



From the Pastor... Dear Friends,
 Last month, on December 8th, Mass was held at Notre Dame cathedral in Paris France, the first worship service held there since a devastating fire destroyed the historic ceiling and caused extensive damage across the building five years ago.

I will admit, the images from the cathedral were impressive. The walls, ceilings, paintings, sculptures, even windows long caked in layers of thick soot- were seen for the first time, gleaming and brilliant. Architectural designs long obscured in shadow were now on full display. The Archbishop of Paris preached to a full congregation too:

French president Emmanuel Macron and his wife sat in the first row with Dukes, Duchesses, presidents and presidents-elect (I think I saw President-elect Trump and his family) from other countries, CEOs of huge corporations, movie stars, and sports figures- all manner of important people, by invitation only, filled the ancient cathedral. Regular folks- like you and me, could watch the service from TV screens set up around local businesses.

It was a celebration of history, restoration and a resurrection of sorts. It reminded me of the power of these places- the magnificence of the building overwhelmed the sense of the individual in these amazing cathedrals. That was the point- to physically and emotionally draw worshippers out of

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themselves and into a sense of insignificance in contrast with the glory of what the architecture and art represented. It also reminded me of a sharply worded rebuke spoken by Jesus. “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.” - Matthew 23:27-28

On December 8th, Notre Dame cathedral was white-washed as no one alive had ever seen it. It's visitors, equally, were decked to the nines in the latest fashion, and their “Sunday best”. And while the world celebrated the restoration of this historic cathedral, we know the One for whom this building was constructed looked upon the hearts, the minds and the faiths of those gathered. Would God find faith in the hearts of such people? They certainly seemed to be in the right place outwardly, but what of their inner-being?

No matter how much work we put into the outside- we can only accomplish on our own, what the teachers of the Law and Pharisees could- a whitewashed tomb. Beautiful on the outside but corrupt and unclean within. NO amount of soap, hair products, or Armani outfits could address the inner condition.

But Jesus spoke another word- to a similarly corrupted people- “...you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.” Rev. 3:17-19

