

# LIVING GOSPEL CHURCH NEWS

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## Freedom in the Spirit

Galatians 5: 1, 16-18, 22-26 NLT **So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.**

<sup>16</sup> **So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives.** Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. <sup>17</sup> The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. <sup>18</sup> But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

<sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. <sup>25</sup> **Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.**

As we enter a New Year and decade, let us choose to receive the freedom Christ offers us through His Holy Spirit. Let us believe **"if the Son sets you free, then you are truly free."** John 8:36 NLT.

Pray and ask God to give you understanding to these Scriptures and what they mean for you. Let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives and let there be freedom found in 2020!

### Galatians 5:26

*<sup>25</sup> Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives*

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**Let Us Serve in Love.  
Using Our Gifts to Strengthen the Body.**

**Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.**

God is ever faithful to continue to build His Church and draw the hungry and thirsty unto Himself.

Look back over the course of 2019 and take notice of the many new faces and families God has called to Living Gospel Church. What a blessing and joy to see how He draws those seeking to connect to the Body and how each person strengthens us in a new way. We all have purpose and have been divinely called to this church specifically, to fulfill the purpose God created us for at this time in our lives.

**Let us be careful to never think our presence doesn't matter or our gifts are irrelevant.** The health of the Body is greatly impacted when we begin to think it doesn't matter if we are there; that no one will miss us. This is a lie from the enemy. Your presence matters. Your service matters. **What God is able to do through our church is greatly impacted by our presence and our service.**

Please pray and seek God's will for you in how you will serve Him and His people in 2020. It might be in new areas of service. He has a purpose and plan for you. Seek it out and follow what He shows you. *It will be amazing as you follow His lead!* There is great joy and fulfillment in serving where He calls you.

**Right now we have immediate opportunities to serve** in our children's ministry. Do you love playing with young children and teaching them the love God has for them? Volunteer once every 5-6 weeks and pour it into them.

We need people to serve as greeters. Can you offer a warm smile to welcome everyone, and help our guests feel right at home?

We also need ushers. This is an important ministry to prep and share our communion elements and collect our offering each service.

Do you love to bake or make special treats? We have a birthday cake ministry once each month or you could sign up to make snacks for Sunday fellowship. **Sign up sheets at church for these ministry opportunities.** If these areas aren't speaking to you, pray and see what God is calling you to.

Thank you all so much for your service this past year-God bless you all!

**Celebrating-**

**January Birthdays**

Bob Breneman	January 1
Abra Shimpach	January 4
Karrie Landsverk	January 11
Fran Porter	January 18
Brody Keepes	January 19
Kassadie Sugden	January 22
Miranda Moll	January 24
Shari Kleist	January 25
Brinleigh Batz	January 26

Please let Pastor Karrie know if we missed your special days so we can add it to our database. Thank you!



## ***2020 Goals and Budget***

Our board of directors will be preparing a financial budget for our 2020 year and they welcome your input.

We will hold our annual meeting to discuss and vote on our 2020 budget near the end of February.

The board asks as you serve in specific ministries to please look at what your needs are. Consider what hinders you from meeting those needs. Let the board know what should be considered to help our ministries function more smoothly or allow for growth.

Please also share your ideas and concerns with the board regarding all maintenance and aesthetic improvements to our church. What improvements should be considered for our building and property?

We are so grateful for the faithfulness of God to help us meet our yearly budgets. Know each year He calls us to give and build more, for we are never meant to be complacent.

We are to advance the kingdom of God year over year. As we faithfully obey and follow His will, He faithfully and creatively provides means for us to fulfill His vision.

**Let us build and give in faith this year, knowing He is able to do immeasurably more than anything we can ask for!**



### ***Seek the Lord With All Your Heart***

**Psalm 105: 2-4 <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. <sup>4</sup> Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**

As children of God we are called to seek Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and as we do, we will surely find Him.

God knows how easily our confidence can be shaken, how quickly our faith fades and how consumed we can be with our ever changing circumstances. This is why we are called to seek the Lord always, to renew the courage and strength we have that comes from Him; to build our faith in Him and to keep our eyes fixed on eternal things.

**God delights in pouring out His blessings upon us and revealing hidden mysteries the world will not see or understand, as we seek Him.** He created us to be vessels that He fills with Himself. He created us to be one with Him through His Spirit.

In order to receive the fullness that He desires to give us, we must seek the Lord with all our heart. We must open our heart to receive His love and choose to offer our love back to Him. We must choose to trust Him beyond what we can see or understand. **We must choose to make Him first in our lives.**

*In 2020, let us seek the face of our Lord and look to His strength to carry us each day. Let us put our trust in Him and prove His faithfulness. Purpose to seek His face each day this year and watch the mighty work of God in your life!*

## Coming Events

Monday Jan 20th- Ladies prayer group. 9 am at church

### **Freedom in the Spirit– Join a Small Group and Hear From the Holy Spirit in New Ways**

**Real Moms. Real Jesus.** Once per month Thur or Fri. Talk with Britt Sugden for dates and location. Join in any time! *You are welcome and so are your children!*

**Wednesdays:** 6 pm Youth Group, 7 pm Adult Study and Fellowship

**Walking With Jesus Daily–** Thursdays 6 pm and Fridays 10 am at church through mid-January

**Create a new small group–***“Where 2 or 3 gather there I am”*

**Galatians 5: 13-14** <sup>13</sup> **You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.** But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

***May God Abundantly Bless You and Your Families  
This New Year!***

## *Let Us Purpose to Meet*

*We enter a new year.* Let us purpose to connect and grow our relationships this year. Let us purpose to pray together. Let us purpose to build one another up in the faith. **Let us be in the habit of meeting together.**

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