



Nuggets of Treasure



August 2023

Trust the Lord

Volume 33 Issue 4

As a believer, our walk with the Lord is not always easy. Often we encounter fiery trials that are unexpected, and that engulf us. We need to know tests and trials are a part of everyday life; no one is exempt, and we all experience them. In these fiery trials, keeping our eyes on the Lord is not always easy. We might think I have been doing all that I know to do, praying, reading the Word, walking in love, and now I am in a fiery trial. I Peter 4:12 "Do not be surprised at the fiery trials that you are going through, as if something strange was happening to you." As Christians seeking to lead godly lives, we can expect to face the hostility of a sinful world.

People often do not understand why we do not see things from their perspective and participate in their way of living. They attack people who disagree with their views and do not participate in their ways. A fiery trial can be when these people try to damage our character with false information. In addition, we have an enemy trying to make us ineffective and nullify our walk. The Word tells us the devil walks about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Peter tells us not to be surprised when things like this assault our lives.

Surprise means to be astonished, upset, or bewildered. In whatever fiery trial we find ourselves in, we cannot let it make us resentful and bitter about the circumstances.

So fiery trials will come, and our faith will be tested by going through the fire. I Peter 1:6-7 (NLT) "So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world." Gold has impurities in it, and the impurities must be burned out. So they put gold into a container, put it in a fire, and heat it until it melts. As the fire burns, the impurities rise to the top, and then they are skimmed off.

We might think we are scorching in a fiery trial. In the fire of the trial, the impurities in our lives, wrong thinking, bad attitudes, and character flaws are revealed in our life that the

Lord wants to deal with. They need to be skimmed off and eliminated from our lives. When fiery trials come, they are not enjoyable or exciting. When they arrive, we might think, God, this is too difficult, but then we need to realize that we will come out better from the fire.

Isaiah 43:2 (NLT) "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you." Difficult times are referred to as flood waters and fire. We do not give up in these times. We do not fear that the Lord God is with us and has a plan.

In Daniel, we find that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were placed in a fire. They were not put in the fiery flames because they had done something wrong. They were inducted into the fire because they would not bow down to the King, or we could say bow down to the world's ways. Although they were cast into the fire, the Lord was with them in the midst of the fire. When they came out of the fire, they were not harmed, their clothes or bodies were not

Nuggets of Treasure

Upcoming Events 2023

August 11 Last Day of Summer Feeding

September 4 Labor Day

September 23 First Day of Autumn

November 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 7 Election Day

November 11 Veterans Day

November 23 Thanksgiving

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



“Never neglect the means of grace; God may bless us when we are not in His house, but we have the greater reason to hope that He will when we are in communion with His saints.”
—C. H. Spurgeon”

“The Lord’s presence is infinite, His brightness insupportable, His majesty awful, His dominion boundless and His sovereignty incontestable.”
— Matthew Henry

“Pray as if everything depended upon your prayer.”
— William Booth

“Remember Jesus FOR US is all our righteousness before a holy God, and Jesus IN US is all our strength in an ungodly world.”
—Robert Murray M’Cheyne

“It’s not what you did, but what you could have done if you allowed the Lord to work His will in your life.”
—A. W. Tozer

Happy Birthday

8/8 Mark Dale

8/9 Pastor Carol Wright

8/18 Mandalyn McKay



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

July 2023

Families: 1,134

New Families: 47

Total People: 4,493

Year to Date 2023 (as of 8/03/23)

Families: 9,089

New Families: 507

Total People: 35,717

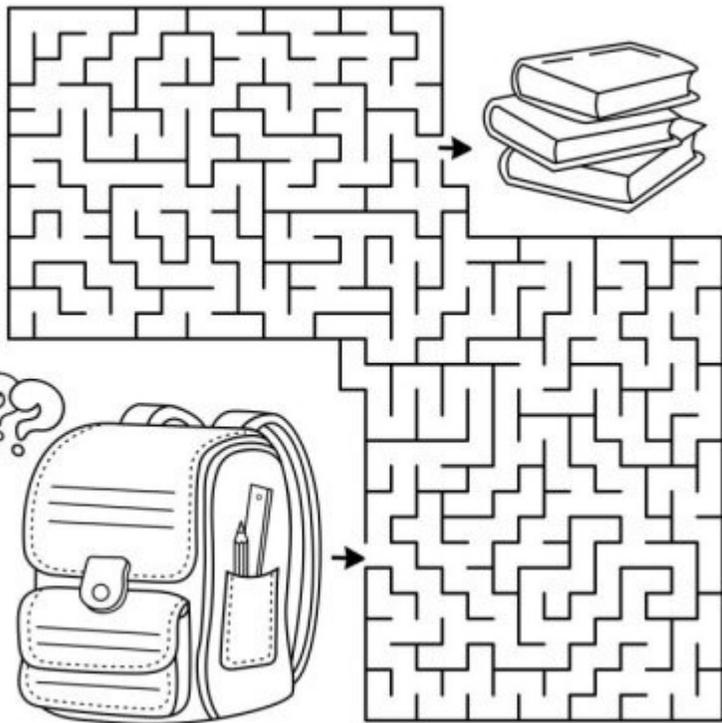
Year to Date 2022

Families: 15,288

New Families: 766

Total People: 60,604

Welcome Back to School!



