

# Nuggets of Treasure Abide



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Most of us have full schedules; sometimes, we have too much to do. We can even feel overwhelmed. There is one thing we need to make a priority: is abiding by Jesus. John 15:4-5 (NKJV) "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him. bears much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing." Are we too much on the go to abide? These verses illustrate our relationship with Jesus, our union with Him, and continuing with Him and depending on Him

Abide means to remain, dwell in, live in, stay, or continue. Without the vine, the branch is useless, lifeless, and powerless. A branch not connected to the vine, any fruit the branch did have will decay, and it cannot continue to produce any new fruit. The vine flows sap to the branch supplying it with water, minerals, and nutrients to grow. The branch does not decide I do not want what you are giving me, and the sap flows into the branch from the

vine. The branch needs sap to live, flourish and produce.

A story is told of a peach farmer. One year the peaches were especially abundant. The fruit was big and juicy, and it was one of the best crops in memory. While harvesting the crop, a picker noticed a limb that had fallen from a tree. Its fruit was rotten and shriveled. Because the limb was detached from the tree, it was no longer producing the good fruit that it should. The same is true of the Christian who ceases to abide in Christ—he ceases to produce good fruit.

How do we abide? Abiding means ongoing daily dependence on Jesus. We need to depend on Jesus for all things, including life. Do we hold fast to Jesus when things are array, or do we determine to fix it ourselves? So, abiding in Jesus is remaining in Jesus. We keep on depending on and trusting. We never stop believing. To abide in Jesus is to persevere in His ways, standards, principles, and teaching. Abiding in Jesus relies on the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in our daily affairs.

Being fruitful is impossible without abiding, but with abiding, it will happen. The branch cannot bear fruit of itself, apart from the vine's life. The purpose of the branch is to bear fruit. We had an acquittance that had a grape orchard. He did not raise grapevines to look at the green leaves. He took the time to cultivate, plant, water, and tend the vines to bear fruit that could be enjoyed. As believers, we need to abide so we will produce the fruit of the Spirit. Another fruit aspect is that every piece of fruit has seeds: seeds are meant to reproduce more fruit.

I John 2:6 (NKJV) "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." To be like Jesus, we need to abide in Him. When we are abiding in Jesus, we walk just as He walked in love and obedience. If we abide in Jesus, we will live as He lived. Fruitfulness results from His life being reproduced in us as we abide. He was walking as Jesus walked means to have a God-centered life. If we claim

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# Upcoming Events 2022

April 3 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 10 Palm Sunday



April 15 Good Friday

April 17 Easter



April 17 Easter Breakfast at 9 am

May 1 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 8 Mother's Day

## **Church Offices**

The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

Ministry Office is at the church by appointment only: 13th & Fillmore, Caldwell, ID Phone 208-459-6000 FAX 208-459-6600



"Happiness isn't something that depends on our surroundings...It's something we make inside ourselves "—Corrie Ten Boom

"I am convinced the greatest act of love we can ever perform for people is to tell them about God's love for them in Christ. "— Billy Graham

"What should seriously concern us... is not that the world praises Christ without obeying Him, but that the church does. The men of this world go their way careless of the teachings of Christ, but in doing so they are consistent with their position. They have made no vows to the Lord nor taken His name upon them. But when a Christian ignores the commandment of Christ, he is guilty of sin doubly compounded. He violates holy vows, is guilty of rebellion against God and commits the grotesque sin of calling Jesus Lord with his words and denying His Lordship with his deeds. "—A.W. Tozer

"Probe deep within Him. Explore every corner. Search every angle. Love is all you find. Go to the beginning of every decision He has made and you'll find it. Go to the end of every story He has told and you'll see it. Love... "—Max Lucado

#### **Birthday Blessings**

4/1 Pastor Royce 4/2 Janae Johansen 4/12 Anna Westing 4/13 Joe Adams



#### Our Helping Hands Show A Loving Heart

Get involved, find a place to help. We all have something to give. We need greeters, ushers, maintenance, socials, visitations, children, youth, food center, music, socials, driving etc.

