



Friendly Findings

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Sing to the Lord a new song,
for He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made His salvation known
and revealed His righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered His love
and His faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

-Psalm 98:1-6 NIV

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LISTENING

Over the years as I have taught Confirmation Classes I have had to call on a student and asked: "Are you listening?" After their affirmative answer I would ask: "What were we talking about?" Many times they would have no idea. Other times students could repeat back to me exactly what I was talking about. They can appear to be distracted and maybe distract everyone else in the room, but at the same time still be listening. I don't think that's the case for most of us. When someone is talking to us it is important to focus on them for their benefit and for ours.

A singer-songwriter by the name of David Wilcox once responded to a question from the audience about how he composes songs. He said there are three aspects to the process: a quiet room, an empty page, and the question: "Is there something I need to know?" That's a wonderful approach for us as we seek the Lord's plan for our lives each day.

I wish I could follow that plan more consistently. When we recently went on vacation with our entire family of fourteen our son, Ben, planned our activities well. We usually had a day of touring and sight seeing and then we had a day off. That gave all of us a break to do what we wanted. Some went shopping, some went into the pool, a couple rented mopeds, and I spent a lot of time reading, catching up on work and just having quiet time.

That was different for me. Usually my life is a myriad of activities. I move from one to the next. Most of my Bible study time is message, Sunday School, or preparation for some other classes. This summer as Wilcox suggested, I have had a quiet room especially since there has been no preschool. I have lots blank paper, but I don't know that I have asked this question enough: "Is there something I should know?"

Throughout Jesus public ministry, He took time to be alone in prayer. After feeding five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish the Bible says: "Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that His disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side, while He sent the people home. After sending them home, He went up into the hills by Himself to pray. Night fell while He was there alone." Matthew 14:22-23. If the Lord Jesus saw the need to be alone with His Father, how much more we need a daily time of solitude to pour out our hearts, meditate on His Word and ask Him what we need to know.

So what do we need?

- 1. A quiet room or place anywhere where we can focus on the Lord without distractions.
- 2. An empty page an empty page, which also means a receptive mind, a willingness to listen
- 3. Asking the question: "Is there something that I should know?" Lord, speak to me by Your Spirit, Your written word, and the assurance of Your direction.

From that quiet hillside, Jesus came down into a violent storm, knowing exactly what His Father wanted Him to do.

Pastor Tom



Preschool News

The staff at Friendship Celebration Preschool is ready to start another great year of teaching God's littlest people about the love of Jesus!

We're welcoming Michelle Rickerl and Daysha Graham to our staff. Michelle will be teaching the MWF am 3's class. She has worked as a Director's Assistant in children's ministry and has a love for teaching children. Daysha will be assisting on Tuesdays and Thursdays and is an experienced preschool teacher.

We still have a few openings in some of our 4's classes. Thank you for sharing with your friends and family about our program.

Thank you to all the people that helped get our Preschool looking fantastic! We appreciate each and every one of you!

Here's to a great year at Friendship Celebration Preschool!

In His love,

The Staff at Friendship Celebration Preschool





Registration Process Includes:

Enrollment Form Complete

Registration Fee Paid - nonrefundable

Copy of updated immunization Records

Copy of Birth Certificate

Preschool Classes offered for 2017-18 School Year:

3 Year old Classes	Mon/Wed/Fri a.m3 days\$170 month
	Wed & Fri p.m2 days\$120 month
	Tues & Thurs a.m2 days\$120 month
	Tues & Thurs p.m2 days\$120 month
4 Year old Classes	Mon/Wed/Fri a.m3 days\$170 month
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Morning Class hours: 9:00 -11:30 a.m. / Afternoon class hours: 12:30-3:00 p.m

Pre Kindergarten Classes (4 ½ - 5 ½ yrs)

Mon-Thurs.	a.m4	days\$220	month
Mon-Thurs.	p.m4	days\$220	month

Morning Class hours: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. / Afternoon class hours: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

^{*}More than one child enrolled-receive 10% on youngest child

A Word from Pastor Matt. . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

The much anticipated apoc-eclipse has come and gone—and we survived! I had to chuckle at an e-mail that my dad forwarded to me that showed the "updated" eclipse route. Instead of a straight line through Idaho, the path took a sudden detour south into Nevada and Utah—avoiding Idaho altogether—before resuming its course eastward. I guess someone in Idaho wasn't looking forward to welcoming the crowds, even for a short while.

