



Welcome to Skykomish Community Church



a Word
preaching,
people loving
community

Simple faith, Simple prayer;
You are God; You are there.
Through the day, Simple praise,
Walking with the Lord,
Talking with the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1

Offering: place in box on the north wall in the rear of the sanctuary, use PayPal donate button on website, or mail to:

Skykomish Community Church

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COVID-19 Update

46.8% of Washington Residents have received the first dose of vaccine as of May 1st; 32.7% are fully vaccinated, 41.7% of adults, 77.3% of seniors.

On May 3rd it will be determined if any counties revert to previous levels based on case data. Some counties are in danger of going from phase 3 to phase 2 and some counties may go from phase 2 to phase 1.

COVID-19 Update

PLEASE TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OUT OF THE CLOSET REGULARLY, AIR THEM OUT AND ALLOW TO STAND IN SUNLIGHT. RECENT STUDIES SHOW THAT IF CLOTHES ARE KEPT IN CLOSETS OVER LOCKDOWN, THEY SHRINK.



Prayer Spotlight

Ron & Marilyn Sallee; Director,
Contenders Discipleship Initiative

We served for 38 years as Village Missionaries first in Arago, OR, and then Machias, WA, where we started Contenders Bible School in 1995. After equipping and sending out many new Village Missionaries



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Contenders Bible School became the online Contenders Discipleship Initiative in 2014. Now our "field of service" includes all of the US and Canada. The tuition is free. CDI is being used worldwide by churches



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and individual distance learners,
equipping the saints for ministry
(www.vmcdi.com)

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray
with us that the Lord of the Harvest
will send more laborers into His



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harvest field. Contenders is our continuing effort to put feet to those prayers. Praise God with us as we see the fruit of the CDI in new missionaries as well as strengthened Biblical leadership in the churches



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served. Believers now know what they believe, why they believe it, and are ready and able to contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3).



Open Field Spotlight

Sandy Valley Community Church

Sandy Valley, NV

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

Also pray for the 23 churches in the U.S. & Canada that are waiting for their Village Missionary family.

Romans 12, Part 1

Therefore,

Romans 12 (NIV)

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your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself

Romans 12 (NIV)

with sober judgement, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs

Romans 12 (NIV)

to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give

Romans 12 (NIV)

encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love.

Honor one another above

Romans 12 (NIV)

yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you;

Romans 12 (NIV)

bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be

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careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Romans 12 (NIV)

On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Romans 11:33-36 (NIV)

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?

Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

What is the “Therefore” there for?

- Jack Sprat
- The Declaration of Independence
- Some of the “Whereas” statements in Romans that lead up to Romans 12:1

*Jack Sprat could eat no fat,
His wife could eat no lean;
And so betwixt them both,
They licked the platter clean.*



Borrowed from

<https://ogs.law/contracts/whereas-now-therefore/>

- Whereas, Jack Sprat can eat no fat, and Ms. Sprat can eat no lean;
- Whereas, the Sprats desire to engage a butcher to purchase an adequate supply of meat that meets their dietary restrictions;
- Whereas, Merry Meats is a custom meat processor and butcher; and
- Whereas, Merry Meats desires to provide separate lean and fat cuts to the Sprats.

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- **NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Sprats and Merry meats agree as follows:

Excerpts from the Declaration of Independence

- We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
- That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,
- That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government...

Excerpts from the Declaration of Independence

- The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States...
- He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good... (many more points)
- For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:
- For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: ...

Excerpts from the Declaration of Independence

- For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:
- For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:
... (many more points)
- In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury...
- We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

Excerpts from the Declaration of Independence

- We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved;

Excerpts from the Declaration of Independence and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV) 11:33-36

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How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?

Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 1:16a "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes:"
- 1:17 "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'"

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 1:18-19 "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them because God has made it plain to them."
- 1:20 "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 1:28-32 "Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them."

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 2:1 "You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things."
- 2:5 "But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed."

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 2:6 "God will repay each person according to what they have done."
- 2:9a "There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil:"
- 2:10a "but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good:"
- 3:20 "Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin."

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 3:21-24 "But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 5:1-2 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God."
- 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 6:9-10 "For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God."
- 6:11 "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."
- 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 7:18 "For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out."
- 7:24-25a "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 8:1-2 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."
- 8:9 "You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ."

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- 8:11 "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you."
- 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 8:37-39 "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Some Whereas Statements prior to Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- 10:8-10 "But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

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Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on
you and be gracious to you; the
LORD turn his face toward you and
give you peace.

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.