

Sunrise Christian Church

July 2017 Family Newsletter

Dedicated to Love God completely, to Learn to be like Jesus, and to Lead others to the saving cross of Christ.

How do you celebrate the works of God?



“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us. ‘For in Him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘*We are His offspring.*’”

Acts 17:24-28



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.

From the Declaration of Independence



“If we ever forget that we are one nation under God then we will be a nation gone under.”

President Ronald Reagan



Did you know? Each year, more than 700,000 people from various countries around the world become naturalized U.S. citizens.

(Some) People have forgotten what 4th of July really is about. Today commemorates the freedoms we use every day.

It's not all fireworks and parties, that's just what makes it fun.

On the theme of freedom, the Bible tells us this: “*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.

I realize that the apostle Paul was talking about spiritual slavery- taking up the legalism and traditions of the Jews. Yet there are many things that can “enslave” us- drugs and alcohol come to mind, yet even other things that we think as good- food, exercise, pursuit of knowledge, and even work.

Anything that does not come under the authority and in submission to Christ can become a tool of enslavement to us. Thus Jesus could say, “*If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed*”- Jn. 8:36.

In a very real way, a relationship with Jesus allows us to re-examine our lives so that we can put it in proper order. There may be things that we find we want to emphasize- family, friends, and personal relationships; while others we may want to diminish- what we do with our free time, what used to interest us, and what we are willing to spend our money on.

This is called spiritual growth, and is most easily seen in those who are walking with the Lord on a consistent basis.

So, take time each day with the Lord, it will pay dividends that will not only last a lifetime, but will enrich your life, as well as those of others around you.

“Come away with me,” says Jesus. “Let us go alone to a quiet place and rest for a while”- Mark 6:31.

Bits of wisdom worth considering:

"It's only since Christians have largely ceased to think of the next world that they have become so ineffective in this one." Billy Graham

Science is organized knowledge; wisdom an organized life.

A person may cause evil to others not only in his actions but by his inaction, and in either case he is justly accountable to them for the injury. John Stuart Mills (1806-73)

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BBC is one of our long-time supported ministries. Their purpose is to equip young men and women for leadership roles in the church. Founded in 1948 by a church in Boise, the college soon outgrew that church's facility, so a new location was sought. Located on Marigold Street, just off Glenwood Ave, and near the fairgrounds in Boise; this location used to have pasture all around it but now is surrounded by houses.

The students at the college have an opportunity to receive a one year Bible certificate, a two year Associates Degree, or a four year Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree.

On Sunday, July 9, **David Davolt**, Director of Development, will be here to tell us about the exciting things taking place at the college.

Thoughts about happiness:

Can you be happy always "Taking" without ever "Giving"?

Can you say, "Why did this happen to me?"- when you didn't say, "Why did this joy happen to me?"

Can you praise a person for bringing happiness into your life without praising God for His part in bringing that person into your life?

David Polis

If you ever find happiness by hunting for it, you will find it as the old woman did her lost spectacles- on her nose all the time!

Josh Billings

Who are the happiest people on earth?

A craftsman or artist whistling over a job well done. A little child building sand castles.

A mother, after a long day, bathing her child.

A doctor who has finished a difficult and dangerous operation, and saved a human life.

Happiness lies in a constructive job well done.

Get your happiness out of your work or you will never know what happiness is.

Elbert Hubbard

Many persons have a wrong idea about what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.

Helen Keller



Upcoming events:

*Faithful Men *men's breakfast*- 7:30am, Sat. July 1, at Rusty's.

**Crock Pot Sunday*, Sunday, July 2

**Baskets of Love* food collection- Sunday, July 2

*David Davolt/*Boise Bible College* here, Sunday, July 9.

**SCC's fair booth*- Tuesday, Aug. 1- Saturday, Aug. 5.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Fellowship* starts up again on Sept. 7 with a study on the Life of Christ.

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Cowboy Joe didn't get to town often, so one day he was excitedly telling his fellow cowboys about his first visit to a "big-city" church. "When I got there, they had me park my old truck in their corral," Joe began.

"You mean their parking lot," interrupted Charlie, a much more worldly fellow.

"Then I walked up the trail to the door," Joe continued.

"The sidewalk," Charlie corrected him.

"Inside the door, I was met by this dude," Joe went on.

"That'd be the usher," Charlie explained.

"Well, that dude led me down this here chute," Joe said.

"You mean he led you down the aisle," sighed Charlie.

"Then, he pointed me to a stall and told me to sit right down," Joe excitedly continued.

"Pew," Charlie retorted.

"Yeah," recalled Joe. "That's exactly what that lady said when I hunkered down next her."