

Crossroads Outpost



Lamoille Community
Presbyterian Church

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



Carried and Called to Follow



Jesus the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity's most endearing images. Scenes of Jesus holding a small lamb bring comfort during times of trouble, reminding us of God's tender care when we are weak or hurting. In those moments, we are grateful to be carried.

Yet this image also points to a deeper truth. The Shepherd's role is not only to carry the lamb, but to lead the flock. When we are restored and strengthened, we are called to rise, to walk and to follow where He leads.

God meets us in our need with compassion, but He also calls us forward with purpose. The same hands that lift us up also guide us on the path ahead.

There is a time to be carried, and there is a time to follow.

It Is No Secret: A Song Born of Transformation

Billy Graham's public ministry gained national attention at the Rose Bowl in 1949, where a remarkable response marked the beginning of a historic movement. He returned to the same venue in November 2004, 55 years later, to commemorate that milestone. Before the 1949 event, Billy appeared as a guest on a radio show hosted by songwriter and performer Stuart Hamblen. During the broadcast, Hamblen encouraged listeners to attend the meetings at the Rose Bowl. Before leaving, Billy invited Hamblen to attend as well. Though not a Christian at the time, Hamblen agreed. (His wife, however, was a believer.)

That evening, Hamblen did not go forward with others to profess faith in Christ, but he left deeply unsettled. Later that night, he went to Graham's hotel, where he shared his restless spirit. Through Billy's witness and prayer, Hamblen gave his life to the Lord. Soon after, actor John Wayne asked him, "Stuart, what's this about you hitting the sawdust trail?"

Hamblen replied, "That's no secret, John, what God has done for me. He can do it for you or anyone else."

Wayne responded, "That sounds like a song. Why don't you write one?"

And so, "It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)" was born.

Hamblen later wrote many Gospel songs, once saying, "I try to write music with a spiritual uplift instead of a moral downbeat."

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Summer has been filled with blessings, celebrations, and fun family activities! The Armstrong family enjoyed a trip to the zoo in Salt Lake City, and spent several trips to the ocean, making special memories together.



Congratulations to Pastor Rick, who recently competed in the Senior Games and brought home **two gold medals in weightlifting!** We are proud of his accomplishments.

Bench pressed 115 & dead lifted 185 lbs
Way to go...



Surprise, SURPRISE! Gina and Jason Land enjoyed a wonderful European vacation. While in Amsterdam, their son Jack, who is the Navy, was able to get a few days off and join them. They are blessed to spend several days together.

We are delighted to welcome the Bjoin family as new members of our church family. We also celebrated the baptism of their son, Will, during our July service in the canyon. What a special day of faith and fellowship~



A big congratulations goes to our own Adley and her softball team! They competed in two tournaments, playing from early morning through the summer heat, and came away with first-place championships both times. Way to go Adley and team!



Bible Quiz

Jesus said that his followers are the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). It wouldn't do much good to hide a light under a bushel, he said. It should be

put on a lamp-stand to give light in the house. Then Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see ..."



Choose the ending of Jesus' sentence:

- A. their way and not stumble.
- B. how good and faithful you are as my servants.
- C. your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- D. in their darkness.

Answer: C (Matthew 5:16, NIV)

Back-to-school humor

What kind of school do you go to if you're ...
 ... an ice cream man? Sundae school
 ... a giant? High school
 ... a surfer? Boarding school
 ... King Arthur? Knight school

Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water?

Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

Student: In jail!

Labor Day laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!



Church.

Not a place
for perfect people.

A place
where grace
meets the weary.

Where hope
finds the hurting.

Where forgiveness
becomes a new beginning.

Come just as you are.

Jesus will meet you there.



The Marks of a Leader

Leaders should aspire to look like small boys in August. If you raise children or grandchildren, you know that by the end of August, they've been running around all summer in their shorts, sneakers and T-shirts. You also know that their knees and their elbows are always skinned, their shins always black and blue, and that they have the marks of the summer's fracas on their faces. A 6-year-old boy at the end of summer is my picture of a leader.

I got that picture from David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Many years ago he told me that leaders need to learn not to inflict pain, but to bear pain. It seems to me that if you're bearing pain properly as a leader, whether you're a preacher, a college professor, a parent or a teacher, you ought to have the marks of the struggle. One ought to have bruised shins and skinned knees.

—Max DePree, *Leadership Jazz*



Who was Bartholomew?

Among the twelve disciples, Bartholomew remains one of the more intriguing figures, known more through connections than detailed accounts. Though he is not named in the Gospel of John, many scholars believe he is the same person as Nathanael, who appears only in John's Gospel.

This connection is often made because Philip introduces Nathanael to Jesus in John, while Bartholomew is consistently listed alongside Philip in Matthew, Mark and Luke. When Nathanael meets Jesus, the Lord declares, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" (John 1:47, NKJV).

Outside of Scripture, early church historian Eusebius provides one of the earliest references to Bartholomew's ministry. He records that Bartholomew brought a Hebrew version of Matthew's Gospel to believers in India. Tradition also holds that Bartholomew preached in regions such as Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt and Armenia.

His death is remembered as a martyrdom. According to longstanding tradition, Bartholomew was either beheaded or flayed alive and then crucified upside down. His life and witness reflect bold faith and enduring commitment to the Gospel.

Save Me a Pew

The world's largest Protestant congregation is Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul. Since its founding in 1958, the church has grown at an extraordinary pace. By 1983, even seven Sunday services could not accommodate all who came to worship, leading to the creation of satellite congregations.

The main sanctuary, located across from National Assembly Building, seats about 26,000 people. Yet the membership is so large that attendees are assigned specific weeks of the month to attend services.

What a powerful witness in a country where only about 30 percent of the population identifies as Christian.

What would it take for your church to face a similar "problem"? And what part might you play in making room for more?



Christian Symbol

SUNFLOWER — The sunflower, a symbol of faithfulness and devotion, represents a life turned toward God. Just as the flower follows the sun, believers are called to seek the light of Christ and remain focused on Him.



Its bright bloom reflects the joy and glory of God's presence, while its steady growth points to a life rooted in faith. The many seeds of the sunflower can also symbolize spiritual fruitfulness.

In Christian symbolism, the sunflower reminds us to remain steadfast, to seek God daily and to reflect His light in all we do.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 Rick Glass	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Tom Finch Allyson & Joe (A)	10	11	12	13 Kathy & Allen Spurger (A)	14 Kathy Spurger (B)	15
16 Joel Jund canyon service Cambria Kleck (B)	17	18 Dorothy & Kevin (A)	19	20	21	22
23 Allen S.	24	25	26 Brittany Sarman (B)	27	28	29
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Quotes

Accept forgiveness from God and put your sin behind you. It is not our business to remember what God has forgotten.

If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.
—Maya Angelou

Faith is essentially reasonable. It trusts in the character and promises of God.
—E. Chris Curvin

You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you.
—James Lane Allen

Belief is truth held in the mind; faith is a fire in the heart.
—Joseph Fort Newton

