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## From Your Pastor



Pastor Steve Haney  
Lead Pastor

### **The Silence of God and the Resurrection of Jesus**

Jesus entered our world preaching faith, love, and forgiveness, but this world didn't accept that. Instead, the world crucified him. We see this most clearly when Jesus, on the cross, is tortured, betrayed, taunted, mocked, and finally challenged: "If you are the Son of God, come down from there!"

And what was God's response to those taunts? Nothing. No defense. No counter-challenge. No deliverance. Jesus did not call ten thousand angels. God the Father did not intervene. Jesus died in silence.

This is such an important point to ponder. God's silence can forever scandalize us: in the Jewish holocaust, in ethnic genocides, in brutal and senseless wars, in forest fires, earthquakes and tsunamis which kill thousands of people and devastate whole countries, in the deaths of countless people taken out of this life by cancer and other illness, and by the violence we are now seeing in our cities, neighborhoods and even in our schools, in how unfair life can be sometimes. Where is God in all of this? What's God's answer?

God does have an answer. God's answer is the RESURRECTION, the resurrection of Jesus. But resurrection is not necessarily rescue. God doesn't necessarily rescue us from the effects of evil, or even from death. Evil does have its day. We do live in a world affected by the curse. Have you noticed that the parting of the Red Sea isn't a weekly occurrence? Although we are asked to pray for the miraculous, and in many situations, God does intervene, but there

are also times when God lets his loved ones suffer and die, just as Jesus let his dear friend, Lazarus, die. And God the Father let Jesus die. God does not always RESCUE, but if we give Him our pain, he will always REDEEM.

Despite every appearance, in the end, love will triumph over hatred. Peace will triumph over chaos. Forgiveness will triumph over bitterness. Hope will triumph over cynicism. Grace does triumph over sin. Life will triumph over death. And good will triumph over evil. Always. Because Jesus rose from the grave, all of those who accept Jesus as savior will see God's REDEMPTION.

The resurrection makes that point. God has the last word. The resurrection of Jesus IS that last word. From the ashes of His shame, of His seeming defeat, and even in His death, a new, deeper, and eternal life came out of that tomb.

And in this resurrection, what is asked of us?

Simply that we trust in its truth. The resurrection of Jesus asks us to believe that in the end, evil will not have the last word; it will fall. God's goodness will eventually triumph.

We can live in faith, love, hope and forgiveness, in spite of everything that suggests that they aren't true, because we have a deeper HOPE that is made alive in Jesus's resurrection. And when we as individuals and as a church family demonstrate this hope, even in, and maybe especially in times of pain, the hope of the resurrection lives loudly through us.

Christ Center Family, let's walk daily in the hope of the resurrection.

# Calendar & Birthdays

## APRIL [Calendar](#)



Carmen Gamble  
Secretary

### 1 Resurrection Day

2 services at the Conservatory, 8:30am 10am

8am Easter Sunrise service top of Stevens Pass ski area. Free lift to the top. Register at the base at 7am

### NOON: Christ Center Chelan Easter event @ Riverwalk

Park, Holly Starr, Food truck, inflatables, prizes large & small.

20 "IF" Gathering. Ladies Friday night only. \$15 Register on line @ifgathering.com/event/ifwenatchee-valley

22 Starting Point following service. New folks meet & greet

27 7pm Faith Friday, Steff Haney @ the Underground, 206 Vine

## APRIL Birthdays

- 2 Louise Moffatt
- 5 Emelia Gutzwiler
- 9 Kailena McElroy
- 10 Paula Frederick
- 11 Steve Bakken
- 14 Heidi Stoller
- 15 Matt Logan
- 20 Clark Hicks. Alta Sanchez
- 22 Bill Kunsman
- 23 Michelle Nezary
- 25 Brittani Haney
- 29 Randy Cagle

