

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.
- Mountain States Fall Food Drive –Please have donations at the building by Saturday, September 9, 2023. Lists are on the table in the foyer.

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

TODAY	<b>Singing Sunday</b> – 6:00 pm at the Pocatello Church of Christ (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HymnBurgers</b> is back! 6:30 at the Queenan’s – 2397 Tasman Ave, IF. Burgers, dogs, buns, and water provided, singing after food! Bring a side to share or just yourself – there’s always plenty to eat and sing about! And bring a friend !!
Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Senior Breakfast</b> – 10:30 at the building (3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month.)
Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ladies Day</b> at the Salmon Church of Christ. Guest speaker is Becky Blackmon. Details soon.
Sep 15-17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Idaho Falls Youth Rally.</b> The link to the registration page is on our website.
Dec 8-10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Winter Rendezvous</b> in Cody Wyoming. The link to the registration page is on our website.

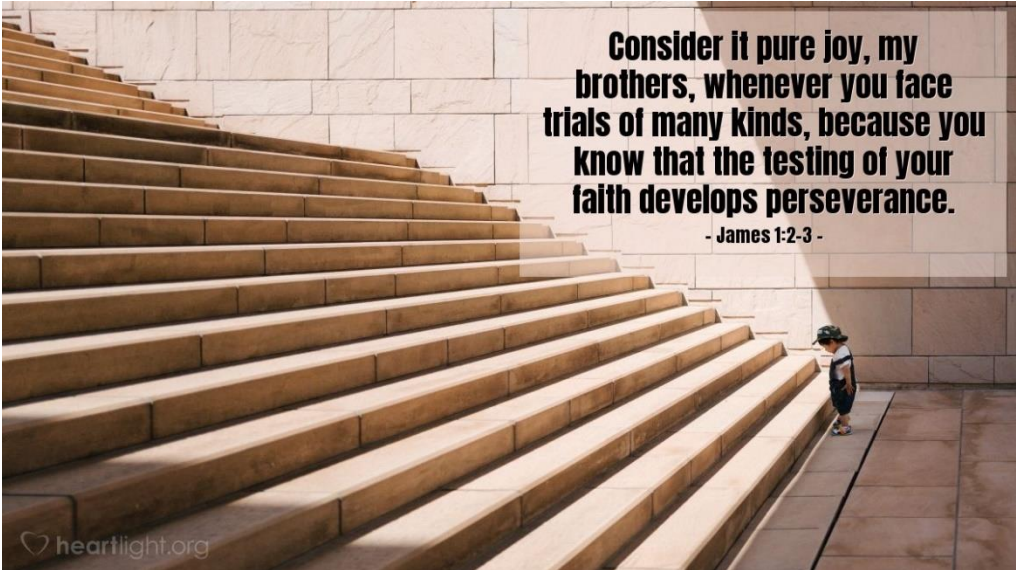
Prayers

- For Jonathan’s parents, living in a hotel after a house fire.
- For Jonathan’s father for healing and good results of testing.
- For Bill Sirdosky, on kidney dialysis.
- 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.

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

What should we do if our faith is tested? Endure (James 1:3–4). James tells us that if we can find a way not to give into the temp-tation to abandon the faith, to act unethically, or to despair, then we will find God with us the whole time. If we don’t know how to resist these temptations, James invites us to ask for the wisdom we need to do so (James 1:5). As the crisis passes, we find that our maturity has grown. Instead feeling the lack of whatever we were afraid of losing, we feel the joy of finding God’s help.

Online Bulletin is available at our website <https://ifcocminister.wixsite.com/mysite>

The Importance of Action

If faith can be alive, it can also be dead. Dead faith is belief that does not prove itself in action. It claims to be something when it is not. Turning our lives over to God always involves action. If we simply say that we have entrusted our lives to God but do not make amends to others or confess our wrongs, then we are only fooling ourselves. Effective recovery involves following through on our profession of faith and good intentions.



Gaining Strength from Hard Trials

Strength of character comes from patiently facing life's problems. Since most of us try to avoid our problems, how can we develop strength of character? We can learn to welcome troubles and problems as opportunities to pray for wisdom, to ask God to give us patience, and to learn depend on him. When we turn to God in times of trial, he can teach us the lessons we need to grow and make progress in recovery.

True Recovery Leads to Wise Speech



One of the hardest things for us to control is our tongue (James 1:26). Jar gives us very practical advice about how to handle our tongue. We are to ask God for wisdom, be slow speak, and listen more than we talk. Since our speech is a reflection of what is in our hearts, we can check our speech for clues to our inner strengths and weaknesses. As we take our personal inventory and con our sins to God, he will begin to change us inside. Only then will we find our inner change reflected in words.

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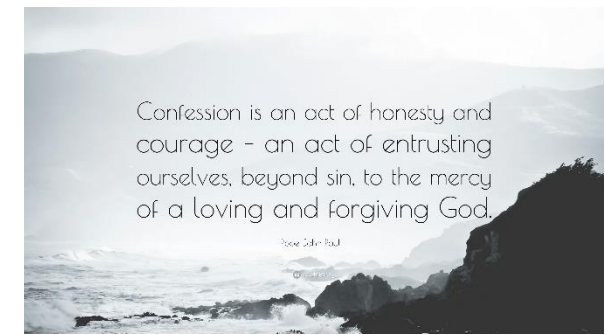
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insights ABOUT TRUE FAITH

We see in James 1:6-8 that all truly wise decisions are rooted in a vital faith in God. Faith "shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see" (Hebrews 11:1). God wants us to make progress in recovery. When we ask God to help us make wise decisions, we can do so without any trace of doubt, fully believing that whatever we ask for in faith will be granted. God will supply the wisdom we need to make the right decisions for successful recovery.

insights ABOUT HONEST CONFESSION

As we try to make an honest personal inventory, some of us may have nothing to measure our attitudes or actions against. We may never have had any good role models to follow. In James 1:22-25 we are reminded that God's Word functions like a mirror in our lives. As we read it, we are given a clear picture of what God wants us to be like. It shows us where we don't measure up to God's standards and provides a measuring stick for our personal inventory. But James also warns us not to stop after that inventory. We should not look into God's Word only to walk away and forget what we saw there. To make real progress in recovery we need to enlist God's help and take concrete steps to live according to God's Word.



Admitting our faults to God and to a trustworthy person is an essential step in the recovery process. When we share our faults with others, we give them the opportunity to uphold us in prayer. James reminds us in James 5:16-20 that confession is an important part of our personal prayer life. God invites us to confess our sins and failures to him through prayer. When we bring our sins and defects of character before God, he starts the healing process in us. Prayer is never a waste of time; it yields amazing results! God responds powerfully when we display our faith by sharing our problems with him.

Contributions

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

	7/02	7/09	PayPal	7/16	7/23	7/30
General	\$2,682	\$1,1179	\$502	\$1,455	\$1,611	\$1,088
Missions	\$95	\$775	\$910	\$215	\$170	\$95