

Love INC Needs:

Food – Canned Fruits
Paper Products – Toilet Paper, Paper Towels



Undesignated giving Sundays - All undesignated cash goes to these organizations:

- The second Sunday of each month supports the Love INC “Gas Money” for “Change for Changing Lives.”
- The third Sunday of each month supports Savings account for New Construction
- The fourth Sunday of each month supports Warm Lake Camp.

August Birthdays

**1 Linda Johnson,
Angelyn Pickens**
2 Hannah Kudlo
4 Paul Pegg
**5 Scott McCormick
Betty Adams**
6 Chad McClean
7 Jolinda Elordi
**12 Anna Marie Obay, Chris
Thompson Jr.**
13 Don Stritzke
**15 Francie Johnston
Alan Hauser**

16 Gary Wangsgard
18 Sherry Thomas
19 Jefty Pickett Sr.
**20 Dorothy Gallop
David W Johnson
Margaret Mealy**
**24 Daniel Runyan, Randi
Thompson**
31 Jed King

August Anniversaries

1 Kevin & Karen Cotter
6 Terry & Lorie Lingel
**7 Jim & Nancy Alpaugh
Darrell & Suzi Larson**
9 Johnnie & Susan Borrero
12 Bill & Barb Chittenden
14 Casey & Shauna Webb
19 Allen & Meliah Martin
24 Dave & Doris Paulsen
25 Bill & Anita Siewert
27 Eric & Julie Newman



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Rodeo Sunday
August 13th



Join us at 9:30 am at Caldwell First Baptist Church for a morning of country/western style of music featuring Aaron and Melissa Weil, Nels Wilson and Betty Adams followed by an old-fashioned gospel message from the Bible.



The Caldwell Night Rodeo Queen Court has been invited to join us giving you an opportunity to meet the 2017 queen candidates.



As always, western wear will be the order of the day. The morning worship service will be followed by our famous Idaho Potato Bar lunch which is complimentary for all our guests. There will not be Sunday School that day.

See you there!



Serve a Cowboy a Meal!



Wednesday, August 16th, we will be serving the Caldwell Night Rodeo cowboys and their families an evening meal. We need volunteers to help serve. If you would like to help, please call the church office @ 459-4614.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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		10:00a - Ladies Bible Study 1:30p - Staff Meeting 6:30p - Ladies Bible Study	7:00a - Men's Prayer 5:30p - Youth Bible Study 6:45p - Youth 8:00a—Middle School Unite 8:20p - Worship Practice	6:30p - Youth to Love INC 7:00p - Bible Study @ Hazel-bakers 8:00a—Middle School Unite	10:45a - Teen Bible Study @ Jolts & Juice	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30a - Communion Service 11:00a - Sunday School 6:00p Tim Hazelbaker - Lighthouse Mission	Pastor Nate's Day Off	10:00a - Ladies Bible Study 1:30p - Staff Meeting 6:30p - Ladies Bible Study	7:00a - Men's Prayer 5:30p - Youth Bible Study 6:45p - Youth 8:20p - Worship Practice	7:00p - Bible Study @ Hazel-bakers	10:45a - Teen Bible Study @ Jolts & Juice	10:00a - Mug & Muffin in Library at First Baptist - C of I Internat-ional Student Welcome package Prep.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30a - Rodeo Sunday, Love Inc Sunday 11:00a - Potato Bar Lunch, no Sunday School	Pastor Nate's Day Off	10:00a - Ladies Bible Study 1:30p - Staff Meeting 7:00p - Elder Board Mtg. Caldwell Night Rodeo Begins	7:00a - Men's Prayer 5:30p - Youth Bible Study 6:45p - Youth 8:20p - Worship Practice	7:00p - Bible Study @ Hazel-bakers	10:45a - Teen Bible Study @ Jolts & Juice	
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4. FAITHFUL GIVING SHOULD BE MOTIVATED BY WORSHIP.

Paul calls their gift “a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God” (4:18). These terms come out of the Old Testament where they describe the sacrifices that worshipers offered to God. They also are used in the New Testament to describe Christ’s offering of Himself for our sins (Eph. 5:2). The point is, you aren’t giving to the pastor or to the church; you aren’t giving to the missionary or mission organization. You are giving to God Himself. If Jesus Christ bodily walked into this church, if He was the usher handing you the plate, and you saw the nail scars on His hands that were pierced for you, and if the money was going to Him personally for His support, would you give any differently than you do now? Would you grudgingly say, “All right, here’s a few bucks!” Or, would you give gratefully out of a heart of love and worship because He gave Himself for you?

