



Sunday Worship Times:  
8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30am  
Soul Church Friday 7:00pm

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## *The Anchor: NCCU News*

September 2019

### Pastor's Message

I took the dog for a walk the other day and came across a small flock of Geese. They were quietly pecking away at something or other that seemed to satisfy their need. As Lily and I walked closer to them, they took a few quick steps and flew off into the sky.

Now, I have seen geese fly away many, many times before, but something about this flight struck me as significant. There were about thirteen geese and they all took to flight at the same time. It was a beautiful thing to see. They all turned, stepped, and ascended into the air, as if as one. They were in perfect unison, rising off the ground and into the air, all headed in the same direction.

As I continued to watch the geese fly off, I found myself thinking about the church. And I couldn't help but wonder, "Isn't the church supposed to function like that flock of birds?" Each single bird turned and flew with the others, as one. They took their cue from each other and worked alongside each other. I was impressed at how they remained all together. They took off as one body, not as many individuals, and they flew together, keeping the same distance apart. They did not fly into each other, nor did they fly apart from each other. They stayed together as one flock, one body, flying in the same direction for the same purpose. They could have made two groups, or even three groups, but they did not; they stayed together as a unit.

That is a picture of the church! Though we are many individuals, we are one body. 1 Corinthians 12:12 tells us, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many." We are many individuals, saved by the grace of God through faith, to become the one body of Christ. We are that flock of geese, stepping, turning, and taking flight together. We are to be moving and working together: staying in perfect unison with one another, not flying into each other, but not flying apart either. We are the body of Christ, having many parts, but forming one body.

A curious thing happened as I was watching the geese fly away. Some of the geese changed positions with each other. One even flew to the other side of the formation. It seemed as if they each knew the part of the whole that they were made to be. They had their roles, their positions, their part that made the whole complete. And they were good with that. Their goal and purpose was greater than their individuality.

Shouldn't that be the church as well? "But, in fact, God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body." – 1 Cor 12:18-20.

We are the body of Christ, with the purpose of promoting Christ. Come, let's fly together.

Sincerely His,  
Pastor Michael Wedman

Loss of a Loved One  
Support Group is now  
meeting second and forth  
Monday each month.  
Monday, September 9 and  
Monday, September 30  
from 3 to 4:30 pm in the Sunday  
School building



**Save the Date! Saturday, September 14**  
**Noon—6:00 pm. Tickets available at the**  
**NCCU Office M-F beginning August 7th.**

### Join us for Fall Bible Studies

Women's Corinthians Study,  
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.  
starting September 10th in  
the NCCU Worship Center.  
All are welcome to attend!

Minor Prophets Study,  
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.  
starting September 12th at  
Alderbrook Golf Club.  
All are welcome to attend!



## Our Purpose:

*Anchored in God's Love, we exist to promote and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation and sanctification of all people*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a Sunday School 10:30 a	2 <b>Office Closed</b>	3	4 Transformative Prayer 7 p	5 AA Meeting 5 p	6 Prayer Group 9:15 a  Soul Church 7p	7 Women of Faith 10 a—11:30 a
8 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a Communion Sunday School 10:30 a Youth 6:30-8:30	9 Loss of a Loved One 3-4:30	10 Women's Bible Study 9:30-10:30  Quilters Begin 10:00	11 EBoard 6:30 p  Transformative Prayer 7 p	12 Minor Prophets Bible Study 9:30 Feed the Hungry 4:30 p HCIC Board 11	13 Bakers & Salmon BBQ Set-Up 9 a  Prayer Group 9:15 a	14 <b>Salmon BBQ 12—6 p</b>
15 Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a Sunday School 10:30 a	16 Haircut Fundraiser	17 Women's Bible Study 9:30-10:30 Quilters 10:00 Great Bend Choir 4:30-9:15	18 Transformative Prayer 7 p	19 Minor Prophets Bible Study 9:30 AA 5 p	20 Prayer Group 9:15 a  Soul Church 7p	21 MOI 9—10
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