

Crossroads Outpost



Lamoille Community
Presbyterian Church
Lamoille, Nevada

Our Vision

We stand together at the crossroads where God’s powerful love compels us to worship Him fully, follow Jesus daily, and live in the Spirit joyfully.

Our Mission

Our mission is to pursue this vision with commitment, character, and in community.



**WELCOME
TO WORSHIP**



Freedom Worth Guarding

Because many Americans have never known life without freedom, it can be easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites, however, knew the harsh reality of slavery. Yet even after God led them out of Egypt, they struggled to embrace their new-found freedom. Faced with uncertainty, they grew fearful and complained against Moses and Aaron, longing for the familiarity of their former bondage rather than trusting God’s provision.

Their story feels surprisingly familiar. As Christians, we have been set free through a far greater deliverance. Our freedom was secured at a great cost through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And yet, we sometimes drift back toward old habits, attitudes and patterns that once held us captive.

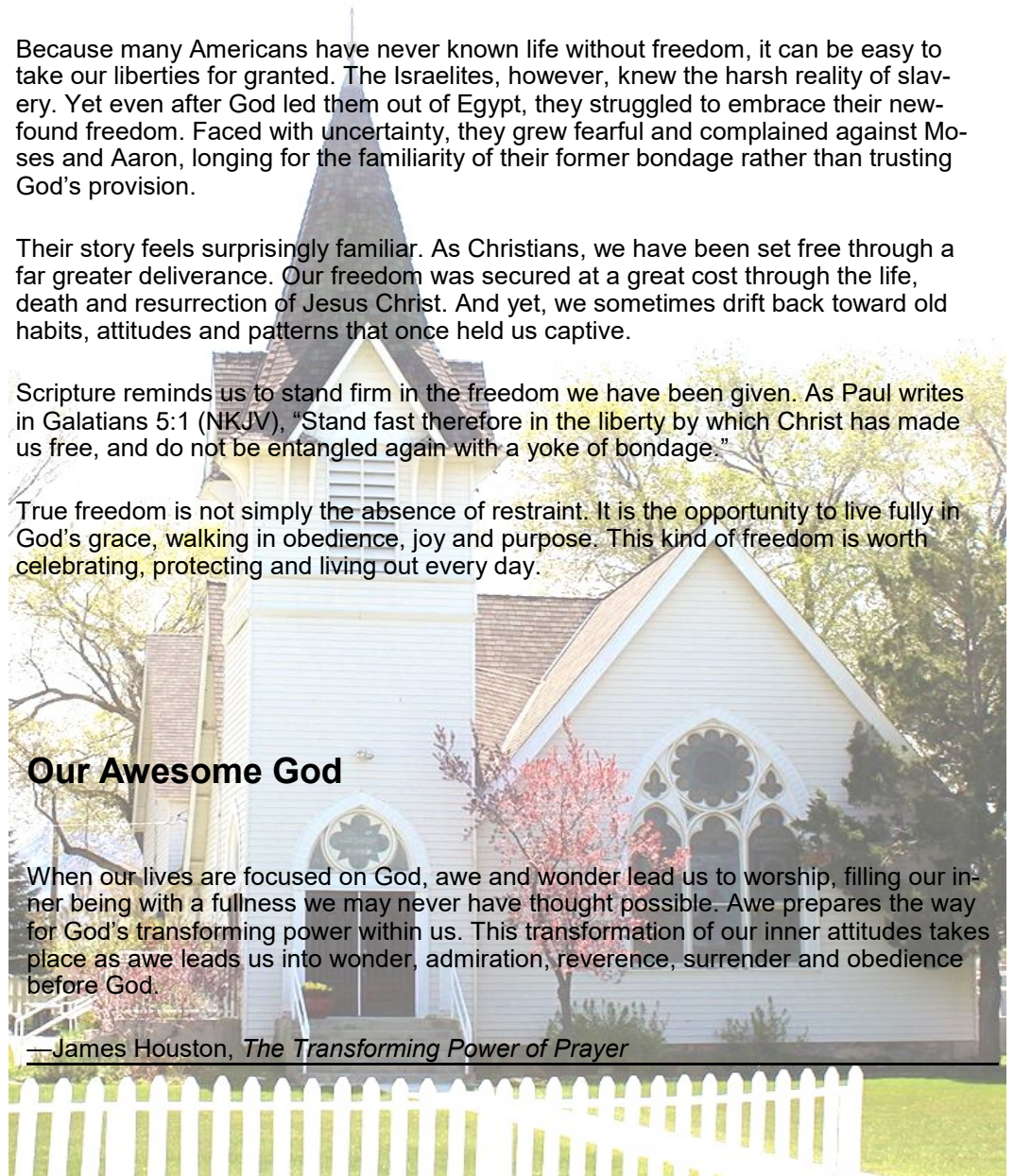
Scripture reminds us to stand firm in the freedom we have been given. As Paul writes in Galatians 5:1 (NKJV), “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”