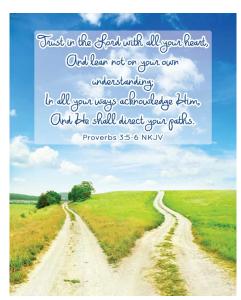
Many of you have gone out of your way to welcome my family and me to Idaho. Thank you! It hasn't exactly been a straight line between here and there—a lot of back and forth, some of which will continue until the whole family is settled in the same place. With so many unknowns and new beginnings, there's nothing quite like a move that prompts trust in God! What a great privilege and reassurance it is to be able to trust God with the major—and minor—decisions in life. As the well-known Proverb 3:5-6 promises, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge Him and **He will make your paths straight**." I want you to know your kindness and hospitality has helped to straighten our family path and we are glad to call Friendship Celebration our home.

The call process has been a long journey for you—three years! I'm sure there were some unexpected bends in the road. Yet in the end, what we consider curves and hills are actually straight lines for God. He always guides and provides. Discipleship views the unknown aspects in life as invitations to trust God's lead with all our heart. Our straight path of trusting is not about following the crowds or even creating them; it's about following Jesus.

I thank the entire call committee for their work and the congregation for their welcome. I look forward to joining Pastor Tom, Brett and the staff and getting to know the people, the road map thus far and begin building relationships. That will take some time—as there are many of you—but for now, just know I'm glad and thankful to be here. My first official day in the office will be September 11 and plans are underway for installation—a Friendship first!—on October 1. I'm excited about the future and I hope you are too because I have a feeling God has good things up ahead!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Henry



FC Course:

Your Testimony A First Step in Sharing Your Faith



The goal of this course is to help participants develop their own personal tool for sharing the gospel with others and connecting them to Jesus. See John 4: 39, 42, and 35.

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's **testimony**...and because of His words many more became believers...They said to the woman, "we no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man is really the Savior of the world...I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

Participants will learn about what Jesus and the Word of God have to say about sharing their faith and testifying about what it means to be a Christian. They will also have a clearer understanding of their own unique gifts and experience in Christ, and how to share these spiritual gifts when the time is right.

The workshop will use a "Testimonial Guide" to outline the key steps in developing a Christian testimony by relying on the individual's unique and personal relationship with Jesus. More than learning a skill, participants will gain confidence in sharing their faith in all of life's circumstances based on their personal relationship with Jesus.

As Paul writes to Philemon, "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ."

Sharing your faith is a fundamental step in your development as a Christian and disciple of Christ. As Peter directs in 1 Peter 3:15, "...set apart Christ as Lord in your hearts and always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have..." If you are a Christian, you <u>are</u> His witness, testifying about what God has done and is doing in your life with Him, guided by the influence of His Spirit.

All workshop participants are expected to see a change in the way they talk about their faith with those outside the family of believers and to develop a sense of confidence when confronted with challenges from faith outsiders who have a world view that lacks a true understanding of who Jesus is and the love He has for them.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will receive power and will <u>testify</u> of ME in "Boise, Idaho" and to the farthest parts of the world. (Acts 1:8)

The "sharing-your-faith-through-testimony" course is composed of four sessions of from 1 to 1-1/2 hours depending on the level of questions and/or discussion.

The Summer/Fall 2017 proposed course schedule is as follows:

September:

13 First Session: Why Should I Develop a Personal Testimony?

20 Second Session: Who Were You Before You Met Jesus?

27 Third Session: What Has Changed in Your Life Since You Met Jesus?

October:

4 Fourth Session: Why Should Anyone Else Want to Meet Jesus?

Course Evaluation & Next Steps

All sessions begin at 7 PM and end at 8:30 PM at FC. Chauffeurs are available.