Thus we are to give faithfully to the Lord’s work of furthering the gospel, out of a heart of worship to our Lord who gave Himself for our sins. If we do, God promises something: Faithful givers can count on the faithful God’s faithful supply: “My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (4:19). What a magnificent promise!

Extract from: <https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-28-faithful-giving-faithful-god-philippians-414-20>



September 15th - 17th, 2017

Come enjoy God’s creation and fellowship with men of all ages at Warm Lake Bible Camp. The camp sits adjacent to beautiful Warm Lake and has all the conveniences of home but still rustic enough to make it a camping experience. We will be using a video series

“Brand: New” by Andy Stanley during our four chapel times, enjoying all the outdoor activities you like during our free time and getting to know men from all over the Treasure Valley.

Schedule

Friday Night - Arrive at camp and enjoy a potato bar supper. 8:30 P.M. Chapel Time
Saturday - 8:30 A.M. Chapel Time, 10:00 A.M. Brunch in the dining hall, Free Time, 6:00 P.M. Supper in the dining hall, 7:30 P.M. Chapel Time
Sunday - 8:30 A.M. Chapel Time, 10:00 A.M. Brunch in the dining hall

Please contact one of the following men by August 1st to reserve a place for you and your group:

- Tim Hazelbaker 409-7446
- John Hunsaker 921-8239
- Jeff Scott 407-4188 JXCSCOTT@GMAIL.COM
- Dan Buck 454-1402 DBUCK@SHAFFERBUCKINSURANCE.COM

Accommodations include bunkhouses with 24 single bunk beds, individual cabins with queen beds that can house various sized groups and 25 RV sites with water and electrical hookups. The camp also includes the Chapel, dining hall and restrooms with hot showers.

The cost for the weekend is just \$45 per person which includes all meals. The retreat is open to all men and boys; however, if under 18 you will need to be with a responsible adult.

Faithful Giving

The Bible speaks very plainly about money because our hearts and our wallets are tightly bound up together, and God is after our hearts. Jesus talked often about money: 16 of His 38 parables deal with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, one out of ten verses (288 in all) deal directly with money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions (Howard L. Dayton, Jr., Leadership, Spring, 1981, p. 62).

In Philippians 4: 14-20 Paul wrote a “thank-you-note” to the Philippians who had given sacrificially to meet his need. In it he gives us one of the most comforting promises in the Bible:

If we give faithfully to the Lord's work, He will supply all our needs.

In the context, it's a conditional promise; you can't divorce verse 19 from what goes before. It is to people who have given faithfully and generously that Paul says, “My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” If we meet the condition--give faithfully, God will fulfill His part--supply all our needs. So what is faithful giving? There are many more principles than the ones found here, but these four we all must learn:

1. FAITHFUL GIVING SHOULD BE ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS WE ESTABLISH IN OUR CHRISTIAN WALK.

Paul commends the Philippian church by reminding them of how, at the first preaching of the gospel, after he departed from their region (Macedonia), they shared with him in the matter of giving and receiving (4:15-16). At that point, they were the only church that took the initiative to send support to Paul. Even when he was still in Macedonia, at Thessalonica, more than once they sent gifts to him. Apparently those gifts were not enough to provide full support, because he reminds the Thessalonians how he worked with his hands to provide for his needs when he was with them (2 Thess. 3:7-9). But right from the start of their Christian experience, the Philippians had given. Paul must have taught the Philippians early on the importance of faithful giving to support those in Christian ministry, because soon after he left town, they sent gifts after him. They would have been just a few months old in the Lord, but they were already practicing faithful giving.

Jesus taught the same principle in Luke 16:10-13. After giving the parable of the unrighteous steward, which has to do with money, He said, “He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much.” He goes on to show that the “little thing” is our use of “unrighteous mammon,” or money. If we are faithful in how we use our money to advance His kingdom, the Lord will then entrust “true riches” to us (16:11) which, in the context, are souls. If we want God to entrust us with souls, we begin by proving our faithfulness in what to us is a “big thing,” but to God is a “little thing,” the use of our money. That's His test. So financial faithfulness, which includes giving, but also how we manage all the material goods God has entrusted to us (earning, spending, saving), should be one of the first lessons we learn in our Christian walk.

2. FAITHFUL GIVING SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL.

Paul was “preaching the gospel” (4:15). He had given each church where he worked an example of his hard work and his freedom from greed (Acts 20:33-35; 1 Thess. 2:5; 2 Thess. 3:7-9). There are those who claim to be serving the Lord, but they are lazy and greedy. Don't give to them. If a TV or radio preacher pleads for money, saying that his ministry will go under if you don't send your gift today, let him go under. He's not trusting God. Look at his lifestyle. If he's living in luxury, let him sell some of his junk and give it to his ministry. The Scriptures warn us about men who are in ministry for the money (1 Tim. 6:5; Titus 1:11; 2 Pet. 2:3, 14, 15).