True freedom is not simply the absence of restraint. It is the opportunity to live fully in God’s grace, walking in obedience, joy and purpose. This kind of freedom is worth celebrating, protecting and living out every day.

Our Awesome God

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship, filling our inner being with a fullness we may never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way for God’s transforming power within us. This transformation of our inner attitudes takes place as awe leads us into wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender and obedience before God.

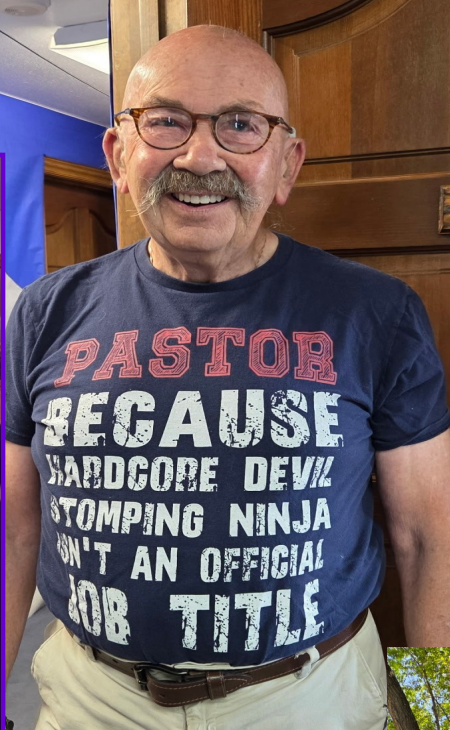
—James Houston, *The Transforming Power of Prayer*



CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Congratulations to our two graduating young men, Kayden Smith and Caleb Jensen! We are so proud of both of you and all that you have accomplished. Kayden, as you begin your journey as a wildland firefighter, and Caleb, as you start your full-time job with Les Schwab, we pray that God will guide your paths, keep you safe, and bless your futures. Your church family at Lamoille Presbyterian Church celebrates with you and wishes you success, happiness, and God's richest blessings in the years ahead. Congratulations, young men!



At the beginning of June, our church family gathered to celebrate a very special milestone-30 years of faithful service and blessings from Pastor Rick. Following worship, we enjoyed a wonderful BBQ filled with great food, fellowship, and laughter.



And little did Sandy know that she would also be honored that day as we celebrated her 80th birthday! It was a joyful surprise and made the day ever more special.



A special thank-you to Dan and James, who did a fantastic job of cooking for the crowd.

It was truly a wonderful time of honoring, sharing memories, and giving thanks for the many blessings God has given our church family!



Vacation Bible School Celebration

Thank you to everyone who made VBS such a meaningful week! From volunteers and leaders to families and prayer partners, your support helped create a joyful space for children to grow in faith and friendship. We are grateful for the seeds planted and the lives touched throughout the week.

A Prayer for Parents

Heavenly Father,

Make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they say and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting or contradicting them. Help me be as courteous to them as I would have them be to me.

Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes, or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power. Let me not tempt my children to lie or steal. Guide me, hour by hour, that I may demonstrate in all I say and do that honesty leads to happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the harshness in me. When I am out of sorts, help me, Lord, to hold my tongue.

May I ever be mindful that my children are still children, and help me not expect from them the judgment of adults. Let me not rob them of opportunities to grow, to serve themselves and to make decisions. Grant me the wisdom to allow what is good and the courage to deny what may harm them.

Make me fair, just and kind. And fit me, Lord, to be loved, respected and imitated by my children.

Amen.



They Walked Everywhere



When a teenager earned his driving permit, he approached his father, a minister, to discuss using the car. His dad replied, "I'll make you a deal. Raise your grades, spend some time in your Bible and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk."

A month later, the young man came

back. "Son, I'm proud of you," his father said. "Your grades are up, and you've been faithful in your Bible study. But you didn't get your hair cut."

