

Sunrise Christian Church

May 2017 Family Newsletter

L3- Love, Learn and Lead: to love God, to learn to be like Jesus, and to lead others to Christ.

Why the bowl and the towel?



“Jesus knew that the Father had given him complete power; he knew that he had come from God and was going to God. So he rose from the table, took off his outer garment, and tied a towel around his waist. Then he poured some water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist.”

Gospel of John 13:3-5, GNT



Jesus says that he came to serve, not to be served (Mk. 10:45); then said that his followers would be like him (Matt. 10:25). Therefore it was written, “He (meaning Jesus) gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints **for the work of service**, to (for) the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man”- Ephesians 4:11-13.

Much like work, service to others has received a bad name- some people avoid it like the plague! And, yet, service is simply learning to love others through acts of kindness. And if we cannot do this for those we know and fellowship with, then what makes us think we can do this for those we don't know?

In fact, learning to server one another shows that Jesus really is the Lord of our lives (Matt. 10:24-25a).

The church is God's garden



Our father kept a garden
A garden of the heart
He planted all good things
That gave our lives a start

He turned us to the sunshine
And encouraged us to dream
The seeds of what we'll be

We are our father's garden
We are his legacy



Wisdom from a Chinese fortune cookie:

“Your road to glory will be rocky, but fulfilling”



Mother's Day- Sunday, May 14

By its very definition, a mother is a nurturer- a giver of self and a giver of good things needed for the wellbeing of her children and family.

And I think a child would die without a mother. Oh, the child may survive to reach adulthood but they just won't be complete without a mother in their lives. For just as a child needs a dad, they also need a mother but in a completely different way. Since often a child's first words and first steps happen because a mother was there to encourage them. And not to speak of tending to their first bump and bruise, their day of school, their first date; and later their first child.

Way to go Moms, you do deserve a day of recognition!



“Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves”- Philippians 2:1-3, NASB.



Rest: spiritual discipline includes rest; and, yes, even Jesus needed it.

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”

John Lubbock

Funny, yet thought provoking, church signs

Jesus- your “get out of jail free” card

Life stinks-
We have a pew for you

Forbidden fruits
create many jams

If evolution is true
then why do mothers have two hands?

If God had a refrigerator
your picture would be on it!

✓ Upcoming Events:

* National Day of Prayer event- 7pm, Thursday, May 4 at the Lighthouse Worship Center in Ontario

**Faithful Men* men's breakfast- 7:30am, Saturday, May 6 at Rusty's

**Bob and Connie Bowers* will here Sunday, May 7 to present their music.

**Crock Pot Sunday*, and *Baskets of Love* food drive- Sunday, May 7.

*Boise Bible College's *Annual Spring Conference*- Tuesday- Thursday, May 9-11.



While assembling furniture, Liz asked her friend's six-year-old son, Ricky, to bring her a screwdriver.

'Do you want a 'Daddy' screwdriver or a 'Mommy' screwdriver?' Ricky politely inquired.

Confused by the question, Liz responded with, 'Bring me a 'Mommy' screwdriver.'

Ricky quickly returned and handed her a butter knife.