

TODAY: March 8



- ◆ 8:30a—Elder & Deacon Prayer Time
- ◆ 8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)
- ◆ 12:30p—Elder's Meeting
- ◆ 4:30p—Choir Practice / N132
- ◆ 7:15p—Business Ministry Meeting / Vote for Deacon Candidates

## THE WEEK

- **Thurs.** Mar. 12—9:30a Pastors Fellowship Meeting at Involve Church / Nampa
- **Thurs.** Mar. 12—7:00p Camp Mobilization Meeting at MFBC Room N126

[weekly activities listed on the back of bulletin]



- Mar. 20—7:10p MFBC friends and family night Idaho Steelheads **Hockey Game**—CenturyLink Arena in Boise—Cost: \$15 (includes Hot Dog, Chips, & Drink) —order tickets online at

<http://www.igrouptix.com/idahosteelheads>

Username: FIRST / Password: BAPTIST

Ticket orders must be placed at least 8 hours prior to game date or subject to availability

- Mar. 23-27—**Spring Break**

- Mar. 28—9:00a—4:00p **Spring Bible Conference** / Dr. Todd Bolen from The Master's University on The Book Ruth *In A Barley Field* —Cost \$20 (includes note packet & Lunch—additional family members \$5 each)

- Mar. 30—11:30a **J.O. Y.** Group Luncheon A—F = Dessert; G—M = Main Dish; N—Z = Salad

- Apr. 14—6:30p Celebrate **Camp Dinner**—Silent **Auction** starts at 5:00p at Barlow Barn (8886 Deer Sky Ranch Trail (off Deer Flat Rd. Nampa)—No Charge—RSVP online at [campinewood.org/events](http://campinewood.org/events)

## 2020 Camp Pinewood Schedule

- June 15—19 Discovery Day Camp
- June 22—26 Junior Camp
- June 29—July 4 Adventure Camp #1
- June 29—July 4 Family Camp #1
- July 6—11 Junior High Camp
- July 13—18 High School Camp
- July 19—22 Special Needs Camp
- July 22—25 Connection Camp
- July 27—August 1 Adventure Camp #2
- July 27—August 1 Family Camp #2
- August 17—21 Joy Camp

## Ministry Assignments



### March 8:

**Greeters:** Carol (F) Tom & Glenda (B)

**Ushers:** Carl / Alan / Lloyd / Yuriy

**Nursery:**

- **AM:** Rosy / Amanda
- **SS:** Connie / Marietta
- **PM:** John & Erin

**Children's Church:** Christy (Teacher)

Carson / Katelyn (Helpers)

**Junior Church:** Viktor & Inna

**PM Children's Ministries:** Judy B. (Teacher)

**Sound Booth: Audio:** Yakov (AM & PM)

**Video:** John C. (AM & PM)

**Safety Team:** Brian (AM) Elaine (PM)

### March 15:

**Greeters:** Bill & Annalee (F) Jim & Carla (B)

**Ushers:** Mike / Than / Vio / David

**Nursery:**

- **AM:** Donna / Katie
- **SS:** Vivian / Jean
- **PM:** Robin / Kathy C.

**Children's Church:** C (Teacher)

C (Helpers)

**Junior Church:** Viktor & Inna

**PM Children's Ministries:** Judy B. (Teacher)

**Sound Booth: Audio:** Jonathon (AM & PM)

**Video:** Alison (AM & PM)

**Safety Team:** Ray (AM) Kent (PM)

Deposit Report 2020	
March General Fund Budget:	
<b>\$50,384.62</b>	
<b>WEEK: March 1, 2020</b>	
General Fund:	\$12,593.31
Special Offering:	\$1,500.00
Deposit:	\$14,093.31
<b>MONTH: MARCH</b>	
General Fund:	\$12,593.31
Special Offerings:	\$1,500.00
Deposits:	\$14,093.31
<b>General Fund Fiscal YTD Deficit: (\$7,138.37)</b>	
<b>Building Fund Balance as of 02/29/2020</b>	
<b>\$719,089.27</b>	
Continuing in Faithfulness pledges received:	
<b>\$74,979.15</b>	
<b>Goal by Project Start Date: \$799,200.00</b>	

## MERIDIAN+ FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

March 8, 2020

9:30 AM

Pianist: Sara

Song Leader: Jim

Welcome/Announcements

Song—*Psalm 78:1-7*

Hymn #189—*Depth of Mercy*

Hymn #86—*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Greetings

Prayer & Offering: Pastor Dave

•Welcome Guests

•Special Music: Jim D.

