

# Sunrise Christian Church

March 2018 Family Newsletter

Dedicated to L3- Love, Learn, Live.

## The joy of life!



I will give thanks to You, LORD, with all my heart;

I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in You;

I will sing the praises of Your name, O Most High.

Psalms 9:1-2, NIV

*Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.*

Psalms 47:1, NIV

## 2018, our year of service



Jesus calls us to be a servant to all (Mk. 9:35), and led by example (Jn. 13:12-15). Therefore, it's time that each of us learns to be a servant- to each other and to the community we live in!

And the power of personal service is that others praise God for it; thus, He is glorified by what we do.

Along with various areas of service within the church that can use your help, our community also needs it. On Saturday, April 28 is Ontario's **Community Serve Day**. There will be both large and small tasks that we can do to help others; plus it's a good time to meet some new people!

Watch for more information to come out in our bulletin about this event.

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## Ontario's Community Sunrise Service



**Time:** 7:30-8am, Sunday, April 1

**Location:** South parking lot of TVCC's John J. Easley Gymnasium

(**Note-** our Resurrection Day brunch will follow- 8:30am, at the church)



### That God-shaped hole in each of our hearts....

Man has a restless heart- it will not be content apart from God and Christ.

In the mid-1600's Blaise Pascal- a Christian mathematician, scientist, inventor, and writer, wrote this about the problem of mankind's restless heart:

"What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace?"

This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself"

The psalmist affirms this principle when he wrote: "*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.*"

**Psalms 42:1**

## Meditations

Wikipedia defines a meditation as “a practice where an individual focuses their mind on a particular object, thought or activity to achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm state.”

Normally, our meditations are given by men of the church during the Lord’s Supper (Communion) and Offering. These men have thought about what it should mean for us to be able to share in the bread and the juice which represents Jesus’ sacrifice; and in our financial support of the church’s ministry.

In speaking about our faithful contributions to the finances of the church, the apostle Paul has this to say: “This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. An in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you”- 2 Cor. 9: 12-14.

So, in both the Lord’s Supper and in the Offering, it is the Lord who supplies our needs. Yes, we are to participate; yet, it is still His work in and through us!

For example, God would tell the men of Israel that they appeared before Him, but they were not to come “empty-handed” (Deut. 16:16). Why? Because, just as with us, God was their supplier- and they were to bring a portion back to Him as a testimony of how He had taken care of them.

And how much more true is this for us today!

Idaho’s beautiful Selkirk mountains



He spreads the snow like wool  
and scatters the frost like ashes.

Ps 147:16

### Upcoming Events

- \*Faithful Men men’s breakfast- 7:30am, Saturday, March 3. At Rusty’s
- \*Baskets of Love food collection- Sunday, March 4
- \*Crockpot Sunday- March 4
- \*Lamplighter Bible study- March 4
- \*Wellsprings Worship service- 3pm, Sunday, March 4.
- \*Cove Christian Camp’s Leaders retreat- Saturday, March 24
- \*Community Easter Sunrise Service- 7:30am, Sunday, April 1
- \*Gideons here, Sunday, April 22



## Just for laughs



A pastor and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them.

'Come with me', said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had anything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic-size pool.

'Wow, thank you', said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the pastor to a rugged old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up', said the pastor. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a pastor, went to church every day, and preached God's word.'

'Yes, that's true. But during your sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'