

# Nuggets of Treasure , **Be a Light**



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We each have been given the ministry of reconciliation, bringing people into balance with the Lord. II Corinthians 5:18 (AMP) "But all things are from God, Who through Jesus Christ reconciled us to Himself [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him.]." We are all God's representatives of reconciliation to others. We should encourage others to be reconciled to God. Reconciliation is both an accomplished fact and a continuing process. It is a done deed resulting from Jesus dying on the cross but must be personally appropriated. Colossians 1:21-22 (Amp) "And although you at one time were estranged and alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities, 22 Yet now has [Christ, the Messiah] reconciled [you to God] in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His [the Father's] presence." The Lord God has His arms opened to the lost world; people can

come to Him because of what Jesus did.

So, our ministry is to proclaim what has been carried out. We share the word of reconciliation. People need to accept what God has already done. We announce what has already occurred. An example of this would be, how in the past young boys would stand on the corners and proclaim a headline from the newspaper to get people passing by to buy the newspaper.

How can others receive what God has affected unless they hear about it? We still need people today to share what God has done. The need is still desperate, and the news is just as vital. The ministry of reconciliation is God's call to lost individuals everywhere to come to Him with all their problems, difficulties, burdens, stresses, needs, and sins to be reconciled to Him.

How do we sway people who do not believe in God? How do we touch our families who are not serving the Lord? How do we impact those who have never heard about God? So how do we influence those around us? How do we help those who have walked away from the Lord?

We need to be a light in how we live our lives. Matthew 5:16 (AMP) "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven." We all have a circle of influence. As believers, we have a great responsibility. We are meant to shine and give direction. They need to see the value of serving God in our lives. Are our lives displaying integrity? Do we exhibit kindness, compassion, and the love of God? Do we reveal to others that they are valuable to us no matter their behavior and attitudes? Are we available to help when needed? How we live our lives day in and out affects people.

The Lord brings people across our paths so that we can be a light and help others. Light is needed because the world is lost. Many people are estranged from God. As we encounter others, it is an opportunity to bring hope. We need Nuggets of Treasure

## Upcoming Events 2022

May 1 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 8 Mother's Day



May 30 Memorial Day



June 5 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 19 Father'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



"Because the human mind has two compartments, the practical and the ideal, people are able to live comfortably with their dreamy, romantic conception of Jesus while paying no attention whatsoever to His words. It is this neat division between the fanciful and the real that enables countless thousands of persons to say "Lord, Lord" in all sincerity while living every moment in flat defiance of His authority."—-A.W. Tozer

"When the real love touch of God is breathed into your soul, what a transformation takes place. There is probably no more delightful thing on earth than to watch a soul praying to God when the light of God comes on, and the life of God fills the nature and that holy affection that we seek from others finds expression in Him."—John G. Lake

"In the Cross is salvation; in the Cross is life; in the Cross is protection against our enemies; in the Cross is infusion of heavenly sweetness; in the Cross is strength of mind; in the Cross is joy of spirit; in the Cross is excellence of virtue; in the Cross is perfection of holiness. There is no salvation of soul, nor hope of eternal life, save in the Cross."— -Thomas A. Kempis Happy Anniversary 5/20 Joe & Paula 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** 

April 2022 Families: 1,179 New Families: 43 Total People: 4,628

Year to Date 2022 (as of 4/28/22) Families: 4,804 New Families: 191 Total People: 18,956

Year to Date 2021 Families: 11,969 New Families: 546 Total People: 48,245

# Children's Corner

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**RECIPE CORNER** 

# **Restaurant-Style Salsa**

#### Ingredients:

- Two 10-ounce cans diced tomatoes and green chiles, such as Rotel
- One 28-ounce can whole tomatoes with juice
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves (or more to taste!)
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 whole jalapeno, quartered and sliced thin, with seeds and membrane
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 whole lime, juiced

#### Directions

Combine the diced tomatoes, whole tomatoes, cilantro, onions, garlic, jalapeno, cumin, salt and lime juice in a blender or food processor. (This is a very large batch. Recommend using a 12-cup food processor, or you can process the ingredients in batches and then mix everything together in a large mixing bowl.)

