

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

## A Word From Pastor...



(1Pe 1:10-12 NIV) "(10) Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, (11) trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. (12) It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things."

Dearly Beloved,

Peter opens his letter to believers by praising God for giving us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1:3-5). This salvation is so incredibly amazing that we greatly rejoice in it, despite suffering grief in all kinds of trials on earth (1:6-9)! We look forward to the day when the fullness of our salvation is realized and we are delighting in our inheritance in heaven.

In the verses quoted above, Peter reveals that God's salvation through the gospel of grace fascinated the OT prophets and intrigued even the angels themselves! The OT prophets were inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit to predict the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. What they were being shown by God's Spirit compelled them to search intently and with the utmost care, trying to determine when these events would happen and what type of circumstances would bring these events about! They were amazed by what God was showing them, and they wanted to learn more details and understand more fully the significance of this salvation of grace! They were driven to know personally for themselves when God was going to orchestrate these incredible events. They were undoubtedly hoping that the Lord would bring His Savior to establish His gracious salvation during their lifetime. But God had a counseling session with them, saying "It involves you and will ultimately benefit you, but it's not happening in your lifetime! Don't dismay! It is coming! It will certainly happen! Your ministry is vital! Your role is to be faithful in serving today. You are part of a valuable relay team running the race. Your role is to run your section of the race in your part of life's history. And you are to faithfully pass the baton of your faith to others who will share the good news of God's grace through Jesus Christ with others! Throughout human history, the Holy Spirit has been working in and through human messengers, predicting the future sufferings of Christ and the wonderful glories to follow and then announcing His arrival, and proclaiming His salvation by grace through faith, and calling people to repentance and faith in Christ! We are called by God's Spirit to actively participate in this baton passing relay race, inviting the people in our world (network of family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors) to receive God's gracious salvation in Christ.

Peter concludes: "Even angels long to look into these things!" Timothy Keller writes: "Angels are incredibly majestic and powerful beings, living in God's presence. Yet there is something that has happened on the earth that is so stupendous that even these immortal beings experience the persistent longing 'to look into these things' (I Peter 1:12). What are these things that could possibly and consistently consume the attention of God-fixated creatures? The answer is.....the gospel" (Gospel, J.D. Greear, xiii of the Foreword).

Since the angels never get tired of looking into the gospel, this means that there is no end to gospel exploration...for them or for us! "There are depths in the gospel that are always there to be discovered and applied not only to our ministry and daily Christian life, but above all to the worship of the God of the gospel with renewed vision and humility" (ibid, pp. xiv).

So let us be like the prophets of old and the angels above! Let us be inspired by the heaven sent Holy Spirit to search the depths of Scripture, to mine transforming truths of Christ's humility and wondrous glory for ourselves and for others! Let us offer the gift of new birth through Christ, bringing hope to the hopeless, peace to the fearful and anxious, and unity and reconciliation to the divided and warring factions!

*Shepherding you in Christ's Gracious Love,  
Lance*

## MOMS' CORNER

### Motherhood Is Meaningful

Sometimes I get discouraged. Being a mother with no other current employment seems like not enough; less than. I am surrounded by other mothers who appear to be accomplishing abundantly more. It's in my face to gather time to take care of myself, not lose myself, and show my kids that I CAN do something else besides being a mother. While good and moderately necessary, these pressures can overwhelm and tug away joy in the most basic meaning of motherhood.

*Mama, we must not allow comparison to drag us down.*

Just being a mother is full of meaning. Breathe that in. It is a role, once started, that streams on and never ends. And while each of us are and do many other significant things besides being a mother, God gave us our children and therefore MADE us to have a purpose as mothers!

*My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction. What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck. (Proverbs 1:8-9 NLT)*

Look what beauty we have the opportunity to bestow!

At the very start there is this whole human being wholly depending on us behind milky newborn lips and midnight cries. There is a growing brain and character developing behind that snotty nose and ornery smile. As mothers we are watched and imitated. Eyes and ears are soaking up our actions and being translated into an understanding of the world. Through our long days together our children are learning that God made us to need each other – to need other people to help us live this life. It can be beautiful in its simplicity. Just a hug from you is nourishing to their souls.

Motherhood is meaningful because mopping up a child's spill with a smile is teaching them that they are worth taking care of and how to take care of others. Sweeping the floor, washing the dishes, folding laundry or preparing healthy food is teaching them responsibility and work ethic. Meeting neighbors and coming up with creative ways to show them love is growing their hearts. Mothers are not just wiping bottoms and running around like crazy people. Mothers are raising an entire person or group of people that will one day manage something important on this earth.

So Mama, if you feel like **all** you did today was hold a baby or clean or sweat or cry right alongside your toddler; it was not insignificant. You are not insignificant. The love you are giving your tiny people is more powerful and more meaningful than any of us will probably ever know. My motherhood is meaningful and so is yours.

<https://blog.mops.org/motherhood-is-meaningful/>

Ice is available to use from the church at your convenience. It is free. Donations are accepted. There are some bags of ice in the freezer. Ice can be bagged as needed.

### A Note from The Hassemer's...

"Thank you once again for your special love and encouragement your congregation pours out on us! As we share updates with you, we have our own passion for ABM rekindled. Please keep the new "Better Together" initiative in prayer. It is something that the spirit of darkness will attack so we ask for God's protection. We are thankful that He is sovereign! Amen. Thank you, Mike and Ranada"



## **Cathedral Pines needs your help!**

Two special projects are now under-way. First, collecting funds to replace all the mattresses in the cabins. Each mattress is \$75.00. Second, needing to replace 1 queen size mattress and box spring and 2 twin size mattress and box spring in Nightingale cabin. Your contribution to these projects is greatly appreciated. For more information or to make a donation, contact Cathedral Pines 208-726-7522

I was asked to mentor Ben Steiner between the end of January to April 17. Ben is taking online classes at Multnomah Seminary. This will help him fulfill his practical ministry experience to graduate this spring. He will be teaching a two part SS class on sharing our testimonies (see p. 5). He will also set up times to video testimonies of willing participants. These stories can be shown at church and used personally as a tool to share your faith in Christ. Ben will also do some work to improve our church website. I encourage you to join his class on Feb. 24 and March 3! Pray that God will use him to encourage our people, and that we can be a blessing in his life!

Lance

## **SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY 2019**

*Seek God for the City* is designed to mobilize many to pray with united, sustained vision for people of your community. The daily prayers are all new and different from last year's prayer guide. The scriptures and topics help God's people pray with passionate, full-hearted hope. This timely guide will help God's people in your congregation to pray beyond themselves with confidence and clarity.

The forty days to Palm Sunday makes an ideal time to venture into a season of sustained, hope-filled prayer. Dated March 6 – April 14, 2019.

FBC will have free booklets available in late February.

A mobile app is also available for just 99¢. Search for the app by name, "Seek God 2019"

It's available for Apple, Android and Kindle Fire phones and tablets.

The *Seek God 2019* app contains all the material of the printed booklet — and more!



Payette River Regional Technical Academy (PR2TA) hosted the 2019 Business Professionals of America regional competition January 12th at Emmett High School. Students across the valley showed off a variety of business skills such as presentation, Microsoft Office skills, promotional design and economic research. Students are judged on their knowledge and proficiency and the top performers go on to state competition. Seventeen students from PR2TA qualified for state competition at BSU in March including Brooke and Kelly Ayres from FBC, who came in 1st and 2nd place respectfully in Design Promotion and Individual Presentation.

A big thank you also goes out to the Emmett BPA Regional Advisor John Ayres, Pastor Lance Zagaris and retired teacher and FBC Moderator Wayne Rexford for judging events. Way to go Emmett, FBC, and BPA.



February 2019



Roy Swart

Roy Swart graduated MIT with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He worked at Intel for almost 20 years in various research and development and leadership roles, and is the currently the Senior Technical Director of R&D at Form Factor, a supplier of high-tech equipment to the semiconductor industry. He has published several technical papers and given presentations at engineering industry conferences and has over a dozen patents in the field of semiconductors

He is part of a Leadership Team of an Apologetics ministry based in the Portland area, which has annual conferences of over 350 attendees. He has taught classes on Science and the Bible. He also instructed Sunday school classes over the last 20 years on the Bible and taught Greek v. Hebrew culture.

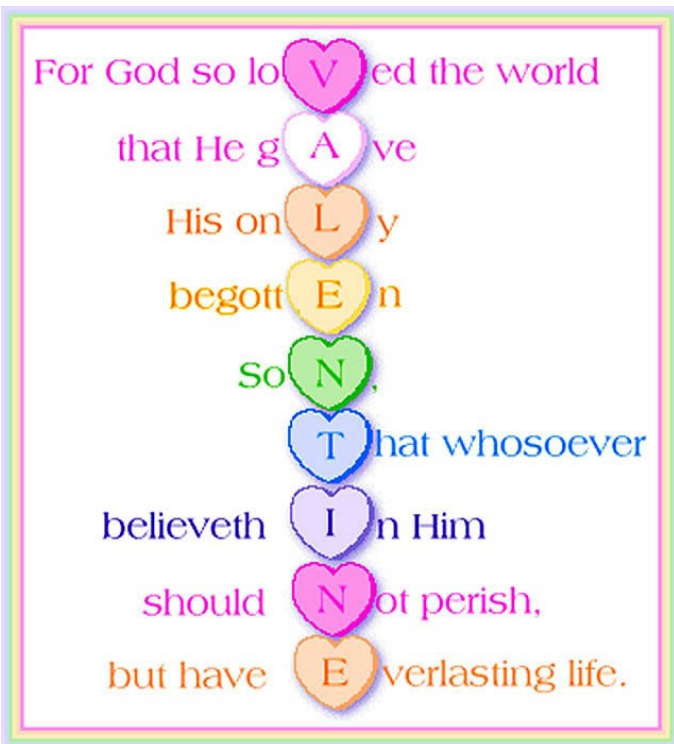
Feb. 20, Wed. at 7:00 p.m. Emmett	First Baptist Church 126 S. Hayes Ave., Emmett Topic: <b>War Between Science and the Bible</b>
Feb. 21, Thur. at 7:00 pm Boise	Heritage Bible Church 7071 West Emerald, Boise Topic: <b>War Between Science and the Bible, Part 1: Fact That All Science is Based on Biblical Principles</b>
Feb. 22, Fri. at 1:00 pm Boise	Homeschoolers Group at the Library Topic: <b>War Between Science and the Bible</b>
Feb. 22, Fri. at 7:00 pm Nampa	New Hope Baptist Church 1829 West Iowa, Nampa Topic: <b>War Between Science and the Bible, Part 2: Scientism as a Religion</b>
Feb. 23, Sat. at 2:00 p.m. Ontario	Celebration Church of God 585 N.W. First Street, Ontario Topic: <b>War Between Science and the Bible</b>

SCHEDULE: Admission is free to all events (an offering will be taken)

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**About Foundations in Genesis Idaho (FIGI)** The mission of Foundations in Genesis is to equip people to know how to defend the biblical worldview as related to science, origins, history and precepts for living and to teach all who ask the harmony between Biblical revelation and the scientific understanding of the Creation.





#### A Thank You Note

To our Church Family FBC,

We want to thank you for the money gift you gave us for our medical fund. You are truly a blessing. It meant a lot to us to know you were there for us in our time of need. We also thank you for all the prayers. With grateful hearts and much love, we express our thanks.

With Love,

Clint & Kim Taylor

## WHAT'S COOKING?

### RANCH SALAD

READY IN: 25mins SERVES: 10

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1(16 ounce) bottle Hidden Valley® Original Ranch® Dressing
- 2 -3 cups [rotini pasta](#)
- 1 [green pepper](#), chopped
- 1 small [red onion](#), chopped
- 2 [cucumbers](#), chopped
- 2 [tomatoes](#), chopped
- 1 tablespoon McCormick Perfect Pinch Salad Supreme seasoning

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Cook pasta.
2. Drain and rinse under cold water until noodles are cold.
3. Put cold noodles into bowl.
4. Pour Ranch dressing over and coat noodles.
5. Chop pepper, red onion, cucumbers and tomatoes and add to bowl.
6. Add Salad Seasoning and mix together.

Refrigerate until time to serve.

<https://www.geniuskitchen.com/recipe/ranch-salad-14260>

## OUR TESTIMONY MATTERS!

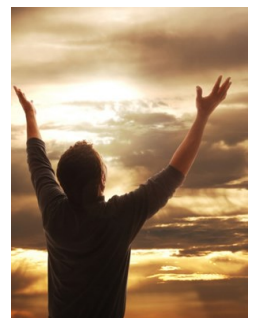
As believers in Christ each of us has a powerful testimony (story) of how God has worked in and through us. But sometimes it is difficult for us to know when or how to share our story with others.

Join us for a two-part class taught by seminarian Benjamin Steiner that will cover both the “why and “how” for sharing our testimonies!

Sunday February 24th @ 9:30a—Why We Share

Sunday March 3rd @ 9:30a—How We Share

(downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)



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8 Pam Goff  
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15 *Doug & Glenda Strunk*  
20 Dorothy Ash  
26 Dylan Humphries  
27 Suzi Morgan  
27 Wayne Rexford

Happy Birthday & *Anniversaries* to the  
above listed. We pray your day is blessed!

# FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall 9am-Noon
3 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Grief Share 3pm Teen Room	4	5	6 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	7 All Boards Meeting 6:30pm	8	9 Valentine's Friendship Banquet Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm
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