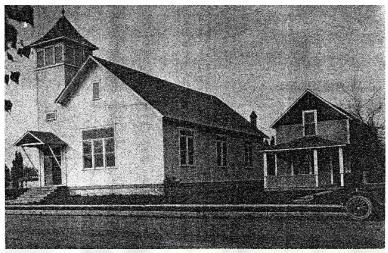
# **Chewelah Baptist Church**



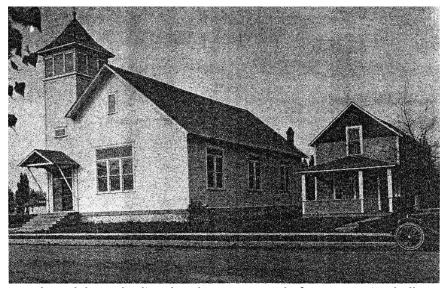


First Methodist (1904-1968), Calvary Baptist (1974-2001), Chewelah Baptist (2001-present)

# If these walls could talk...

Composed for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration September 12, 2021

#### Chewelah Methodist Church



Chewelah Methodist Church, 1908-1923, before recreation hall

The following information is from the book Chewelah and Vicinity Before 1968.

Chewelah Methodist Church was organized in Chewelah on October 16, 1904. The first pastor was Reverend C. J. St. Hill. The first services were held in the Woodman Hall, now the K of 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 1927, Reverent 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 restrooms 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.)

#### MINISTERS OF THE CHEWELAH METHODIST CHURCH

C. J. ST. HILL	1904-1905
J. E. HERRINTON	1905-1907
J. C. BEACH	1907-1908
H. F. PEMBERTON	1908-1909
A. F. KRONEMAN	1909-1913
O. E. FAULKNER	1913-1916
O. A. SCOTT	1916-1918
E. T. REID	1918-1919
G. B. HARBISON	1919-1920
O. A. PRATT	1920-1921
H. W. BEST	1921-1922
G. L. APEL	1923-1929
WILLIAM PARK	1929-1931
T. W. EMERY	1931-1932
C. A. PICKERING	1932-1934
D. G. BENNETT	1934-1938
R. W. MASON	1938-1943
JAMES A. MOORE	1943-1948
R. K. JOHNSON	1949-

#### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

General Chairman—Mrs. C. J. Wallace; Invitations and Hospitality—Mrs. Louis Gaiser; Pageant—Mrs. Marion Nagel and Mrs. A. L. Huntsman; Music—Mr. Wayne Summers and Mrs. H. J. Koppe; Anniversary Dinner—Woman's Society of Christian Service.

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

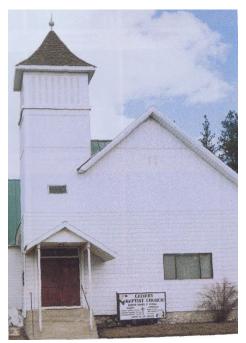
# Storage Unit Owned by Ivan and Cleda Jenne

Following the merger between the Chewelah 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.

# UCC Board of Trustees Annual Report - 1969

"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 next items of business were to choose a meeting place and find a pastor. The Odd Fellows building (Rebekah Hall) was chosen until the purchase of a permanent church home.

Pastor Fay Garner received the call to be the young church's first pastor in the fall of 1974, with his first service held November 3. In one month's time the church was self-supporting.

On December 5, 1974, the charter membership closed with forty-two members, and the church voted unanimously to purchase the former Methodist church from the Jennes at a cost of \$35,850. 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.

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.

8 The Chewelah Independent November 7, 1974

# **New Church Opens**

The Calvary Baptist Church of Chewelah opened its doors for the first time on November 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., 3. Sunday school attendance Training Union at 6:30 p.m., Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7:30

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.

A recognition service included seventeen pastors from the Northwest Fellowship.



Under Pastor Garner's leadership the Methodist Church building was renovated, ministries started, and souls saved. 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, and 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.



From 1987 Church Directory



1988

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 recently retired after pastoring 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.



Pastor Peter & Beverly Waud; Evangelist Monte & Jeneen Leavell, Pastor Dan & Karen Cleghorn, Pastor Merle & Carol Milner (From 2016 Reunion Sunday)

# **Chewelah Baptist Church**



2002

On January 24, 2001, sixteen 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.

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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	Melynnda 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

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

Chewelah Baptist Church will 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, the church has carried out this mission in the following ways.

- 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 website (chewelahbaptist.org) and Facebook page enable God's Word to be shared around the world.
- Increasing missionary giving and the number of supported missionaries both at home and abroad. The missionary closet and missionary apartment, with its own bathroom and laundry facilities, have been a blessing to visiting missionaries.

Chewelah Baptist currently supports Daniel & Jennifer Arnold to Germany; Branden & Laura Bowen to Madagascar; George & Vera Dapaah to Ghana; Sambhu & Molly De to India; Mike & Nancy Grove to New Zealand; Joaquin & Paqui Lopez to Spain; Ken & Sharon Loveall with the PEP ministry; Project Nehemiah to the Jewish immigrants in Israel; Chris & Elizabeth Robertson to Mexico; Samuel & Beth Rojas to Peru; Bryan & Lisa Tanner to Missionary Acres, Silva, MO; and Derek & Julie Thomas to Slavic Baptist Institute, Ukraine.

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 International Pulpit Supply. Peter and Beverly were commissioned to service on May 4, 2014.



3) A Christ-honoring music program that seeks to worship and praise God.



- 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 Fire District 4 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, a handicap restroom added, and the floor refinished. The front entryway was remodeled, with new stairs and a safer landing. The sanctuary was renovated, the woodwork refinished, the floor repaired, and new sheetrock and carpet installed. The pulpit, communion table, and pews were replaced. A new front sidewalk was poured, and decorative landscaping was added. A missionary apartment with bathroom, shower, and laundry facilities was built. New windows were installed in the nursery and Sunday school classrooms. The ladies' restroom was remodeled, and two new stained glass windows were added in the sanctuary. The classrooms were recently refreshed, with new paint, flooring, tables and chairs. A major technology upgrade was completed that enables video and audio recording of sermons, monitors for announcements and missionary presentations, and an updated security system.



6) God has graciously allowed the church to be the sending church for Bryan and Lisa Tanner who are currently serving at Missionary Acres in Silva, MO. Bryan and Lisa had their formal commissioning service on May 2, 2021, with Pastor Dan Cleghorn, Travis Gravely from Baptist Mid-Missions, and Pastor Peter Waud praying over Lisa and Bryan.



On June 27, 2021, the Tanner family said their goodbyes at a special service with Missionary Acres director, Ken Moon, as the guest speaker.

We praise the Lord for those who have been saved, baptized, and are faithfully serving the Lord in this church. The Lord continues to build 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.

# The People Behind the Windows

(Information gathered by Debbie Kirtley)

For years many have wondered about the history behind the beautiful stained glass windows in the sanctuary. Who were the people listed on the windows? What are their stories? Why is one medallion different than the rest? The following is a history of the people behind the windows.







## **SIBILLA (HUCHSEN) BETZ**

Born: April 1, 1842, in Vluyn, Wesel, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Died: January 20, 1940, in Chewelah, Washington

Buried: Cheney, Washington

#### **PARENTS**

Father: Heinrich "Henry" Hofer Huchsen (Hoferheuschen) (1803-1880)

Mother: Anna (Freesen) Huchsen (1808-1854)

#### **SPOUSE**

Johannes "John Henry" Heinrich Betz, born in Germany, October 28,

1831. He was a Civil War veteran and Cheney pioneer.

Married: January 18, 1866, in Beardston, Illinois

Died: Chewelah, Washington, 1914

#### **CHILDREN**

George Henry Betz (1867-1905); John William "Will" Betz (1869-1954); Albert Betz (1871-1967); Edward Franklin Betz (1873-1952); Christian "Chris" Betz (1876-1965); Anna Katherine Betz (1878-1973); Marie "Mary" Elizabeth Betz (1882-1967)

#### **HISTORY**

Sibilla arrived in the United States in 1854 from Germany. Her name is on the rolls from Ellis Island. She also is a widow of John Henry, who served in the entire Civil War in the 33rd Illinois regiment. She is an Inland Empire pioneer.

Even before the family left Germany, before she was 9, she was taught to help with earning a living for the family. Her father was a weaver and it was part of her duties to help with "spooling."

