

# **Faithfulness**



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The Lord God is a faithful God. Lamentations 3:22-23 (AMP) "It is because of the Lord's mercy and loving-kindness that we are not consumed because His [tender] compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great and abundant is Your stability and faithfulness." Just as He is faithful, He has called us to be faithful in all things. Not only does He intend for us to be faithful to Him, His Word, to our Words and promises we make. He expects us to be faithful to our spouses, family, and employers.

What is faithfulness? Faithfulness is being loyal, trustworthy, committed, dedicated, and steadfast. God is not looking for a perfect person like we think of as flawless. He is looking for people who are devoted to Him. Reverence of God is a key to faithfulness. Being faithful is a decision. Faithfulness or loyalty is a character quality. Integrity plays a part in faithfulness; it is reliable and truthful. What encourages or stimulates our faithfulness? Is it our relationship with the Lord, our love for Him? If our relationship with Him starts to decline, our faithfulness in all areas will as well. Such as faithful to pray, read the Bible, attend church and

bible study. Our faithfulness to commitments diminishes also. Many people lack faithfulness, loyalty, reliability, devotion, constancy, or dependability today. They are more concerned with what pleases them.

As a young girl there was a movie based on a true story, I saw that made a lasting impression about faithfulness and dedication. The story is that a Skye Terrier named Bobby belonged to a man named John Gray. When John Gray died, he was buried in Greyfriars Kirkyard in Edinburgh, Scotland. Bobby then became known locally, spending the rest of his life sitting on his master's grave for 14 years until he died. He was loyal to his owner. That was faithfulness! Bobby is buried not too far from his master in Edinburgh. Later a statue was made of the little dog and sits at the corner of Edinburgh's Candlemaker Row and George IV Bridge.

The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness. The fruit of the Spirit comes by us abiding in Him. All the qualities of the fruit should be evident in our life. So, by the Holy Spirit's power, we as believers can be faithful in all things in life. Are we allowing the Holy Spirit to control us, or are we allowing our flesh? Our conduct should always be one of faithfulness. The fruit of the Spirit separates us from the world and its ways and thinking. The fruit of the Spirit reveals a power within us and helps us become more Christlike in our daily lives. Matthew tells us we will be known by our fruit. What is our revealing about us?

Luke 16:10-12 "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much, and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore, if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?" We always think of this as finances or things, but it should be about every aspect of life. Faithfulness should be our conduct continually, not just occasionally. Our faith shows up in our faithfulness. Let us be faithful in what the Lord God is asking us to do. We all can be faithful. Being faithful is not just when we feel like it or is convenient, but it is every day. So, no matter what we do, significant or insig-

# Upcoming Events 2021

March 7 Celebrate Monthly birthday & anniversaries

March 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins



March 17 St. Patrick's Day

March 20 Spring Begins



March 28 Palm Sunday

April 4 Easter



April 11 Celebrate Monthly birthdays & Anniversaries

### **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



"What we learn in the presence of God cannot be learned in the presence of me."—-John Bevere

"The tongue has no bones but it sure can break a heart." —-Toby Mac

"We are called to be effective not popular." —-Carman

"Ninety-five percent of today's church activities would continue if the Holy Spirit were removed from us. In the early Church, ninety-five percent of all her activities would have stopped if the Holy Spirit were removed. "—Billy Graham

"If you look at a grain of wheat very closely, you will be overwhelmed by the glory of God."—-Martin Luther

"What God has spoken, He will make good."—-Jesse Duplantis

"God loves you. He sees what you are going through. He is with you, and He desires to help you right where you are."—-Joyce Meyers

"God's destiny for your life is not limited to your current situation."—-Lisa Bevere

"Don't let the pain of you r past rob you from the joy of your future."—-Paula White-Cain

# **Birthday Blessings**

3/7 Braden Matlock 3/24 David Church



# Happy Anniversary!

### 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 2021

Families: 1,107 New Families: 55 Total People: 4,645

Year to Date 2021 (as of 2/25/21)

Families: 2,008 New Families: 86 Total People: 8,291

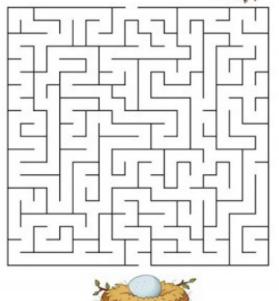
#### Year to Date 2020

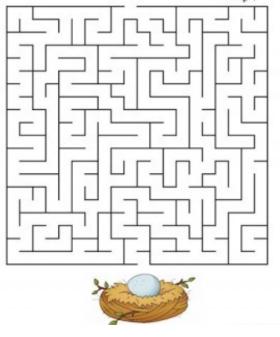
Lunches: 1,282 Families: 14,882 New Families: 983 Total People: 57,960

# Children's Corner



Help the bird find a path through the maze to their nest.