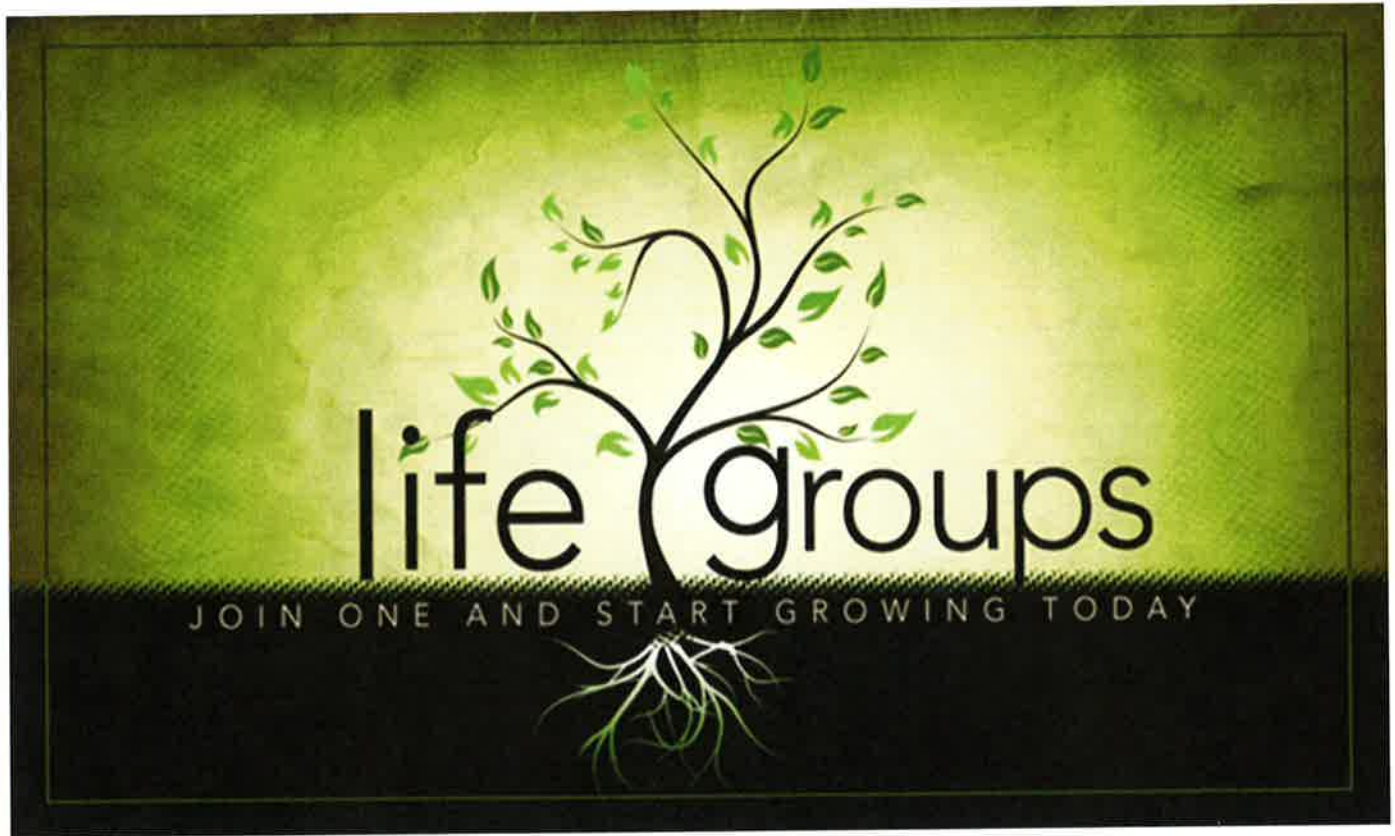
And what is further good news, the voice that calls us to repent and have not just our outward appearance, but our inward nature transformed, calls to those, not just in the inner-circle of hand-picked and invited dignitaries, but to those sitting across the street in front of the Pub, watching the service on the jumbottron. Or to those at home, unable to tune in because they are in the wrong time zone or did not have the right equipment set up. Or to those who are too busy to care what is happening in Paris France. God's Word goes to a different type of class; one not marked by physical wealth or power but by the wealth of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit. And so those who gather in the Heavenly throne room will include folks from both ordinary and extraordinary backgrounds- but once equipped with heavenly gold, and clothed in white, they will see each other as they truly are in Christ. The community of God's children by His grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

May this new year bring to you, Like to Notre Dame, an inner renovation. May the dank, soot-covered complexities of your heart find a washing of the spirit. But unlike Notre Dame which required an army of highly skilled technicians, may you simply turn and rely upon Christ for such work. His work is both of higher quality and it never fades.



Happy New Year!
Pastor Aaron

January Birthdays
8th Bob Wincentzen



Life Groups Start up on January 13th!

Our quarterly small group ministry is here again! Winter Quarter Life Groups will begin January 14th and continue weekly through March 4th. Your Life Group leader will be reaching out to share details about the meeting times and locations. If you are NOT in a Life Group, contact pastor Aaron and we will make sure you find one!

Life Group sign-ups for winter quarter will be available during the worship service on January 12 and 19 as well.

May the Lord bless us as we seek to draw near to Him in Worship and through small groups!
Happy New Year!



During the Holiday Season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible.

And in this spirit we say, simply but sincerely

Thank You and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

The Klamath Advocacy Team

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PMWMG

The Ladies Christmas Luncheon was a great success.

Guest Speaker Vickie Kaber was very informative about the way the Gospel Mission helps the community.

Thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen that helped.

