

Announcements

- The **Teen Group** needs male chaperones for a trip over the Labor Day weekend. See Kelly for details.
- **Picture Directory** information sheets are available in the lobby or on our web page. Please fill them out and return them or mail them to Kay Elliot. And family pictures are being taken after service by Gary Hunt. Please get your family picture taken in the next few weeks.

Calendar

Sunday	4:00 pm	Walking the 12 Steps with Jesus	At Pam & Rob’s
Wednesday	10:30 am.....	Senior Breakfast.....	At Perkins Restaurant
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Bible Study	At the Queenan’s
Saturday	6:00 pm	Teen Group	At the building
Oct 8 th	Singing Sunday – 6:00 pm at the Pocatello Church of Christ, 3224 Hawthorne Rd, Pocatello, ID (2 nd Sunday)		
Oct 12 th -15 th	Linder Road 21st Spiritual Growth Lectureship. Flyers in the foyer, Link on website.		
Oct 21 st	Senior Breakfast at the building (3 rd Saturday each month.)		
Oct 28 th	Annual Chili Cookoff! Start practicing, the competition is fierce! We need cooks and we need tasters, so save the date, plan on coming, and bring some friends!		
Oct 29 th	Harvest Party at the building, starting with a potluck after service and fun for the kids!		
Dec 8-10th	Winter Rendezvous in Cody Wyoming. The link to the registration page is on our website.		
Thursday PM	“It’s True!”	.....	Andy Burns
Friday PM	“Jesus Lives”	.....	Craig Ford
Saturday AM	“Do You Hear It?”	.....	Chris Crooks
Saturday AM	“Who Are We?”	.....	Matt Burleson
Saturday PM	“Now What?”	.....	Scott Laird
Sunday AM	“They Are Surprised”	.....	Isaac McNally
Sunday AM	“Victory!”	.....	Ed Bass

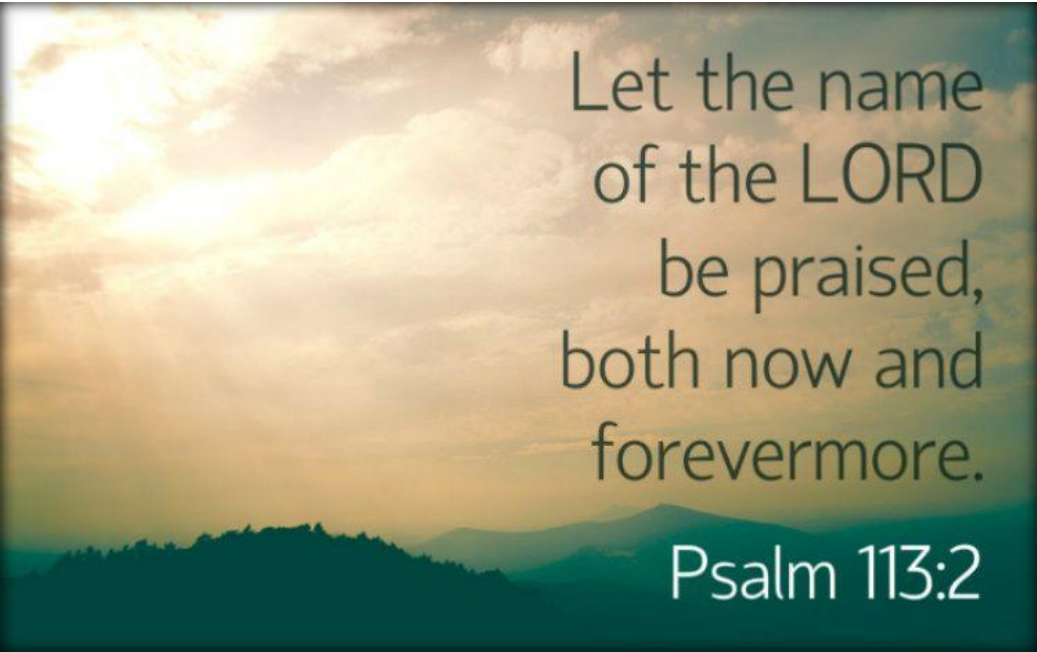
Prayers

- For Jean’s friend Tammi Utter, diagnosed with cancer.
- For Bill Sirdosky, on kidney dialysis.
- For Nathan, working at Project Antioch thru mid-2024.
- For Caleb, working at AIM.
- For Briley, coping with Marfans syndrome.
- For Gary, Rob, Kyle & Andy as they lead our congregation.
- For Ryan Burns, Jordan Allbritten, and Thomas Mullinaux, serving in the armed forces.
- For our widows: Myrna, Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, Cheryl, & Carolyn.

The Church of Christ in Idaho Falls

Welcome!

We’re a bible-based congregation of Christians meeting in Idaho Falls to praise and worship the one God and to support and encourage each other. All are welcome! Please join us in our worship services and classes.



Meditation for the Day

Lay upon God your failures and mistakes and shortcomings. Do not dwell upon your failures, upon the fact that in the past you have been nearer a beast than an angel. You have a mediator between you and God - your growing faith - which can lift you up from the mire and point you toward the heavens. You can still be reconciled with the spirit of God. You can still regain your harmony with the Divine Principle of the universe.

I pray that I may not let the beast in me hold me back from my spiritual destiny. I pray that I may rise and walk upright.

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HopeJeremiah 17:1-14

We may have learned a long time ago that hoping only brings disappointment. Our hopes were dashed. The promises we believed were broken. We were left feeling like fools forever hoping in the first place. But perhaps we were devastated because we put our hope in the wrong place.

"This is what the LORD says: 'Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the LORD. They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land. But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit'" (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Turning our lives over to God means placing our hope and confidence in him instead of people, who will disappoint us. When we place all our hope and trust in other people, it's like expecting a tree to flourish in a barren desert. People will disappoint us and are unable to satisfy our deepest needs. Trusting God changes everything. Jesus said, "The water I give... becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life" (John 4:14). When our hope is in God and our lives are in his care, we are sustained when we otherwise would be devastated.

HopeLamentations 3:1-26

Perhaps we are brokenhearted because of bitter suffering in our family. Maybe our once-good reputation has been ruined and now we are ashamed. Our lives have been taken captive and destroyed before the watchful eyes of friends and foes alike.

Jeremiah watched this happen to his beloved nation, Israel. It's no wonder he is known as the weeping prophet. The people of God refused to listen to Jeremiah's warnings, and they were taken captive by a heathen nation as a result. Lamentations is a record of Jeremiah's lament over the shameful fate of God's people. He wept, "Peace has been stripped away, and I have forgotten what prosperity is. I cry out, 'My splendor is gone! Everything I had hoped for from the LORD is lost!' The thought of my suffering and homelessness is bitter beyond words. I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:

The faithful love of the LORD never ceases!
His mercies never come to an end.
Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.
I say to myself, 'The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!'

So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD" (Lamentations 3:17-26). Turning our lives over to God includes giving him our pain and suffering. In our times of grief and shame we can hope, knowing that God will help us overcome the problems we face. God is strong enough to lift our burdens and loving enough to mend our broken hearts.



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