# **Spring Word Search**

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FLOWERS **APRIL** BASEBALL BLOOM BUTTERFLY CHICK EASTER

PASSOVER GREEN PUDDLE GROW RAINBOW HATCH RAINCOAT JUNE SEEDS MARCH SHOWERS MAY SPRING NEST



# Bring Your Friends and Join the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning 10:30 am





## **RECIPE CORNER**

# Grilled Chicken with Tomato-Cucumber Salad

### Ingredients:

- 1 clove garlic
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 lemon, juiced (about 1 tablespoon)
- 1 cup pear tomatoes, sliced in rounds
- 1 kirby cucumber, unpeeled, quartered lengthwise and sliced
- 3 pepperoncini peppers, stemmed and minced
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
- · Freshly ground black pepper

#### Grilled Chicken:

- 4 chicken paillards (scaloppini), about 4 ounces each
- Olive oil spray
- · Freshly ground black pepper

#### **Directions:**

Smash the garlic clove, sprinkle with 1 teaspoon of salt and with the flat side of a large knife, mash and smear to a coarse paste. Put the garlic paste in a large bowl and stir in the olive oil and lemon juice. Add the tomatoes, cucumber, pepperoncini, and dill and toss. Give a couple of generous grinds of black pepper. Toss again, and set aside.

Preheat a grill pan or nonstick skillet to medium high. Spray the chicken paillards lightly with the olive oil and season with salt and black pepper. Grill the chicken, in batches if necessary, to avoid crowding the pan, turning once, until cooked through, about 2 minutes per side. Place each paillard on a plate and serve topped with the tomato-cucumber salad.

# Nuggets of Treasure

nificant, we should always be faithful. Proverbs tells us that a faithful man will abound with blessings. Do we desire to hear these words well done, thy good and faithful servant?



Often, we find ourselves in difficult situations, overwhelming circumstances in life, or just the daily schedule we need to follow. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we need to handle the things in life differently than the world. By the Holy Spirit who is with us. we are called to rely upon Him and be strong and confident. We are not confident in our self. but our confidence exists in the Lord. We all need reassurance from time to time. Encouragement comes from His Word and promises. Also, we have His presence always with us by the Holy Spirit. Who is here to lead us through each situation?

Our overcoming comes from doing the Word of God and by the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. We cannot just read the Word. We need to think the Word of God, speak the Word of God, and do the Word of God. The Word of God does not promise us a life without situations, circumstances, or problems, but it ensures that we have what is necessary to deal with all things. Sometimes we do not remember that power comes through His Word and the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:37 (NKJV) "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

I Corinthians 15:57-58 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast,

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immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Since we have victory in our Lord Jesus Christ, we need to keep on keeping on despite the situations in life. We keep on by the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit who gives His enabling ability. He will guide us through every obstacle and situation in life. He will enable us in our daily routine as we rely upon Him. Call upon Him daily, listen to His voice and follow His guidance and direction. Often, we think that the Holy Spirit will only help us with what we consider spiritual things, but He is here to aid us in everything we do. He will help us with our jobs and enable us with all our daily duties. He is waiting for an invitation to be involved.

If we find ourselves frustrated in dealing with life or have no peace but only turmoil, we can be assured we are relying on ourselves and not the Holy Spirit. We need to choose by faith to rely on the Holy Spirit. We cannot receive all that the Lord God has for us if we do not rely on the Holy Spirit. Relying on the Holy Spirit is walking in the Spirit. Galatians 5:25 (AMP) "If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]" Life has come

through the Holy Spirit (the source of life), so now we should allow Him to direct our steps in everything we do.

We should walk in the Spirit and rely upon Him all the time. It should be a way of life, not something we choose each time we meet something. Each step we take should conform to the Holy Spirit's direction and enablement. We should always be following the ways of the Holy Spirit in our life, in all that we do. Romans 8:14 (AMP) "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." We reveal our sonship by being led by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit leads: He does not drive us like cattle. Are we listening and following?





# MARCH 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	5	6
7 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniver- saries 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6pm Music Practice	8	9	Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	12	13
14 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	19	20
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28 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	29	30	Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study			