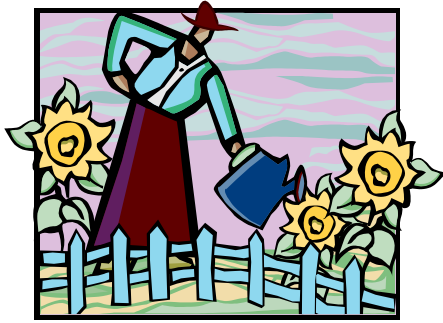


# SUNRISE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## August 2010 Family Newsletter



**Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.**

**Let us (then) not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.** (Gal. 6:7-9).

### LOVE-LEARN-LEAD

If Jesus is to be lifted up high, if He is to attract all men to Himself, if He is to reign in our hearts and minds, then SCC must remain committed to Love, Learn and Lead: to love the LORD God with all that we are and all that we have; to learn the ways of Christ so intimately that we take them up as they were our own, and to lead others to the Cross of Christ so that they too may enjoy the peace that surpasses all understanding!

## God's Word

I paused last eve beside the blacksmith's door;  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
And looking in I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.  
"How many anvils have you had?" said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," he answered. Then with a twinkling  
eye:  
"The anvil wears the hammer out, you know."  
And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word  
For skeptics' blows have beat upon,  
But though the noise of falling blows was  
heard,  
The anvil is unchanged, the hammers gone.  
-John Clifford-

## The Good Book

The Bible contains both the Old Testament and the New. There are 66 books in the Bible (the Catholic Bible, having the Apocrypha, has more) which is divided this way, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New. These smaller books make up the larger one we know as the Bible (Greek for book), and this collection of books are revelations from God to man which happened in various ways (Heb. 1:1&2). We believe that there were 40 main authors of the 66 books, with some authors like Moses, Paul and Peter having written more than one. This collection was written over a 1500 year period of time and slowly collected by the church until to last revelation- either the gospel of John or the book of Revelation, was completed somewhere between AD 80 and 100.

Originally, Scripture had few punctuation marks and no chapter or verse markings. These last two were added in about 1200 and 1500

respectively to help the reader navigate their way around God's book. And reportedly there are 31,173 verses in the Bible, about 2/3 of these being OT and other 1/3 in the NT. This means that if you and I memorized but 10 verses a week for a little over 60 years, then we'd have memorize the whole Bible- so let's get started!



Someone once said that the center verse of the Bible is Psalms 118:8, **"It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man."**

### -Quotes about the Book of books-

"The Bible is God's chart for you to steer by, to keep you from the bottom of the sea, and to show you where the harbor is, and how to reach it without running up on rocks or bars."  
Henry Ward Beecher

"The book to read is not the one that thinks for you, but the one that makes you think. No book in the world equals the Bible for this."  
James McCosh

"So great is my veneration of the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respectable members of society." John Quincy Adams

"It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom!"  
Horace Greeley

"The Bible is a window in this prison-world, through which we may look into eternity."  
Timothy Dwight



## News from SCC's supported ministries:

1) **Christian Motorcycle Association-** Les and Bev will be heading back to Arkansas in October for CMA's national gathering. Pray for them to be able to raise the needed money and to enjoy themselves while they are there.

2) **Rick Deighton and Overseas Outreach.** Rick will be here Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> to tell us about his last trip to the Ukraine and to inform us of his upcoming one.

3) **Boise Christian Retirement Village** continues to try and find ways to develop more of their property for additional housing. Bill and Gertrude say that all is well and they are enjoying being there.

4) **Boise Bible College** is gearing up of another year and new students. College starts Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. With our country's current financial situation finances are a struggle for BBC (and its students), so keep them in your prayers.

5) **Cove Christian Camp** sits in the lovely foothills east of La Grande, OR. We have just finished yet another year (64 years so far!) of summer camps. Our junior high and high school camps were down in numbers slightly, but our 1&2, 3<sup>rd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>& 6<sup>th</sup> grade camps were all up in numbers over last year. For the second year in a row, Eagle Christian Church has sent kids to the elementary grade camps. At our spring meeting I (Bill Williams) was elected as the president of the Association, so keep me in prayer. We have several work projects going on, both maintenance of existing buildings and finishing the new bathhouse that deserve our attention and financial support.

6) **Christian Children's Ranch** sits along the beautiful Boise River. It has enjoyed a summer

break and now is gearing up for a new school year. They not only have housing available for kids who need a home, but also a school where they can learn while under the loving care of the Ranch. Several kids from nearby homes also attend school there, enjoying its Christian atmosphere. Pray for the house parents as they transition in new kids into their homes. And, also, SCC just finished collecting laundry products for the Ranch, so thank Dick and Dorothy for taking them over of us.

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## FALL WORK!

Anyone who has grown up on a farm understands the term "fall work." Fall is the time when you bring in your year's hard work, and it is a time to prepare for next year's crop. Fall work may be the busiest and hardest of time of the whole year.

• No difference for a church, this fall we will have our **Back to Church Sunday** on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, so be thinking about who you'll invite!

• Also, in order to prepare the "soil" (see Matt. 13:3-9) for next year's crop, we, Vale, Fruitland, Payette, and Weiser Christian Churches will have a "**Caring Enough to Share**" class. This will be held at SCC on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. It is an important that everyone be her for this session, for the spiritual well-being of a family member, a neighbor, or friend may well be in your hands. So ask your self, do you care enough to share?

This will be an exciting series of classes, with **Clayne Beck** teaching on the necessity of prayer, **Ralph Pearson** on that God is not

optional, **Nick Hylton** teaching knowing the Scriptures, and myself on the importance and necessity of evangelism. **Cody Stauffer** has a previous engagement on the 18<sup>th</sup> so he will be here for the follow up classes in November; his subject will be on building relationships. I'm excited about these classes and am looking forward to seeing them take place!

• Hope Pregnancy Center's **Walk for Life** will also take place on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Lions Park. It will be early enough in the day that if anyone wants to participate in it they can and still make the Caring Enough to Share classes.

• Acts 1:18 is this year's theme for **Northwest School of Missions: "MISSIONS...THE MASTER'S MANDATE."** And the dates for this is sometime during the week of Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>-Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Missions to be represented are:

1. International Disaster & Emergency Services
  2. Global Missionary Ministries
  3. Turkish World Outreach
  4. Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch
- September 25<sup>th</sup> also bring a **Christian men's retreat** to the Fairfield, ID camp. Men, look for the registration forms on the table near the double doors to the auditorium.
- Whew! That ought to be enough fall work for anyone!

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## Restoration History

Our early leaders became convinced of four things: The need to return to the Bible, in particular the New Testament, for guidance in all that we do; that weekly observance of the Lord's Supper was essential; that believers' baptism was the point in time when God forgave our sins and we received the Holy Spirit- our new motor by which we can live a

life pleasing to God; and finally, that the fellowship of believers was important- no, necessary for spiritual growth. **For more information about this, read Acts 2:42-47**