Bring Your Friends and Join
the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning
10:30 am





RECIPE CORNER

Nuggets of Treasure

singed, and they did not smell like smoke. There was not any evidence that they had been in a fire. The fire had no power over them. Arising from their fiery trial, they were promoted.

James 1:2 (NLT) "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy." James is telling the believers to have a favorable view of trials. James tells us that trials reveal and develop our character. We need to realize that the Lord God is sovereign in every trial we encounter. He can use every trial, situation, and circumstance for our good. We might be caught off-guard, but the Lord is never caught off-guard. In every situation, we need to see the hand of God at work. We should place ourselves in the hand of the Lord God. How? We keep our trust in Him in every fiery trial or adversity we face. We believe He is in complete control of every situation. In every situation, we are refined. We preserve by looking to the Lord. We trust the Lord for help, aid, strength, and comfort. As we cling to the Lord, we will come out unharmed.

Carne Asada

Ingredients

- 4 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
- 2 medium jalapeno chiles, stemmed and roughly chopped
- Juice of 2 limes, plus extra wedges for serving
- Juice of 1 orange
- 1 1/2 cups lightly packed fresh cilantro (leaves and tender stems)
- 1/4 cup olive oil, plus more for the grill
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- One 2-pound skirt steak



Directions

Add the garlic, jalapenos, lime juice, orange juice, cilantro, olive oil, sugar, vinegar, 1 teaspoon salt and several grinds of pepper to a food processor and puree until very smooth.

Cut the steak crosswise into thirds (skirt steak is typically long and skinny, so this will make the pieces more manageable when grilling). Place in a large resealable plastic bag, then pour in the marinade, flipping and massaging the steak to make sure it's evenly coated. Remove as much air as possible, then seal the bag and refrigerate for 2 to 4 hours (any longer and the citrus juice will start to "cook" the steak).

Preheat a grill for medium-high heat and brush the hot grates with oil. Remove the steak from the marinade, letting excess drip off, and season both sides with a pinch each of salt and pepper. Grill until nicely charred on the outside, 3 to 4 minutes per side for medium-rare. Transfer to a cutting board to rest, about 10 minutes. Thinly slice the steak against the grain, then serve with lime wedges.



Nuggets of Treasure

Have we honestly had a conversion, or do we have head knowledge of Jesus? Conversion is a turning or returning to God and involves repentance and accepting Jesus Christ. Arthur Darby Nock defined conversion as "the reorientation of the soul of an individual, his deliberate turning from indifference or an earlier form of piety to another, a turning which implies a consciousness that a great change is involved, that the old was wrong and the new is right." Nock's definition probably does not entirely describe conversion but gives us a starting point. Conversion involves a transformation. Conversion means that we were going the ways of the world, our life was headed to destruction, and when we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we turn entirely around, leave the old behind, and have a new life in the Lord walking in His ways, methods, principles and living by His standards. If we have truly accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, our lives will be changed, and we will not be the same. Our desires and attitudes will be different. We will not want to miss church, bible study, etc. We will have the desire to come to know the Lord more intimately. We will have a desire to learn more of the Word. We will continue to change.

Paul is an example of a complete radical transformation. On the road to Damascus, Saul encountered the Lord. His

Everyday Godly Living

life was changed. He went from persecuting believers to converting people to the Lord. Conversion is radical but also simple; it involves child-like faith. Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." Conversion means changing our inward thoughts, attitudes, and character that finds expression in a changed lifestyle. So when we are genuinely converted, we will change our actions. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Ephesians 5:8–10 (ESV) "for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord." Are we different now that we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior? Are our hearts affected by the Word? If we hear the Word regularly and yet deliberately go the ways of the world and sin, we have hard hearts and are not fellowshiping with the Lord. 1 John 1:5–7 (ESV) "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is

light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV) "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Even after conversion, we must continue to allow the Lord to work in us. We continually renew our minds, the Word of God, to His ways, methods, principles, and standards. We should be different than the world. Conversion is the starting point; we are a work in progress as believers. We will become more Christ-like as we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.





AUGUST 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	3 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	4	5
6 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	7	8	9 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	10 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	11	12
13 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	14	15	16 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	17 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	18	19
20 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	21	22	23 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	24 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	25	26
27 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	28	29	30 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	31 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm		