

Sunrise Christian Church

June 2017 Family Newsletter

Teach us, O Lord, to Love, to Learn and to Lead: to love You, to learn to be like Jesus, and to lead others to the saving knowledge of Christ.

What should our response be to a loving God?



“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD”- PSALM 150:6, NIV.

“It is good to praise the LORD”- PSALM 92:1, NIV.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”- Phil. 4:4, NIV

Where is Jesus now?



Scripture tells us, “He (God) raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come”- Eph. 1:20-21.

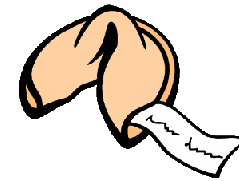
The Bible tells us about this great event:

“And after He (Jesus) had said these things, He was lifted up while they (the disciples) were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven”- Acts 1:9-11.

The seven “gets” of a dynamic relationship with God:

- 1) Get humble- nothing destroys a relationship like pride.
- 2) Get quiet- God speaks in a soft still voice, not in the noise of the day
- 3) Get into God’s presence- a place you feel closest to God
- 4) Get counsel- from those who are already doing this
- 5) Get into the habit of saying, “Speak Lord”- then expect Him to answer
- 6) Get into a listening attitude- clear your mind of any concerns of the day
- 7) Get ready to act on what God says- responding to God makes a person more sensitive to the next encounter.

Advice from the Guidepost magazine

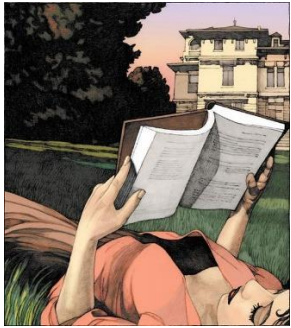


Wisdom from a Chinese fortune cookie:

Organize your life around your dreams and watch them come true.

Scripture says, “Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes”- Ecc. 11:9.

Rest- God's refreshment



Jesus said, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while"- Mark 6:31

William Penn wrote:

"True silence is the rest of the mind, and is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment"



You just can't fool a Sunday school kid, they're way to smart!

"If I sold my house and my car, and held a big yard sale, then gave all the money to the church, would I get into heaven?" I asked my Sunday school class.

"No!" they shouted in unison.

"What if I cleaned the church every day, mowed its lawn, and kept everything nice and tidy," I asked. "Would I get into heaven then?"

Again, they shouted, "No!"

"Well," I asked, "how do I get into heaven?"

From the back of the room, a little boy answered, "You have to die first!"

Don't be a 1.7

A recent study showed that the average Christian in America attends church 1.7 times a month. Seeing that most months have four Sundays in it, others five, this means that they're attending church less than half the time!

Oh, many people have the "halo" effect when asked about this, often reporting that they attend church nearly twice as often as they actually do. In other words, they knew what they should be doing but weren't doing it!

To give an illustration of what this means, try these tests: Breathe only half as often as you normally do, eat only half the food that you usually do, and learn to live on half the money as you have been doing.

Hard, isn't it!

When people miss that much church, they miss a lot of what takes place there. Additionally, they miss opportunities to be encouraged by others, and to be encouragers to them. And these "1.7" kind of people also miss the opportunity to grow in Christ through acts of regular service.

So, what might legitimately prevent people from attending church? Perhaps the following: Death is always a big one! A house fire is a good reason. A broken leg (first week, that is). Illness (don't share germs!).

Less likely are: Being out of town (where ever you are try to find a church to attend). Family reunions (show them off- invite them to join you at church).

Some terrible reasons for missing church are: "Someone stopped by to give us some peaches, so we had to stay home to can them" (this one was actually told to me! The fruit can wait!). "My alarm clock didn't wake me up" (regular habits of sleep help us to get up on time). "My car wouldn't start." (that's what the church directory is for, learn to call someone). "I went fishing." (you'll catch more fish if you learn to honor God with your time).

Scripture tells us: "*Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near*" - Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV.

So, whatever you do, **don't be a 1.7!**

✓ **Upcoming events:**

*Faithful Men *men's breakfast*- 7:30am, Sat., June 3, @ Rusty's.

*Nick Adams, A-Z Ministries- Sunday, June 4th. *Baskets of Love* food collection- Sunday, June 4.

**Crock Pot Sunday*- Sunday, June 4.

Cove Christian Camp's *HS and JH camp*- June 18-24.

*Cove Christian Camp's *1st/2nd grade camp*- June 25-27th.

*David Davolt, Boise Bible College here Sun., July 9.

**SCC's booth* at the Malheur County Fair- Aug. 1-5.