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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

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King, Lawgiver, Judge

Ready for a government question? What are the three branches of American government? Before you spend too much time thinking way back to government class or look on Google, here it is: executive, legislative, and judicial. These three branches were intended by our founding fathers to be an ideal form of government. All the essential realms of governing were included but were divided so that they could prove to be a check and balance. Why? We as humans are flawed and so our government is flawed. The division of government into branches serves as a correcting device that helps fix mistakes and errors in governance.

How does God fit into this form of government? Take a look at Isaiah 33:22. It says "For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us." God perfectly fills the roles of our three branches of government. We need all three to be governed and in God we have a perfect leader. When we seek a leader who can govern us perfectly we should look to the Lord. He fulfills our needs and His decisions are trustworthy. When we see Him as our ultimate leader, we are seeing Him as He is and our praise gives Him glory and honor. May we continue to trust Him above all else.

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Family Connection is
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friends.

At CFBC, we exist to:

WORSHIP the Lord

WALK with Believers

WORK in the Church

WITNESS to the World

Weekly at First Baptist

Sunday:	9:30am - Time of prayer before Worship Service 10:00am Worship Service - Communion is the first Sunday of every month. 11:15am Sunday School for all ages <i>No Sunday School during July</i>
Monday:	Office open 8:00am-2:00pm Choir at 7:00pm
Tuesday:	Office open 8:00am-2:00pm Ladies' Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10:00am - Studying "Discovering God In the Psalms" Men's Bible Study in Room 106 at 10:00am - Studying "Foundations of the Faith" by John MacArthur Men's Bible Study in the Library at 6:30pm - Studying 1 John <i>On break for the summer</i>
Wednesday:	Office open 8:00am-2:00pm Youth Bible Study at 5:30pm; Youth Group at 6:30pm <i>On break for July</i> Ladies' Bible Study in Library at 6:30pm - Studying "Foundations" (New Testament) by Rob and Kandi Gallaty <i>On break for the summer</i>
Thursday:	Office open 8:00am-2:00pm The Elder Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.
Friday:	Office closed; Pastors' and Staff day off "First Friday Prayer" meets the first Friday of every month at 7:00pm



ADVENTURE CLUB

Starting September 9th, the Adventure Club (AC) curriculum will take our children through a systematic study of theology in the Scriptures. This year, the children will learn "The Truth about the Bible and the Trinity." In the children's AC books, there is a fun story to follow as AC kids (Blaze,

Amelia, Scout, Sally, Tracker, and Lucy) go on an adventure to discern truth from lies. Each week there are fun activities to complete and Bible verses from lessons to memorize. The Adventure Club is a fun way for children to learn and memorize the truths about Scripture.

Begins September 9th at 6:20pm.

Register Now at www.caldwellfbc.com/ac or use the QR Code. (Registration closes July 31.)



Ministry/Missions Spotlight: Deborah Brown, International Student Baskets

From Missionary Deborah Brown

If I had opportunity to speak before the FBC body I would share these words as my international partnership with Caldwell FBC comes to conclusion.....

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:11-13

God knows our needs and provides a way to serve Him within His provision. Over my 28 years in foreign missions all support donations have averaged under \$650 per month, sometimes higher for designated projects and sometimes much less. Many ask me 'HOW did you travel, live and serve in Italy on \$650 a month?' My answer, Philippians 4:19: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

I want to thank all those who selflessly gave support funds and special gifts over the years. Your seeds of faith grew a bountiful harvest in Christ's name.



International Student Welcome Baskets



This year, CFBC will again have the privilege of welcoming international students to Idaho and the C of I. We are estimating 20 baskets will be needed. We have been blessed with donations throughout the year, but there are still a few things needed to complete the baskets. A list of the items needed is below. If you have questions, please contact Veronica Kelley 208-250-1627.

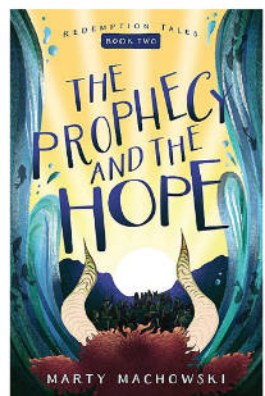
If you can help by purchasing items, please bring your donations to the International tote in the lobby on Sunday mornings, or from 8am-12pm Monday-Thursday by July 26.

