

Sunrise Christian Church

August 2018 Family Newsletter

Called as a church to L3- to Love, Learn, and Lead

The Lord of the Harvest



Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field”- Matthew 9:37-38.

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How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “**How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!**” Romans 10:14-15.



You are not your own; you were bought at a price- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Recently, two ministers were discussing a problem they were having in their church. Seems they had a common problem: they had people who felt unworthy of God’s love. In discussing their problem, they decided that the issue was that these people did not realize that it was not by their good deeds that they were saved but by what Jesus had done for them. Yes, these people are unworthy, but so is everyone else! Yet, being “worthy” is not the issue; instead, it’s a matter of God’s abundant love for us. “All we like sheep have gone astray,” says the prophet Isaiah; “we have turned every one to his own way” (Isa. 53:6, KJV).

Yes, God wants them to do good things; and, yes, He wants them to respond to Him in a specific way. But these in themselves do not save these people any more than it saves you and me! Instead, it’s the blood of Christ that saves sinners. The book of Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us this: “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.” See, grace

is the opposite of works. Grace is simply God’s favor bestowed upon us.

No one earns grace- that’s why it is a gift, it is simply given.

In the Bible, the book of Hebrews says this, “Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins,” and, “by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified”- 10:12-14.

In trying to give us an idea of how God views sinners turning to Him, Jesus tells us this: “I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents” - Mk. 15:10.

Rejoice then, oh, Sinners- for there is great rejoicing when you and I turn to God through Christ. No one, not even you, is too far lost; nor is God’s arm too short to save them or you. Jesus’ death on the cross is proof of that. And, his death proves God’s loving concern for us and His ability to right our wrongs. Cling, then, to the finished work of the cross of Christ- it is our only hope!

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Meditation time

Meditations, by definition need to be short and to the point, But the point must be clearly stated and relevant to the subject.

For example: God claims to be the supplier of our needs. Do we see that, or do we think that it is by our efforts (or someone else’s) that we are sustained? If we think it is by our efforts, then we will never appreciate what Jesus meant when he said, “I am the bread of life.” Then went on to say, “Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty” (Jn. 6:35).

Because we find our spiritual nourishment in Him, we are also to become like Him. You’ve heard the old saying: “You are what you eat.” No less for the followers of Christ. We are to become like Him. Therefore, as He gave, so should we- give praises to God, give good deeds to others, give financially as we are able. “What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?” said Jesus (Lk. 9:25).

Additionally, we find that we are blessed as we grow in obedience to our Lord and Savior.



Coming events:

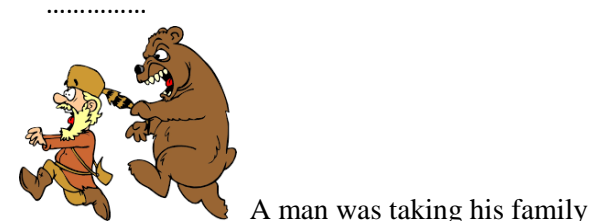
- *SCC’s booth at the **Malheur County Fair**- July 31- August 4.
 - * Faithful Men **men’s breakfast**- 7:30am, Saturday, August 4 @ Rusty’s.
 - * SCC’s Baskets of Love **food collection**- Sunday, August 5.
 - * **Crockpot Sunday**- August 5.
 - * SCC’s **Movie** and dessert- Aug. 17 @ 6pm
 - * **David Davolt/ BBC**- here Sunday, Aug. 19
 - * **Wednesday Night Bible Fellowship** begins Sept. 5.
 - * Cove Christian Camp’s **Women’s Retreat**- Friday evening & Saturday, Sept. 21-22.
 - * Hope Pregnancy Center’s **Walk for Life**- Saturday, Sept. 29
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Just for laughs



A woman told her “bee story”:
On a trip with my Florida-based church to support a Blackfeet Nation mission in Montana, I accidently disturbed a hornet’s

nest. My zigging and zagging to evade the angry swarm prompted the giving of a nickname for me, “Dances with Bees.” Two years later, and I’m working on another project, this time alongside a missionary from Washington State. As I told him my bee story, he suddenly stopped and said, “So, you’re Dances with Bees! I heard about you while on a fishing trip in Idaho!”



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A man was taking his family camping. As they pulled into the camping site they noticed signs warning about bears being in the area. After sitting up his trailer, the man walked up the pathway leading though some bushes and towards the garbage dumpster and porta potties. As he walked past the bushes he suddenly heard a grunting sound from behind him. Screaming “Bear!” he took off for the porta-potties in order to hide in them.

But it seemed that no matter how fast he ran the grunting sound stayed right behind him. At last he made it to the door the porta-potty, slamming it closed behind him.

Still, he could hear the grunting sound coming from just outside the door. Then, after a little while, it seemed to be leaving.

Sneaking a peak out the door he saw his “bear”- a small pug dog walking back down the trail it had just chased him up 😊