For additional information, please contact or **Craig Hoellwarth** at 916-833-1713; or by email at cwhoellwarth@gmail.com.

From our DCE...

It has been a whirlwind of a summer. From Summer Camp, to Sunday school, to Youth Nights, to the firework stand, to the Car Wash/Yard Sale, to being the Spiritual Life Leader at Camp Perkins, and much more it has been a busy but blessed summer.

We had a great 8 weeks of summer day camp leaving an impact on youth and their families from our church and our community. While in Cascade for the eclipse we ran into a few families and their campers from Day Camp. It was great to see over 30 Jr. High/Sr. High & College age staff (Mostly from our church) connect with these campers and their families. We are already beginning to prepare for next summer.

Next Summer our youth will be doing a Servant Trip through Youthworks. As a group we will be picking where we will be serving in the next month. This is one of the things our church and community has been supporting our youth and chaperones through these fund raisers. Please continue to pray for this trip, and the 2019 National Youth Gathering and all of the people that will be attending these. And thank you for your continued support of the youth and the youth and children ministries here at the Church.

Please circle two dates on your calendar for this month: **SEPTEMBER 10th & SEPTEMBER 17th.**

SEPTEMBER 10th - We will have a prayer and praise service 5pm to 6pm. We are wanting our New Pastor to be on board with having a 3rd service & he can help us make sure we are doing it for the right reason and honoring God and our church community. But we are not stopping the progress we have been making. So join us for Prayer and Praise to our Savior and Creator! Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group follows it immediately at 6pm.





SEPTEMBER 17th - RALLY DAY 12:01pm to 2:00pm - join us to find out all that is in store for Ministry here at Friendship Celebration for the 2017-18 year! Sunday Morning Bible Class and Sunday school, Youth Groups (Jr. High, Sr. High, College, 3rd & 4th Grade, 5th & 6th Grade) Nurture Groups, Dave Ramsey Financial Planning, Camp Perkins Family & Youth retreats and so much more!

If you have any questions about Youth and/or Family Ministries here at FCLC please don't hesitate to talk with me.

In Christ,

Brett Lindemood 208-982-1461

September 2017 Youth - Children - Family Activities * Calendar

September 3rd:

Youth Night:

NO YOUTH NIGHT - LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 10th:

Prayer & Praise 5-6pm Youth Night - 6-8:30pm

September 17th:

Rally Day 12noon – 2pm Prayer & Praise 5-6pm Youth Night – 6-830pm



September 24th:

Confirmation:

3:30pm – First Confirmation Class – Parents and Confirmands Prayer & Praise 5-6pm Youth Night – 6-8:30pm

RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

(Fall Sunday School begins also begins that Sunday.)

We are looking for teachers and activity leaders. If you would like to share your time and talents once a month or once every few months, please contact me, Nicole Sarty at (208) 866-9059.

Our theme is Changing the World with a focus on learning the about the books of the Bible, their authors and main stories. We'll test our memory to see who can memorize them all. Martin Luther and the Reformation will be our study in October.

Come change the lives of the young people in our church, either by teaching or leading an activity that goes along with a lesson. You can work with primary or intermediate ages.

Friendship Celebration Message and Children's Message Schedule

September 2017

Date	Message/Scripture (Children's Message
September 3	Full of Use Philemon 1-21	8:15 am Brett Lindemood 11:00 am Brett Lindemood
September 10	The Lure of Righteous Anger Matthew 5:21-26	8:15 am Brett Lindemood 11:00am Brett Lindemood
September 17	Fruit Pudding, Bread Spread and Jesus 1 Timothy 2:1-7	8:15 am Nicole Sarty 11:00 am Brett Lindemood
September 24	What's on Your Plate? 1 Timothy 6:6-19	8:15 am Walt Varnes 11:00 am Brett Lindemood