3. FAITHFUL GIVING IS INVESTING IN ETERNITY.

Paul says, “I'm looking for the profit that increases to your account” (4:17). These terms were common accounting words. Paul is saying that when you give to the Lord's work, you're putting money into your account in the Bank of Heaven, and it pays guaranteed high interest for all eternity. If you have any money invested in stocks or mutual funds, you realize that the more risky the investment, the greater the chance that you can make high returns, but also the greater the chance that you can lose a lot. And, even the “safe” investments have no guarantees. But when you invest in God's work, there is no risk and you get the highest possible return on your investment, guaranteed by the very Word of God!

In Luke 16:1-9, Jesus tells the parable of the crooked steward. He was being called on the carpet for squandering his master's possessions. He knew he would lose his job and he didn't want to become a beggar or to dig ditches. So he quickly called his master's debtors and reduced their bills. Since he knew that his time was short, he made friends for himself in high places, so that in the future they would welcome him. Jesus isn't praising the steward's dishonesty, but rather his foresight. He is telling us for the short time we have left on this earth to use our Master's money to make friends for eternity, to see people come to Christ. Then, when we step into heaven, they will welcome us. By giving to the Lord's work, you are investing in souls for all eternity. It's the smartest investment you can make.

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What an amazing God we serve. Our prayers to bless our camping season were answered! Four new brothers and sisters in the faith at High School camp as well as one baptism and 20 re-commitments. At Jr. High camp, 4 new believers as well as a baptism and 32 re-commitments! A big thanks to all of the staff. The kitchen crew at both the High School and Jr. High camps did an amazing job while weathering power outages and those pesky furry visitors that liked to get into the trash! The Lord provided wonderful counselors and helpers that invested so much in the lives of the campers as well as each other. This year we were able to team up with counselors from the Boise Bible College camping group and were truly blessed. Thank you Aaron and Melissa Weil for serving as speakers and worship leaders. Learning that God is our sure foundation and that through His Word, we can truly know the creator of the universe and the Lord of our lives was the message preached this summer.

Please continue to pray for our campers and staff as the fun, but difficult work of true discipleship starts now that they are all back down in the valley. Camp is so encouraging, but the effects and experience should be carried on throughout the year! Please pray for the students to allow the Holy Spirit to continue His work in their lives!

Upcoming events:

August: We are trying something new this year by teaming up with all the Caldwell area churches to reach out and encourage the middle school students before they head off to school this fall. We are calling it "Middle School Unite". On August 2nd and 3rd from 9:30 until 11:30 all middle schoolers will be invited to participate. They will be encouraged in the Word, play some games and get to know each other a little better. Our goal is to help them realize that they are not alone in this difficult time of transition. If you would like to help, please contact Nate at 459-4614.

Love INC Thursdays will be starting back up in September. We will be heading out the first Thursday of every month to volunteer at the New Hope program providing child care for families. All are welcome to come and help!

The teens are looking at an incredible mission's trip opportunity coming up spring of 2018. Stay tuned for more info!

Praise be to God for answers to your prayers for our teens and their walk with the Him.



Women: Save the Date!

Are you desiring spiritual growth, fellowship, physical rest and relaxation? If so then join us at this year's women's retreat at a beautiful peaceful oasis in the Boise area on October 13th - 15th. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. The cost will be \$110 if you pay by September 1st and \$120 after that time. Scholarships will be available so do not miss out on this special time.

Mark 6:30-44**“You give them something to eat,” said Jesus.**

Jesus can be unreasonable. I mean that not as blasphemy but as an honest assessment of this passage. Consider an analogous situation: Your boss creates a situation of great demand needing immense resources but does nothing to provide for those needed resources. As people crowd forward demanding to be served, your boss simply turns to you and says, “You handle it.”

Small wonder the disciples protested. “They said to [Jesus], ‘Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?’” We today would protest too. Their response cryptically translated is, “Are you crazy?” A reasonable person can readily identify with the disciples. They live with the syndrome I call “life in your face.” Step back with me for a moment.

Jesus and the disciples have been engaged in the Master’s ministry. They have heard the disheartening news of the cruel death of John the Baptist and withdrawn, perhaps, to be with their grief, possibly to compose themselves for the arduous task that lies ahead. Mark tells us, “They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.”

“Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.” Sometimes life is like that. You need a moment to catch your breath, but people still come to you with issues, needs, and problems. The events and people of life demand of us, “Deal with me! I don’t care how tired you are or how you feel!”

Significantly, this is one of the few stories of Jesus’ ministry that is reported by all four Gospels. Something important is transmitted in this teaching of Jesus. With life in our face, we tend to rush ahead and fixate on Jesus blessing and breaking the bread. We revel in the miracle of multiplication and the wonder of how God provides. However, in our haste, I believe we miss a profound truth that Jesus wishes us to know.

I remember a story I was once told about a mighty warrior mounted on a magnificent horse trotting down a road. Everyone, of course, made certain to get out of his way. He noticed, however, directly in his path, in the very middle of the road, was a sparrow. The bird was lying on its back with its feet in the air. The horseman drew in his reins, halted, and dismounted. He went to the sparrow and asked, “Are you dead? And if not, what are you doing in the middle of the road with your feet in the air?” “No,” answered the bird, “I’m not dead, but I heard the sky might fall down, and I’m helping to hold it up.” The warrior thundered and shook with laughter. He rolled on the ground and slapped his thighs. At last, he wiped the tears from his eyes and said, “You silly bird! Even if the sky did fall down, what difference could you possibly make with those puny, spindly little legs?” “Well,” explained the sparrow, “you do what you can do.”

Generous living begins here; we do what we can do. The gospel story from Mark tells us the disciples ascertained how much food there was. Jesus took the food, blessed it and broke it, and gave it back to the disciples. Under his direction, they passed it out to the hungry crowd. They did what they could do. In the hands of Jesus, a little is enough.

Take any of the clutch of activities that might run under the rubric of faithful discipleship—our stewardship giving, our sharing of time and talents, teaching in Sunday school, perhaps volunteering to serve the poor, or possibly sharing in visitation ministry—faithfulness lives not in genius or great skill but in doing what you can do. In the mystery of faith, we who are engaged in doing what we can do, discover Christ’s divine presence and blessing. In the hands of Jesus, a little is enough.

Extract from: <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1836/sermon-series-generous-living>

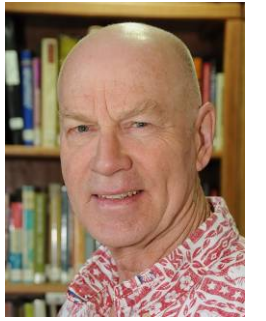
Elder’s Corner

Have you ever considered the transitions that have occurred in your life up to now? Transitions are changes that move us from one point to the next....transition from a dependent baby to a curious child. Transition from a pimple-faced teen to an adult with a career. Transition from young to old. Transition from single to married. Transition from parents of young children to empty-nesters. Transition from healthy body to aches, pains, and pills. Transition from having parents to being an "orphan".

Look back how God has worked in your life up to now. You were dead in your sins and God made you alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved through faith. See how God has orchestrated the events of your life to bring you to where you are today; through difficult circumstances and times of joy! Paul encourages us that we are a work in progress when he states in Philippians 1:6, "I am confident of this very thing...that He who began a good work in you will continue it until the day of Jesus Christ." Take time to thank Him and praise His name.

Our local church is in a leadership transition now and I believe God is working in our church to enable us to trust Him more. Because His love oversees all events in our lives and will continue to do so, years from now we will have forgotten this transition time. Our memory verse for July is God's promise that He will continue to guide us through all of our life transitions in the future. Take much hope in these words...

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and
Lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him;
and He will direct your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6



Darrell Larson

Mug and Muffin

You are invited to spend an enjoyable Saturday morning in the library at First Baptist as we prepare welcome gift baskets for incoming international students at College of Idaho and enjoy a brunch together.

Bring any objects you have been collecting to use for the welcome baskets, (a list of suggestions can be found below.) We also need pretty ribbon to wrap and tie as well as pretty note cards and envelopes in order to write a personalized welcome for each student. Laundry baskets or hampers will be the preferred package style, so be on the lookout for bargains on these items. If you cannot come but wish to participate by donating money or items for the baskets, please contact Kandee @ 208-908-3891 or let Thida in the church office know @ 208-459-4614. See you there at 10:00 am, Saturday August 12th.

**Suggestions****Toiletry Products**

Hand Cream
Soap
Toothpaste
Small Shampoo
Small Conditioner
Deodorant
Chap Stick

Grooming Items

Comb
Brush
Disposable Razor

Bedding

Twin Sheets w/P Case
Blanket
Afghan
Polar Fleece throw
Pillow

Other

Goodies (wrapped)
Gum
Water Bottle
Hats/Scarves
Gloves
Room Deodorizer
Towel / Washcloth