**Special Thanks to
Sally Heaton and Susan Scrimsher
for their wonderful entertainment**

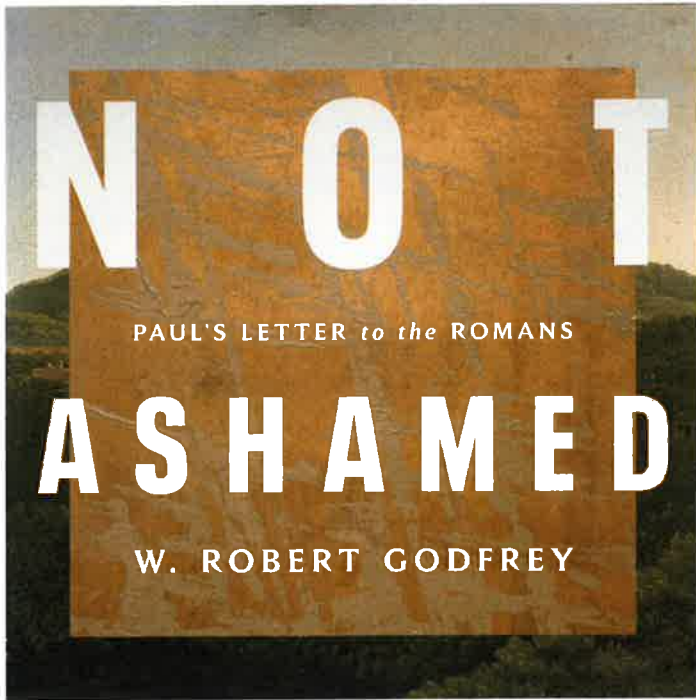
January 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 29	30	31	Jan 1, 25	2	3 Office Closed	4
5 10:30am Communion	6	7 10:00am Women's Small Group (Fireside Room)	8 10:30am PMWMG 2:15pm Handbell Practice	9 10:30am Missions & Outreach	10 Office Closed	11
12 9:00am Sunday Bible Class (Fireside Room) 10:30am Worship	13 12:00pm Session	14 10:00am Women's Small Group (Fireside Room)	15 2:15pm Handbell Practice	16	17 Office Closed	18
19 9:00am Sunday Bible Class (Fireside Room) 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	20 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	21 10:00am Women's Small Group (Fireside Room) 11:00am Discipleship Mtg	22 12:30pm PMWMG Bible Study 2:15pm Handbell Practice	23	24 Office Closed	25
26 9:00am Sunday Bible Class (Fireside Room) 10:30am Worship	27 1:00pm Building & Grounds	28 10:00am Women's Small Group (Fireside Room)	29 Articles due to the office for Newsletter 2:15pm Handbell Practice	30	31 Office Closed	Feb 1

Sunday Bible Class:

Our Sunday Bible class through the book of Romans with Dr. Godfrey will resume on 1/12/25.



Join us Sundays from 9-10 in the Fireside room!



Stewardship & Finance Committee

November 2024

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$13,840.52
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$10,510.49</u>
Monthly Net:.....	\$ 3,330.03
YTD /Net:.....	(\$ 3,749.48)
Checking 11/30/24:.....	\$32,072.07
Money Market 11/30/24:.....	\$29,391.62
Edward Jones CD 11/30/24:...	\$21,684.18
Edward Jones MM 11/30/24:	\$35,519.89
TOTAL 11/30/24:.....	\$118,503.47

Expenses in November beyond regular operations: Software charges for the sign, and Presbytery & GA quarterly askings. Session approved the 2025 budget at their December meeting. The year-end totals for 2024 and the 2025 budget will be presented in the annual report prior to the February Congregational Meeting.

Happy New Year to All!

Kathy Todd





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"Give thanks in every
circumstance, for this
is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18



DEACONS

Paul King - Chair

Debbie Grant

Jocelyn Shellito

Sharon Haddock

Marie Gregory

Marjorie Divine

*The Deacons meet the third Sunday of each
month following worship.*

Sermons for January:

The Sermon on the Mount

1/5 - Ask and it Will Be Given
Matthew 7:7-11

1/12 - The Golden Rule
Matthew 7:12-14

1/19- A Tree and It's Fruit
Matthew 7:15-20

1/26- I Never Knew You
Matthew 7:21-23



SESSION/ELDERS

Pastor Aaron Beaty-	Moderator
Geri Coker-	Mission, Stewardship & Finance
Betty Shaw-	Worship
Sandi Deatherage-	Building & Grounds Clerk
Pat Gregory-	Discipleship & Evangelism
Gary Scott-	Building & Grounds
Session Staff positions:	
Kathy Todd-	Treasurer
Betty Shaw-	Financial Secretary