

Discovering God

Acts 17:23-28

We decide to turn our wills and our lives over to the care of God. Before we can turn our lives over to God, we need to have an accurate understanding of who he is. It is crucial that we entrust ourselves to the God who loves us and not to the "god" of this world, who seeks only to deceive and destroy us. The apostle Paul described the deceiver this way: "Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Has Satan deceived us? How can we be sure that we have a true understanding of God?

When Paul addressed the men of Athens, he said, "I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about. . . . His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him-though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and exist" (Acts 17:23, 27-28).

Even though God may be unknown to us, he is near and willing to reveal himself. God has promised that "if you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me" (Jeremiah 29:13). Turning over our will involves accepting God as he is instead of insisting on creating him in our own image. When we seek God with an open heart and mind, we will find him.

A Personal God

17:22-31

In Athens Paul preached in the synagogue as he normally did upon entering a new town. But then he also shared the Good News with intellectuals and philosophers in the public square. Paul began by acknowledging their belief in an unnamed higher Power-the "Unknown God." Then he identified that higher Power as the heavenly Father, the Creator, the risen Lord, and the future Judge. Thanks to Jesus Christ, we can know God personally (see 1 John 1:1-3). We don't have to look to some unnamed or unknowable higher power for help in recovery. We can trust in a powerful, loving, and personal God.

God Desires Our Recovery

One of the ways God cares for us is by listening to us. When Satan (called the "accuser" in Revelation 12:10) plants thoughts of hopelessness in our minds and tells us that we have gone too far for God to forgive us, John urges us not to give up hope. Jesus Christ, our Advocate, has already paid the penalty for any and every sin we have done or could do. We do not need to shy away from asking Christ to plead our case; he has already won it.

A Balanced Life

1st John 1:1-4

John wrote to assure people who were doubting the value of their faith in God through his Son, Jesus Christ. In his letter he set out to show that faith in Christ is intellectually, socially, and emotionally satisfying. Spiritual recovery takes place only when there is a healthy balance between intellectual, social, and emotional aspects of life, all centered on a genuine faith in God. Dealing with our shortcomings and making amends where possible means facing all our shortcomings---in all areas of our lives.

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
Sunday	4:00 pm	Walking the 12 Steps with Jesus	At Pam & Rob's
Wednesday	10:30 am	Breakfast	CANCELLED FOR OCTOBER
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Bible Study	At Ella Smith's

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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

Prayers and Praise

- Miya asks for prayers for Zion. Although the blood disease is stable, the disease is now attacking her bones and joints. As you go throughout your day or church service, can you please just pray for miracles.
- Darcy asks for prayers for Danny's dad, Lloyd – he's in the hospital right now and they're checking on his heart.
- Jean asks for prayers for her friend Sharon Sticklely – problems with dizziness and bouts of vertigo.
- 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.

Events Calendar

- 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 !!
- Nov 13th **Orphan Sunday** – On Orphan Sunday, Christians stand for vulnerable children and families in their communities and around the world. We are a people called to defend the fatherless, seek justices, and show mercy and compassion. We do this not out of a sense of duty or guilty, but simply because He first loved us. We will take up a special collection – please pray about what you can do to support this work.
- Nov 19th **Senior Breakfast** 10:30 at the building. Seniors, caregivers, and friends are all invited. (3rd Saturday each month.)
- 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.

50th Anniversary

Michael & Kay - November 3, 1972

- Please join us for a Come and Go celebration
- Bring your favorite finger food
- Thursday, November 3, 2022 – 6:00pm - ???
- Idaho Falls Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
- 2650 Plommon Street – Idaho Falls, ID 83402

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!

Isaiah 12:4

And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted."

ISAIAH 12

Meditation for Today

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will remain with him and him with me.” The knocking of God’s spirit, asking to come into your life, is due to no merit of yours, though it is in response to the longing of your heart. Keep a listening ear, as ear bent to catch the sound of the gentle knocking at the door of your heart by the spirit of God. Then open the door of your heart and let God’s spirit come in.

I pray that I may le God’s spirit come into my heart. I pray that it may fill me with an abiding peace.