



Sunday Worship Times:
**8:15 am satellite service/ &
online on Facebook Live**
10:30 am in-person service
Child Sunday School 9:30 am
Fellowship Time 9:30-10:30 am

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Happy New Year! And welcome to 2022! As the common practice is, we have the opportunity to make a resolution for the upcoming year. Now, there are about as many resolutions as there are people, but I was thinking, why not make a biblical resolution? Yes, a resolution that comes out of a desire to be more Christ-like in the way we live out our lives; a resolution to be obedient to the words, ways, and will of Christ. So, how about this resolution? - A resolve to get rid of complaining from our lives?!

Philippians 2:14 says, "Do everything without complaining or arguing." (NLT) Other words for complaining are grumbling, murmuring, squawking, whining, making a fuss, and expressing a grievance. We, as human beings, are very much prone to grumbling and complaining. We do it far too often – even in and about the church! Yet, we are instructed by Scripture to not complain. Why is that? Why is complaining such a bad thing? Why is complaining against the will, ways, and word of God?

The answer to that question is a little lengthy, but important. Complaining always comes out of a self-centered heart that seeks its own well-being above that of others. A complaint comes from a self-centered world view. It usually originates because the current practice of doing things does not fit their current preference. We hear phrases such as, "I don't like this," "I would do it differently," and "who set it up this way?" Complaining is self-centered. It cares mostly or only for self and the gratification of self-preferences.

By focusing on what is perceived as wrong or inferior in some way, complaining puts others down. Complainers look for problems and identify insufficiencies in circumstances and situations and attributes those deficiencies and problems to others. Complaining comes from a critical spirit. It seeks to discover what is wrong or deficient or not satisfactory – to themselves at least. Remember that complaining is ultimately selfish, not selfless. It seeks what is best for itself.

Complaining also has an emotional component to it. Complainers attach their emotions to what they identify as wrong or deficient. They make it personal because they believe that if they were consulted, it would be done "right". They carry with them a sense of "I could do this better". This is none other than pride. Those who complain believe that they are the authority over the situation or circumstance that they are complaining about. They believe, therefore, that their advice should be acted upon because their ideas are the best ideas; at least certainly better than the one that is currently being used! Complaining shows a disrespect for others. Complaining does not seek to help or care for, or build up others; rather, it seeks to tear down, find fault, and hurt others.

Complaining doesn't seek first to fix the problem; it first creates the problem in order to have something to be fixed (by them) so that the one complaining can be the hero of the day and make it all "right".

Complaining is destructive, deceptive, and dangerous to the health and growth of the individual and to the larger body of Christ to whom they belong. It is also, more importantly, a sinful action that Scripture tells disciples of Christ to stay away from. And for this reason, there is no such thing as a "complaint department" in a church.

But how do we refrain from complaining or change our attitude if we do not first recognize a complaining spirit in our life? How do I know if I have a spirit of complaining in my life? Here are some questions that can help you determine that. What about this situation do you not like? Is this just your preference? Why do you see this as wrong or not ideal? Why did you decide to bring it to someone's attention? Who have you spoken to about this? Are you trying to get others to see it your way? What are your expectations in response to your complaints? What would your response be if none of your suggestions were acted upon? Are you willing to trust God to work through those who are in leadership, even if nothing changes? What actions are you willing to take to help others? How can you serve God through helping with this? What is the ultimate goal of the change you want to see happen? Is it for you, or is it for the Kingdom of God?

The spirit of complaining can only be stopped and changed through an honest and humble look at our motivations and desires. The motivation for our words and actions should always be for the purpose of building up the body of Christ and benefitting the spiritual well-being of others, never for the purpose of self-fulfillment and a desire to be right or influential or important. The difference between complaining about something and suggesting helpful changes to something is our motivation and our willingness to help others. It is the difference between humility and pride.

What we really need in this war against the spirit of complaining, is the Spirit of Christ at work in us, controlling and guiding us into doing what is right before God and right for others.

Complaining is a deadly poison for the soul and for the souls around us. Let us resolve to root out the spirit of complaining in our lives in order to be more Christ-like to those around us and to be a benefit to the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely His,

Pastor Michael Wedman



~The January Extra~

What: The Journey Through Acts (New Bible Study)

When: Starting January 6, 2022

Where: Worship Center & on **Facebook Live**

Time: 10:00 am

Join Pastor Michael in the Worship Center or on Facebook. The Bible Study will be the book of Acts. Come learn about Acts in fellowship with others.

Women's Fellowship

The first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am in the office conference room. Meeting on January 8, this month only.

Men's Fellowship

*The second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am, in the conference room behind the office. Breakfast will **NOT** be served. Meeting January 8.*

Sunday School

New time: 9:30—10:30 Sundays

*Questions? Talk to Ray & Laurie Copelin 503-523-8724.
(School-aged children only)*

Fellowship Time

Sunday 9:30—10:30 am

Come join in fellowship between services with others, and have a cup of coffee.

Hands for Christ New Day

*The second and forth Wednesdays from 10:00 am—1:00 pm
Men & women welcome. Contact Joline Moore 208-746-9230.*

Karaoke Night

Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 pm.

**Online service (satellite service) will begin at 8:15 am;
Fellowship Time & Children's Sunday School will be 9:30 am-10:30 am starting
January 2.**

*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 NOT EXPIRED</p>	<p>AA on Hiatus until Spring</p>					1 New Year's Day
<p>2 COMMUNION Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Satellite service & Facebook Live Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship Time 9:30-10:30 In-person service 10:30 am</p>	<p>3 OFFICE CLOSED Facebook Live Haircut Fundraiser Kay Shin 360-801-2662</p>	<p>4 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>5 7:00 am Wednesday Psalm Reading Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>	<p>6 Journey through Acts 10:00 am In person/ Facebook Live Worship Team 6:00 pm</p>	<p>7 Prayer Group 9:30 am</p>	<p>8 9:00 am Men's Fellowship Women's Fellowship 11:30 am Office Conference Room The Forge 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>
<p>9 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Satellite service & Facebook Live Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship Time 9:30-10:30 In-person service 10:30 am</p>	<p>10 Monday Messages with Del, The Holy Spirit 10:00 am Facebook Live Loss of a Loved One Grief Support 3:00pm-4:30 pm</p>	<p>11 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>12 7:00 am Wednesday Psalm Reading Hands for Christ 10:00 am-1:00 pm Prayer with Lola 10:00 am</p>	<p>13 Journey through Acts 10:00 am In person/ Facebook Live Worship Team 6:00 pm</p>	<p>14 Prayer Group 9:30 am</p>	<p>15 The Forge 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>
<p>16 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Satellite service & Facebook Live Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship Time 9:30-10:30 In-person service 10:00 am</p>	<p>17 Monday Messages with Del, The Holy Spirit 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>	<p>18 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>19 7:00 am Wednesday Psalm Reading Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>	<p>20 Journey through Acts 10:00 am In person/ Facebook Live Worship Team 6:00 pm</p>	<p>21 Prayer Group 9:30 am</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Satellite service & Facebook Live Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship Time 9:30-10:30 In-person service 10:30 am</p>	<p>24 Monday Messages with Del, The Holy Spirit 10:00 am Facebook Live Loss of a Loved One Grief Support 3:00pm-4:30 pm</p>	<p>25 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>26 7:00 am Wednesday Psalm Reading Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live Hands for Christ 10:00 am-1:00 pm GAME TIME NOON</p>	<p>27 Journey through Acts 10:00 am In person/ Facebook Live Worship Team 6:00 pm Karaoke Night 7:00 pm</p>	<p>28 Prayer Group 9:30 am</p>	<p>29 Moments 10:00 am Facebook Live</p>
<p>30 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Satellite service & Facebook Live Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship Time 9:30-10:30 In-person service 10:30 am</p>	<p>31 Monday Messages with Del, The Holy Spirit 10:00 am Facebook Live Loss of a Loved One Grief Support 3:00pm-4:30 pm</p>					<p>Karaoke Night is back. Come to the Worship Center on January 27 at 7:00 pm and sing your heart out.</p>