

Sunrise Christian Church

August 2011 Family Newsletter

S.C.C. exists to LOVE, LEARN, LEAD: to love God with all that we are and all that we have, to learn to conform ourselves to the image of Jesus, and to lead others to the cross of Christ.



“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus”

Colossians 3:17

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SCC will be manning the information booth at the Malheur

**County Fair- August 2nd - 6th.
See you there!**

Quotes about leaders and leadership

“The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been.”

~Henry Kissinger

“People are more easily led than driven.”

~David Harold Fink

“The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you.”

~Max DePree

“The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.”

~Ray Kroc

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So, then, what identifies a Christian leader?

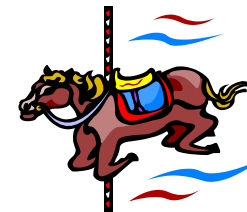
“Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that in this world kings are tyrants, and officials lord it over the people beneath them. But among you it should be quite different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.’” Mark 10:42-45

Characteristics of Christian maturity and leadership:

- Is an example for others to imitate

- Is full of the Spirit and wisdom
- Has a powerful and productive private life
- Has a biblical concept of oneself
- Has a single-minded devotion to God
- Has biblical conviction
- Has moral excellence
- Has the heart of a servant
- Is willing to surrender and make sacrifices
- Has self-control
- Is pursuing excellence
- Has endurance, perseverance and patience
- Has courage, yet willing to be an encourager
- Exhibits faithfulness
- Is a team player
- Is accountability
- And has the wisdom and grace to deal with their own and other peoples’ failure

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“Life can be like a merry-go-round; the key is to know when and where to get off!” Anonymous



Christians believe that our **God is a prayer-answering God**, yet what makes for a great prayer life? Here are eight signs of a healthy prayer life:

1. Prays frequently and persistently
 2. Asks in faith
 3. Acknowledges God's will
 4. Depends on the Holy Spirit
 5. Avoids selfish and hypocritical prayers
 6. Accepts when God says, "No"
 7. Knows what to do when God seems silent
 8. Listens for God to answer
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Dollars and sense

“No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**” Luke 16:13 KJV

“There are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, mind, and the purse.” **Martin Luther**

“Economy is half the battle of life; it is not so hard to earn money as to spend it well.” **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**

“The purpose of tithing is to secure not the tithe but the tither, not the gift but the giver, not the possession but the possessor, not your money but you for God.” **Anonymous**



As our Federal government struggles with our national budget and debt reduction, let us reconsider our own. Americans are about \$2.4 trillion in debt. This works out to \$14,700 per household, or about \$7,800 per person. So how are you doing? If God is the one who gave you what you have, then how well are you managing it for Him? Here are some suggested guidelines from Larry Burkett’s Christian ministry, *Money Matters*:

Categories and percentage of take home income	Per \$1,000 of take home income
Charitable giving- 10%	\$100
Savings- 10%	\$100
Housing (including taxes and utilities)- 32%	\$320
Food- 13%	\$130
Transportation (including insurance, license, repair, and fuel) – 13%	\$130
Clothing- 5%	\$50
Medical/health- 4%	\$40
Personal- 13%	\$130
Recreational- 6%	\$60
Debt reduction- 5%	\$50

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All of us know someone who needs Jesus Christ- so make plans now to invite a family member, friend, or neighbor to our Back-to-Church Sunday, Sunday, September 18th.

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Upcoming events

- 1) SCC’s **Men’s Breakfast**, Saturday, Aug. 6th, 7:30am at Rusty’s
 - 2) SCC’s **Women’s Brunch**, Saturday, August 27th, 10am at Rusty’s
 - 3) Cove Christian Camp’s **Dutch Oven Cook-off**, Saturday, August 27th
 - 4) Hope Pregnancy Center’s **Walk for Life**, Saturday, September 17th, 8am-noon
 - 5) **Back-to-Church Sunday**, Sept. 18th
 - 6) Fairfield’s **Men’s Retreat**- Thursday, Sept. 22nd- Saturday, Sept. 24th-
 - 7) Love INC’s **Run For The Hills**, Saturday, October 1st.
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A minister from the big city was filling the pulpit in a nearby small community. After the church services he was invited to lunch at one of the member’s home. In the course of the conversation over lunch, the preacher talked endlessly about his family back home, and how his son had won first place in the one hundred-yard dash. “I know just how you must feel,” declared the man of the house, “I remember how pleased I was last year when our pig won the blue ribbon at the county fair!”