

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	10:30 am.....	Worship	At the building and live stream
Sunday	12:30 p m.....	Pot Luck Lunch	
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!		
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

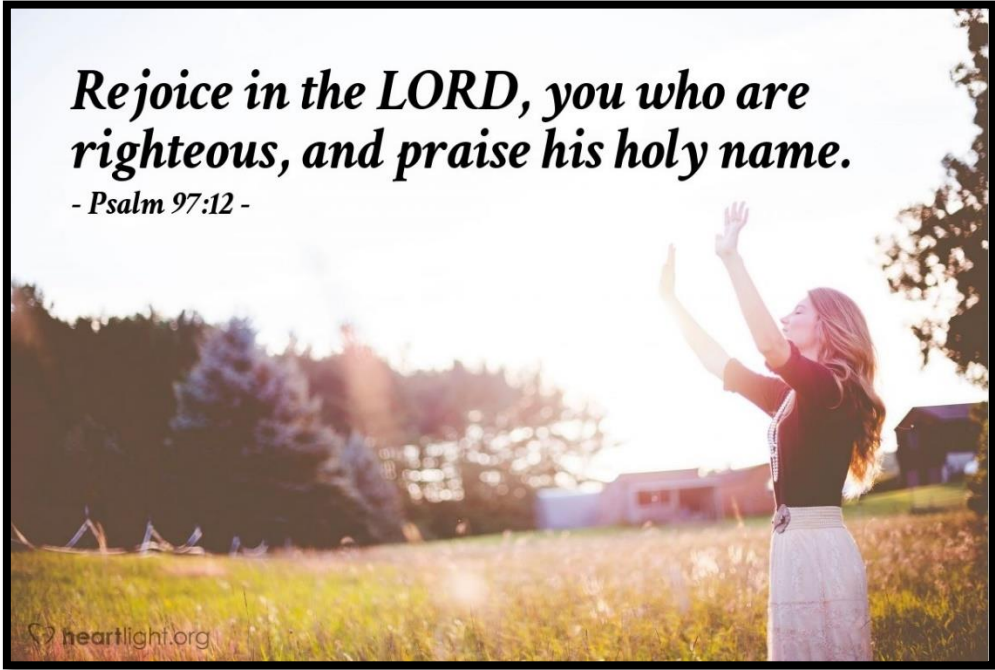
Prayers

- 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, & 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

The grace of God is an assurance against all evil. It holds out security to the believing soul. The grace of God means safety in the midst of evil. You can be kept unspotted by the world through the power of His grace. You can have a new life of power. But only in close contact with the grace of God is its power realized. In order to realize it and benefit from it, you must have daily quiet communion with God, so that the power of His grace will come unhindered into your soul.

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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 mor capricious, abusive, distant, uncaring, no nor 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. In working through Step Three 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.

insights FROM THE TABERNACLE

In Numbers 1:1 we that Moses met God in the Tabernacle. This tent provided a place for the people worship and represented God's presence among the Israelites Cod's permanent presence in our les today can be found through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ The apostle john recorded the ultimate fulfilment 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 Cod each and every day. God's presence in us will provide us with the help we need.

Insights FROM THE NAZIRITE VOW,

In Numbers 6:1-21 the Nazirite vow is explained. This was a special commitment or promise made to God ty which people could prove their personal devotion to God and demonstrate their seriousness in following him. Vows, in general, were voluntary, including the Nazirite vow. God's endorsement of this voluntary practice emphasizes how much he delights in obedience that flows from the heart as opposed to strict compliance to a legalistic set of rules.

Insights FROM THE WILDERNESS

When things got tough in the wilderness the people wanted to go back to their life of bondage is Egypt in Numbers 11:4-6 the people seemed to think that slavery was better than what they had there in the wider news They had stopped seeing with the eyes of faith and had lost sight of their goal and of God's guiding t presence. The recovery journey is much like Israel's experience in the wilderness. As things get tough, it a easy to look back at our old life with longing. We need to keep our eyes on God and his promises for us. If we do, he will eventually lead us to a new and better life.

We often fail to see our greatest blessings God had supplied the people of Israel with miraculous provisions of food-manna from heaven. But in Numbers 11-4-6 they revealed their discontent by complaining to c Co They were blind to the fact that supplying millions of people with ample provisions in a desert was an awesome miracle. We may complain about our circumstances in life, especially as we seek recovery. We need to stop and examine all the wonderful blessings we have. Then we can continue in the recovery process with the positive attitude of faith and thanksgiving toward God, our great provider.

The scouting mission was undoubtedly planned to encourage Israel. They would see for themselves the richness of the land God had promised them. The scouts' report in Numbers 13.25.33 began with a glorious description of the Promised Land. But the mood abruptly changed as the Israelites began to focus on the "giants" that stood between them and their new life there. They failed to recognize God's power to overcome obstacles, no matter how great. Because of the lack of faith, they had to wander in the wilderness nearly forty more years. We need to take our eyes off the obstacles and focus on God. whose power sufficient for any "glants" we might face..

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 were travel the road to recovery, but we should also look to God for help and guidance every step of the way.

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August Contributions

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

	8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27
General	\$2,677	\$1,849	\$784	\$1,500
Missions	\$550	\$140	\$6,170	\$1,095