

TODAY: December 27



- ◆ 8:30a—Elders and Deacons Prayer Time
- ◆ 8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)
- ◆ 9:00a—Baptism Service
- ◆ 11:00a—SS (all ages)
- ◆ 6:00 PM Service

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS



Thurs.—Sun. Dec. 31—Jan. 2—All Valley High School Winter Retreat at Camp Pinewood / Cost: \$100—Meet at the church at 9:00a on Thurs. morning.



[other activities listed on the back of bulletin]

## SAVE THE DATE!



Jan. 16-18, 2021—Junior High Winter Blast at Camp Pinewood / Cost: \$85

Jan. 21—6:00-9:00p Celebrate Camp —Dinner, Silent Auction, Business Meeting and Fun at the Barlow Barn (8886 Deer Sky Ranch Tr./ Nampa

Jan. 22-24—Couples Retreat at Camp Pinewood—see Pastor Dave for more info.

Jan. 24, 2021— Annual Business Meeting

Feb. 13-28, 2021—Annual Missions Conference

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

**December 27:**

**Nursery:**

SS: Jayne / Susan

**Sound Techs:** Jonathon/ Alex/ Brent (AM & PM)

**Safety Team:** Gary W. (AM) Kent (PM)

**January 3, 2021:**

**Nursery:**

SS: B J

**Sound Techs:** John / Kalen/ Sarah (AM & PM)



December 27, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Pianist: Michelle

Song Leader: Jim

Welcome / Prayer: Mike M.

Baptism Service

#231—O, Come, All Ye Faithful

#224—Joy to the World

#227—Angels We Have Heard On High

Special Music: Michelle  
Gesu, Bambino

Scripture Reading: Pastor Dave  
Romans 1:1-32

Message: "The Wrath of God—Its Results"

Text: Romans 1:24-32 Pastor Randy

#403—Blessed Assurance Jim

6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Lina

Song Leader: Brent

#335—Who is on the Lord's Side?

#327—Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Song—The Love of God

Special Music: Janice

Message: "The Judgment of God"

Text: Romans 2:1-16 Pastor Randy

## 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 Gods 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.

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.



Romans 1:24-32

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up to vile impurity in the lusts of their hearts, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. <sup>25</sup> For they exchanged the truth of God for falsehood, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged natural relations for that which is contrary to nature, <sup>27</sup> and likewise the men, too, abandoned natural relations with women and burned in their desire toward one another, males with males committing shameful acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

<sup>28</sup> And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a depraved mind, to do those things that are not proper, <sup>29</sup> people having been filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, and evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice; they are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> without understanding, untrustworthy, unfeeling, and unmerciful; <sup>32</sup> and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them. NASB

Deposit Report 2020	
December General Fund Budget:	
<b>\$39,140.77</b>	
WEEK: December 20, 2020	
General Fund:	\$7,081.00
Special Offering:	\$7,440.00
Deposit:	\$359.00
MONTH: DECEMBER	
General Fund:	\$35,000.89
Special Offerings:	\$121,819.05
Deposits:	\$156,819.94
Building Fund Balance as of 11/30/20	
<b>\$587.137.00</b>	

## Bible Q&A— Why Read the Bible Every Day?

August 19, 2014 by Dane C. Ortlund

So why read the Bible? And why every day? Dozens of reasons could be mentioned. Here are a few of the most important: daily Bible reading is how we calm down, tank up, get wisdom, go deep, get busy, and commune with God.



**1. Calm down.** Each day we roll out of bed and, as C. S. Lewis put it in Mere Christianity, "all your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals." One reason we read the Bible is so that we are not subject to living the day out of haste but rather out of calm. We remember the shortness of life, the eternity of heaven, and the abundance of a gospel from which no sin or failure is excluded. The promises of Scripture are like an asthmatic's inhaler, enabling us to slow down and take a deep breath.

**2. Tank up.** Reading Scripture is like eating food. We have to do it regularly, it tastes good to taste buds that are alive, and it nourishes us for the day. Bible reading is stored energy, stockpiled emotional and psychological capital. We stay afloat throughout the day by making moment-by-moment withdrawals from that vast reservoir.

**3. Get wisdom.** By nature we are fools. Over time we can shed folly and become wise. We will not do it on our own. And we will not do it by downloading all the cleverness of the world's best self-help gurus into our minds. We need a word from heaven, from beyond. The Bible is the world's great self-corrective. Each day it tweaks our lives and prompts fresh mid-course corrections. Wisdom flourishes.

**4. Go deep.** Daily Bible reading deepens us theologically. On the one hand, the demons are excellent theologians (James 2:19). They would ace our seminaries' doctrine exams. So it isn't enough to have right doctrine. But it is certainly necessary. Defective doctrine means a defective view of God, and to the degree our view of God is defective, to that degree the ceiling lowers on our potential for joy, comfort, and above all enjoying the gospel of grace. One reason we read the Bible is to deepen our minds. To sharpen the contours of our vision of God. To think more accurately about all that matters most.

**5. Get busy.** We also read the Bible to be told what to do. It's not the main thing we read the Bible for. But we do find ourselves stirred to take action in concrete ways. Sometimes the text commands action directly. Other times it doesn't, but at the least, indirectly, a text will mess with us, change us a little bit, alter our outlook, and thus impel us forward in some new step of practical obedience externally because we have been changed a tiny bit internally.

**6. Commune with God.** This is the umbrella category that includes all the rest. This is the point. Reading the Bible is a personal experience—"person-al," one person to another. What other book do we read, conscious of the author interacting with us as we do so? Daily Bible reading requires routine and structure, but it is not mechanical—just as a body requires a bony skeleton, but it is not the skeleton that gives it life. We do with the Bible what the Psalms guide us in doing—adore God, thank him, complain to him, wrestle with him, express perplexity to him, and all the rest.

-(from *Bible Q&A Why Read the Bible Every Day?* by Dane Ortlund accessed [www.crossway.org](http://www.crossway.org) on Dec. 18, 2020)



-submitted by Pastor Dave