

# March 2020

If we were to ask individuals, if they would like to be blessed or have blessings the answer would be yes. As believers, do we desire to be blessed by the Lord, yes and again yes. Would we be willing to change things in our lives for the blessings of the Lord to come? Of course, we would, if we think it would not require too much of us. Proverbs 28:20a (KJV) "A faithful man will abound with blessings...." So, what stops the blessings of the Lord? Unfaithfulness stops the blessings of the Lord. The Word of God clearly states a faithful man or women will abound with blessings. When we abound in something, it means flourish and overflow. When we "abound" we are well supplied. It means to be rich, abundant in money, possessions or influence. We will have God's favor in more ways, than we can even image. We could say that truly is an incentive to be faithful. Blessings most often speaks of the Lord God's favor on the righteous. Blessings could also be a tangible gift.

Who will abound with blessings? A faithful man. A faithful man in this verse refers to a person who is honorable and trustworthy in their dealings, particularly in business relations. We could say a person is loyal, devoted, dependable, and can be trusted will receive, flourish in favor, and rewards. God blesses his loyal people.

# Nuggets of Treasure , **Blessings**

Another Proverbs states, many a man proclaims his own loyalty. But who can find a trustworthy (faithful) man? II Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV) "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him." The Lord is looking for loyalty of heart, faithfulness. The Lord God knows what is happening in the hearts of all people. He shows Himself strong for those who are faithful. Faithful to Him and in all things.

As believers, a fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness. As believers, we are enabled by the Holy Spirit to be faithful in all things. We often choose whether we will be faithful or not. Jesus was faithful even to death on the cross. Are we not to be like Christ? The Lord is calling us to be faithful by the empowering of the Holy Spirit in all things. Are we faithful to the Lord? Are we faithful to Him in prayer, hearing the Word and being doers of the Word? Are we faithful in obedience? Do we pick and choose what we desire to be faithful in from the Word? Are we faithful to walk in love, and forgive? Are we faithful to give? Are we faithful to attend church consistently? Are we faithful to share the gospel with others? Are we faithful on our jobs? The Lord desires us to be faithful always and in everything.



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Luke 16:10 (AMP) "He who is faithful in a very little [thing] is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest and unjust in a very little [thing] is dishonest and unjust also in much." Are we faithful in the little things? Are we faithful with our time? Are we faithful in our commitments and obligations? If we look at all the verses surrounding Luke 16:10, we will find one of the things Jesus considers least is money. Therefore, if a person cannot be faithful in managing the things that are least (money), they should not be trusted to be faithful in handling the things that are much. Are we faithful with the money? Do we give? How are we handling the resources that the Lord has given us? When we are faithful with what we have already been given we are given more because we have shown we can be trusted with it. whether it is treasure, talent or time. Matthew 25:21 (AMP) "His master said to him, Well done, you upright (honorable, admirable) and faithful servant! You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little; I will put you in charge of much. Enter into and share the joy (the delight, the blessedness) which your master enjoys." The quality that is looked for is faithfulness, it did not have to with specific amount of money. Mother Teresa stated, "We are called upon not to be successful but to be faithful."

Nuggets of Treasure

# Upcoming Events 2020

March 1 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins



March 17 Saint Patrick's Day

March 19 First Day of Spring



April 5 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 5 Palm Sunday



#### April 10 Good Friday

April 12 Easter

April 12 Easter Breakfast



# **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



"Christ tore the heavens, and came down to us. He then returned through the heavens ensuring that they remain open. The rent heavens have been rent for ever, and have never been sewn up again, neither by a needle-wielding Satan or any other hand. Through that open heaven the Holy Spirit then began to descend - the latter rain (Acts 2). The heavens are no more like brass, They are open. Hell cannot impose sanctions, and blockade the kingdom of God, nor deprive its citizens."— **Reinhard Bonnke** 

"I refuse to be an ordinary man. You say, "Why do you?" Because I have an extraordinary God who makes extraordinary people."—-Smith Wigglesworth

"Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy."—-Augustine

"God does not call those who are equipped, He equips those whom He has called."—-Smith Wigglesworth

# **Birthday Blessings**

3/7 Braden Matlock 3/24 David Church



#### 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**

**February 2020** (As of 2/26/20) Lunches: 562 Families: 1,087 New Families: 70 Total People: 4,127

<u>Year to Date 2020</u> (as of 2/26/2020) Lunches: 1,056 Families: 2,558 New Families: 146 Total People: 9,746

#### Year to Date 2018

Lunches: 5,167 Families: 16,828 New Families: 1,497 Total People: 61,637

# Children's Corner



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# Bring Your Friends and Join the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning 10:30 am



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**RECIPE CORNER** 

### **Chili-Rubbed Steak Tacos**

#### **Ingredients**

- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- A pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 1/4 pound top sirloin steaks cut 1inch thick
- 12 small corn tortillas (5 to 6 inches in diameter)
- 3 cups shredded red cabbage
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro leaves
- 1 lime, cut into wedges
- 2 cups Avocado Lime Salsa, recipe follows Avocado Lime Salsa:
- 1 large cucumber peeled, seeded and cut into chunks (about 2 cups)
- 2 avocados, cut into chunks
- 1/2 red onion, diced
- 2 limes, juiced (about 1/4 cup)
- Salt
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro leaves
- 2 jalapeno chiles, chopped, plus more to taste

#### Directions

In a small bowl stir together chili powder, garlic, cinnamon, salt and cayenne pepper. Rub spice mixture on both sides of steaks. Grill or broil steaks for 5 to 6 minutes on each side for medium rare, turning once. Remove from grill and let meat sit for 10 to 15 minutes. Carve into thin slices.

