

**“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19**

## **ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP**

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*Worship  
With Us*

**SUNDAY**

**8:00-9:00** - Coffee & Fellowship

**8:30-9:00**- Prayer Walk & Morning Prayer

**9:00-9:45**-Adult & Children's

Sunday Bible Lesson

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:00 - 11:30**

Children's Church

2nd Sunday: Communion

11:30-12:30 **Finger Foods**

### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Prayer @ 9:45am

Worship Dance Class

4:00pm Call Trish @ 935.4899

**Prayer & Praise Service**

July 11th @ 6:30pm

#### **SATURDAY**

Men's Breakfast

July 7th @ 8am

**Priority One Volley Ball**

On Summer Vacation

HANDS  
ACROSS  
NATIONS



Please welcome HAN'S Carolyn Jones back from Uganda, after another extended stay with the Lango people of North Africa! Be prepared to hear how God is using them in sharing the "Good News" through the literacy program of "Learning to Read to Read the Bible!"

October 6th is the date set for their annual fundraiser. Get on board with HAN to be a part of this fabulous ministry contact Carolyn at 509.979.7448 for more details.

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Larry Rarrick, member of Abundant Life Fellowship for 44 years has celebrated his 1st day in heaven!

Please join Judy and the Rarrick family in honoring the life of Larry. Greg and David Rarrick will be officiating the celebration of his life Saturday, July 21st at Abundant Life starting at 1pm. A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.



Please contact Tami (935-6020) if you would like to contribute a salad or help that day.

Brown Bag  
Bible  
Study  
Noon  
Wednesday's



**All are Welcome!**

This in depth summer study is in the book of Revelation. Pastor John will be facilitating with Pastor Brenda stepping in as needed.

This is a no frills, bring your own lunch kind of study. Spend your lunch hour drawing closer to our Lord and Savior through His Word.

**SMALL GROUPS**  
connecting equipping transforming

All of our small groups are taking a summer break. They will be starting back up this fall. If you are considering leading a group, or opening your home for a study, please call Greg @ 935.6730.

*“And ye shall know the truth,  
and the truth  
shall make you free.”*

Jesus Christ  
(John 8:32)



As I write this, June is nearly in the books, so to speak. It has been a busy month for our church. We officially entered Summer and have been enjoying pleasant weather. The days have the most daylight of any month.

We had a great prayer meeting this month, as the Holy Spirit indeed showed up. We had another successful camp experience for the foster kids of Stevens County. Six of us went to the Annual Conference/Leadership Summit as well. This was special insofar as we could drive there, the three conferences in the northwest all met together so there was much energy, and all three bishops showed up, a rare occurrence. The worship was wonderful, the speakers were great, and the business session encouraging, and the ordination service inspiring.

Now as we head into the real Summer with hot days and lots of sunshine, along with the associated outdoor temptations, let's not forget the glory and light of the Son of God we can experience in worship and in gathering together for prayer and Bible study. Have a great Summer. -Blessings to all! Pastor John



**John 8:36**

## **Verse of the Month**

**John 8:36**

***"If the Son makes  
you free, you will  
be free indeed."***

July includes a key American holiday, Independence Day, or as we usually refer to it, the fourth of July. We are all familiar with the signing of the Declaration of Independence back in 1776 when those patriots meeting in Philadelphia proclaimed the colonies' independence from British oppression.

In our verse of the month Jesus is telling about freedom from the oppression of sin. Of course, he is the Son he mentions, though those listening to him at the time did not recognize that. We know now, of course, that Jesus died a sinless death as a sacrifice for our sins so that we can gain that freedom

through him as we trust in him and follow him.

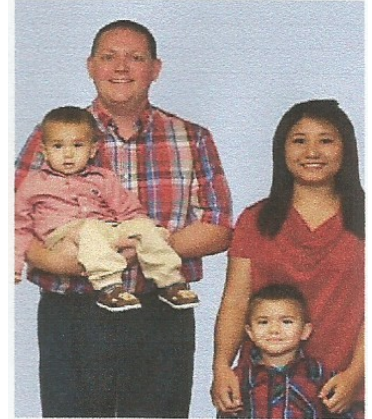
Many Christians who have trusted Jesus and been born again, still struggle with the entanglements of sin, despite this promised freedom. The good news is that there is victory in Jesus as we continue to abide in him and cooperate with the Holy Spirit in being transformed in Jesus' likeness. Free indeed.



Seth Van Tiffelin is a young man from Michigan who I (Carol Stickney) met when he came to Thailand when I was ministering there in 2007-2009. He also traveled to Myanmar to work with Pastor Pa Kep. His heart was really for the children who were being trafficked.



