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a Word preaching,
people loving community

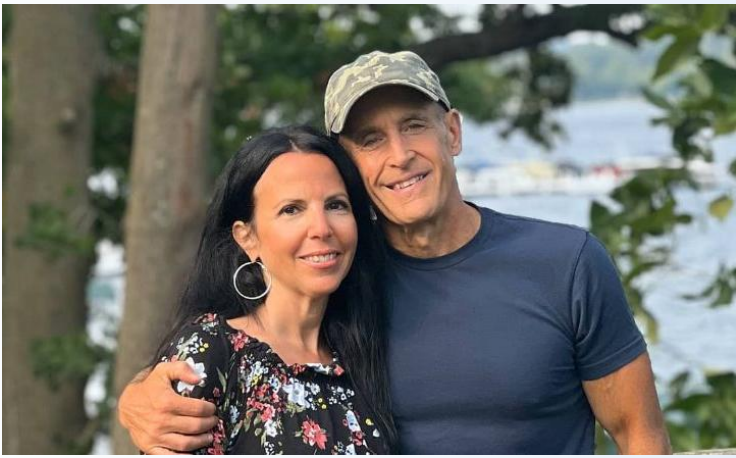
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Communion Today: April 5th
- Next Potluck: April 12th
- Women's Bible Study: Off this week
- Offering: place in box on the north wall in the rear of the sanctuary, use PayPal donate button on website, Venmo QR-Code where available, or mail to:

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PO Box 56

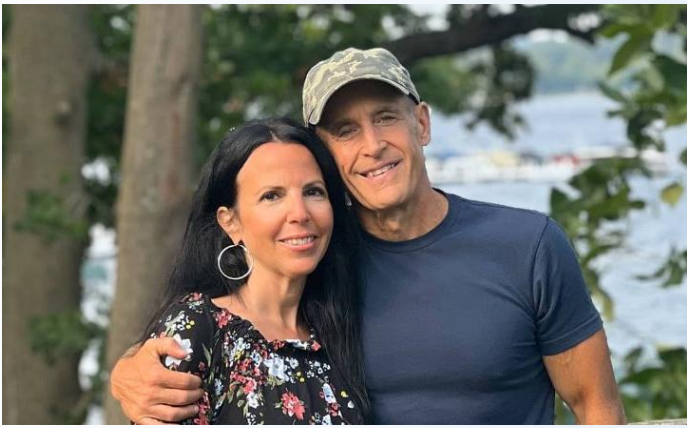
Skykomish, WA 98288



Prayer Spotlight

Ron & Lynette Larson; Atlanta, MI
Atlanta Bible Church

Atlanta is a town of about 700 people in northern Michigan. It is the county seat and is known as the Elk Capital of Michigan. Beautiful forests and lakes surround Atlanta, but the community struggles financially.

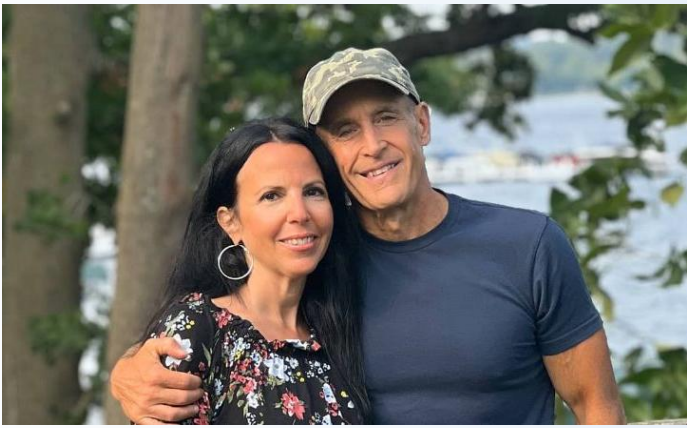


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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray for God's provision and leading for all aspects of our ministry at Atlanta Bible Church. We are loving the people and preaching the Word through church services, Sunday school, Bible studies, and programs for children and teens (including a Fellowship of Christian Athletes).



