



# Welcome to Skykomish Community Church



a Word  
preaching,  
people loving  
community



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Hebrews 4:12

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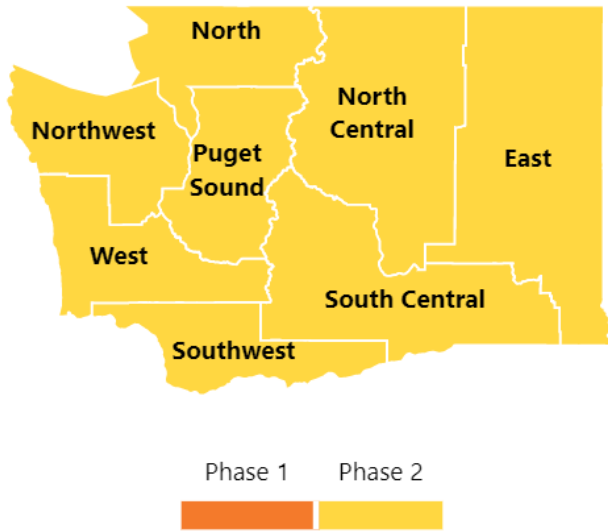
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**Skykomish Community Church**

**PO Box 56**

**Skykomish, WA 98288**

Phases by Region in effect until further notice



20.4% of Washington Residents have received the first dose of vaccine as of March 12th; 11.4% are fully vaccinated.

## COVID-19 Update

New phase 3 for Washington State begins March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Phases will rise and fall by county again, instead of by region. Indoor gatherings will be adjusted up to 50% capacity.

# COVID-19 Update

A day may come where I get sick,  
but it will not be this day.



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# Prayer Spotlight

Craig & Shelley Curtis

Camp Creek Church, Springfield, OR

Camp Creek is a beautiful valley located east of the Eugene-Springfield area of Oregon along the scenic McKenzie River. It is an area that sees the production of timber, hay, cattle, and an ever-increasing





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number of filberts. While there is farming in the area, most of the residents work in the nearby cities. Our area is one that experienced evacuations during the Holiday Farm Fire in September, but



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was spared from the damage that took place further up the McKenzie Valley. Camp Creek Church has received leadership from Village Missions since the 1950's and we have served here for over 20 years.



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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1. Pray for God to give us wisdom and direction as we plan for the new year in this uncertain time of COVID-19. 2. Pray for the various renovation and remodeling projects that are taking



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place on our church facility in the next several months. 3. Pray for our church's partnership with our local schools to continue to thrive. 4. Pray for open doors for the Gospel to be proclaimed throughout our community.

# Open Field Spotlight Kaslo Community Church Kaslo, BC



Please pray for this body of believers as they wait for a Village Missionary family.

Also pray for the 19 churches in the U.S. & Canada that are waiting for their Village Missionary family.



Review: Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,



Review: Stand firm then, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,




- The breastplate protects the heart and vital organs
- It was custom made to fit each man with metal and rings and could move easily
- It protected the soldier from arrows, knives, spears and swords



Review: Stand firm then, with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel.

## Shoes of the Gospel of Peace



- The shoes protected the soldier's feet
- The shoes were made from leather
- There were nails on the bottom
- It was hard to walk backward

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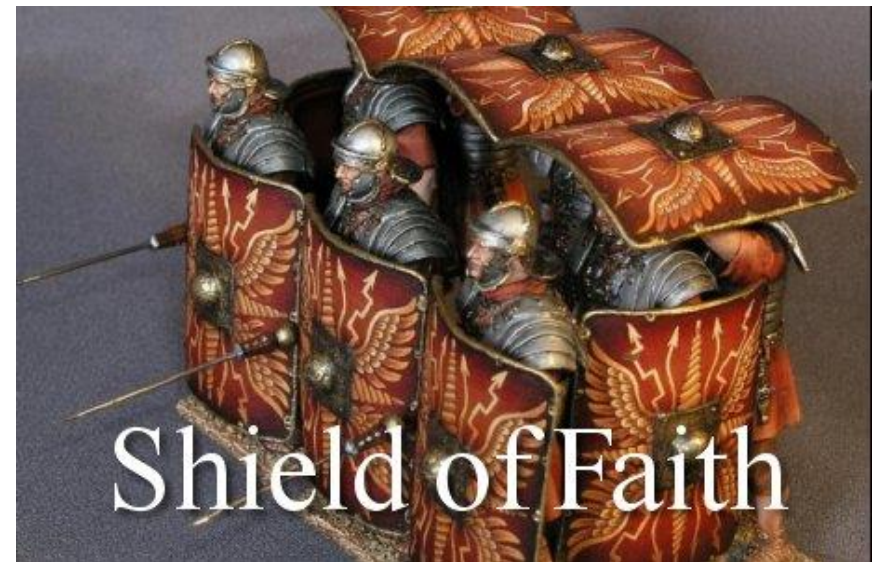
In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith...

# Shield of Faith



- The shield was made from 6 layers of hide
- There were 2 types of shields
- The shield meant 'Door' in Greek
- It protected the body

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# Take the Helmet of Salvation



## Helmet of Salvation

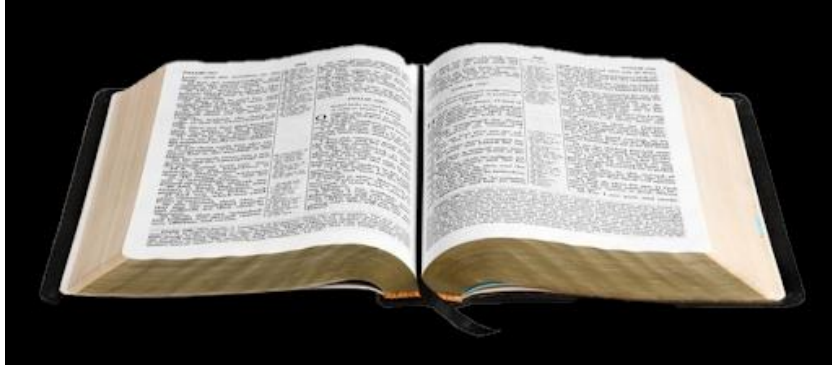


- The helmet protected the head
- It was made from thick leather inside and metal outside
- It protected the back of the neck
- It protected the face so the soldier could keep his eyes on the goal

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# And the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God



- The sword was short, lightweight, and well-balanced
- Used for close contact



# Jesus IS the Armor

- Belt of Truth; John 14:6 says Jesus is the truth.
- Breastplate of Righteousness; 2 Corinthians 5:21 says that “in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
- Gospel shoes fit with the Readiness which comes from the Gospel of peace; Ephesians 2:14 says Jesus himself is our peace. The Gospel is Jesus Christ with all the blessings contained in him.

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- The Shield of Faith; His faithfulness makes possible our faith. Galatians 2:20 says “I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- The Helmet of Salvation; In Luke 2:30, when Simeon saw Jesus in the temple he says that he has seen the Lord’s Salvation.
- The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; John 1:1, 14, states that Jesus is the Word.

Ephesians 6:17b

**(S)word of the Spirit**

Today's Text: Ephesians 6:17b (NIV)

Take the helmet of salvation  
and the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God.



2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

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1 Peter 1:23 (NIV)

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

- The devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness, but...
- Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit (verse 1)
- "It is written..." (Verses 4, 8, 12)
- Full of the Holy Spirit, Jesus wielded the sword of the Spirit!



Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.