CELEBRATION CHOIR MEMBERS

I am surprising & pleased at the interest in the Reformation joint choir project. Since I'm ordering the music for it, I have decided to invite our Celebration Choir to sing the same anthem for our own Reformation services at FCLC on October

29th. The performance would be scheduled in the service towards the end of the first service, and near the beginning of the second service; so that folks will have enough time to take a break before traveling to Nampa for the all valley Reformation service at 4pm. Please consider putting Sunday, September 3rd & Monday September 11th on your calendars for a 7pm rehearsal. We will take a two-week break since I will be out of town. We will begin practicing in Nampa the last Thursday of September as advertised previously. We will discuss a carpooling suggestion at the first rehearsal these will be both men and women together, not sectionals as per usual). Also, since the choir will be meeting for several weeks anyway, could I also invite you to sing a special number for Pastor Matt's Installation service on Oct. 1st? Please email my gmail account at lhausch@gmail.com about your $\overline{\mathcal{U}}$ wishes. We will rehearse the anthem for Pastor Matt on Saturday September 30th at noon as well as at the early September practices. Many of you will already be there on Sept. 30th for food preparation, grounds clean-up etc. and hopefully it won't take more than an hour.

Linda Hausch

FCLC Music Director

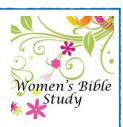
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Advent by Candlelight

is already schedule on the calendar for December 1st!

The First Planning Meeting has been suggested for an evening; so that more can (hopefully) be involved. So ladies mark your calendar for Monday, September 11th at 7:00pm. Bring all ideas and your calendars. We look forward to seeing you! If you cannot come to the meeting, but would like to help, call or text Marla Olsen (208-631-3325).

Ladies, if you are looking for a Bible study and fellowship then come and join us on Friday mornings at 10am starting Oct. 6. We will start off with 3 weeks on Song of Solomon, then 6 weeks on a Donna Pyle study on Peter, followed by a study on the women of the Bible. The coffee is always on and we love to have new people join us. Call Carol Jo Richter (208-377-3746) if you would like to join us so that material can be prepared or you.



Women's Breakfast: I would like to thank all the ladies for your kind words of encouragement as I take on this project. After listening to many of your thoughts, we will go back to the origins of our get-together — something more of a continental breakfast with more time to get to know each other. Our first Women's Breakfast will be Saturday, September 23rd at 9:00am. I am looking for someone to help me with good. We will hear about the LWML Convention. Any questions, please contact me at 208-629-0436 or email at r_gdavis@hotmail.com. *Gail Davis*

Men's September Breakfast: Our next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, September 2nd at 8:00am. Our guest speaker is Bob Kalthoff. Ron Bischoff will be cooking for us. Contact Ray Ohlaug (208-908-3281) if you have any questions.



Caring Ministry reaches out in love to offer support, caring, comfort, and fellowship to those experiencing loneliness, illness, loss, or other life changes.. This is our mission. Caring Ministry welcomes new members Judy Kalthoff & Deborah Hawkins. Our next meeting is on Monday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m. at Maui Wowi. The invitation is always open to any who would desire to be a part of the Caring Ministry team. Contact Donnette House (297-0775) or Patsy Kern (888-2979) if you are interested in join this awesome ministry.

Workday Fellowship

Work Day at the church is on Saturday, **September 9th** from 9:00am - Noon. Indoor and outdoor projects to help with. Lunch is served. As always, you can find out what's needed and work on your own time schedule. Regular Work Days are <u>every Saturday</u> at 9:00am. AND lunch is provided! Mike Sivey Property Chairman (208-859-0079)

Quilters News

The Quilters Group needs your help: The Quilters Group has is in need of ongoing funds for their quilting ministry to cover the cost of quilt batting and shipping for quilts shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Those costs have been running around \$100 every 6 weeks. Any monetary donations are very much appreciated.