After taking up residence in Illinois her father became ill. To help provide, she and her brothers and sisters would gather turtle eggs from the river. Their meat supply was augmented by her uncle who worked in a slaughterhouse. She could tell you how many times she saw Abraham Lincoln and even that he stepped on her dress. She heard the Lincoln and Douglas debate.

She and her husband, John Henry Betz, came to Cheney, Washington, in 1882 and later homesteaded between Reardan and Davenport. There is a road named Betz in Cheney, and she is a figure in the Cheney Museum.

She was reported to have the oldest Bible in Chewelah. The Bible was printed in Germany in 1796. She came into possession of the Bible in 1836.

By October 1936 she had a total of 15 great-grandchildren. She was called home to glory at the age of 97.

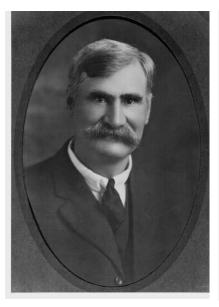




The original medallion was a dove. Someone thought it would be funny to shoot it.









#### **THOMAS J. VICKERMAN**

Born: September 17, 1856, in St-Remi, Quebec, Canada

Died: December 20, 1933 Buried: Spokane, Washington

#### **PARENTS**

Father: Thomas Topping Vickerman (1821-1907) Mother: Hannah (Jackson) Vickerman (1823-1890)

#### **SIBLINGS**

John Jefferson Vickerman (1849-1911)

#### **SPOUSE**

Mahala Stilson was born May 28, 1858, in Preston, Minnesota

Married: March 24, 1878, in Preston, Minnesota

Died: September 21, 1939, in Chewelah, Washington

Buried: Spokane, Washington

#### CHILDREN

Bertha Elizabeth Vickerman (1879-1966); Nancy Almira Vickerman (1881-1961); Ruben John Vickerman (1883-1962); Perle Thomas Vickerman

(1885-1986); Myrtle Elsie Vickerman (1889-1989); Goldene Mahala Vickerman (1897-1988)

#### **HISTORY**

Thomas J. Vickerman was 6 weeks old when his family moved to Preston, Minnesota, from Canada. He became naturalized in Minnesota in 1895. He listed his occupation as a farmer.

In 1878 he married Mahala Belle Stilson and came via covered wagon and a team of oxen to Rock County, Minnesota.

In the summer of 1901 he moved with his family to Alexandria, Minnesota, and lived there for 21 years. He was the sheriff in Douglas County, MN, for four years, as well as a school director.

In 1930 he resided for a short time in Portland, Oregon. For two years he resided in Spokane and then came to Chewelah to be near the ranch located 3 miles northwest of Chewelah, for which he had traded a quarter section of Minnesota land.

### MAHALA ISABELLE (STILSON) VICKERMAN

Born: May 28, 1858, in Preston, Minnesota

Died: September 21, 1939 Buried: Spokane, Washington

#### **PARENTS**

Father: Simon F. Stilson (1819-1903)

Mother: Nancy (Henson) Stilson (1823-1890)

#### **SIBLINGS**

Hannah M. Stilson (1856-1941); Francis Marion Stilson (1856-1900); Emily Ann Stilson (1848-1941); Harriet E. Stilson (1850-1851); Martha Ellen Stilson (1854-1933); John Fremont Stilson (1857-1927); Louisa Alice Stilson (1861-1946); James Ambrose Stilson (1862-1913); Schuyler Colfax Stilson (1866-1946); Fanny Grace Stilson (1877-?); Arnold Franklin Stilson (1890-1921)

#### **MARRIAGE**

Married: March 24, 1878, in Preston, Minnesota

#### **CHILDREN**

Bertha Elizabeth Vickerman (1879-1966); Nancy Almira Vickerman (1881-1961); Ruben John Vickerman (1883-1962); Perle Thomas Vickerman (1885-1986); Myrtle Elsie Vickerman (1889-1989); Goldene Mahala Vickerman (1897-1988)

#### **HISTORY**

Mahala Isabelle Stilson was born May 28, 1858, to Simon Stilson and Nancy Henson. Mahala lived in Minnesota from birth until she moved to Portland, Oregon, in 1930.

For two years she resided in Spokane and then came to Chewelah with her husband to be near their ranch (the King place) located 3 miles northwest of Chewelah. Mahala and Thomas were married 55 years.









