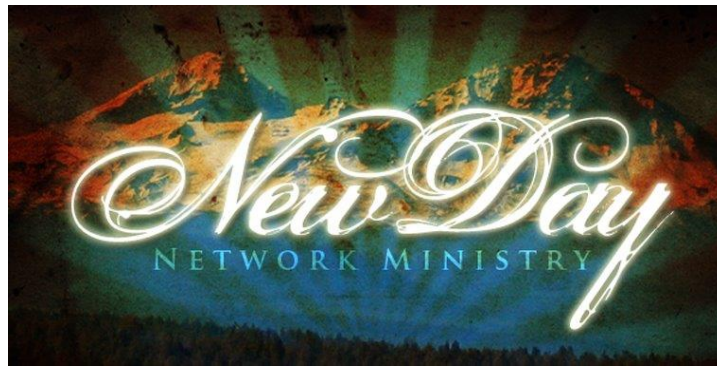


*To every thing
there is a season,
and a time to every
purpose under the
heaven...
Ecclesiastes 3:1a*



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A Time & A Purpose

This is the first day of December 2022! There are so many thoughts running around in our heads as we close out another year which honestly has passed all too quickly. With a heart of complete Gratitude, we Praise our Creator-God for all the blessings and struggles He has bestowed upon us over this past year, knowing He is not finished with us yet. Thankful "*The One Who Sees*" is with us every step of the journey. Of course, with December comes the Season to Celebrate the Birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. We understand through the Word of God that Jesus came in the fullness of time to fulfill the Purpose of God, the Father.

Hebrews 1:1-2a

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, ² Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son...

John 1:1-2, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The Old Testament has many examples of the forthcoming of Christ, the Messiah, the Savior of the world. One of my favorite illustrations of His coming is found in the Book of Esther and shows that the Christ will come to "*make a way of escape, to rescue*". Esther, queen of Persia, did not reveal her Jewish ancestry at the beginning. But the entire Jewish nation was threatened with annihilation and Esther's uncle confronted her with the duty to help them "*escape*". In ***Esther 4:14*** he says quite plainly, "***who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?***" God certainly did use Esther to provide a way of escape for her people, the Jews. And God provides a way of escape for anyone who will believe in His Son, Jesus the Christ, for everlasting life. (***John 3:17*** says, "***For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.***")

Matthew 1:23 reveals... ***²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.***" And that is our message. That is the message of the Gospel--the Good News! Jesus was born in a lowly stable, but He did not stay a Baby. The Bible tells us (***Luke 2:52***) that "***Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.***" He lived a sinless life, died a vicarious death, and rose victoriously from the grave! He is the Savior. He is our Savior. And He can be your Savior, too.



The Joy of Fellowship

It is a wonderful gift to have fellowship with other believers in Christ! Our Fellowship Sunday on the 27th turned out to be a most blessed surprise from the Lord. Winter is turning more and more harsh. Two of our small core charter member group (of 8) are in Arizona for the winter. Two more were snowed and iced in further west of Superior. One was driving home from being with family in southern Idaho. Another was unable to navigate the 1-hour drive to Superior. So, that left the two of us (*Alan & Sarah*)! We have faced this before, but the Lord blessed us with one family of four who are regular attenders (when they are home in Superior-otherwise they are working in Seattle!) And the Lord sent two new families to visit **Clark Fork Fellowship**! One couple brought their 4 older children. Another mom brought her two yr old and her really tiny littlest one. (Her husband and oldest child were driving the moving truck and arrived safely on Monday! Praise the Lord!) Both of these families are new or relatively new in the area! THANK YOU, LORD, for bringing these families to gather with us to worship and honor You! Everyone stayed for the "*Fellowship Meal*" in the River Cafe' and then we decorated the church in what we call our "*Annual Hanging of the Green*" and it does look beautiful and festive. Thank you, everyone, for your time and helping hands.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:10-11



Fellowship in Prayer

Please Pray For:

- * Superior Senior Citizens folks
- * Families of 4 Idaho college students tragically murdered
- * Hoagland family and Loutsis family new to area
- * Family of **Clark Fork Fellowship** will point people to Jesus
- * Opportunity for ministry in our community
- * Current and new supporters of New Day Network
- * Alisha, family and Terra Nova Schools in Kampala
- * Alana as she works and serves in Missoula
- * Medical Teams
- * First-Response Teams
- * Our nation and our world



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