

Sunrise Christian Church

July 2018 Family Newsletter

Called to Love, Learn, Lead- to Love God with all that we have and are, to learn to be like Jesus, and to Lead others to the saving cross of Christ.

We look to God to lead and guide our country



“It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful”

I Corinthians 4:2, NIV

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From the preamble of the Declaration of Independence:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.-- That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

Saved by God’s grace and given a new life in Christ



“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life”-

Romans 6:3-4, NASB.

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God calls us to follow His Son Jesus in baptism. Therefore, our baptism becomes the time of our obedience to His commands, as well as our public identification with Jesus as the Lord of our lives.

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Here are some other promises God gave us: “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed”- John 8:36.

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery”- Galatians 5:1.

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And, from the Old Testament: “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you”- Isaiah 42:1.

SCC’s supported missions:

Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ)- a ministry is to help organize local churches to help our community, as well as providing aid to those needing help.

Hope Pregnancy Center (HPC)- a ministry to women in a crisis pregnancy to choose life for their unborn child. They also share the gospel with these women.

Chrisitan Children’s Ranch (Eagle ID)- a ministry which provides a safe place to live for children from troubled homes. They also provide a school for them.

Chrisitan Retirement Home (Boise ID)- housing meant for returning missionaries and retired ministers. It also provides housing for qualified retired people.

Cove Chrisitan Camp (Cove OR)- provides Chrisitan summer camps for children, and a place where churches and organizations can hold retreats.

Boise Bible College (BBC) (Boise ID)- provides one and two year bible degrees, as well as four year degrees for students looking to go into ministry.

Overseas Outreach- Rich Deaughton works with people in Ukraine to provide a basis to believe the gospel of Christ.

Food collection- Currently, this food is going to the Veterns Advocate for distribution to military families.

Thoughts worth pondering:

Following Jesus is not easy. Consider this: "Jesus has many who love his kingdom in heaven, but few who bear his cross. He has many who desire comfort, but few who care for trial. All desire to rejoice with him, but few are willing to suffer for his sake. Many admire the miracles; few follow him to the humiliation of his cross. Many love Jesus as long as no hardship touches them..."

Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*; 1441

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America was built upon self-reliance, but too much of this breeds pride and arrogance. And is that what God wants? In the past, God called the Israelites to rely upon Him, how much less us?



"For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water"- Jeremiah 2:13

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It was God who created work, and not as a punishment but as a way to provide our needs and those of others. So, consider this bit of advice: "Sow your seed in the morning and do not be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether morning or evening sowing will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good"- Ecclesiastes 11:6



Coming events:

- *Roger Hopkins filling in for Bill- Sunday, July 1.
- *Faithful Men men's breakfast- 7:30am, Saturday, July 7, Rusty's.
- * SCC's Praise Sunday- July 8
- * Missionary to the Philippines, Steve Bragg, here Sunday, July 15.
- * SCC's movie and a dessert night- Friday, July 20.
- * SCC's booth at Malheur County Fair- Tuesday, July 31- Saturday, August 4.



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It has been said that there are only two days a year that nothing can get done. One is called "Yesterday" and the other is called "Tomorrow."

So "Today" is the right day to love, to believe, to do, and most of all, to live!



Q: Why are there's no Knock Knock joke about America?

A: Because freedom rings.

Q: What's red, white, black and blue?

A: Uncle Sam falling down the stairs.

Q: What kind of tea did the American colonists want?

A: Liberty.

Q: What's the difference between a duck and George Washington?

A: One has a bill on his face, and the other has his face on a bill.

Q: Why were the first Americans like ants?

A: They lived in colonies.

Q: What did one flag say to the other flag?

A: Nothing. It just waved.

Some people have forgotten what 4th of July is really about. The 4th commemorates the freedom we use every day, not the fireworks and parties- those just make it fun. So this 4th of July, let's bless the name of the LORD for the freedoms we enjoy.