# Hope

Life is rough. We must constantly struggle against the sin inherent in our mortal bodies. We live with the realities of pain, sickness, and death. We live in a world that is constantly decaying. Even if we turn our lives over to God, what is there to look forward to?

Peter tells us: "Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance-an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you....And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power untilyou receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while" (1 Peter 1:3-6).

Paul offers this encouragement: "Since we are his (God's) children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are." (Romans 8:17-19). These promises are for us!

### **Prayers and Praise**

- Prayers for our youth going to LTC next weekend, and for their chaperones.
- Prayers for John Gipson, getting physical therapy Sunday mornings; he hopes to rejoin us soon.
- Praise for Chris Langford's progress, and prayers for his continued recovery.
- 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

Song – 344 Low in the Grave He Lay

Song – 345 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

PRAYER (Lynn)

Song – Because He Lives (Amen)

Song – 346 He Lives

Song – 193 Crown Him with Many Crowns

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 5 (John F.)

Song – Resurrecting

LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION (Caleb)

Song – 179 He Is Lord!

OFFERING (Holden)

PEW PACKERS SERMON

Song – In Christ Alone ANNOUNCEMENTS (Kyle)

PRAYER (Kyle)

# **Supported Missionaries and Works**

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

Caleb Odle - Arlington, Texas

## **Just For Today the Choice is Mine**

**Just for today** I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. If anyone knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least one thing I don't want to do, and I will perform some small act of lover for my neighbor.

# **God's Way Can Be Painful**

Part of the reason we may be afraid of leaving sin behind is that we know the changes God asks us to make will be painful. There was pain in our old way of life, but we usually found ways to escape it. When we forsake sin, we also decide to face our pain head-on. Turning our lives over to God, taking moral inventory, making amends, and allowing God to remove our defects are all painful steps. But because they are part of God's plan, they will also lead to joy and wholeness.

# **Nothing Is Hopeless with God**

As we struggle, we may begin to feel helpless. We might be tempted to throw up our hands and say, "What's the use?" But **feeling** helpless is different from **being** helpless. We are never really helpless, for with God help is close at hand. We are not without hope, for God is the source of all hope. When we struggle with despair, this letter reminds us to turn our lives over to God and totally depend on his power. God will never leave us to face our trials alone.

# The Importance of Relationships

Accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior makes us part of God's family. We enter into a community that has Jesus Christ as its founder and leader. Everyone in this community is related; no one stands alone. All healing and recovery take place in the context of relationships with others. Peter teaches us how to manage those relationships: with loyalty, care, and humility, praying that we will become what God wants us to be.

#### **Weekly Calendar** 10:00 am Bible Study At the building and live stream Sunday Sunday 11:00 am Worship At the building and live stream Senior Breakfast Wednesday 10:30 am At Perkins 1st Wed – singing 2nd Wed - Bible study At the building Wednesday 7:00 pm 3rd Wed – Bible study 4th Wed – Service Projects

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#### **Announcements**

Anna (Kelly's Daughter) had a healthy baby boy, Felix Pascal Huber on Monday evening! 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**

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Apr 22-24 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership Training for Christ – see Tanya for details	
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pocatello Church of Christ Ladies Day — Renew, Restore, Refresh! 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>	Montana Men's Retreat, 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: Alfredfamily@hotmail.com. See Bob Q for details.	
May 21 <sup>st</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).	
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	SongFest and Graduation Celebration to celebrate Holden's graduation (w/ potluck)	
Jun 11-12 <sup>th</sup>	Join us for the WOW Marriage Seminar, here in IF, led by Dr. Barry and Tina England	
Jun 23-27 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Trip 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 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	West Yellowstone Winter Retreat BACK!! We have joined an effort with a few congregations in Wyoming and Montana to bring back the Winter Retreat in December.	

# 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** 

I must keep balance by keeping spiritual things at the center of my life. God will give me this poise and balance if I pray for it. This poise will give me power in dealing with the lives of others. This balance will manifest itself more and more in my own life. I should keep material things in their proper place and keep spiritual things at the center of my life. Then I will be at peace amid the distractions of everyday living.

I pray that I may dwell with God at the center of my life. I pray that I may keep that inner peace at the center of my being.