

## Listening First

Acts 8:26-40

We may be so excited about what God has done for us that we want to rush right out and tell everyone our story. Or we may be very shy and hesitate to tell people, especially if we think they are better than we are. We all have a valuable story to tell; we just need to discover the best way to communicate it.

God led the evangelist Philip to meet an influential traveler who "had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and he was now returning. The Holy Spirit said to Philip, Go over and walk along beside the carriage. Philip overheard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' The man replied, 'How can I, unless someone instructs me?' ... So beginning with this same Scripture Philip told him the Good News about Jesus" (Acts 8:27-31, 35).

The way Philip communicated is a model for us. He was sensitive to allow God to lead him to someone who was ready. He wasn't intimidated by the man's status and did not hesitate to tell him the Good News about Jesus. Philip began by listening carefully. He tuned into the man's need and interests and then explained their relationship to the message he was prepared to share. Whether we are zealous or shy, following this model can help us communicate our message in a way that people can understand and receive.

## Prayers and Praise

- Prayers for Pam & Rob, both suffering from bad sinus infections.
- Prayers for Angie's Aunt Pat's family – Pat died Saturday of natural causes.
- Prayers for Anna Ruth, in Room 601 at EIRMC recovering from a bleeding ulcer. She can have visitors (or you can phone her at 208-529-7601) and it is uncertain when she will be able to be discharged.
- Prayers for Kelly's daughter Anna and her baby – they're inducing labor today.
- Clio Eldred, long-time prison missionary that we helped to support for many years, passed away in November at the age of 87 as a result of complications from having polio as a young man. (We just became aware of this because there was no public announcement.)
- Prayers for John Gipson, getting physical therapy Sunday mornings; he hopes to rejoin us soon.
- Prayers for Jade's friends Bridger and Gabie, who gave birth to a still born baby recently.
- Crystal Kent Allbritten's mom, Teresa, has a friend Miranda Bare. Her 6 year old boy has a Ewing Sarcoma, a form of brain cancer. Miranda is looking to the Lord in this difficult situation and could use prayers and well as cards of encouragement for her and her son. Her address is 17 Ridgewood Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.
- Praise for Chris Langford's progress, and prayers for his continued recovery.
- Prayers for Alex, recovering from an ectopic pregnancy that had to be terminated.
- 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.

## Order of Service

Worship Leader: Lynn Hunt

Welcome / Prayer	Song - #214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord
Song – #162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	Song - #318 O Sacred Head
Song – Hope of the Nations	Lord's Supper Celebration
Song – #167 Hosanna	Offering
Song – #290 Shine Jesus Shine	Sermon
Psalms 34:1-3	Song – All to Us
Song – Psalm 34 (Taste and See)	Announcements / Prayer

## Supported Missionaries and Works

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

## Just For Today the Choice is Mine

*Just for today* I will take care of my physical health; I will exercise my mind; I will read something spiritual.

## Themes from Acts

**The Power of the Holy Spirit:** Jesus promised the disciples that after he left, the Holy Spirit would bring them power. Little did they know just what kind of power! As they learned firsthand, the Holy Spirit and his power are real. When we compare Peter in the Gospels with Peter in the book of Acts, we see that his life was changed. When we look at Saul doing his utmost to destroy the early church and then see his dedicated missionary service, we can tell that he was radically transformed by God. The power of God changed their heart and gave them confidence to tell the truth about him. In our powerlessness, God makes his power available to us through the Holy Spirit. With his help, no problem is too great to overcome; no life is so far gone that it cannot be made new.

**Commitment That Overcomes Opposition:** Luke did not idealize the people of the early church. They didn't have an easy task that swiftly and smoothly moved to its objective. Instead, they struggled with controversy, opposition, and discouragement. They were misunderstood by religious and irreligious people alike. But their common bond was a commitment to God at any cost. As we commit our lives to God, we can expect to face obstacles, but we can also expect to overcome any problems or opposing forces with God's power.

**Living beyond Circumstances:** When we read about the early Christians and how they shared what they had and took care of each other, it is easy to think that somehow they did not experience the kinds of problems we do. This was not the case. They learned how to live above their circumstances. They weren't in denial; they were more conscious of God than they were of their problems. When we focus on our problems, we lose sight of our source of power. We try to generate the power from within, only to fail and become discouraged. It does no good to deny or ignore our circumstances, but it does a world of good to trust God and turn our lives and circumstances over to him.

## 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	Senior Breakfast	At Perkins
Wednesday	7:00 pm	{ 1st Wed – singing 2nd Wed – Bible study 3rd Wed – Bible study 4th Wed – Service Projects }	At the building

## Leadership

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## Announcements

Anna (Kelly's Daughter) is expecting her first baby boy in April! In lieu of a baby shower, help us to celebrate and show our love and support through a monetary gift. Please contact Leida Hunt if you'd like to contribute. She will also be passing around a baby shower card for you all to sign. Thank you!

