

Announcements

- A **Big Thank You** to Thorton Waite for trimming the trees and weeding the flower beds around the building.
- Our **Benevolence Program** continues to help both our parishioners who encounter unusual needs and others who come to us for help. Please see Dani  l if you need this help.
- 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.
- **Mountain States Fall Food Drive** –Please have donations at the building by **THIS SATURDAY**, September 9, 2023. Lists are on the table in the foyer.

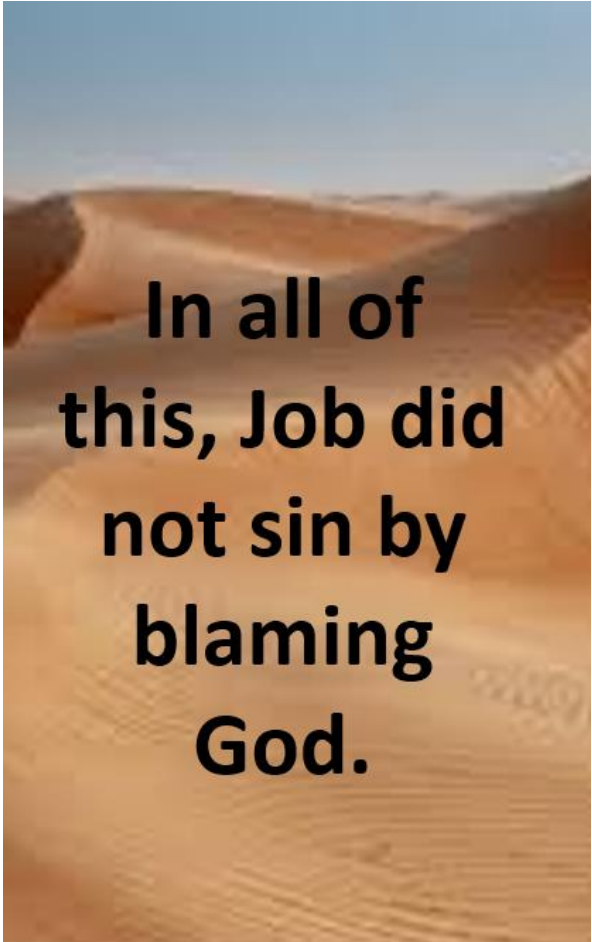
Calendar

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	At Pam & Rob’s
Wednesday	10:30 am.....	Senior Breakfast.....	At Perkins Restaurant
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Bible Study	TBA
Saturday	6:00 pm	Teen Group	At the building
Sep 10 th	Singing Sunday – 6:00 pm at the Pocatello Church of Christ, 3224 Hawthorne Rd, Pocatello, ID (2 nd Sunday)		
Sep 16 th	NO Senior Breakfast due to the Youth Rally (3 rd Saturday each month.)		
Sep 15-17 th	Idaho Falls Youth Rally. The link to the registration page is on our website.		
Sep 30 th	Annual Horse Ride – We try to hear elk bugling and sometimes we do! The cost is usually \$60/person. Numbers are limited, so please let Bob know if you’re riding this year.		
Oct 12 th -15 th	Linder Road 21st Spiritual Growth Lectureship. Flyers in the foyer, Link on website.		
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		

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

Try not to give way to criticism, blame, scorn, or judgment of others, when you are trying to help them. Effectiveness in helping others depends on controlling yourself. You may be swept away by a temporary natural urge to criticize or blame, unless you keep a tight rein on your emotions. You should have a firm foundation of spiritual living which makes you truly humble, if you are going to really help other people. Go easy on them and be hard on yourself. That is the way you can be used most to uplift a despairing spirit. And seek no personal recognition for what you are used by God to accomplish.

Prayer for the Day

I pray that I may try to avoid judgment and criticism. I pray that I may always try to build up others instead of tearing them down.

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Persistent SeekingJob 14:1-6

One thing that may make it hard to believe in God is that life often seems unfair to us. We didn't ask to be born into a dysfunctional family! We didn't have any say over the abuses and injustices we have suffered! We didn't choose our predisposition toward addiction. And yet we are held accountable for things we can't control on our own. This makes it hard to initially turn to God as the Power to restore our sanity. He seems unreasonable in his demands.

Job understood these feelings. In the midst of his suffering he said, "How frail is humanity! How short is life, how full of trouble! We blossom like a flower and then wither. Like a passing shadow, we quickly disappear. Must you keep an eye on such a frail creature and demand an accounting from me? Who can bring purity out of an impure person?" (Job 14:1-4). These are good questions-ones that most of us have asked in one form or another. Job persisted in his questioning because deep inside he believed God to be good and fair, even though life wasn't. He was honest with his emotions and questions, but he never stopped seeking God.

There is a good answer to the question Job posed, one that will satisfy both our heart and our mind. It will be found, how- ever, only by those who are willing to work through the pain and unfairness of life and still seek God. Those who seek him will find him. In God's loving arms, they will also find the answers they seek.

Focus on the FutureJob 14:1-12

We are very fortunate to live after the time of Jesus Christ. We have seen grace demonstrated firsthand, and we have experienced the power of the risen Christ in our lives. Job understood much, but he couldn't quite grasp the idea of eternal life. Our days in the flesh are both numbered and final, and this disturbed Job. Our hope in a future life with Christ should make our troubles here on earth more bearable. We can know with certainty that our sufferings here are not permanent.

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Contributions

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

	7/23	7/30	8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27
General	\$1,611	\$1,088	\$2,677	\$1,849	\$784	\$1,500
Missions	\$170	\$95	\$550	\$140	\$6,170	\$1,095

Prayers

- For Bob, going in for cardiac bypass surgery on Tuesday.
- For Jean’s friend Tammi Utter, diagnosed with cancer.
- For Jonathan’s parents, living in a hotel after a house fire, and for Jonathan’s father for healing and good results of testing.
- 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.

Dealing with Unfairness:

We live in a world filled with injustice and unfairness. The Bible recognizes this hard fact. Joseph suffered unfairly at the hands of his brothers and Potiphar's wife. David suffered unjustly for many years at the hands of King Saul. And, through no fault of his own, Job lost his possessions, his family, and his health. Job wondered why God was allowing him to suffer, but he never got a clear answer. He did, however, through his struggles come to know God in a new and deeper way. Even though we face unfairness in our world, we can still use those opportunities to learn more about trusting God.

Honesty with Our Emotions:

In the book of Job we discover that it is all right to cry, to doubt, to fear, to question, to need, and to wrestle with the very essence of our existence. As our hearts cry out against injustice and pain, the book of Job reassures us of the importance of being honest with God. When we are angry, we should tell him. When we are afraid, we should reach out to him. God understands our strong feelings. He is never put off or threatened by our anger. In fact, God longs for us to be open and honest with him. He wants to participate even in the darkest parts of our lives. Only then will we be able to come to him with our whole heart. Only then will he be able to bring us the healing and hope he longs to give.

The Importance of Trust:

When our lives are going smoothly, trust is easy. The tests of trust always come when our lives stop making sense. Job's attitude is a very real example of how trust needs to work in our lives. Everything job enjoyed had been stripped away for no reason that he could discover or understand. In spite of this, Job never gave up on God. He never placed hope in his experience, his wisdom, his friends, or his wealth. His trust was in God, even though he couldn't understand everything he was going through. God alone is sufficient to help us deal with the ambiguities in life. We can trust in him.