#### **LENORA "NORA" JANE UTT**

Born: March 9, 1854, in Potosi, Wisconsin

Died: November 23, 1934, in Chewelah, Washington

Buried: Hartline, Washington

#### **PARENTS**

Father: David Delavan Utt (1823-1905)

Mother: Euphemia Jane (Bonham) Utt (1833-1926)

#### **SIBLINGS**

Margaret "Maggie" Olivia Utt (1855-1947); Emily Mariah Utt (1858-1932); Henry Francis Utt (1860-1860); Nancy Euphemia Utt (1861-1946); Carrie Matilda Utt (1863-1931); Catherine Ann Utt (1866-1956); Abbie Alice Utt (1869-1956)

#### **HISTORY**

Lenora "Nora" Jane Utt was born March 9, 1854, to Euphemia Jane Bonham and David Deleven Utt. She had seven siblings. Nora resided in Wisconsin from birth until 1885 when she began residence in Hartline, Washington. In 1932 she moved to Chewelah, Washington, to live with her sister, Margaret (Utt) Stapish.

Nora Utt never married. She is one of the Hartline pioneers. She held several titles over the years. She was the president of Hartline cemetery auxiliary, secretary of the Red Cross in Spokane, vice-chair of the Red Cross Christmas Drive and was a part of the Methodist Episcopal Ladies Aide.

Nora broke her right hip from a fall in her room on November 21, 1934. She died 2 days later as a result of that fall.





#### **GEORGE M. STAPISH**

Born: May 25, 1862, in Lyndon, Michigan

Died: November 24, 1942, in Chewelah, Washington

Buried: Spokane, Washington

#### **PARENTS**

Father: Michael Stapish (1834-1915)

Mother: Eunice Emma (French) Stapish (1839-1910)

#### **SIBLINGS**

Theresa Stapish (1865-1923)
Frank Stapish (1866-1930)
Joanna Stapish (1870-1872)
Henry D. Stapish (1875-1914)
Katherine "Kate" M. Stapish (1876-1962)
Frederick W. Stapish (1877-1914)

#### **SPOUSE**

Thomas Bonifice Stapish (1881-1948)

Margaret "Maggie" Olivia (Utt) Stapish was born November 6, 1855, in Potosi, Wisconsin.

Died: January 20, 1947, in Chewelah,

Washington

Buried: Spokane, Washington





#### MARRIAGE

Married: November 28, 1895, in Hartline, Washington

# **CHILDREN**

Clarence Stuart Stapish (1903-1977)

#### **HISTORY**

George M. Stapish was born May 25, 1862, to Michael Stapish and Eunice Emma French. He resided in Michigan from birth until 1885,

when he began residence in Douglas County, Washington. In 1890 George began residence in Hartline, Washington.

He and Margaret resided in the Paradise Valley area of Hartline, where they farmed for many years.

George Stapish served in Hartline as Justice of the Peace for 12 years, a school director for a long time, and an implement dealer for 4 years.

George started as a mortician in Hartline in 1900 and graduated from Spokane School of Embalming in 1901. As a mortician he established the first business of that kind in Hartline. In 1914 he became associated with J.G. Rigg as an embalmer. In 1927 he entered into a partnership with Rigg under the name Rigg & Stapish. In 1941 Rigg passed away and half interest was sold to Floyd Gallagher, and the business became Stapish and Gallagher.

George and Margaret purchased 20 acres near Chewelah and were members of the Chewelah community after 1913. George served 2 terms as Chewelah mayor from 1933-1937 and as county coroner.







# **WILBERT MARION HATFIELD**

Born: October 9, 1893, in Bridgewater, Minnesota

Died: April 19, 1951, in Addy, Washington

Buried: Chewelah, Washington

#### **PARENTS**

Father: Charles Marion Hatfield (1860-1944)

Mother: Anna Marie (Tupper) Hatfield 1871-1928

#### **SIBLINGS**

James Gilmer Hatfield (1895-1983); Florence Mary Hatfield (1892-1896); Georgiana H. Hatfield (1897-1978); Ethel Irene Hatfield (1899-1978); Grace Mae Hatfield (1901-1988)

#### **SPOUSE**

Ethel Marion (Atkinson) Hatfield

Born: June 22, 1894, in Cottage Grove, Minnesota Married: May 17, 1919, in Chewelah, Washington Died: June 12, 1965, in Stevens County, Washington

