

# WELCOME TO THE COLVILLE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

February 5, 2012

**Worship Celebration!** You are welcome to stand, sit, kneel, raise your hands, clap to the Lord, come to the altar, and prostrate yourself before the Lord; whatever He shows you to do in worship. We recognize individual differences in Jesus and celebrate the harmony of worship.

**Message**  
**Duane Bell**

## Up Coming Events

**Today! From 1:00—3:00:** Stewards of Children Workshop I the fellowship hall.

**Monday, Feb 6th from 1:00-9:00** Creative Memories in the Fellowship Hal

**Tuesday February 21st at 7:00pm:** Stewards of Children workshop at **Café 103**

**February 23rd every Thursday at 6pm.** Ramsey's Financial Peace class at the Vineyard Church will start People interested need to sign up two weeks in advance. 685-9272. Info is on the foyer bulletin board.

Church Web-Site: [fmccolville.org](http://fmccolville.org) Please visit this site, Josh Morgan has done a great job. Please let Josh now if you would like items on the web page. Check it out! The Free Methodist website: [fmcusa.org](http://fmcusa.org) **\*\*New addition-See our bulletins on-line**

## This Weeks Calendar—Office is closed on Monday's

### Sunday

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

5:30 p.m.

Youth Group

### Tuesday

5:45a.m.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study at Ronnie D's; Call Josh Morgan for details.  
(680-2201)

9:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study at Brandi True's home - 349 E. 7th, Colville

5:30 p.m.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

### Wednesday

9:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study in the fellowship hall led by Linda Lovett

7:00 p.m

Bible Study Group at Jeff & Debbie Paulson's, led by Claudia Blackman.

### Friday

7:00p.m.

Hebrews for Youth

### Saturday

7:30a.m.

Men's Breakfast (Always the 2nd Saturday) **THE 11th!**

## Defeating Darkness

by James Robison

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

John Winthrop, the Puritan governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, quoted the words of Jesus when he talked about his founding settlement. "For we must consider that we shall be as a City upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us."

Since that time, America has, for the most part, shone the light of truth and freedom around the world as an unashamedly Christian nation. Once again, the "eyes of all people" watch America to see if we will continue to be that light, even in the darkest places on earth. Never has the hill upon which we sit been so visible. (continued next page)

Continued: Throughout recent history, darkness has encroached upon truth and freedom. Darkness under Hitler and Mussolini, darkness under the Soviet Union, and now darkness under the radical, fascist regimes of Islamism. (“Islamism” is the politicization of the Islamic religion. It attempts to control the state, run society, and remake the human being in the name of Allah.) Christians and free people all over the world must understand that darkness can only prevail in two circumstances. Despite setbacks and distorted perceptions, the Bible tells us that darkness cannot overcome light. Therefore, only two scenarios allow darkness to triumph. First, darkness will win in the absence of light. If you venture deep into the ocean or far below the earth, you can experience “pitch black” in which there is zero visibility. The result is complete disorientation. There is no sense of space or direction. Any human left in these conditions would immediately feel fear and eventually descend into insanity and death.

Second, darkness can reign as long as light is hidden. A full moon will cast no shadows on a cloudy night because the light is obscured. The same is true with the light of God’s truth. I don’t believe that the world will experience “pitch black” as long as the Holy Spirit is with us. Certainly regions can fall into utter darkness, as evidenced by pervasive fear, insanity and death, but the hope of truth and freedom still exists. The real danger exists when truth and freedom are hidden. One of America’s greatest strengths is freedom of thought. President John F. Kennedy said, “We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.” Truth withstands debate because light dispels darkness. The Islamists that seek to conquer nations disallow debate under the guise of Shari’a, or religious law, and attempt to subvert freedom of thought by suppressing freedom of expression. This darkness cannot be completely destroyed, but it can be pushed back by shining the light of Biblical truth. In Romans 13:12, the apostle Paul challenged us to “lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.” Light is not only the most effective offense, but the strongest defense. This is the calling of all of God’s people. We are a city set on a hill. We must shine the light of God’s truth bright enough to dispel all deception, fear and oppression. In this, we must not fail. The whole world is watching.

### **This Week**

Seek the light of God’s truth in every area of your life. Then walk in it, speak it and live it every day. **Prayer:** “Almighty God, show me your truth. Shine Your light into the darkness of my soul. Free me to reflect your light into the world around me.”

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