The Hospitality Committee needs your help! The Weekly GRUNT Crew and the Monthly Saturday Workday Fellowship Crew need lunch! Can you help? Please sign up on the sheet on the Information Desk in the foyer or contact Susan Banker (208-455-9499). *Thank you!*

SUNDAYS at Friendship Celebration

Worship Services: 8:15 am & 11:00 am

(Nursery care available both services & Sunday School Hour)

Fellowship Time: 9:15-9:45 am

Children Sunday School: 9:45-10:45 am **Adult Bible Classes:** 9:45-10:45am

Pastor Tom's Class-meets in Room 132. Guest Leader: Ralph Cavalieri
Topic: Martin Luther & the Reformation
Study on Book of 1 Peter- Led by Matt Holmquist (Room 125)
Study of Greek through the Gospel of Luke - Led by Linda Varnes & Lynn House (Room 130)
Study on the Book of Acts Led by Ken Priebe (Room 113)
Study - Adult Special Needs Led by Neal Lindemood & Jack Hansen (Room 121)

Weekday Bible Studies

Women's Thursday Bible Study (FCLC)

Meets Thursday mornings at 9:15 am. Contact Karen Graham 870-7764 Topic: *TBA*

Women's Friday Bible Study (FCLC)

Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 am Contact Carol Jo Richter 377-3746 Topic: *See page 9 of Sept. Friendly Findings*

Women's Friday Breakfast (Star)

Contact Dottie Basye 949-5020

Men's Friday Morning Breakfast (50's Café - Meridian)

Contact Merlyn Schmeckpeper 888-9494

Men's Friday Morning Breakfast (Star) Contact Bill Basye 286-0691

Men's Friday Morning Breakfast (Maui Wowi - Meridian)

Contacts Dale Bentley (208-859-4001) & Chuck DeVito (208-505-7579)





Nurture Groups

South Meridian Nurture Group

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at Merlyn Schmeckpeper's 157 E. Ada, Meridian (888-9494)

Eagle Nurture Group

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 at Dick & Ruth Kanemasu's home at 990 W. Oakhampton Dr. Eagle (830-0706).

Star-Eagle Nurture Group

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm at David & Susan Banker's home at 300 W. Sutter Dr. Eagle Contact Bill Basye (286-0691).

Or Mike Sivey (859-0079)

Star Nurture Group

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Rick & Emelie Woodall's home. Contact them at 286-7508 for more information.

West Boise Nurture Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00pm at FCLC. (Except during Advent and Lent) Free childcare available! Contact Aaron or Rachel Hubler. Email or text: 208-559-2560 or 208-859-9095.

Biblical Preparedness Group

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 at FCLC. Contact Lynn House for more information (830-0078)

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- Worship Service available on DVD for those homebound, or anyone who would like to hear and see last Sunday's message. Call church office.
- To put a prayer on the Prayer Chain contact: Jenny Kandler 362-5410 or email her at bob54109@msn.com. (Note: Also call to let her know you sent a prayer request) In the event that, Jenny Kandler. In the event that, Jenny Kandler can't be reached for prayer chain, please call/ notify, Donnette House (208-297-0775) at donnette15@gmail.com.
- † Fellowship Time with coffee/juice and treats from 9:15-9:45am on Sundays. Thanks to various people/groups for providing each month. You may provide treats for a special occasion (Baptism, Birthday, Confirmation, etc.) if you wish for our Fellowship Time. Contact Gaylynn Mikasa 761-4034.
- Stay up to date on congregation happenings by receiving the Friendly 411 Weekly via email every Thursday afternoon. To subscribe email Joan Hammerson at jhammerson@friendshipcelebration.org
- Church Office Hours: Kayla Liehe (Office Mgr.) Monday through Friday 8:30am—4:00pm. Joan Hammerson (Secretary) Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 8:30am-2:00pm.
- Your "Friendly Findings" Newsletter is available in the foyer at church or on our church website: www.friendshipcelebration.org. Newsletter article deadline is 20th of each month and may be submitted by email to: office@friendshipcelebration.org. Or contact the church office at (208) 288-2404.

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Every Sunday:

8:15 am & 11:00 am Worship Services 9:15 am Fellowship Time 9:45 am Sunday School for All Off-site Bible studies & Nurture Groups: See Newsletter or online



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