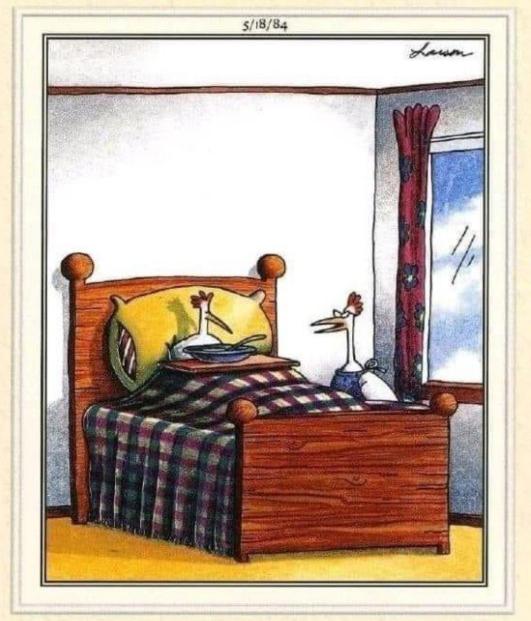
Welcome to Skykomish Community Church

> a Word preaching, people loving community

Songs

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"Quit complaining and eat it! ... Number one, chicken soup is good for the flu, and number two, it's nobody we know."





I cleaned under your bed for you. You're welcome.







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Our ministry area is less than 4 miles from a busy highway connecting the Boston area to the scenic White Mountains, but the folks who live in the city and vacation in the mountains seem a world away. The majority of the 1,800 residents of our town live in dense woods in two





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disconnected neighborhoods set around a small lake. The only evidence of our town seen from the main road is a few municipal buildings, our church, a lumberyard, and the local PreK-6 school.





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PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray with our family and the 25 souls who attend church regularly with us that the Lord would use the outreach efforts and public services of Middleton Gospel Chapel as well as our individual lives to honor Him and encourage each other.





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This area of New England is both physically beautiful and spiritually dark, with very few who show interest in Jesus Christ. We have come to think of the people here as "formerly reached" as this area has a rich Christian history but little spiritual life now. Please pray that His church in





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Middleton would shine brightly in the dark. Ask God to provide many opportunities to open doors and hearts to the Gospel and to make our church an effective witness to our lost neighbors so they can be saved and know Jesus Christ.



Open Field Spotlight

Village Missions Keeping Country Churches Alive Carwood Community Church Leoti, KS

Please pray for the people of Carwood Community Church as they wait for their next full-time Village Missions pastor.

Also pray for the 23 other churches in the U.S. and Canada that are waiting for a Village Missions pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENT Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Romans 12:15



Mark 2:18-22 Religion or Relationship?

Mark 2:18-22 (NIV)

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?" Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with

Mark 2:18-22 (NIV)

them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast. "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making

Mark 2:18-22 (NIV)

the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins."

- "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right
 - and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.

Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

- Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
- Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you,

and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness,

and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master,

servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For

none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we

- will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:
- "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord,
- 'every knee will bow before me;
 - every tongue will acknowledge God."
- So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.
- Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one

another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean. If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. Therefore do not

let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is Romans 14:1-23 (NIV) clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.

So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves. But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

Romans 12:15-18 (NIV)

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 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.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, (NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

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.

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.