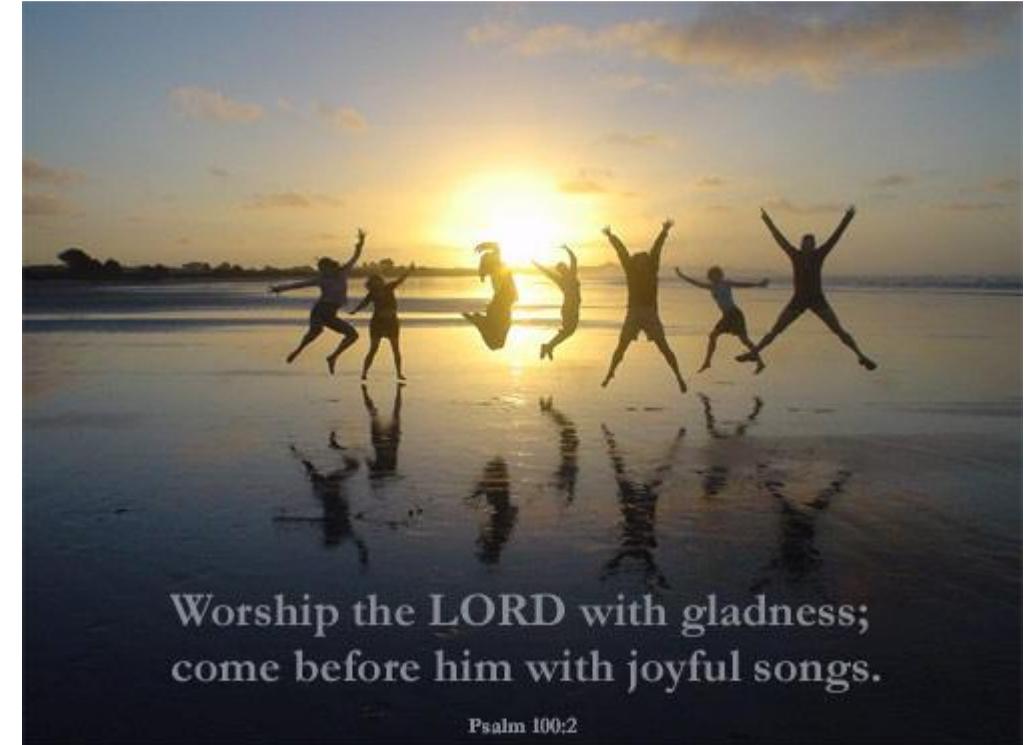
## Events Calendar

Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Senior Breakfast</b> 10:30 am at the building – all seniors, pre-seniors, and caregivers are invited! (3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month).
Apr 22-24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Leadership Training for Christ</b> – see Tanya for details
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pocatello Church of Christ <b>Ladies Day – Renew, Restore, Refresh!</b> Breakfast and lunch provided; flyers with more information are in the foyer. RSVP at <a href="https://pokyladiesday.rsvpify.com">https://pokyladiesday.rsvpify.com</a> and send questions to <a href="mailto:pokychurchofchrist@gmail.com">pokychurchofchrist@gmail.com</a> or 208-237-0758. See Teresa Pope for ride shares. 3224 Hawthorne Rd, Pocatello, ID 83201.
May 12-14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Montana Men's Retreat</b> , C-N Camp, 6040 Dearborn Canyon Road, Augusta, MT 59410. \$120 over 18, \$80 under 19 or full time student. \$15 Late Fee after May 3 <sup>rd</sup> ; Please make checks to Great Falls Church of Christ & mail to Men's Retreat, PO Box 6848, Great Falls, Mt 59406. For any questions, please contact Bob Alfred: Cell: 406-788-7599, Email: <a href="mailto:Alfredfamily@hotmail.com">Alfredfamily@hotmail.com</a> . See Bob Q for details.
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>SongFest and Graduation Celebration</b> to celebrate Holden's graduation (w/ potluck)
Jun 11-12 <sup>th</sup>	Join us for the <b>WOW Marriage Seminar</b> , here in IF, led by Dr. Barry and Tina England
Jun 23-27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mission Trip</b> to Mountain States Children's Home – see Rob for details
Sep 16-18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Youth Rally</b> here in IF – see Andy for details. We will need host families for our September 16 Youth Rally. We are possibly expecting 45+ teens, so if you are available to host in your home, it would be greatly appreciated. We will continue to make announcements and share in the bulletin as the date gets closer, and as our numbers are better known.
Dec 8-11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Winter Rendezvous</b> in West Yellowstone is BACK!! We have joined an effort with a few congregations in Wyoming and Montana to bring back the Winter Rendezvous in December.

# The Church of Christ in Idaho Falls

## Welcome!

We're a bible-based and non-denominational congregation of Christians meeting in Idaho Falls to praise and worship the one God. All are welcome! Please join us in our worship services and classes.



### Meditation for Today

Our need is God's opportunity. First we must recognize our need. Often this means helplessness before some weakness or sickness and an admission of our need for help. Next comes faith in the power of God's spirit, available to us to meet that need. Before any need can be met, our faith must find expression. That expression of faith is all God needs to manifest His power in our lives. Faith is the key that unlocks the storehouse of God's resources.

I pray that I may first admit my needs. I pray that then I may have faith that God will meet those needs, in the way which is best for me.