Warm tortillas by placing them on the grill, for about 30 seconds, turning once. Or place 6 tortillas at a time between 2 moist paper towels and microwave for 45 seconds. Wrap in cloth napkin or place in a tortilla warmer to keep warm. Place the carved steak, warm tortillas, cabbage, cilantro, lime and Avocado Lime Salsa in serving dishes and let diners make their own tacos at the table.

#### Avocado Lime Salsa:

Place cucumber, avocado and onion in a large bowl and add lime juice and salt. Add cilantro and chiles and toss gently.



# Nuggets of Treasure

Here is another amazing example of faithfulness. A century and a half ago, there died a humble minister in a small village in Leicestershire, England. He had never attended college and had no degrees. He was merely a faithful village minister. In his congregation was a young cobbler to whom he gave special attention, teaching him the Word of God. This young man was later to be renowned as William Carey, one of the greatest missionaries of modern times. This same minister had a son, a boy whom he taught faithfully, and constantly encouraged. The boy's character and powers were profoundly affected by his father's life. That son was Robert Hall, the mightiest public orator of his day, whose sermons influenced the decisions of statesmen and whose character was as saintly as his preaching was phenomenal. [By comparison,] it seemed that the village pastor [had] accomplished little. There were no spectacular revivals, but his faithful witness and godly life had much to do with giving India its Carey and England its Robert Hall. We never know how our faithfulness in what we do and say will impact. Be faithful!



# Nuggets of Treasure

We all have been delivered from situations and circumstances by the Lord. However. when we face the next overwhelming mountain of circumstances, we waiver. We set about trying to figure out what to do or become distraught. In Exodus, the Israelites had miraculously been delivered from bondage in Egypt. The Lord is supernaturally leading them with a pillar of a cloud by day and by night a pillar of fire, so they would have light. Just as we have the Holy Spirit to lead us. Pharaoh, his horsemen and armv decide to come after the children Israel. When the children of Israel saw the Egyptians, they were afraid, cry out to the Lord and then began to grumble, whine and murmur. The Lord had already shown Himself strong on their behalf, should not have they trusted Him. Unbelief and human reasoning cause us to fear and grumble. When our eyes are on the circumstances instead of the Lord, we will fear. The circumstances will be amplified. Fear is an attitude anxiety or distress caused by a concern over a threat to our future.

Just like the Israelites, our memoires are short. No matter how many times the Lord God has delivered us in the past, no matter how His mighty power has been used on our behalf. When some new circumstance comes, we forget the Lord God's previous involvement and deliverance. We forget His miracles. Instead, we are

## Everyday Godly Living

overwhelmed by the mountain of our present difficulty.

How do we respond in overwhelming circumstances? When our eyes on the circumstances we will not have peace. Often, we respond with hopelessness. We just give up. We respond in fear and try to withdraw from the situation, by ignoring it. Perhaps, we complain about having to deal with another situation. Exodus 14:13 Moses responds to the children of Israel, "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever." The Israelites had the Red Sea in front of them and the Egyptians behind them and mountains on the side of them. Even amid this Moses encouraged them not to fear. The same is true for us. against all odds we should not fear but trust the Lord. All things are possible with the Lord.

Moses tells the children Israel to stand still or stand firm. It is not a physical standing per say but a mindset. Our doubting magnifies our circumstances. Then, we set about trying to solve things in our understanding. We often are impatient for the Lord to work on our behalf or we are presumptuous thinking we can do it ourselves. We must get self out of the way to see the Lord. Our attempts at selfhelp must cease for the Lord to work.

During overwhelming circumstances, we must stand still and hear the voice of God. We must take our eyes off the circumstances and put them on the Lord. We gain nothing by being anxious or attempting to fix things. Instead, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. We need to trust in the Lord's salvation, His help, deliverance and victory. We have the Holy Spirit to reveal to us a word to stand upon; a (Rhema Word). Our faith must be on the Word the Holy Spirit gives us for our current situation. Faith is knowing the Lord God has a plan and deliverance for us. We might know how God will help but we can know for certain that God will help. It is by that knowing we will have peace and see His deliverance. We need to remind ourselves of the greatness of the Lord God. Jeremiah 32:17 (KJV) "17 Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:"





# MARCH 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Celebrate Monthly	2	3	4	5	6	7
Birthday & Anniver-			Feed the Needy			
aries			12 pm- 2:00 pm	Feed the Needy		
L0:30am MW/				4 pm– 6 pm		
Children/Youth			7pm Bible Study			
pm Evening Service						
3 Daylight Saving Time	9	10	11	12	13	14
Begins			Feed the Needy 12 pm– 2:00 pm			
.0:30am MW/			12 pm= 2.00 pm			
Children/Youth			7pm	Feed the Needy		
			Bible Study	4 pm– 6 pm		
7pm Evening Service						
.5	16	17	18	19	20	21
.0:30am MW/		St. Patrick's Day				
Children/Youth			Feed the Needy	First Day of Spring		
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7pm Evening Service				Feed the Needy 4 pm– 6 pm		
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			Bible Study			
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10:30am MW/						
Children/Youth			Feed the Needy			
			12 pm- 2:00 pm			
pm Evening Service				Feed the Needy 4 pm– 6 pm		
			7pm Bible Study			
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Children/Youth						
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