Buried: Chewelah, Washington

#### **CHILDREN**

Mary Esther Hatfield (1920-1920); Wilbert Marion Hatfield Jr. (1925-2016); Alice May Hatfield (1929-2002); Ruth Janet Hatfield (1934-2017)

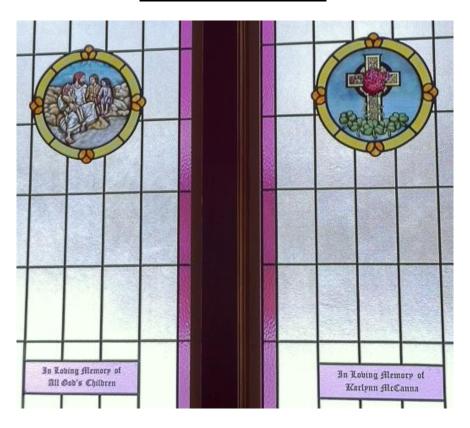
#### **HISTORY**

Wilbert was born October 9, 1893, to Charles Marion Hatfield and Anna Marie (Tupper) Hatfield. He lived in Minnesota from birth until 1917 when he took residence in Nelson, North Dakota. He was inducted to military service in 1918. He was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois, and served Company D, 5th Limited Service Regiment. He was discharged from service November 30, 1918, as a sergeant. He served during the First World War.

He married Ethel Atkinson in 1919. Wilbert and his bride resided in Minnesota, where his children were born.

Wilbert and Ethel moved to a ranch in Addy, Washington. They raised goats, horses, cows and chickens. Their son Wilbert Jr. also lived on the ranch, with a big cornfield between the two homes. Before moving to Addy, both father and son worked on building the Grand Coulee Dam.

## KARLYNN MARIE MCCANNA



Born: May 5, 1980, in Spokane, Washington Died: January 11, 2001, in Chewelah, Washington

Buried: Chewelah, Washington

#### **PARENTS**

Father: Jerome John McCanna (1947-)

Mother: Linda Louise (Savitz) McCanna (1949-)

#### **SIBLINGS**

John Jerome McCanna (1975-) Kathleen Louise McCanna (1977-)

#### HISTORY

Karlynn joined her brother John and sister Kathleen and grew up in Chewelah. She attended Chewelah Public Schools and graduated from Jenkins High School in 1998. She passed away during her junior year while attending Washington State University.

As a little girl Karlynn was an outgoing, joyful child. She was happiness with a smile on her face, compassionate, always lending a helping hand; and conversational, always meeting and making new



friends. She loved kitties, dogs, horses and was a talented rider, beginning with her pony, Sugar, and competing at area horse shows and fairs on her favorite palomino Quarter Horse, Blondie.

Karlynn was a dedicated member of the Singing Spurs 4-H for 13 years. She enrolled in a variety of projects including horses, cooking, sewing and leadership. She was a talented public speaker and earned numerous blue ribbons and certificates of merit at local and state competitions. She served in all major offices in her local club and as Teen Leader in her club at the county level. She loved campouts, fairs, hayrides, Christmas parties and project activities. Most of all she loved riding her horse, Blondie, frequently having her and another horse saddled and ready to ride when her dad got home from work.

As early as her pre-school years Karlynn was an athlete. She loved skiing, baseball, basketball and running in Jr. Bloomsday. As she grew older she focused on basketball, playing on intramural, AAU, Jenkins Middle School and High School teams. She attended camps and tournaments and enjoyed the camaraderie of team sports.

In school Karlynn was an all-round student. She played saxophone in the concert, marching and jazz bands in middle and high school and served as Drum Major her senior year. She was a member of the Honor Society. She served as class and ASB secretary and was awarded the coveted Leadership Award as a graduating senior. Karlynn also represented Chewelah as a Junior Miss princess on the float, "Pretty as a Peacock," in eastern Washington parades during 1997 (driven by her very proud dad!).

Karlynn was a worker and a doer. She always helped cheerfully at home and in her mother's classroom during and after school. While working one part-time job she was asked to work for another employer. She recommended another student, but the employer said, "I don't want them, I want someone who can work!" She volunteered for roadside cleanup of county roads, annual blood drives and guarding the Vietnam wall when it was in Chewelah. While in college she worked summers at N.W. Alloys and was adept at working with a team and running equipment. She was well-liked and missed. When she passed, they idled the furnaces for the only time in Alcoa history so everyone could attend her memorial.