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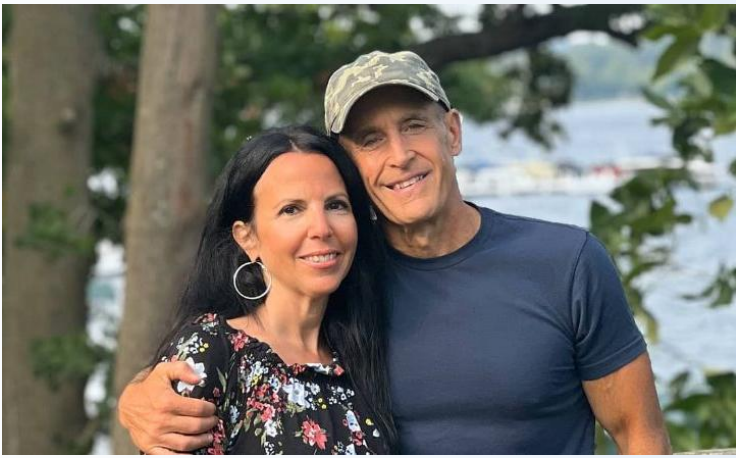
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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray that our church family grows in Jesus and fervently serves him.

Pray that God draws more people to worship and serve with us.

Pray that our children draw closer to God and follow his will for their lives.



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Pray for our involvement at the school as Ron helps coach sports and Lynette teaches jr. high and high school math. May God give us continued strength and wisdom to be salt and light.

Traditions, Commandments,
and the Heart
Matthew 15:1-20

Matthew 15:1-20 (NASB)

Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, “Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”

Matthew 15:1-20 (NASB)

And He answered and said to them,
“Why do you yourselves also break the
commandment of God for the sake of
your tradition? For God said, ‘Honor
your father and mother,’ and, ‘The one
who speaks evil of father or mother is to
be put to death.’

Matthew 15:1-20 (NASB)

But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God,” he is not to honor his father or mother.’ And by this you have invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you, by saying:

Matthew 15:1-20 (NASB)

‘This people honors Me with their lips,
But their heart is far away from Me.
And in vain do they worship Me,
Teaching as doctrines the
commandments of men.’”

Matthew 15:1-20 (NASB)

After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, “Hear and understand! It is not what enters the mouth that defiles the person, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles the person.”

Matthew 15:1-20 (NASB)

Then the disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?” But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant will be uprooted. Leave them alone; they are blind guides of blind people.

Matthew 15:1-20 (NASB)

And if a person who is blind guides another who is blind, both will fall into a pit.”

Peter said to Him, “Explain the parable to us.” Jesus said, “Are you also still lacking in understanding?”

Matthew 15:1-20 (NASB)

Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated? But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and those things defile the person.

Matthew 15:1-20 (NASB)

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, acts of adultery, other immoral sexual acts, thefts, false testimonies, and slanderous statements. These are the things that defile the person; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the person.”

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered to Him after they came from Jerusalem, and saw that some of His disciples were eating their bread with unholy hands, that is, unwashed.

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

(For the Pharisees and all the other Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, thereby holding firmly to the tradition of the elders; and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they completely cleanse themselves;

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

and there are many other things which they have received as traditions to firmly hold, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, and copper pots.)

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk in accordance with the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with unholy hands?”

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

But He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. And in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

Neglecting the commandment of God,
you hold to the tradition of men.”

He was also saying to them, “You are
experts at setting aside the
commandment of God in order to keep
your tradition.

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'The one who speaks evil of father or mother, is certainly to be put to death'; but you say, 'If a person says to his father or his mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is, given to God),'

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

you no longer allow him to do anything for his father or his mother; thereby invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.”

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

After He called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them, “Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside the person which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which come out of the person are what defile the person.”

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

And when He later entered a house, away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him about the parable. And He said to them, “Are you so lacking in understanding as well?”

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

Do you not understand that whatever goes into the person from outside cannot defile him, because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?” (Thereby He declared all foods clean.)

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

And He was saying, “That which comes out of the person, that is what defiles the person.

Mark 7:1-23 (NASB)

For from within, out of the hearts of people, come the evil thoughts, acts of sexual immorality, thefts, murders, acts of adultery, deeds of greed, wickedness, deceit, indecent behavior, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile the person.”

Luke 23:39-43 (NASB)

One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other responded, and rebuking him, said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”

Luke 23:39-43 (NASB)

And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our crimes; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!” And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NASB)

The LORD bless you, and keep you;
The LORD cause His face to shine
on you, and be gracious to you; The
LORD lift up His face to you, and
give you peace.