Hymn #368—*Speak, O Lord*

Message: Ryan Kurvits

*Ethnos 360 / Mexico*

Closing: Jim

### 6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Scott

Song Leader: Brent

Song—*Cornerstone*

Hymn #35—*O Great God*

Hymn #42—*Our Great God*

Special Music: Brent

Shepherd's Conference Report



For ages 2—5  
years old  
during our  
PM Service

Prayerfully consider how you may participate with our Continuing in Faithfulness Building Campaign over the next three years.

Copies of the 2020 Budget are available on the back table in the auditorium.

MISSION  
FOCUS

MARCH



Rich & Cindy Brown

SPAIN

- Pray for lady now 23 years old & a Biology major at the University of Alcalá de Henares—who came to know Christ a few years ago in the Youth Group—pray she will make wise choices regarding her relationship to an unsaved classmate she has started dating.
- Cindy is working with some younger ladies to revive a weekly ministry outreach activity—besides teaching the Bible lesson, Cindy is seeking to reach the unsaved parents of the kids who regularly attend—pray that God would help these ladies in their efforts to establish relationships with unsaved parents and to have the courage to share their faith openly with these people.
- Salvation of Angel who is currently going through an evangelistic Bible study with Rich—pray that God's Spirit and Word would open his eyes to surrender to Jesus Christ.
- Miguel Ángel and Rich are doing a study in Matthew—also preaching-teaching 50-50% on Sunday mornings—we alternate on Wed. evenings at the weekly prayer meeting—pray that God might first stir hearts with His Truth and impact the lives of the people who attend the services
- Pray for the marriage of a couple with three-year old —pray that the LORD would protect this family.
- Pray for the Ordination and installation of Miguel Ángel as pastor of the church—pray for God's guidance as we plan key aspects of this event.
- Pray we have a daily hunger for God's Word, a clear perspective of the lost, a love for any and all, a willingness to sacrifice ourselves for the welfare of others, etc. Thank you for praying for us.

## Excerpts from Good Blogs

*The Lost Art of Bible Meditation*

By Stephen Yuille

[www.biblicalcounseling.com](http://www.biblicalcounseling.com)

Biblical meditation isn't merely reading or studying God's Word but musing and mulling over God's Word whereby it grips our heart. In other words, its goal isn't to fill the head but improve the heart.

It's important for us to acknowledge the difference between knowing with the head (theoretical or notional knowledge) and knowing with the heart (practical or inclinational knowledge). Far too many of us fail to close the gap between the head and the heart—hence, the need for biblical meditation.

When we meditate upon God's Word, we digest it; that is, we bring its truths to remembrance and consider them until they're impressed upon our heart. Here's a very simple approach:

1. We pray for God's blessing: "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law" (Ps. 119:18).
2. We read Scripture, following our daily reading plan.
3. We select one truth that arises from our reading—something related to the attributes of God, the works of God, the promises of God, the offices of Christ, the character of Christ, etc.
4. We ask two very simple questions (from Westminster Shorter Catechism, question 3). What should I believe concerning God? What response does God require of me?
5. We apply these answers to our lives. How am I living? What have I done? What do I need to change?
6. We resolve to act according to God's truth. What will I change today? How will I live today?
7. We pray for God's help: "Incline my heart to your testimonies" (Ps. 119:36).

That's a very simple approach, but a good starting place. As we work through these steps, we dwell upon the truths of God's Word whereby they grip the three main faculties of the soul. **First**, we ponder God's Word in the mind, applying our thoughts to sacred subjects as they appear in God's Word. **Second**, we impress these truths upon our affections. If we remove the pot of water from the fire before it boils, it will quickly cool. Similarly, if we leave off biblical meditation before the affections are fully engaged, our enthusiasm will quickly wane. Biblical meditation stirs three principle graces: thoughts of God's power produce fear; thoughts of God's wisdom produce faith; and thoughts of God's goodness produce love. **Third**, we express the truth of God's Word with the will. When our love is set on God, the motions of the soul function properly. As a result, we take God as our happiness, His Word as our rule, His holiness as our desire, and His promises as our hope.

We don't keep putting God's Word into our lives without digesting it. We must make it part of our lives, because all knowledge serves a purpose: life-transformation.

-submitted by Pastor Dave