

Our Mission

Isaiah 61:1-3

Having had a spiritual awakening, we try to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

A life set free from all sin by the Lord is a beautiful sight to behold. When we practice these principles and share our experiences, people will see the glory of God in our lives and gain hope. We know from experience the depths of suffering, affliction, and brokenness. We know the pain of being enslaved to our passions and blinded by our denial. We have endured our seasons of grieving. We can relate to those who struggle to be free. We also know that there is more to life than bondage. In Christ are healing and freedom, clarity and mercy, beauty, and joy.

When Jesus came to earth, he had a mission, which was expressed in these words: "**The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released, and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD'S favor has come. . . . To all who mourn . . . he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair**" (Isaiah 61 :1-3).

This mission has been passed on to us. Some people talk about "preaching the gospel" but may alienate those who need the Good News the most. We are in a unique position to share our experiences, our strengths, and our hope in a way that broken people can understand and receive it.

Humility & Faithfulness

Although Isaiah had many gifts, his success was primarily a fruit of his humility and faithfulness to God's will for his life. When God called him, Isaiah had an overwhelming sense of his own sinfulness. He started where we need to start: He admitted his sins and turned to God for cleansing and deliverance. When God revealed his will for Isaiah, the prophet pursued God's plan with determination. He spoke and lived out God's will for him despite opposition. As a result, God used him to confront his people with their sins and to comfort them as they faced a painful future. Through his words and life, Isaiah has blazed a trail for us to follow for our spiritual growth and recovery.

Truth Brings Healing

Because the truth hurts, we often try to protect ourselves from it. When Isaiah told the people of Judah the truth about their sins, they acted as we often do – they chose to hide in their denial. They refused to admit that they had sinned. In doing so, they also refused to experience the healing power of truth. Our recovery program will be effective only if we open ourselves to the truth regardless of how painful that might be.

Denial Leads to Blaming

Instead of admitting their sins and responding to that truth, the people of Judah blamed God for the terrible consequences of their sins. If we continue in denial, we will also become expert blamers. If we desire to progress in our spiritual growth, however, we need to take responsibility for our actions. The painful circumstances that we suffer are often direct consequences of our own failures.

Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Bob Queenan

Song #421 – Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Song #422 – Spirit of the Living God
Prayer
Song #71 – As the Deer
Song #77 – Glorify Thy Name
Song #810 – Listen to Our Hearts
Song #593 – Consider Him

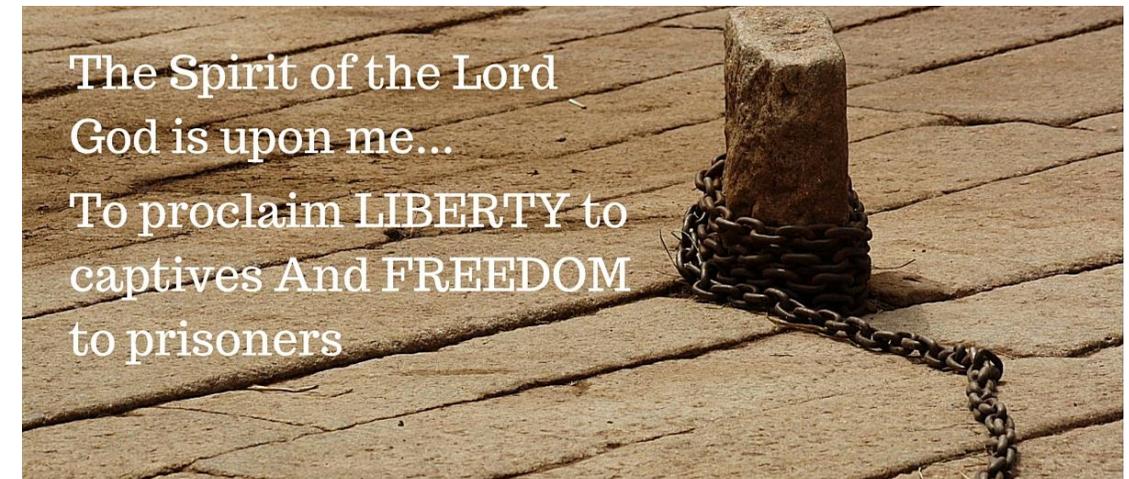
Lord's Supper
Offering
Sermon
Song #76 – How Great Thou Art
Announcements
Prayer

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	10:00 am	Bible Study At the building and live stream
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship At the building and live stream
Wednesday	10:30 am	Breakfast At Perkins
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Bible Study – at Ella Smith's

Prayers and Praise

- Prayers for Darcy's sister Nia, who is trying to find a nursing home for Darcy's dad, Jack, who is an escape risk. He has dementia.
- Prayers for all in our congregation and extended family dealing with Covid.
- Prayers for Briley, coping with Marfans syndrome.
- Prayers for continued healing for Kay's nephew Jeremy.
- Prayers for Gary, Rob, Kyle & Andy as they lead our congregation.
- Prayers for health for Anna's Nana, Bonnie Borgstrom, and for her caregiver Barb
- Prayers for Ryan Burns, Jordan Allbritten, and Thomas Mullinaux, serving in the armed forces.
- Prayers for our widows: Myrna, Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, Millie & Carolyn.



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Supported Missionaries and Works

Glenn Langston - Blind Ministry	Nathan and Alvin Luther – Philippines	Caleb Odle - Arlington, Texas
Ghana West Africa Water Project	Cimi Kafexhiu - The Church in Durres, Albania	

LTC: “Don’t Worry...I Got This” **In the Book of Matthew**

Time to get started! **Leadership Training for Christ** encourages participants in grades 3-12 to explore and develop different talents for God’s glory. Pre-convention events and convention display events are completed right here in our home congregation during the Fall. We will work on other convention events in the spring then go to Richland, WA on April 13-16, 2023. Consider where God wants you to grow in your talents and pray that this ministry will bear good fruit. For more information contact IdahoFallsLTC@gmail.com or Tanya Barber

Events Calendar

- Sep 9th Last chance to get in food for the **Mountain States Children’s Home**. Flyers in the lobby.
- Sep 16-18th **Idaho Falls Youth Rally** – see Andy for details. We will need host families for our September 16 Youth Rally for 45+ teens, so if you are available to host in your home, it would be greatly appreciated. Details to follow.
- Sep 18th **Song Fest** 10:30-12:00 (no Bible classes), followed by a potluck supper.
- Sep 17th **NO Senior Breakfast** due to the youth rally [3rd Saturday]
- Oct 8th **Annual Elk Ride** At Harriman State Park. \$70 per rider. See Bob Q if you’re interested.
- Oct 22nd **Annual Chili Cookoff** – 3:00 at the Queenans. Bring you best bowl of red to compete, or your best taste buds to judge! All are welcome – it’s a friends and family day !!
- Dec 9th-11th **West Yellowstone Winter Retreat** is BACK!! We have joined an effort with a few congregations in Wyoming and Montana to bring back the Winter Retreat in December. You must register - registration information is on the table in the foyer.

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 Today

Breathe in the inspiration of goodness and truth. It is the spirit of honesty, purity, unselfishness, and love. It is readily available if we are willing to accept it wholeheartedly. God has given us two things – His spirit and the power of choice – to accept or not, as we will. We have the gift of free will. When we choose the path of selfishness and greed and pride, we are refusing to accept God’s spirit. When we choose the path of love and service, we accept God’s spirit and it flows into us and makes all things new.

I pray that I may choose the right way. I pray that I may try to follow it to the end.