The teenager paused. "Well, Dad, I've been thinking. Samson had long hair. Moses had long hair. Noah had long hair. Even Jesus had long hair."

His father nodded. "That's true. And they walked everywhere they went."

Still Worth More Than You Know



A speaker opened his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill and asking a crowd of 200 people, "Who would like this?"

Nearly every hand went up.

"I'll give it to one of you," he said. "But first..." He crumpled the bill tightly in his fist. "Who still wants it?" Hands remained in the air.

He dropped it to the floor and ground it under his shoe. Then he picked up the wrinkled, dirty bill. "How about now?" The hands rose again.

"My friends," he said, "you've just learned an important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, it never lost its value. It was still worth \$20." Life can feel the same way. We are dropped, crumpled and ground down by our choices and by circumstances beyond our control. At times, we may even feel worthless. But our value does not change.

In God's eyes, you are never less than priceless. Clean or dirty, wrinkled or whole, you remain precious to Him. As Isaiah 43:4 says in the NIV, "You are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you."

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
 And we alone can choose
 To do what God would have us do,
 To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
 The proud and selfish way —
 A life where other gods come first
 To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
 We find that freedom's place
 Is really in God's Will for us,
 And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

The Sacred Pace of Rest

Jesus, who often withdrew with his disciples to quiet, deserted places, understood something we easily forget: transformation takes time. The richest, most life-giving compost does not form overnight. As author James Gleick observes, "You can't hurry love and you can't hurry a soufflé. The biochemistry has its own inherent pace." In much the same way, the most meaningful parts of life unfold slowly. Relationships deepen over years. Wisdom grows through experience. True rest cannot be rushed.

Disciples of Jesus today are invited to rediscover the value of the deserted place. It is not empty or wasted space, but sacred ground. It is where long books can be read, unhurried prayers can be offered and deep thoughts can take root. It is where Sabbath is honored through rest, renewal and quiet attentiveness to God.

In a culture that prizes speed and productivity, stepping away may feel counterintuitive. Yet it is in these still moments that our souls are restored and made fertile for growth. The deserted place becomes a gift, shaping us into people who are grounded, attentive and spiritually mature, ready to reenter the world with renewed strength and purpose.

Christian symbol



SHELL — A scallop shell, often shown pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is a Christian symbol of baptism and the washing away of sin. The three drops of water represent the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

From the earliest centuries of the church, the shell was connected with baptism because it could be used to pour water over a person's head. In a time when many baptisms took place in rivers, lakes or outdoor settings, a simple shell served as a natural vessel, reminding believers that God uses humble, ordinary things to accomplish sacred purposes.

Today, the scallop shell continues to appear in baptismal fonts, church art and Christian design. It quietly proclaims the message of baptism: washed by grace, claimed by God and welcomed into the family of faith.

God's Bonus Days

An author writing in *Guideposts* magazine calls those nostalgic moments of memory "God's bonus days." LaVerne Sexton recalled that in her family, life's unexpected dividends — a summer rainbow, a blazing sunset, a gentle spring thaw — were invitations to set aside ordinary tasks and celebrate something special.

She remembered one breathtaking day from her childhood when the sky stretched wide and impossibly blue, as if it had no edges at all. Her father grabbed the fishing poles and called out, "Let's play hooky, hon. It's one of God's bonus days."



— Marion R. Vuilleumier, *Meditations by the Sea*



About 450 years before Jesus, Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem still lay in ruins after the Babylonian invasion. The news broke his heart. After days of prayer and mourning, he stepped forward to lead the effort to rebuild the city wall. Despite opposition, the people pressed on.


A well-known verse describes their progress: "So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to _____."

- A. be protected C serve
- B. work D live
- C. serve

Answer: B (Nehemiah 4:6, ESV)

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Quotes

Freedom fails when people decide that it is their right to take and not to give.
—Stanley Maxwell

Today I have the freedom to discipline myself by respecting and appreciating the laws of God and our government, or to disregard them and be disciplined by others. I choose to discipline myself.
—Clarence Buehler

Creativity is so delicate a flower, that praise tends to make it bloom, while discouragement often nips it in the bud. Any of us will [have] more and better ideas if our efforts are truly appreciated.
—Alexander Osborn

America stands on two great pillars — faith and morality. Without these, our foundation crumbles.
—George Washington

The faces of children are proof enough of God.

You may say, "I can't go on." God says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

