

Announcements

- **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

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| 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 29 th | Harvest Party at the building, starting with a lunch after service and fun for the kids! | | |
| Nov 12 th | Orphan Sunday – we'll be taking up a special collection for this special need! | | |
| Nov 12 th | Singing Sunday – 6:00 pm at the Pocatello Church of Christ, 3224 Hawthorne Rd, Pocatello, ID (2 nd Sunday) | | |
| Dec 7-10th | 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 Michael Elliot, recovering from knee surgery.
- 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, Cheryl, & 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.

Teach me your ways,
O Lord, that I may live
according to your truth
Grant me purity of heart,
so that I may honor you.
Psalm 86:11

Meditation for the Day

Our true measure of success in life is the measure of spiritual progress that we have revealed in our lives. Others should be able to see a demonstration of God's will in our lives. The measure of His will that those around us have seen worked out in our daily living is the measure of our true success. We can do our best to be a demonstration each day of the power of God in human lives, an example of the working out of the grace of God in the hearts of men and women.

I pray that I may so live that others will see in me something of the working out of the will of God. I pray that my life may be a demonstration of what the grace of God can do..

2 THESSALONIANS

The messages we receive are not always the messages that were sent. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians had made an impact on its readers, but it wasn't the impact the apostle intended. Paul had affirmed that Jesus would return soon. In response, some of the people assumed that they should stop everything and wait for Christ to return. Some even stopped working, expecting that they would no longer need food and other supplies.

Not every believer in Thessalonica thought that way; many continued to act responsibly even as they anticipated Christ's return. But this only added to the tension among church members. The diligent ones felt pressure to pick up the slack left by the others. The lazy ones claimed they were living a life of true faith. After hearing about this problem, Paul sent the Thessalonians this second letter.

Though Paul wrote to correct his audience's misunderstanding, he commended them for their faithfulness to God. He was confident, because of their commitment to doing God's will, that God would help them resolve this issue. Paul's message was simple. He urged them to be content with their situation and disciplined about fulfilling their responsibilities.

Second Thessalonians is a good reminder for us in recovery. While we have turned our lives over to God and look forward to the day when all our problems will be behind us, we still have to live here and now. Being in recovery does not mean we can neglect our families, work, or friends. Continuing with the responsibilities God has given us helps us get our lives back to normal. Recovery involves taking on our responsibilities, not laying them aside.

SELF-PROTECTION

THESSALONIANS 3:1-8

Many of us know what it is like to be a burden to others. It is a common side effect of being controlled by an addiction or compulsive behavior. Sometimes our behavior has made us lose our job. As a result, we have found ourselves in financial need. This humiliation can affect our family in many ways. We may have caused our loved ones great stress and shame because we haven't provided for their needs.

The apostle Paul taught us to follow this standard: "For you know that you ought to imitate us. We were not idle when we were with you. We never accepted food from anyone without paying for it. We worked hard day and night" (2 Thessalonians 3:7-8). "Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands. . . . Then people will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others" (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12).

It is important for us to think about how our irresponsibility has affected others. Much pain may have been caused by our failure to provide for our family's needs. We need to reflect on how this failure has caused us to lose their respect and trust. The shame we may feel as we face this aspect of our lives can be terribly discouraging. However, once we face this and become willing to make amends, our sense of self-respect will improve significantly. This step will help us get rid of some of our daily stresses, freeing us to proceed further with recovery.

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God Is the Source of Our Hope:

Sometimes we take our eyes off God and focus too much on recovery. We tell ourselves that if we only keep up our resolve, all will be well. But when we place our hope in anything other than God, we set ourselves up for relapse. Part of the reason we are in recovery is that we recognized that our lives had become unmanageable and that we needed God's help. If we depend on resolve alone, we will eventually get so tired of our burdens that we will want to quit. But if we depend on God, he will provide us with the strength and joy we need to persevere.

The Importance of Perseverance:

Some of the believers in Thessalonica were sitting back and waiting for the return of Christ. Their lazy, indifferent attitude toward the concerns of everyday life kept them from living responsibly. They soon became a burden to others. Entrusting our lives to God does not give us license to just sit around. We must continue to put forth effort, trusting God to sustain us and bring about the desired result of recovery. Our dependence on God is a partnership with him; he doesn't become our slave. Expecting him to do all the work leads to relapse and will alienate the people who have to pick up after us.

