

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
Nov 12 th	Orphan Sunday – we'll be taking up a special collection for this special need!		
Nov 12 th	Singing Sunday – 6:00 pm at the Pocatello Church of Christ, 3224 Hawthorne Rd, Pocatello, ID (2 nd Sunday)		
Dec 7-10th	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	
Dec 16 th	Christmas Get Together – finger foods, potluck, gift exchange, and games.		

Prayers

- For Michael Elliot, recovering from knee surgery.
- 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 Jordan Allbritten and Thomas Mullinaux, serving in the armed forces.
- For our widows: Myrna, Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, Cheryl, & Carolyn.

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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

Faith is the messenger that bears your prayers to God. Prayer can be like incense, rising ever higher and higher. The prayer of faith is the prayer of trust that feels the presence of God which it rises to meet. It can be sure of some response from God. We can say a prayer of thanks to God every day for His grace, which has kept us on the right way and allowed us to start living the good life. So we should pray to God with faith and trust and gratitude.

I pray that I may feel sure of some response to my prayers. I pray that I may be content with whatever form that response takes.

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Trusting God

Numbers 23:18-24

It is not uncommon to link our perceptions about God to our childhood experiences with people who played powerful roles in our lives. If we have been victimized in the past by people who were capricious, abusive, distant, uncaring, or incompetent, we may now anticipate these qualities in God.

Just because God is a power greater than we are and the people who victimized us represented a power greater than we were, we must not conclude that God will harm us if we entrust our lives to him. Jesus tells us that he didn't entrust himself to people because he knew what was in their hearts. Nevertheless, he voluntarily turned his life over to the will of God the Father. "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in people" (Psalm 118:8).

We may have learned in the past that putting confidence in people brings only pain and disappointment. We can't let this keep us from ever trusting again. We can make a healthy decision to turn our wills and our lives over to the only One worthy of being trusted. The Bible tells us, "God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind" (Numbers 23:19). And God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you" (Hebrews 13:5).

We know that we can't make it all alone. But now we can stop being the victim. We can turn our lives over to Someone who is really able to care for our needs.

Numbers 23:18-24

Through Balaam's second prophecy, God affirmed not only his sovereignty but also his truthful character: "God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change mind." The future of Israel was secure because a sovereign God had chosen it for his glory and promised to bless it. The New Testament tells us that God chose us before the world was made that he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-14). Worldly wisdom, as illustrated by Balaam, cannot compare with the wisdom of God.

Numbers 23:18-24

Israel's wilderness experience demonstrates not only the faithlessness of the Exodus generation but also the loving care of our sovereign God. Though the Israelites made numerous mistakes, God graciously led them to the Promised Land. Our lives are also riddled with failures and sins, but God is still able and willing to lead us along the road to righteousness.



The Importance of Faith:

Faith is the opposite of self-sufficiency. The Israelites were confronted daily with the fact that if left to their own abilities, they would die in the wilderness. They were forced to live one day at a time, acting on their faith that God would provide what they needed each day. They needed a practical faith—one that looked to God for safety, food, and even health. When we enter the wilderness experiences of recovery, we need the same practical faith that allows us to live one day at a time.

Personal Accountability:

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years because they believed the report of the 10 faithless scouts instead of God's promises to deliver them from their enemies. Each wilderness step they took should have reminded them that they were responsible for their predicament. Most of them, however, chose to blame God and Moses instead. They refused to admit the truth—that they were wandering because of their own choices. Many of us are also in our present circumstances because of choices we have made. We need to take personal responsibility for our lives if we desire to progress.

insights FROM THE TABERNACLE



In Numbers 1:1 we see that Moses met God in the Tabernacle. This tent provided a place for the people to worship and represented God's presence among the Israelites. God's permanent presence in our lives today can be found through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The apostle John recorded the ultimate fulfillment of the Old Testament Tabernacle: "So the Word [Christ] became human and made his home [tabernacled] among us" (John 1:14). With Christ in our lives, we have a tangible means of "meeting with God" each and every day. God's presence in us will provide us with the help we need as we progress.

Numbers 33:50-53 beautifully illustrates the relationship between God's sovereignty and man's responsibility. God gave the Israelites specific instructions about what they were to do to conquer Canaan. Yet he also affirmed that he had already given them the land. God promises us victory over many adversaries, but his victory cannot be claimed without active participation on our part. We need to take responsibility for ourselves as we travel the road, but we should also look to God for help and guidance every step of the way.