

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

## **New Community Church of Union**

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## The Anchor: NCCU News

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Pastor Michael's Message:

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As I was working outside today, enjoying the sun and the warm temperatures, I couldn't help but acknowledge that we are no longer in a summer weather pattern. The sun doesn't reach the places it used to, my plants are showing signs of retiring for the winter, and the air has a definite "feels like fall" chill to it. Yes, we are definitely in September.

But you know something? The transition into fall doesn't feel as difficult for me as it did last year. As I wondered why that is (as I sat in my chair conveniently located in the fall sun), I came to this conclusion: I had an awesome summer!

Now, I am not just talking about weather. In fact, the weather had the least part in my conclusion that I had an awe-some summer. I have to say that I had an awesome summer because of the events and gatherings that we were able to hold at the church this summer. How wonderful it was to see more people come to the Sunday service and greet one another in Christ's love! How great to hear the singing and experience the presence of God's Spirit come upon us during those times! And how gracious of God to prompt many new people to join our family!

It was wonderful to enjoy our first BBQ together under the tent, even in close to 100-degree weather. It was fun and uplifting to gather together twice for our "Worship Under the Tent" events. Dan did a great job of leading us, and God did a marvelous job of gifting us with laughter, fellowship, and unity. And then there was the "Yes, God! Build Your Kingdom" event under the tent just last week. It was again a time of laughter, music, fellowship, fun, and the unity brought by the presence of God's Holy Spirit.

This has been unquestionably the best summer that I have experienced here with you all, not because of what I gained through it, but because of what I saw and experienced God doing in our lives together. He has been building His church. For every event that we enjoyed together there were many people saying yes to God by making themselves available to be used by Him – whether in the kitchen, setting up, taking down, meeting to organize or pray, administrating, helping, serving, loving, and caring. And all of this to praise our God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The greatest reason that I am approaching the fall season differently this year is because of the sense of excitement, unity, and joy that we have in this church. I heard someone praying just recently, after our "Yes, God! Build Your Church" event, "Thank you, Lord, for filling our hearts with joy." Yes, that sums it up for me. JOY. There is a joy that is moving through the hearts of people in our church, and it feels good.

So, bring on fall! I am not afraid, nor am I saddened by the loss of summer. I am encouraged. I am excited. And I am full of joy because God is building His Kingdom. Yes, God!

Sincerely His,

Pastor Michael



## ~The September Extra~

Please notice: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, FOR LABOR DAY.

~Union Vintage Flea & Art Show~

When: Friday, September 3rd & Saturday, September 4th (Labor Day Weekend)

Where: NCCU

Time: 10:00 am-5:00 pm, both days.

Build Your Kingdom Garage Sale Saturday, September 11, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Want to help with giving to the church but have no extra funds?

Do you have sellable stuff you want to get rid of and don't know how or where to get rid of it? Declutter and help the church at the same time.

Come set up a table at the church, sell your stuff, and donate your proceeds to pay down the mortgage!

Note: All things remaining after sale must be taken home.

Welcome back Women's Fellowship. Saturday, September 11 at new time, 11:30, am in the Office Conference Room

Welcome back Sunday School New time: 9:45—10:30, Sunday, September 19, 2021 Questions? Talk to Ray & Laurie Copelin 503-523-8724.

Welcome back Hands for Christ.
Wednesday, September 22, 2021, from 10:00 am—1:00 pm
After this meeting we will go back to the first and third Wednesdays
of the month.

Men & women welcome. Contact Joline Moore 208-746-9230

Karaoke Night
Thursday, September 23, 7:00 pm in the Worship Center.
Contact Dan Washburn with any questions. 360-440-6127

~Worship Cruise~ has been cancelled until further notice.

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