

## TODAY: December 6

- ◆ 8:30a—Elder & Deacon Prayer Time
- ◆ 8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)
- ◆ 11:00a —Sunday School Classes
- ◆ 4:00p—Choir Practice

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

◆ Sat. Dec. 12—9:00a Finance Budget Committee Meeting in #126

[other activities listed on the back of bulletin]

## SAVE THE DATE!



Dec. 20—TBA 9:00a *Christmas Brunch*  
- 10:00a *Christmas Cantata*  
(Note This is a date change.)

Dec. 24—5:00p *Christmas Eve Service*

Jan. 24, 2021— Annual Business Meeting



December 2020 Graduate  
Kaila Ho / BSU

**Deposit Report 2020**  
November General Fund Budget:  
**\$48,925.96**

**WEEK: November 29, 2020**  
General Fund: \$7,579.00  
Special Offering: \$2,572.00  
Deposit: \$10,151.00

**MONTH: NOVEMBER**  
General Fund: \$43,743.67  
Special Offerings: \$55,365.59  
Deposits: \$99,109.26  
Ingathering Offering: \$63,137.76  
(Middleton Church Plant)  
Building Fund Balance as of 11/30/20  
\$587,137.00

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

### December 6:

#### Nursery:

SS: Marietta / Donna  
Sound Techs: John/ Kalen/ Sarah  
Safety Team: Charlie C. (AM)  
Mike M. (PM)

### December 13:

#### Nursery:

SS: Gloria / Amanda  
Sound Techs: Yakov / Katelyn /  
Jonathon (AM & PM)



**Christmas Project:**  
We are collecting new pillows for the Boise Rescue Mission—Please bring your pillows to the church no later than Dec. 16th.

### Romans 1:8-15

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ <sup>9</sup> for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the world. <sup>9</sup> For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the *preaching of the gospel* of His Son, is my witness *as to* how unceasingly I make mention of you, <sup>10</sup> always in my prayers requesting if perhaps now, at last by the will of God, I will succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup> For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be <sup>12</sup> established; <sup>12</sup> that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers *and sisters*, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also just as among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am <sup>14</sup> under obligation both to Greeks and to the <sup>14</sup> uncultured, both to the wise and to the foolish. <sup>15</sup> So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. *NASB*



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### 9:30 AM Service

Pianist: Scott  
Song Leader: Jim C.  
Welcome / Prayer: Pastor Saltz

#216—*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Communion: Jim B.

#221—*Fullness of Grace*

Song—*Good Christian Men Rejoice*  
Scripture Reading: Alan

Romans 1:1-32

Message: *The Obedience of Faith of the Gentiles*

Text: Romans 1:8-15 Pastor Randy

#361—*By Faith*

### 6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Yakov  
Song Leader: Brent

#19—*To God be the Glory*  
#92—*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Special Music: Mike S.

Message: *The Gospel: Righteousness by Faith*

Text:: Romans 1:16-17 Pastor Randy

Prayerfully consider how you may participate with our **Continuing in Faithfulness** Building Campaign over the next three years. For more information please call the church office



## MISSION FOCUS

# December



Kirk & Juanita McKeeth

El Tesoro Idaho

- A family recently arrived from South America, not believers. We helped them with food, warm clothes, translation, housing applications, serving with grace that they might see God's grace in Christ.
- Persisting in relationships to share the gospel, even with interruptions such as: seasonal work, jail time, family crisis, etc.
- Ongoing counseling with multiple families facing challenges.
- El Tesoro, for growth in discipleship, commitment in service.
- Faithfulness now and clarity for next steps in ministry in this season of life.

## Cool Tools for your Bible

"Study to show yourself, approved unto God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing THE WORD OF TRUTH"

As you pick up your Bible today...

**PRAY** Ask the LORD to reveal spiritual wisdom and truth so that you may live faithfully unto Him. (2 Timothy 3:16, Ephesians 1:17-19).

**DIG DEEP** Seek to understand and draw near to Christ as you "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). Let's be like *Ezra* who devoted himself to understand and live out God's truths, and then to teach it to others. (Ezra 7:10).

Consider using the following as a way to outline your in-depth study:

### 1. Make Observations:

- ⇒ "What does the passage say?"
- ⇒ *This involves gaining the facts and setting the context for correct interpretation and application of the text.*

### 2. Develop proper Interpretation:

- ⇒ "What does the passage mean?"
- ⇒ *This involves understanding the message the author intended for readers and for us today.*

#### Start with a few questions:

- What literary form does the text have?
- What words, images or symbols appear?
- What characters appear, and what are their relationships?
- What actions take place?
- What is the process of thought?
- Into what smaller units can the passage be divided?
- How does the form contribute to expressing the content?
- What is the characteristic style of the writer?
- What is the mood of the passage?
- What is the theme or main point of the passage?
- What crucial word or phrases need explanation?
- Are conjunctions used in a significant way?
- Are outside sources quoted in the passage?
- What led up to the passage?
- What follows the passage?
- For whom was the passage written, and why?
- How does the passage fit into the history of redemption?

(List derived from *How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth* by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart)

### 3. Conclude with real life Applications:

- ⇒ "What does it (the passage) mean to me personally?"
- ⇒ *This involves embracing truth in our hearts and minds so our lives are transformed to be all that God desires. (Romans 12:1.2)*

**SHARE** An essential part of our worship and fellowship is sharing what God is teaching us (Psalm 66:16). We can encourage and sharpen each other by sharing what we are learning about our God and about ourselves in relationship to Him. (John 17:26, Hebrews 10:24-25).

-submitted by Pastor Dave