

Sunrise Christian Church

January 2010 Family Newsletter



Isn't it amazing what a day will make? January 1st belongs to a new year and somehow that makes all which happened the previous day and year "old business," while what lays ahead of us is new and exciting.

The same with God, He promises that one day all things will be made "new." Yet the new that He speaks of is not a younger version of the same old thing, but instead is something radically different from the past. Listen to what was revealed to the apostle John, **"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God himself will be there with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed**

away.' He who seated on the throne says, 'I am making everything new!' Then He said, 'Write these things down, for these words are trustworthy and true'" (Rev. 21:1-5).

"I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds" (Ps 77:11-12).

Biblical Meditation

Means to engage in devotional contemplation, especially prayer, to think or reflect, especially in a calm and deliberate manner. Throughout history Christians have found a great benefit in spending time in meditation, spending time in God's word to see what God has in it for them.

Because of this, I encourage you to join me as together we read and meditate on the same passages of scripture. In essence this means that we will be on the same page at the same time, allowing God to work in our hearts and minds at the same time. If you miss a week, don't worry, just join us in that current week's reading and meditation. **The passages of scripture will be listed in each monthly newsletter's calendar**, so please join me in this spiritual journey and let's see where God will take us!

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-Updates about SCC's supported ministries-

Boise Bible College

The college is at an all-time record enrollment, they had 175 students this last semester and are looking forward to more students coming next fall. With that, they need to finish the dormitories that were started previously and therefore are in the process of raising funds. As with many supported ministries, the college has been hurt by last year's down turn in the

economy, yet many smaller supporters have stepped up to help continue the valuable ministry the college provides to the churches. BBC's singing group, **The Crossing Guards, will be here on Sunday, January 24th** for worship.

Boise Christian Children's Ranch

Though donations are down, things are still moving along well, this summer the Ranch was able to add some much needed staff. Mandy Brown is their new first grade teacher and Rachel Michael is the new elementary teacher, while Nick and Natalie Harmon do maintenance and act as school assistants. One 13 year old girl at the Ranch recently wrote of her house parents, **"You have shown me, through example, how a functional family works, and how to live an everyday godly life. For that I will be forever grateful."** Wow, now isn't that something well worth supporting! For Thanksgiving SCC sent turkeys to each of the homes, and for Christmas we send hams as well as a check.

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Boise Christian Retirement Village

The Village's mission statement says that their ministry is **"to exemplify Christ's direction of no greater love than by taking care of elderly saints, providing affordable food and shelter in a Christ-centered independent-living environment."** To this end, Bill and Gertrude Bliss have nicely settled in to their home and are mentioned in the Village's latest newsletter.

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Rick Deighton- Overseas Outreach

Rick has recently returned from his trip to the Ukraine; he and his wife Della will be here **Sunday, January 10th** to share with us what's happening with his important education and evangelism ministry.

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Cove Christian Camp

'09s camper numbers:

1st&2nd - 20 campers 7th&8th- 60 campers
 3rd&4th – 50 ” High school- 31 ”
 5th&6th – 32 ”

Cove Christian Camp's '10 camp dates:

HS and JH winter camp – Feb. 12-15th.
 High school- June 13-19th
 Jr. high- June 20-26th
 5th/6th grade- July 18-24th
 3rd/4th- July 11-15th
 1st/2nd- June 27-29th
 Family Camp- Aug. 6-8th

Last year, Eagle Christian Church sent kids to the camp, and will again this year for the younger age kids. I have received a report that Tem Mile is interested in sending kids this year.

Pam and I will again be directors of the 3rd/4th grade camp in July. Needless to say, these camps take a lot of volunteer help, anyone interested?

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Love INC

[5 YEARS OF STATS! Look what the Body of Christ has done!!!](#)

- Number of families served- 2361
- Number of children served- 3764
- Number of adults served- 3402
- Repeat clients (tracking only 6 months) 261
- Volunteers- 8487
- Volunteer hours- 26,936
- Volunteer Value- \$482,000
- Value of Product Given Out- \$250,000
- Church referrals- 724
- Agency referrals- 1160
- Churches in partnership- 25
- Agencies in partnerships- 50

LOVE INC's New Beginnings Relational Program: The Word of God is the basis for the

New Beginnings Relational Program, a special ministry of Love INC. God's Word has the answer for each situation, no matter how difficult or hopeless it may seem. Love INC's free program is available to those in our community who wish to build a disciplined plan for their life to get out and stay out of debt. This ministry is open to both church and unchurched people. It is our belief that we are all God's creation, and we are commanded to love one another and help each other in our difficulties. This program is made possible by the grace of God, support from our local Christian churches, and volunteers who give their time lovingly and unselfishly to fill the many needs of this ministry. New Beginnings includes hands-on work with trained volunteer advisors, goal-setting exercises, participation in group activities designed to be a support system, and other living skills. This program is available year around, one night a week from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at a local church which offers a neutral setting during which the clients and budget mentors meet as a group and one-on-one.

New Beginnings does not exist to "fix" a client's financial situation, nor is the volunteer budget mentor there to do it for him or her. The client's success is entirely dependent upon his or her level of commitment to the program and willingness to apply what is learned.

Thank you everyone who donated food, toys and a variety of other things to families in need. New Beginnings Relational Program is beginning January 14th. **Volunteer are needed in several areas.** For more information please call the Love INC office at 889-7860 ext. 6.

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Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)

CMA is a group of Christian motorcycle riders who use their bikes and interests to reach other

motorcyclist for Jesus. **Les and Bev Pritchett** are an important part of the local CMA group, he being president and she secretary. This year they plan to attend the motorcycle rally held in Baker City, the hill climb in New Plymouth, and if possible to go back into the Boise prison again.

Keep them in prayer as they motor up and down the highways.

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-Other ministries supported by the church- Neal and Kay Whittaker's Church of India Evangelism:

Neal and Kay returned just before Christmas from working with a church in Rock Springs, WY. On January 4th they will fly out to India where they will spend the month working with the church there. Please keep them in prayer for the necessary finances, as well as the opportunity to share with both believers and unbelievers alike.

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Pregnancy Resource Center

Though known for helping women who are in a crisis pregnancy, yet PRC would say their ministry is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who do not know him and use through these crisis pregnancies as the avenue to do so. PRC has recently moved into their new building at 588 W. Idaho Ave. where they will now be able to provide ultrasounds to women in order to show them the life they now carry. PRC counsels women towards allowing their children to live, training these women to be the mothers their children will need, and encouragement some to consider adoption as a possible solution to their problem. We will help them with their bottle drive this winter yet, as well as their Walk for Life later in the summer. Keep them in prayer.

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Intermountain Church Planters Association

ICPA is in the midst of helping start four or five new churches in the greater Salt Lake area. To do this they have teamed up with other church planting organizations to more effectively reach the people in Utah.