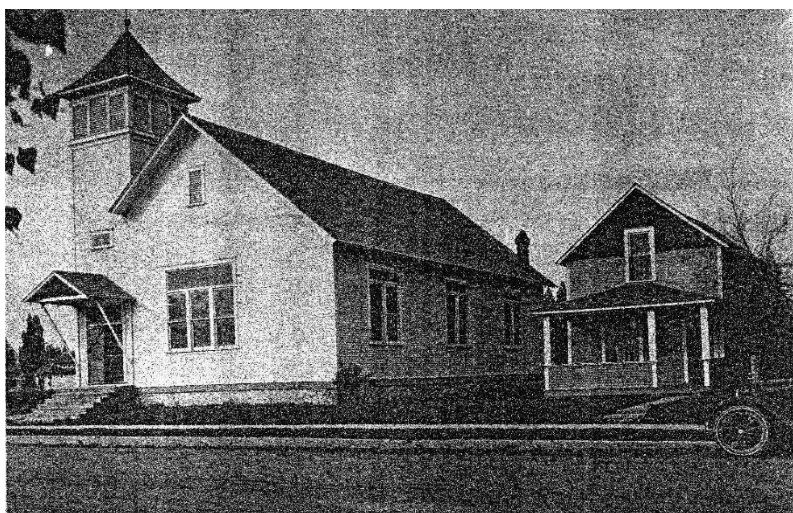


First Methodist Church

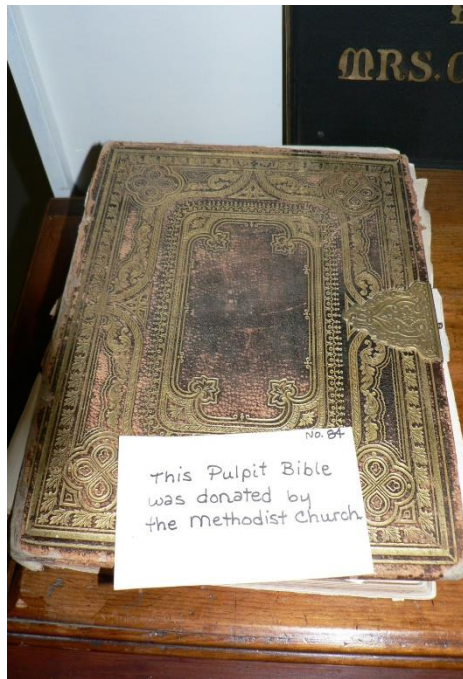


First Methodist Church between 1908–1923, before recreation hall

The First Methodist Church was organized in Chewelah in 1904. The first pastor was Reverend C. J. St. Hill. The first services were held in the Woodman Hall, now the K. C. Hall. Sunday school was organized in 1905 with Mrs. George McCrea as superintendent. The Epworth League was started in 1906.

In 1907, lots were acquired for the church and parsonage which were completed in 1908. In the years 1923 to 1926, Reverend Gertrude Apel was instrumental in erecting the attached recreation hall. This part of the building was remodeled in 1956 by Pastor Roy Kuhns. During the next few years, kitchen, dining room and rest rooms were improved under the leadership of Reverend Fred Riehle.

In 1964, the membership was 165, church school enrollment 93 and Woman's Society members 31. In 1968, the membership voted to combine with the Congregational Church to form the new United Church of Christ (First Congregational-Methodist.) *Chewelah and Vicinity Before 1968*





(The pulpit, pulpit Bible, and offering plates from the Methodist Church are located in the Chewelah Museum.)

Storage Unit Owned by Ivan and Cleda Jenne

Following the merger between the First Methodist Church and the Congregational Church, the building sat vacant for over a year. In June of 1969, the Methodist Church building and property were purchased by Ivan and Cleda Jenne for \$1.00 over the accepted bid. The Jennes used the church building for the storage of refrigeration equipment and miscellaneous items until it was purchased by the Calvary Baptist Church in 1974.

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“Business, started the previous year, requiring our immediate attention was the selling of the Methodist Parsonage, which we were able to complete in January. Next, we felt something else should be done with the Methodist Church property. We agreed the best thing to do would be to sell it. We brought the recommendation before the Church body at a quarterly meeting in February, but due to the lack of a quorum of the membership, we were unable to obtain authority to proceed with the selling, however all who were present thought it would be alright. So the Board, on their own, had the property appraised and called for bids. At the June meeting the bids were opened and the highest one accepted. It was then presented to the Church body at a special church meeting, where it was approved. The selling is being transacted at the writing of this report.”

Calvary Baptist Church



Calvary Baptist Church in 1996

Calvary Baptist Church of Chewelah was formed when a sizeable group of people (33) who had been driving to Colville decided it was time for a church closer to home. First Baptist Church of Colville agreed and Calvary Baptist Church was born.

