

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	TBA
Wednesday	10:30 am.....	Senior Breakfast.....	At Perkins Restaurant
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Bible Study	At the Queenan's
Thursday	6:30 pm	Hymnburgers	At the Queenan's
Saturday	6:00 pm	Teen Group	At the building

Jul 27 th	HymnBurgers is back! 6:30 at the Queenan's – burgers, dogs, and water provided, singing after food! A large backyard for the kids. Bring a side to share or just yourself – there's always plenty to eat and sing about!
Aug 6 th	Potluck & Area Singing with the Pocatello Church of Christ. August 6th is potluck Sunday. The main meal is provided, please bring side dishes. After the potluck at 1:30 we will enjoy our combined singing with Pocatello.
Aug 19 th	Senior Breakfast – 10:30 at the building (3 rd Saturday each month.)
Aug 26 th	Ladies Day at the Salmon Church of Christ. Guest speaker is Becky Blackmon. Details soon.
Sep 15-17 th	Idaho Falls Youth Rally. The link to the registration page is on our website.
Dec 8-10 th	Winter Rendezvous in Cody Wyoming. The link to the registration page is on our website.

PRAYERS

- For Nathan, working to raise monies for his missionary year that starts this September.
- For Briley, coping with Marfans syndrome.
- For Bobbie Knight. Bobbie Knight, IDOC # 113912, PWCC - 2 C, 1451 Fore Rd, Pocatello 83204.
- 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, & Carolyn.

LEADERSHIP

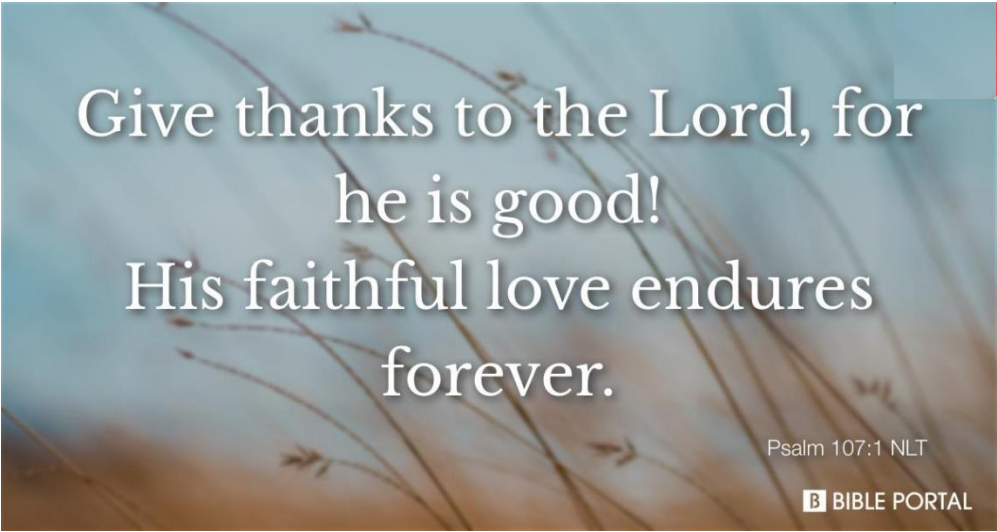
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The Church of Christ in Idaho Falls

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

I must forget the past as much as possible. The past is over and gone forever. Nothing can be done about the past, except to make what restitution I can. I must not carry the burden of my past failures. I must go on in faith. The clouds will clear and the way will lighten. The path will become less stony with every forward step I take. God has no reproach for anything that He has healed. I can be made whole and free, even though I have wrecked my life in the past. Remember Jesus' words: "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

I pray that I may not carry the burden of the past. I pray that I may cast it off and press on in faith.

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Unfinished Business

Philemon 1:13-16

Sometimes we need to complete unfinished business before we can move forward toward new opportunities in life. Some of us may have left trails of broken laws and relationships-things we need to address before moving on. Our new life does not excuse us from past obligations. While the apostle Paul was in prison, he led a runaway slave named Onesimus to a new life in Christ. Then Paul sent him back to his master, even though Onesimus faced possible death for his offense. Since his master was a friend of Paul's and a Christian brother, they hoped that Philemon would forgive him.

Onesimus carried a letter from Paul to his master, which read: "I wanted to keep [Onesimus] here with me. . . . But I didn't want to do anything without your consent. . . . It seems you lost Onesimus for a little while so that you could have him back forever. He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother.... If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me" (Philemon 1:13-16, 18).

Before we can move ahead to a better future, we must face the unfinished business of the past. This includes offering to pay back what we owe, coming clean before the law, and going back to the people from whom we ran away. We can't assume forgiveness from people, although we can hope for it. In some cases we may be surprised to find pardon and release from the bondage of our past.

Prove our Love

Philemon 1:3-9

Before bringing up the problem of the runaway Onesimus, Paul established his lines of communication with Philemon. The apostle showed an appreciation for Philemon and a real concern for his family. Paul's example can help us in our spiritual growth. Sometimes we must confront others about their dependencies or deal with another touchy problem. As we face confrontation, we need to make sure we value the people involved and take the time to establish strong lines of communication. If we jump in too soon, they may feel that we are just trying to hurt them. If we prove our love beforehand, however, they will be more receptive to what we say.

Contributions

Note: Many choose to contribute monthly, semi-annually, or annually

	6/18	6/25	7/02	7/09	PayPal	7/16
General	\$1,229	\$1,709	\$2,682	\$1,1179	\$502	\$1,455
Missions	\$120	\$750	\$95	\$775	\$910	\$215
Youth	\$500	\$1,000				

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.
- Picture Directory family pictures are being taken after service by Gary Hunt. Please get your family picture taken in the next few weeks.

1. Restitution

Philemon 1:10-13

Onesimus had been reconciled to God and had experienced God's forgiveness. But the fact that God had forgiven him did not exempt him from the consequences of his earlier actions. He still had to return to Philemon to make amends for his wrongs. Restitution is hard. Our actions have painful consequences; they hurt other people. Even after we have been reconciled to God, we still need to make amends to the people we have wronged. We can be sure that God will stand with us in the process. Onesimus returned to his master carrying this letter from Paul. There is no record of the outcome of Onesimus's return, but it is unlikely that this letter would have survived had Philemon not taken Paul's advice to forgive Onesimus.

2. Forgiveness

Philemon 1:14-17

Both Onesimus and Philemon had a responsibility. Onesimus had to do what he could to make amends to Philemon; Philemon was responsible to accept the overtures of the repentant Onesimus. Old resentments had to be set aside, and Philemon was called upon to forgive and accept his repentant new brother in Christ. If we have wronged others, we need to take clear steps toward making amends. It is equally important, however, that we forgive someone who humbly seeks to make amends to us. Bearing grudges against others is destructive to the people we turn away; it also fills us with unresolved bitterness, hindering our progress in recovery.

3. Acceptance

Philemon 1:18-21

With the phrase "charge it to me," Paul was asking Philemon to charge Onesimus's debt against Paul's account. Philemon was to welcome Onesimus back into his household as if Paul was the one returning. Paul intervened to arrest the progression of resentment and brokenness in this relationship. This is a beautiful illustration of what God does for us through Jesus Christ. God charges all our sins and failures to the account of Jesus Christ, who has paid the price through his death on the cross. Then God joyfully receives us into his family as his children (see 2 Corinthians 5:21).

