

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

t seems like the news is mostly bad news these days. We have the continuing crisis in Afghanistan, the devastating earthquake in Haiti, fires burning throughout the west, terrible flooding in the northeast, and a resurgence in Covid cases. These are just a few of the bad news events being reported. In light of all the bad news it is really easy to become fearful and maybe depressed. We need to remember that our hope is in Jesus Christ! Jesus said he would build his church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. So even though bad news shouts at us we can be assured that Jesus is still building his church. He is still at work in our world and many are coming to know him as their Savior. During these trying days we need to stay committed to the truth of the gospel of Jesus. People are looking for hope in these difficult days and we know that hope is found in Jesus Christ. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." (Hebrews 6:19) I am very thankful that we have Jesus Christ as our anchor to hold us steady during turbulent days. This hope gives us confidence as we live each day trusting in Christ. We can also look for opportunities to share about the hope we have in Christ. "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

(I Peter 3:15) Let's continue to live a hope filled life! Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

Marriage Conference at Bethel ~ It's not too late to sign up!

September 10-11 (Friday 6-9pm; Saturday 8:30-4pm); meals provided.

Cost is \$30 per couple; \$30 for childcare per family. Scholarships available.

Sign-up with Pastor Kym by September 5!

Church Events

- Sept. 1 Lunch Bunch;
 AWANA Registration
- Sept. 6 Labor Day ~ closed
- Sept. 8 Fall Ministries start again!
- Sept. 9 Ladies' Bible study starts
- Sept. 10-11 Marriage Conference
- Sept. 12 House of Prayer;
 Choir Practice
- Sept. 13 Ladies' Fellowship Night
- Sept. 14 Ladies' Bible study starts
- Sept. 15 Board Meeting
- Sept. 20 Jessie Haragos Baby Shower
- Sept. 21 50-UP Night
- Sept. 24 Family Game Night
- Sept. 25 Men's Breakfast;
 Suzy Reed Baby Shower
- Sept. 26 Annual Baby Day!

Look what's happening...

Single Again Lunch Bunch - Wednesday, September 1 @ noon.

Bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Bertie Stout with questions.

50-UP Fellowship Night - Tuesday, September 21 @ 5:45pm

We will be serving a full dinner this month...Sweet 'N Sour Chicken! Dave Ferdinand will be our entertainment this month. Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk so that we can prepare enough food. If you need a ride that night, please also put your name down on that list.

<u>Family Game Night</u> - *Friday, September 24 @ 6pm* - EVERYONE is invited to join in. Please bring a favorite game and a snack to share. We'll also have Pickleball and Corn Hole setup in the gym. Don't prefer games? Come for the fellowship!

<u>Moms In Prayer</u> - This ministry is open for all ladies, not just moms, and continues throughout the year. Join us Tuesdays at 7pm in the Prayer Chapel or Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Young Adult Bible Study/Dinner - Thursdays @ 6:30pm at the home of Larry & Crystal Nielsen; 2922 Pascoe Lane, Nampa. All young adults, whether in college or not, are invited to join us for fun fellowship, a yummy dinner, and challenging Bible study.

<u>Ladies' Fellowship Night</u> - September 13 @ 7pm.

Join us for a fun night of games & fellowship! Light refreshments will be provided; feel free to bring something to share. Please let Tammy know if you need childcare.

Ladies' Bible Studies - Tuesdays @ 9:30am starting September 14. Tammy Wightman will be leading Jen Wilkin's "Better: A Study of Hebrews". Workbook is \$18 and you need to request one on the sign-up sheet by Sept. 8 to have it by class time. They are also available on Amazon if you would like to purchase your own. Reserve your childcare (birth to Kindergarten only) through Pastor Kym or Tammy today!!

Also...Thursdays @ 9:30am-11:00am at Joni's house (3115 Vista Dr) starting Sept. 9. Joni will be leading ladies through "Prayer that Works" by Jill Briscoe (\$15/book). No childcare provided.

<u>Wednesday Night Bible Study</u> - starting September 8 @ 7pm. Pastor Doug will be leading a study on the book of Romans this year in the Fellowship Hall.

<u>Thursday Night Bible Study</u> - starting September 2 @ 7pm. Pastor Weldon leads this in-depth bible study through various books of the Bible. They enjoy a light meal time before the study in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to join.

<u>Baby Showers!</u> - Let's celebrate with Jessie (Bartlow) Haragos on Monday, Sept. 20 @ 7pm. She is having a little boy. Light refreshments will be served. There will also be a drop-in shower for Suzy Reed & baby Jackson on Saturday, Sept. 25 @ 1pm-3:30pm. Tea & crumpets will be served.

Isaiah 26:4

"Trust in the Lord
ALWAYS
For the Lord God is the Eternal Rock."

Men's Breakfast is back!
Sept. 25 @ 8am
Fernando will be cooking up a yummy
Mexican breakfast and there will be a guest speaker. All guys are invited. Bring a friend!

AWANA Returns!

Registration night is Sept. 1 @ 6:30pm

Join us out by the playground. Parents can fill out the forms and pay while the kids play! You can pay online or bring a check or cash that evening.

AWANA & Cubbies ~ \$25 for the year Puggles ~ \$10 for the year

First club night will be Wednesday, Sept. 8 @ 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We are excited to have all the kids and their friends back for this fun bible program! We still need some volunteers. Talk with Pastor Kaleb or Pastor Kym if you would be willing to help, even on a rotating basis.

We are bringing back the Church Choir! The first practice will be Sunday, September 12 @ 7:15pm in the Choir Room #105. Anyone is welcome to join in. Talk with Brant Bartlow if you have questions.