

Sunrise Christian Church

February 2017 Family Newsletter

Dedicated as a church to L3- to Love, Learn and Lead.

What is love?



Real love is giving of oneself.

And Jesus said, *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"*- John 10:11

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Later, the Apostle Paul wrote:
"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her"- Ephesians 5:25.



"Love is patient, Love is kind"
I Cor. 13:4

More than an emotion, love is an action:

Read to this passage from the gospel of Mark where it says that Jesus loved a young man who came to him with a question. Check to see how Jesus showed his love for this man.

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

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Did you notice? Jesus told him the truth- that forsaking all other things to follow Him and to learn to be like Him was the very best thing for him. God calls us to "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15), which means to think of other people's welfare when speaking to them.

This spring's sermon series:

After we finish with the Love, Learn and Lead sermon series, we will start into a series on the story of the Bible.

Starting with the story of Creation, the Bible covers a length of time that is hard for many people to imagine. For example: my father's parents- my grandparents- one born in 1892 and the other in 1892. It's hard for me to imagine what life was like for them at that time. I've seen enough western movies that everything I think I know probably isn't true but a Hollywood creation. But what about their grandparent's time in probably the 1830's or 1840's? Or their grandparents ahead of even them, what was life like for them?

Now imagine going back to Adam and Eve, the first man and woman created by God? What was it like for them, for their families and for the people who followed after them?

Where did they come from, what was life like for them, what major events took place, and how did these shape the generations that would come from them?

The Bible speaks much about this, and so this will be the subject of our series. And by doing so, I hope it will help you both to understand the history of the Bible, as well as to be able to put the stories in their proper order.

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"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day"- Genesis 1:31.

Boise Bible College (BBC) is one of our monthly supported ministries. It exists to train another generation of people to be the next church leaders. Please keep them in prayer that God would supply the needed students and finances to complete their mission.

"I Bleed BBC"

by Jennifer Whiteman, a 2007 graduate with a BS in Christian Education with an emphasis on Children's Ministry.

Boise Bible College? I thought I was doing just fine continuing on my path and going to church. I was SO wrong! I didn't know God would use Boise Bible College to change my life.

When I arrived at BBC, August of 2003, I didn't know what to expect. I decided to go to Boise about 2 weeks before school began. A member of the Church I attended got the ball rolling for me to attend. I only had to "try it out for one semester." She spoke with the Admissions (Ross Knudsen) and Financial Aid (Joyce Anderson) departments. In fact, I don't even remember filling out the application. God used my friend in a mighty way.

After about 3 days, I decided to stay all four years. The best decision I have made.

Throughout those next 4 years I would experience growth in SO many ways. I would meet SO many people that were striving to be more like Jesus. I would learn SO much about God's grace, true friendship, and the Bible.

Many of you will not know some of the professors, staff and/or students that have played a role in my journey to where I am today.

SO many amazing professors! You may not know how Dr. Beckman would leave during tests to prove that character is important – or how Mr. Krause would challenge us to become the people God intended us to be in relationships – or how "PopCorn" always

wanted to update his syllabus (but had a hard time cutting information out, because truth is important) – or how Mrs. Kelly wanted us to be ready for financial stuff as adults – all devoting their years to building the next generation of Christian leaders.

SO many amazing staff members! You may not know how Mr. Knudsen's (who was just Ross then) would take a chance on a random girl from Oakland, OR – or how Mr. Greenlee would pray for the issues that were going on in my life (which I would later learn all professors do) – or how Mr. Vauahan would shovel snow and clean toilets in his business suit (a real servant leader) – or how Mr. Faber has created an education system that combines all classes in a way to create success – or how Travis Jacob desired for students to be leaders and shapers – all striving to create an environment that help students to be prepared for jobs, families, and life.

SO many amazing friends! So many passions! So many world changers! Like Jessica Cornett – who would challenge me to have a better prayer life; or Stefanie Schnackenberg – who wasn't afraid to call me out on things; or Josephine Haselton – who is always staying connected to her friends; or Ryan Whiteman (my husband) – who has taught me so much about introspection, conviction, repentance, grace, mercy, and forgiveness. There are many more friends – too many to mention.

I found a place that taught me about what really matters: faith in Jesus, service to the King, commitment to relationships, dedication to study, and growth in love. Do I love BBC? How could I not love what has changed me into a better person? As Martin Flaherty & Seth King would say, "I bleed BBC."

Students, take advantage of this opportunity to grow and change. God is preparing you for an awesome adventure, so just enjoy the ride!

Upcoming Events:

- *Faithful Men men's breakfast- 7:30am, Saturday, Feb. 4, at Rusty's.
- *Baskets of Love food collection- Sunday, Feb. 5.
- *Crock Pot Sunday- Feb. 5.
- * Bill and Pam plan to be gone Feb. 19 to visit their daughter and her family.
- *Coins for Life for Hope Pregnancy Center are due back Sunday, Feb. 26th.



A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Preacher," said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."