Seth started a ministry, "In Better Hands", to care for children at high risk of being trafficked and those that have been rescued from physical/sexual abuse and/or trafficking in Asia. His first home was in the Chin capitol of Myanmar, Hakha. Since then he has started nine more homes - in Myanmar, Cambodia, and Thailand. These are truly "homes" and not orphanages. He has tried to keep the number of children in each home to 10 or under.



Seth married Pastor Pa Kep's sister, Hlawn Hlawn. They have two precious little boys, Jason and Noah. Seth is now an ordained elder and they are both Free Methodist missionaries to Southeast Asia, as well as continuing to supervise "In Better Hands." They are based in Thailand.

**DAVID'S STORY** David was a young boy in Myanmar when his father sold his 13-year-old sister to a trafficker for drug money. Weeks later, David's mother, not having anything to do with the sale of their daughter, died (we believe from a broken heart). Some time passed and David's father then made it known that he was willing to sell David for \$50. Hearing the situation and knowing that we needed to keep David safe, we paid the \$50 to the father. David is still very angry with his father for breaking apart his family but he is doing exceptionally well in one of our In Better Hands homes.

In Better Hands started their 10th safe home on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Pyin Oo Lwin, Myanmar. The house-father is also a newly appointed Myanmar FMC church planter. These children were displaced because of the civil war in Shan State\*, no one caring for them when they fled. They were rescued from the Myanmar/China border. Many of these young children do not know their parents' names or even their own legal names.

\*This state was in the news where we heard about the atrocities happening to the Rohingya people. However, there are many other tribes facing the same brutalities and hardships.

If you would like to learn more about "In Better Hands", go to [www.inbetterhands.org](http://www.inbetterhands.org). If you shop at AmazonSmile, you can contribute every time you buy something at Amazon.



The Blessed Home Family is sponsored by supporters through In Better Hands.



# Sunday School



Sunday School is from  
9:00 - 9:45 for all ages.

Please consider being a substitute teacher occasionally for any of our children's classes and nursery this summer!

The need is great and the workers are few!

The Book of John is the study being lead by Pastor Brenda Nagunst in the Adult Sunday School classes. Using our new skills from our newly ended study of Spiritual Discipline we are excited to discover new insights of our faith in the Book of John.

Phyllis Fitzgerald continues with her curriculum for the youngest children (ages 3 through K), while Val Messerall is 1st- 4th grades are in the Book of James. They are investigating the different aspects of what it means to love and lay down your life for your friends in their everyday life. Kerry Burkey is looking at the various aspect of the creation with the 5th through 8th graders, and Loretta is using the Grapple studies for her High Schoolers.



If you are a parent, grandparent, adult or older teen, please volunteer a time or two, during this abbreviated class time to keep our program running & let our young people know they are welcome!

Starting in June, the curriculum will vary from the "The Jesus Storybook" which is videos based on the children's bible that is used in the classrooms, Superbook, and other Christian videos.

Our Children's Church program will continue throughout the summer during the 10am Sunday Service. Children will stay in the sanctuary for worship and then be dismissed for class. Snacks are provided.



“I will walk about  
in freedom, for I  
have sought out  
your precepts.”

Psalm 145:45

The Gospel is about walking in freedom—being freed from sin and every kind of bondage. That’s why, early in His ministry, Jesus quoted Isaiah’s Old Testament prophecy that He had been sent to “*set free those who are oppressed*” (Luke 4:18 NASB). Jesus made clear that this freedom begins with *our relationship with Him*.

Many Believers (and even non-Believers) quote Jesus as saying, “*You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*” But we can forget that there was a *condition* to this freedom. Jesus said this *only* is available to those who “*continue in My Word,*” to those who are “*truly disciples of Mine*” (John 8:31-32).

The Old Testament stresses this same principle. We read how the Psalmist could walk in freedom because he had “*devoted myself to your commandments,*” basing his life on God’s Word.

Many in the world think that freedom means doing whatever they want. But the Bible urges us to remember that freedom begins with a loving, obedient relationship with God. He is our Creator, and He knows us better than we know ourselves. He desires to bless us physically, financially, and spiritually. He wants to enrich our lives in every way and free us from all fears and worries.

We only experience real freedom after we make Jesus our Lord, devote ourselves to God’s Word, and are filled with the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to direct our lives.

Today, remember that “*the truth will make you free.*” You don’t have to be dominated by sin or bad habits, worry or fear. Make Jesus your Lord. Renew your commitment to base your life on God’s Word.

This is His plan to give you real freedom, real victory, and real peace. You can be confident and secure, guided by His wisdom.

**DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU  
KNOW NEED PRAYER?  
CALL THE PRAYER CHAIN:  
LOLITA LYON 935-8244  
OR  
MARY KNAPP 936-0319**



**Abundant Life Fellowship**

**LOVE GOD.**

**LOVE PEOPLE.**

**MAKE DISCIPLES.**



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