Pulse until you get the salsa to the consistency you'd like. I do about 10 to 15 pulses. Test seasonings with a tortilla chip and adjust as needed.

Refrigerate the salsa for at least an hour before serving.



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to exhibit Christ to all of those around us consistently. More than ever, people need Jesus in their lives. We witness through the power of the Holy Spirit. Words that we speak should bring hope and encouragement. We can never affect the world for Jesus by becoming like the world. The Lord has not called believers to live in isolation but to live their lives before the world, so they will desire what we have. Our life is what people see. We want others to know the grace of God at work in our lives, to see God in our lives.

Instead of complaining about the condition of the world, be a light. Continually let your light shine daily. As believers, we have the greatest treasure in the world, Jesus. The treasure of the Good News is one that we should share with everyone through how we live our lives and by word.



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Do we ever feel like our relationship with Jesus has shifted or changed? It was fresh and exciting initially, but now we find ourselves into a routine of being a believer than into Jesus Himself. We started out doing things for Jesus because of our love for Him. but now we just do it out of habit, duty, or guilt. We listen to teaching, attend church, read our Bibles, pray, take notes, participate in special conferences, and perhaps see occasionally. While these things are all commendable, they can become tedious habits if they are merely rituals without an ongoing basis intimate relationship. Have we become lukewarm? Do we need to stop and evaluate our relationship with Jesus? Would we classify our relationship as "duty without devotion," or do we have genuine, heartfelt love for Jesus? While good, what are the things that have caused a slight change in our devotion to Jesus?

In Revelation Chapter 2, Jesus is concerned about relationships. Revelation 2:4 "You have forsaken your first love." Jesus states in Revelation 2 that the believers of Ephesus were doing all the right things for the wrong reasons. Though they had retained the purity of doctrine and life and had maintained a high level of service. they lacked deep devotion to Christ. They had lost their first love. They lost their first love, but they had abandoned their first love. Since falling in love

#### Everyday Godly Living

with Jesus, their lives had become distracted by other things, things of the world, and Jesus became just another thing in their busy schedule. Does this sound familiar? Is our time with Jesus in prayer and the Word just another thing we tick off our to-do lists? Has our love waned?

How do we keep our love for waning? Jesus tells us in the Word of God to repent. Revelation 2:5 tells us, "Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first." Jesus is aware that just doing things routinely without devotion becomes humdrum compared to the awesomeness of doing things that flow out of a heart that loves the Lord God. Usually, when people are first born again, they are super excited about what Jesus has done in their lives: what He has delivered them from, and they are in church whenever the doors are open and sharing with everyone about Jesus.

Jesus lovingly appeals to us to repent. What does repentance mean? It means to turn around and go in the opposite direction. In calling us to repentance, Jesus is asking us to change our attitude as well as our affections. We are to continue our service not simply because it is right but also because we love Him deeply and genuinely. Our devotions, reading the Word, and prayer life should be a time of personal interaction with Him, not just a thing we do to say we have done it. When we recapture our first love for Jesus serving in some capacity at church will be an act of worship to Him, of giving of ourselves because we love Him. We will willingly obey Him because He is the one, we desire to follow. Doing all the things we do because we love Jesus will bring unspeakable joy. We will not care who acknowledges what we do because we are doing it because we love the Lord.

We need to know our accepted beliefs and service are not enough. Jesus wants our hearts as well as our hands and heads. It is never too late to renew and recharge our relationship with Jesus. Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:37, "And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Our total being must be involved in loving God.





# MAY 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniver- saries 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	2	3	4 Feed the Needy 12 pm– 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	5 Cinco De Mayo Feed the Needy 4 pm– 6 pm	6	7
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