The church was organized December 5, 1974, with 42 charter members. The next item of business was to choose a meeting place. The Odd Fellows building (Rebekah Hall) was chosen until the purchase of a permanent church home.

Peggy Pierce asked Cleda Jenne at Safeway if they would consider selling the old Methodist building to their newly formed church group. Ivan Jenne was remembered to have shared that he wanted to sell it to a church, because it is a church, and it ought to be a church. This was the start of the old Methodist Church building becoming the home for Calvary Baptist.

A motion was made and accepted for the purchase of the building at a cost of \$35,000. The people of Calvary Baptist Church voted to thank the Colville Church for their much needed support and help in this time of organization and formation.

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New Church Opens

The Calvary Baptist Church of Chewelah opened its doors for the first time on November 3. Sunday school attendance was 43, and church attendance totaled 55. Pastor Fay Garner delivered a timely message on "Beginnings" as brought out through revelations of the Bible. Shannon Matthews delivered a message in song.

Nursery is provided for children under the age of four.

The church is meeting for the present time in the Rebekah Lodge building.

Church services are scheduled as follows: Sunday - Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., Worship Service at 11:00 a.m., Training Union at 6:30 p.m., Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor and Mrs. Garner will be moving to Chewelah this week, and as soon as a telephone is installed, the number will be published. In the meanwhile, for information call Sam Payton at 935-8526.

Pastor Fay Garner received the call to be the young church's first Pastor. In one month's time the church was self-supporting. A recognition service included seventeen Pastors from the Northwest Fellowship.



The first deacons of the church were Ken Pierce, Sam Payton, and Floyd Ferry. The first treasurer was Jerry Matthews. The first trustees were Marvin McPhee and Joe Brugger. The first secretary was Bonnie Lilley, and the first financial secretary was Edna Ferry. Shannon Matthews sang the first solo for special music. Robert Taylor was one of the first to be baptized. Under Pastor Garner's leadership the Methodist Church building was renovated and put to use. The church missions program was developed. Pastor Garner resigned as Pastor in 1977 to continue his church planting ministry.

Pastor Merle Milner came from Libby, MT to become the second Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in 1977. Under his leadership the church developed a youth program which included the AWANA program. More renovating was accomplished around the building and new members added. Pastor Milner resigned as Pastor in 1987, as the Lord led him to Grace Baptist of Paso Robles, CA. Pastor Garner was called to be the interim Pastor until the new Pastor could be found.





Pastor Dan Wymer came from Port Orchard, WA to become the third Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in July of 1988. Under his leadership the church renovated the kitchen and baptistry, and added the handicap access ramp in the back of the church. The church had its mortgage burning ceremony on December 5, 1993. Pastor Wymer resigned July 30, 2000, and is currently serving as pastor at First Baptist Church of Bainbridge Island, WA. *(Taken in part from 1996 church directory, 20th Anniversary press release, and Mortgage Burning Ceremony DVD.)*

On May 13, 2001, Calvary Baptist voted to dissolve and turn over all assets and liabilities to the newly formed Chewelah Baptist Church.

Chewelah Baptist Church



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On January 24, 2001, 16 people met with Pastor Tom Nieman from Galilee Baptist Church of Kent, WA to discuss forming a new Baptist church in Chewelah. Dennis Killmer served as moderator and Jerry Matthews served as secretary. Many Saturdays were spent formulating and adopting the Articles of Faith, Church Covenant, Church Constitution, and Church Policies.

On April 21, 2001, those attending voted unanimously to “name the new work as CHEWELAH BAPTIST CHURCH.” The provisional deacons were Dennis Killmer, Jim Carter, Sam Payton, and Robert Matthews. The provisional Minister of Records was Jerry Matthews, the provisional Minister of Finances was Kris Killmer, and the provisional Minister of Stewardship was Candy Sweet.

On May 13, 2001, it was decided that membership applications for Chewelah Baptist Church be open for two weeks to develop a list of founding members. At the end of this period, 31 founding members formed Chewelah Baptist Church.

Chewelah Baptist Church

Founding Members

May 27, 2001

Reposing our faith wholly in the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation, and believing that the Holy Bible is the plenary (whole, complete, and entire) and verbally inspired Word of the living God, we have affiliated ourselves with one another as a body of immersed believers, and we therefore adopt this Constitution as a declaration of our convictions so that we may carry on the Lord's work decently and in order.

Patricia R. Abson	Faye I. Benson	Roberta Brooks
James W. Carter	Betty J. Carter	Connie A. Dollar
Brian D. Dollar	Melissa M. Dollar	Lois M. Gaines
Shannon L. Garner	Nathan E. Garner	Keith R. Garner
Lacie L. Garner	Cody D. Garner	Dennis E. Killmer
Christine A. Killmer	Douglas E. Killmer	Tiffany A. Killmer
Robert H. Matthews	Jerry L. Matthews	Bret Matthews
Jan D. Matthews	Erin Matthews	Melynnnda Matthews
Sam L. Payton	Alice E. Payton	Louise M. Savitz
Candy Sweet	Tedra M. Sweet	Brett M. Sweet
Nadine E. Zimmermann		

The church then started the process of seeking their first pastor. On September 30, 2001, Pastor Dan Cleghorn accepted a unanimous call to become the pastor of Chewelah Baptist Church and is still serving as pastor.

Chewelah Baptist Church welcomes pastor

Chewelah Baptist Church will welcome its new pastor and his family on Sunday, November 18. Sunday services start with Bible School at 9:45 a.m. The Morning Worship Service follows at 11:00 a.m. with a fellowship dinner afterwards. The Evening Worship Service begins at 6:00 p.m. and the church also has a Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Dan Cleghorn was born in St. Louis, MO and moved to Burbank, WA when he was eleven years old. He accepted Christ as his

Savior on April 13, 1980, when he was a junior at Columbia-Burbank High School. He graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, IA with a degree in Pastoral Studies. It was there he met his wife, Karen, who is from Makinen, Minnesota. They have been married for seventeen years and home-school their five children.

While a senior in Bible college, Pastor Cleghorn began serving as youth pastor at First Baptist in Waverly, IA. In 1986 the Cleghorns moved back to Washington and he served as associate pastor at

Silverdale Baptist for four years, and then as youth pastor and pastor for eleven years at Calvary Baptist Church in Bremerton. The family looks forward to living in Eastern Washington and serving the Lord in the Chewelah area.

The members of Chewelah Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation to the community to join us for this special day as we welcome our new pastor and his family to Chewelah. For more information about the church call 935-8385.

“The faithful witnessing of Christ to all men” is the mission statement of the church. The primary focus of Chewelah Baptist is to bring honor and glory to God in every ministry and activity. With this desire as the goal of its membership, the church has carried out this mission in the following ways:

- 1) Faithfully preaching and teaching God’s Word so the Holy Spirit can use it to change lives. God’s Word is shared in the regular preaching services and Sunday School, through evangelistic meetings and missionary speakers, and through the media ministry. The church’s web site (chewelahbaptist.org) and Facebook page enables God’s Word to be shared around the world.
- 2) Increasing missionary giving and the number of supported missionaries both at home and abroad. God has blessed the church and made it possible to support a new missionary each year or increase the funding of those already supported. A missionary closet has been a blessing to visiting missionaries

as well as the new missionary apartment, bathroom, and laundry facilities.

Chewelah Baptist currently supports Daniel & Jennifer Arnold to Germany; Sarah Bodaly to Moldova; George & Vera Dapaah to Ghana, Africa; Sambhu & Molly De to India; Mike & Nancy Grove to New Zealand; Joaquin & Paqui Lopez to Spain; Ken & Sharon Loveall to Urubamba, Peru; Project Nehemiah to the Jewish immigrants in Israel; Chris & Elizabeth Robertson to Jala, Mexico; Samuel & Beth Rojas to Urubamba, Peru; Derek & Julie Thomas to Slavic Baptist Institute, Ukraine; and Zachary & Amanda Whitener to Mongolia.

God has also enabled the church to start and support two ministries. Marilyn Guilmet serves in Kodiak, Alaska with the Alaskan Outreach Ministry. Peter and Beverly Waud head up the International Pulpit Supply. Peter and Beverly were commissioned to service in 2014.



- 3) A Christ-honoring music program that seeks to prepare hearts for the preaching of God's Word.
- 4) Reaching out into the community to show forth the love of Christ to those in need. The church is an American Red Cross shelter for times of emergency. Pastor Cleghorn serves the surrounding area as the Chewelah Law Enforcement and Fire Chaplain, Stevens County Coroner Chaplain, and Stevens County Deputy Coroner, ministering to individuals and families during times of crisis.



- 5) Spending the time and money to make this building a safe and beautiful place where people can gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ. Since 2001, the fellowship hall has been renovated, providing a handicap restroom, new paint, and a refinished floor. The front entryway has been remodeled, including new doors, porch, handrails, and stairs with a safer landing. The sanctuary was renovated with the wood work refinished, the floor repaired, the walls and ceiling sheet rocked, new carpet installed, a new pulpit and communion table, and the addition of beautiful (and comfortable) new pews.

The front sidewalk has been replaced along with decorative landscaping. A missionary apartment with bathroom, shower, laundry facilities has been added to the church along with new windows in the nursery and Sunday School classes. The Ladies' Restroom has been remodeled and two beautiful new stained glass windows have been added to the sanctuary.



We praise the Lord for those who have been saved, baptized, and are faithfully serving the Lord in this church. The Lord has increased our numbers these past ten years as He builds His church in this valley. As long as the Lord tarries, may Chewelah Baptist be a light that shines brightly for the Lord Jesus Christ, lighting the way so others can come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.



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