O Lord, until you come back and rescue me from all of this?

The reality is I would much rather be with Jesus, forever. It's not that I don't like it here or that I don't enjoy many things of life here, it's just that... well... I would rather be with Jesus. Nothing here on earth can compare with the joy and satisfaction of being with Jesus forever-not even a great soccer game, played on a perfectly groomed soccer pitch, in exceptional weather conditions, with my very best soccer friends, at the height of my career. No, Jesus is even better than that! And there are days when I long for Him to come.

And there are days that I fret that He is taking too long, and days that I fear I am not going to make it, and days that I figure His return is too far off in the distance for me. I have too long to go. The days ahead are endless; His return is beyond me.

And then I remember: this is October... already. It came much quicker than I could ever fathom. And it seems to speed up every year. In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, I have more years behind me than I may have in front of me. In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, my kids have grown up and are on their own. In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, the person that I see in the mirror is not the same one I saw before. It has all gone so quickly-the months, the years, the youth, the vitality, the progression of time towards eternity.

I suppose Paul is right when he uses the words, "in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye". Jesus is coming, and He will be here before we know it. Life seems to stretch on sometimes, but in reality, we are but a flash, a twinkling of an eye. Jesus will soon be here. Stand strong, take courage. The waiting will be rewarded.

Pastor Michael Wedman

Because of Covid, we will have Trunk-or-Treat in the NCCU Parking lot for the local kiddos, October 31, 4:00-6:00 pm. Decorate your car; have candy treats in bags. Covid-19 Protocol does apply. Kids will proceed through the parking lot, visit cars and get a treat so they can show off their costumes. We need cars for the event, and if you can't make it, can you donate candy?



This year build a box, or donate online and have Samaritan's Purse build it for you.

Although we are back in the church, we are sending out E-Bulletins. We will let you know **what** we will be doing at the NCCU. It will come to all who get the Newsletters. If you know of someone who would like to get it let us know in the office.

**Join us 8:30 am Sunday at**  
<https://www.facebook.com/NCCUUnion/>  
**for services online.**

**Also join Prayer with Lola**  
**Wednesdays at 10:00 am.**  
**Thursdays watch Fireside**  
**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.**



**Reminder:**  
**Masks are now Mandatory**  
**Statewide. Show you care about**  
**others...wear it.**

**Loss of a Loved One 2nd & last Monday in the**  
**Sunday School Building at 3:00 pm.**  
**Contact Brenda Washburn, CPC 360-490-4839.**

**Women's Bible Study Tuesday's at 10:00 am with**  
**Judy McMurrick.**

**Transformative prayer meets in the Worship**  
**Center 6:30 pm Wednesdays;**  
**contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703.**

**Hands For Christ meeting 1st & 3rd Wednesdays**  
**10:00 am —1:00 pm in The Sunday School**  
**Building. 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 beginning October 7. Men & women**  
**welcome. Contact Joline Moore 208-746-9230**

#### Addiction Ministry

**We want to bring Jesus into any struggle that you are**  
**having with addiction & give you a place to talk with**  
**people who know what you are going through.**  
**Tuesdays 6:00 pm at NCCU; Contact Niel Challstrom**  
**360-877-9048.**



*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   |
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|  |   |  |  | 1<br>Fireside Fellowship<br>10:00 Facebook Live  | 2<br>Prayer Group<br>9:15 am Sunday<br>School Building  | 3<br>The Journey<br>10:00 am<br>Facebook Live<br><br>Women's Fellowship<br>Zoom Meeting 1:00<br>pm        |
| 4<br>Worship 8:30<br>ONLINE<br>Facebook Live<br><br>In-person service<br>10:30 am<br>Communion | 5<br>Haircut Fundraiser call<br>Kay Shin<br>360-801-2662                                  | 6<br>Addiction Ministry<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Women's Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br>Sunday School Building  | 7<br><br>Hands For Christ 10:00 am-<br>1:00 pm<br><br>Prayer with Lola<br>10:00 am Facebook Live<br><br>Transformative prayer 6:30<br>pm contact Ron Wood<br>253-732-6703  | 8<br>Fireside Fellowship<br>10:00 Facebook Live  | 9<br>Prayer Group<br>9:15 am Sunday<br>School Building  | 10<br>The Journey<br>10:00 am<br>Facebook Live  |
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