

Sunrise Christian Church

January 2011 Family Newsletter



control, and that "the Word of the Lord endures forever!" 1 Peter 1:25

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A child's prayer

Seven-year-old Mark was overheard praying, "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

2011's sermon series

"A well founded faith" sermon series for January, February, March will cover these topics:

- 1) What is God like?
- 2) Did Jesus sin?
- 3) Satan, real or make-believe?
- 4) Is salvation earned or is it a gift?
- 5) Can someone get into heaven other than through Jesus Christ?
- 6) Why do I have to share my faith?
- 7) Is the Bible is true?
- 8) Would I go to heaven if I died today?
- 9) Why am I called to be a servant and student of Christ?
- 10) What should be expected of new Christians?
- 11) Am I really growing in Christian maturity?



A sermon joke

And those (the church) who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

Acts 8:4

(Keith and Jessie emailed this to me and I thought it good enough to share with you.)

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Today, I will share with you ten predictions that are true! So,....

Top 10 Predictions for 2011

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
 2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
 3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
 4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
 5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
 6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
 7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
 8. There will still be room at the Cross.
 9. Jesus will still love you.
 10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.
- So isn't it great to remember whose really in

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Col. 3:17

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Love, Learn, Lead

*Sunrise Christian Church has only one goal and one mission, which is to **love** the Lord our God with all that we are and all that we have. In doing this we will also want to **learn** to be like Christ Jesus, whom we love and therefore want to emulate.*

*This also means that we will be excited about sharing Him with others and therefore we will want to **lead** others to the cross of Christ.*

***Love, Learn, and Lead**- what better goal could a church have?*

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A preacher preached a very short sermon. He explained, "My dog got into my study and chewed up some of my notes."

At the close of the service a visitor asked, "If your dog ever has pups, please give my pastor one of them!"

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A year of living dangerously

In a recent church newsletter from the church where Pam's father Bob attends is this bit of insight, "Somewhere in the 1940's, 50's or 60's, mainline churches shifted from being evangelistic (which is the urgent desire to share the good news), to being conservationists (maintaining their buildings and programs). That's quite a shift, when you think of it. It's not just being less pushy about 'sharing your witness.' It's about a shift from being proactive to being reactive. Jesus spoke about it as hiding a light under a basket. Or we might think about it as putting our light away for a rainy day, or putting it in a protective case so nobody can disturb it."

With that observation, I think we at SCC have to ask ourselves, are we playing it safe, are we withholding what God has given us in fear that it will get used up?

What if we spent the year 2011 living dangerously? What would that look like?

So here is the challenge:

- 1) Spend time with God in order to discover what your biggest fear is, then go do it!
- 2) Consider adopting a child in an overseas orphanage. You don't have

to officially adopt them, but consider giving to them on a monthly basis. Includes keeping in touch with them by mail, and remembering them on birthdays and such.

- 3) What about a short term mission? In this way you might be able to leave a little of yourself with those whom you go to serve.
- 4) Increase you giving to the church. I'm sure that God already has a place to use it!
- 5) Go outside your normal routine in order to meet new people.
- 6) Take time to help with a local relief organization like Love INC, Hope Pregnancy Center, or with the community Thanksgiving dinner.
- 7) Volunteer in the schools. It doesn't take a lot of talent to simply read to a child.
- 8) Dream about a new ministry for the church; then help start it!
- 9) Start a calling campaign to the sick and shut-ins.
- 10) Or take time to write a letter of encouragement to someone you're at odds with.

So let's be proactive in 2011 and not reactive! Will this be hard? Yes, but I know that Christ will be blessed by it.

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Caring Enough to Share class

Some comments from our previous class, held November 20th at Valley Christian Church: Very good!; Enjoyable- especially Cody's presentation; It was good, but a little long (sorry, we extended the class by an hour to fit everything in); How does one

decide? It was all excellent!; Food was great; Thanks to all who gave a presentation; Help, I'm working with a husband and wife who do not know Christ!

For those who are interested, **our next Caring Enough to Share class will be held Saturday, January 22nd at Vale Christian Church**, and the time will be from 10am to 2pm. There will be just two speakers but more hands on training. Hope to see you there!

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All Church Sing 🎵

Our last **All Church Sing** was great- a full house with lots of singing! So our next one will be at **Valley Christian Church** in Fruitland, on Sunday, **January 30th at 7pm**. Make plans to join us there!

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Ephesians Bible Study

Our Tuesday night Bible Fellowship recently completed the study on the book of Romans and in January we will start the book of Ephesians.

This book is key to understanding who we are as believers, as God's church, and how we are to live out our Christian faith. Along with the study are the friendships you will make while enjoying God's word together. Remember- no one knows too much or too little not to get something out of this class. So make plans to join us wed. evenings, beginning January 5th at 7pm at the SCC. **Everyone is welcome!**

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Boise Bible College fundraiser \$

Boise Bible College is one of our supported ministries. It was founded in 1945 by the evangelist Orin Hardenbrook in response to the need in the Idaho and Eastern Oregon area for a

Christian institution of higher education. During its first twenty-nine years, the College operated as a ministry of Boise's First Church of Christ. Then in 1974 BBC separated from First Church of Christ in order to have its own Board of Directors. J. Richard Ewing was the college's first full-time president.

During January we will be collecting funds to help the College to finish the year financially sound. Will you help us in this?