## VOLUNTEER



#### **Oasis Food Center Update**

#### **March 2022**

Families: 1,488 New Families: 60 Total People: 5,902

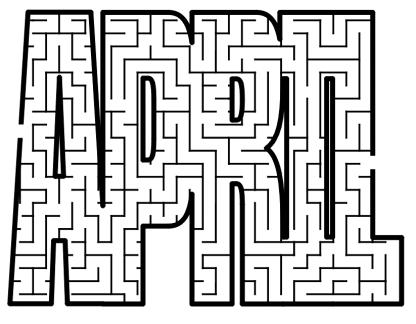
**Year to Date 2022** (as of 3/31/22)

Families: 3,625 New Families: 148 Total People: 14,328

#### Year to Date 2021

Families: 11,969 New Families: 546 Total People: 48,245

# Children's Corner







Bring Your Friends and Join the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning 10:30 am





# RECIPE CORNER

# Ham, Broccoli and Cheddar Frittata

#### Ingredients:

- 12 large eggs
- 1/3 cups heavy cream
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups frozen broccoli florets, thawed
- 1/2 cup chopped deli ham (about 2 1/2 ounces)
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- 1/2 cup shredded mild Cheddar
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

#### **Directions**

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F. Whisk the eggs, cream, 1 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of black pepper together in a large bowl until smooth. Fold in the broccoli, ham, Cheddar and Monterey Jack until well combined.

Pour the mixture into an oven-safe, 10-inch nonstick skillet. Bake until the eggs are just set and no longer jiggly in the middle, 50 to 55 minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes before sliding the frittata out of the skillet onto a serving platter. Slice into wedges to serve.

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to abide, then we need to walk as Jesus walked or in the same manner as Jesus.

We all need to take time to continue in Jesus, to remain connected. We receive strength as we maintain fellowship with Him. Our relationship with Jesus is a living relationship. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we abide and walk as Jesus walked. So, as we depend on the power of the Holy Spirit, we will abide in Christ and walk as He walked.



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Today, relationships in families are struggling in many ways. Many will say it is because all electronic devices could be part of the reason. People are more involved in their devices than they are involved with each other. Face-to-face communication is lacking, in instilling principles, ethics, and life experiences. But we cannot plant what we do not possess. As believers, we receive fellowship and learn principles in the church that will help us in life. Families must be in church toaether.

If we never make a one-time decision that we will be in church no matter what, then each time the church is open, we decide to attend or not attend, and other things will always be present to keep us from attending. Many believers attend church inconsistently. How are we being encouraged and uplifted if we attend inconsistently? Yes, we have situations that arise understandably. If we are discouraged and do not know how to handle situations in life, we need to be in church so we can be uplifted. If our bodies are acting up, we can receive prayer.

Have we instilled in our families going to church together over other activities? As believers, families that do not attend church together are not part of a larger community; perhaps part of the family members participate. Still, they are not coming as a unit. There are all types of excuses for irregular attendance. But we must ask ourselves whether we perceive the importance of the church. We must ask, is God a priority? As believers, how are we training our children in the things of God if we do not attend church consistently?

## **Everyday Godly Living**

Hebrews 10:24-25 (AMP) " And let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love and helpful deeds and noble activities, Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching." Being together as believers are critical. Our motivation to fellowship together at church should be to obey God and, in addition, to give to others. We should be more committed to being in church and fellowshipping with God's people in this time that we live than ever before. We need to attend church to worship the Lord God. We need to be in church so we can be encouraged to walk in the ways and principles of God. Can we be a believer without going to church? Can you be a soldier without being in the armed forces?

Many people just recently watched the Olympics. We often are amazed at the athlete's abilities. An athlete who desires to be effective in the Olympics must first be properly trained. They must spend many hours keeping themselves in shape and developing their skills to a high degree. If they do not, they will not be able to accomplish all that they wish to achieve. Any believer who desires to be effective in their walk with the Lord needs preparation and continual encouragement. Being healthy and ready will never happen if

they neglect regular participation in the church.

In the Book of Acts Chapter 2, we see as believers were all together in one place when the Holy Spirit fell. As we come together, we should come expecting the Holy Spirit to move. We see believers daily in the temple throughout Acts, yet we have a hard time making it once a week. Even though Jesus was not always popular or accepted in the temple, He still went. He did not allow others to keep Him away.

Matthew 6:33 (AMP) "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides." Are comfort, security, and money our priority? As we put God first, He will help with all the other things that we consider important and necessary. The rule of life should be that the Lord God comes first. Throughout the New Testament, we see believers coming together. Paul and other apostles gave guidance on how they should act in church. In Corinthians, it speaks of all things being done for edification. There is no doubt that they came together consistently and regularly. We all need to come together to support and uplift one another.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniver- saries 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	4	5		7 Feed the Needy 4 pm– 6 pm	8	9
10 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	11	12	Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm	14 Feed the Needy 4 pm– 6 pm	15	16
17Easter 9 am Easter Break- fast 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth	18	19	Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm	21 Feed the Needy 4 pm– 6 pm	22	23
24 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	25	26	Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm	28 Feed the Needy 4 pm– 6 pm	29	30