Karlynn was one of the best daughters that parents could ask for. She was obedient, strong, dependable, courageous and fun-loving. She was always ready for a new adventure. She was a loving sister to her best friend, Katie, and a kid sister and partner in mischievousness with her brother John. She loved her grandparents and was always available to help or share her time with them. She accepted and loved her aunts and uncles as an extension of her adult family who helped guide her. She and her many cousins were indomitable together and envied by friends who knew that in her world, no one was closer than family!

Most importantly, Karlynn was a member of God's family. She attended Calvary Baptist Church from her birth under Pastor Merle Milner and later under Pastor Dan Wymer. She accepted Christ as her Savior when she was six years old and was baptized when she was nine. As she grew up she helped with Sunday school, VBS and the nursery. She also sang in the junior and adult choirs and occasionally played piano for night service and special music. Of all her accomplishments in her young life, her love and service for Christ was most humbling to those around her. She wasn't perfect and like all young people, she sometimes pushed her boundaries and made mistakes. But being saved by grace, she was always held in the palm of God's hand. Her family is blessed and comforted to know that one day we will see her again at the feet of Christ.

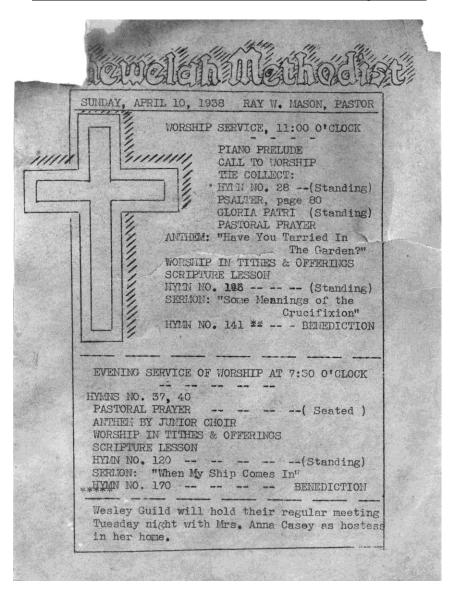
# **Interesting Tidbits**

You never know what you are going to find in an old building. As the story goes, when the Methodist Church was working on the front stairs of the church, they recovered two large concrete blocks that had faces of demons etched on them! One is currently located at the Chewelah Museum.



Paper: "This unusual cast base was uncovered under the steps of the Methodist Church a few years ago. Obviously designed for some purpose it bears the likeness of a crusador on each of the four vertical surfaces. The words Chewelah, Wash. is cast in the bottom. As yet no one is able to explain exactly how it happened to be under the porch??????"

#### Old Chewelah Methodist bulletin found in a closet during remodel



## SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK UNION SERVICES

Monday night, 7:30, at Congregational church, Rev. Ray W. Mason will preach the semmon. Tuesday night, 7:30, at Congregational church, Rev. M. L. Rice will preach the sermon

Wednesday night, 7:50, at M. E. Church, Rev. H. Marshall Budd will preach the sermon Thursday night, 7:50, at M. E. Church,

Rev. M. L. Rice will preach the sermon. Friday night, 7:30, at Free Methodist church, Rev. H. Marshall Budd will preach the sermon

Members of the combined choirs of the participating churches will lead the congregational singing, and the choir of the church in which a service is held will provide a special nusical number.

These services, of course, are all open to the public.

Methodist choir practice Thursday night in our church after the preaching service.

The Sunday school contest committee has decided to purchase a dozen of the new Methodist hymnal, in each of which will be pasted a panel bearing the name of the winning class, the teacher's name and the names of the members of the class. It is expected that by individual subscriptions at least two dozen more of these hymnals will be provided so as to equip our church completely with this excellent new song book. The books cost \$1.00 each. The name of the donor will be stamped on the inside cover page of as many books as he donates. Three individuals have already donated two each and another one, Anyone is velcome to donate the price of one or the books. See Rev. Mason.

# Time Capsule?

A time capsule was placed somewhere under the stairs leading up to the missionary apartment. What's in it? It's a secret to be uncovered some day!