Sheet Sets - X-long Twin (10)
Toothpaste (10)
Travel Size Pkgs of Tissues (12)
Teabags (40)
Instant Coffee Packets (40)
Ramen Noodles (40)
Gloves (14 pairs)

Bed Pillows (15)
Shaving Cream (20 gender neutral or 10 each for men and women)
Bottles of Water (40)
Hot Chocolate Packets (40)
Snacks/Goodies - Sweet/Salty, but no Chocolate to melt (40)
Microwave Popcorn (40)
Scarves (5)

Library "Kids' Corner"

Recommended Reading



Check It Out at the CFBC Library
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July 3 First Friday Prayer Meeting at 7:00pm
July 30-August 2 Church Campout and Fellowship

July is Family Month at CFBC!

Morning service will begin at 10:00am

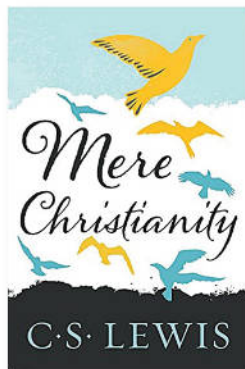
There will be a special Children's Sermon in the Sanctuary instead of Children's Church beginning July 12.

Nursery will be provided for children 0-3 years old.

Instead of Sunday School, tables will be set up on the patio for families and friends to bring a picnic lunch and fellowship together.

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Check It Out at the CFBC Library
230 LEW

Devotion

Poetry from our Church Family

Yesterday's Glass...

I find myself staring at another empty glass,
Where enough is an illusion, and nothing seems to last.
I'm digging through life's wreckage,
a seemingly unending crevasse,
Trying to find a future in the sediment of the past.

Life's hourglass is just quicksand pulling me down,
While it's only my sorrows I'm trying to drown.
I can't move forward with my eyes turned back,
Each grain of sand, now a moment I've lost track.
Yeah, I'm stumbling on my memory, and the gravity is cruel,
Sinking in the ravine of the yesterday trap like a fool.

As I look back at the shoreline, the history of my own blood,
A family tree drowning, swept away beneath the flood.
Lives that were frozen,
like pillars of salt from a looking back trance,
Trading all the bright tomorrows for a self-destructive dance.
It's only by the hand of grace I'm not buried in that ground,
But if I keep on looking back, I'm still gonna drown.

I still feel the anguish of family and moments that I lost,
The senseless destruction and the terrible cost.
My heart breaks for those that couldn't get free,
But in my sorrow, also gratitude for what Christ did for me.
Now I'm standing on solid ground looking ahead,
Living out the tomorrow that He gave me instead.

Now life's hourglass no longer pulling me down,
No longer my sorrows, I'm trying to drown.
I am moving forward, no more looking back,
With my eyes on Jesus, I'm on the right track.
Yeah, I used to be captive, but His mercy is true,
I stepped out of the ravine, and He's making me new.

No more sinking...
No more looking back.
I'm staring at a brand new glass,
Where enough is His promise, that's gonna last.

Yeah, the sand is still falling, grain by grain,
But I'm no longer consumed by the generational pain.
From out of the yesterday trap...
Into His grace... into His grace!

Bill Chittenden 6/19/26

This song is born out of my own personal history.

When I was just 11 years old, I made a life decision against a heavy cycle of generational pain and addiction that swept through my family. At this young age, I felt the weight of it all - both family and later my own personal choices became like a suffocating feeling of life turning into quicksand, constantly pulling me backward. It's easy to get trapped in a looking-back trance, frozen in place like pillars of salt, much like Lot's wife in Genesis 19 when she turned back to look at the destruction behind her. When you freeze in the past, it steals your tomorrow.

"Yesterday's Glass" is about the exact breaking point of that cycle. When I couldn't run anymore, when I was entirely at the end of my rope in the darkness, I fell to my knees. Christ didn't just point the way out - He literally dispersed the shadows, lifted me up when I couldn't stand, and carried me through the wreckage.

The inspiration for this song actually hit me just recently. I was at a coffee shop sharing my testimony with a young man who asked to hear it. After passing that story along, the weight of God's grace stayed with me. I woke up at 5:00am the next morning with these words completely flooding my mind, and I sat down to write the poem that became this song.

The anguish of the family and moments I lost since a young age is still real. But, through the sorrow, I am overwhelmed by gratitude for what Christ did for me. Today, I am standing on solid ground, staring at a brand new glass - not an empty one from the past, but a vessel remade and filled completely with God's promise and presence.

If you are fighting your own shadows or carrying the weight of old family patterns today, I pray this testimony meets you right where you are. There is a hand of grace waiting to pull you out of the ravine.

Hear this poem set to music at herman'sharmonics on both YouTube and Facebook. Music AI assisted through Songer Commercial License.