## Women's Studies & Conferences



Joyce Williams  
Pastor of Congregational Care

Hi [Ladies](#),

Many of you will recall the inspiring IF:Gathering 2017 conference that we hosted in September of last year; the message brought by Jill Briscoe (still on YouTube) changed my life! If you missed out, I have good news for you. We will be facilitating a Friday-night-only 2018 IF event on April 20—with a new line-up of awesome speakers. You can register on Facebook at If: Wenatchee Valley for an amazing evening of worship and encouragement in the Sanctuary at Apple Annie's. Cost is \$15 per person for this special evening. Several of our women's

leadership team have already heard the sessions—and that is why we are so excited to invite you! So, MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 5:00; session begins at 5:30. Snacks provided. Nursing babies are welcome but no childcare provided. Register at [ifgathering.com/event/ifwenatchee-valley](http://ifgathering.com/event/ifwenatchee-valley) or pick up a form at the CONNECT Booth at church on Sunday. See you there!

## Testimony



David Belcher  
Teaching Pastor in Chelan

I was raised in a Christian home, by two born-again parents. Scripture memorization, Bible study, and prayer were commonplace. I accepted Jesus as my Savior at an early age and was baptized in our church while in the second grade. However, it wasn't until I was made uncomfortable that I began the transformation process. Having left home for military boarding school at the age of thirteen, I experienced structure, discipline, and hardship that are atypical for most adults, but even more so for a new teenager. One lonely day, in my WWII military-style-barracks home, I found myself beat up by the August heat and

three-a-day football practices, as well as homesick for my brothers, parents, and friends. As I sat in the room by myself, with thoughts looming of fear, loneliness, and depression, I looked in the top draw of the wooden desk as a distraction from my thoughts. There in the top draw was the only article of writing available; a red-covered, Gideon Bible. I opened the first page and God supplied the very thing I needed to overcome my circumstances; His Word! It was in that moment that I learned the power of God's word, and it was in this single experience that I found how to not just hear God's word but live God's word. Since then I have made it a continual effort

to “write God’s word upon the tablet of my heart, so that I might not sin against Him.” Anytime I find myself at a crossroads, a decision point, or just a time to recalibrate, I make a deliberate effort to use the word of God, found only in the Holy Bible, to set my azimuth and propel myself onward!

## Kid Krazy News



**Andy & Mary Robinson**  
*Assistant Pastor & Director of  
Children’s Ministries*



“Artrageous” is our Kid Krazy Theme for this month. God has put in each of us artistic ability and it’s screaming to get out! That is—until now! During “Artrageous,” kids will have a chance to unleash the artist inside of them by using a wide variety of super fun art to tell the Resurrection story and to picture the outrageous love that Jesus has for us.

**Kids Making Movies:** Sunday, April 29 6-7:30 pm at Kid Krazy, we will have a Special Kids Night where they will have opportunity to make their own movie! We will supply the Legos, you bring the kids!



**Lost Lake Camp:** "Go Ahead!" For kids 9-13 years old, June 25-29, you will want to put this on your calendar! Download registration and staff applications from the church website.

# The Underground



Steffanie Haney  
Youth Director



Pastor Ian Ross  
Director of Operations  
Jr. High School Director

Underground High School -- April 2018

**Location:** 206 Vine St., Cashmere

**Time:** Dinner: 5:30 pm all high school students invited Youth Group: 6:10 PM – 8:00 pm

**April 1** - Happy Easter! No Youth Group

**April 8** - "Who am I" series beginning

**April 15** - Maddie Vandel speaking

**April 22** - "Who am I" part #2

**April 29** - "Who am I" part #3

Questions? Please Contact Me! Steffanie Haney [509-679-2871](tel:509-679-2871)

***Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece, created to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.***

Save the Date:

- May 5 Krispy Kremes Sale @ Apple Blossom Parade (funds support Costa Rica Mission Trip)
- May 20 Christ Center Sunday Morning Service will be our "Honor our Graduates" service
- May 27 & 28 UG Core Retreat
- May 28 Baccalaureate @ Mid Valley Baptist 7:00 pm