

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Monthly Newsletter

Reaching and equipping all ages for a lifetime of following Jesus

What IS Certain

Dear Church Family,

“Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.’ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.’” James 4:13-15

Recently I heard a Christian man interviewed who had nearly lost his life to Covid-19. The interviewer asked him what the Lord had taught him through that terrible time. His answer really stuck with me. He said, “I learned to give up the idol of certainty.”

Certainty Can be Our Idol

As I heard what he said I immediately resonated with it. As we have seen so much uncertainty these last four months, so many changes to our plans and so many cancellations, we all have had to wrestle with how much we can make certainty our idol. How often have we said, “today or tomorrow I will do such and such.” We make the plan, we trust in our plan and we state it as a fact. Then Covid-19 comes along. Then we are faced with disappointment and discouragement when the plan cannot happen. Our “idol” is challenged by change.

What Then Is Certain

As so much of our planning has gone by the wayside this year, from graduations to vacations to weddings to family gatherings; what are we left with? We are left with the reality that all our plans are in God’s hands. We are left with what James tells us. *“If the Lord wills, we shall live (even!) and also do this or that.”* The only true certainty is that our lives are in His hands for Him to work and to will His good pleasure. My trust in my plans or my ways or my solutions or my wisdom come against the reality of God’s plans. Plans (as Isaiah 55:8-9 reminds us) that “are higher” than ours because they are designed by Him. That which is again certain is that God is working His plans, He is sovereign and He calls us to submit to and trust in Him. We do plan but God directs our steps. (Proverbs 16:9)

Toppling the “Idol”

We don’t think of ourselves today as worshipping idols like the pagans of old yet in reality anything can be an idol in our lives if we define an idol as that which we put our faith and trust in apart from the Lord. So “certainty of our plans” can be an idol and like all idols it must not stand in our lives. We “topple” that idol when we conclude (as James does) *“If the Lord wills.”* For the bottom line for us in these uncertain days is that God is still working His will even as we are confused, conflicted and challenged in making

plans. The great caveat we must always pray is, “Lord, Your will be done”. That “topples” the idol of certainty.

Serving with you,

Pastor Greg

Pastor Greg Reider
Senior Pastor



P.S.

As I quote from the book of James I wanted to let you know that beginning on Sunday, August 16 we will begin a study through this very practical book in a series entitled “Faith that Works”. Please plan to join us as we study God’s precious word as a certainty in our lives!

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Prayer Chain: This prayer chain is available for prayer requests concerning our church body and their immediate family. Prayer is a vital part of the Christian life and we have seen many prayers answered. If you would like to have your church family praying for you or an immediate family member, please contact the church office at 208-938-2121 (Tuesday—Friday) or secretary@ustickbaptist.org.

Helps Ministry: This ministry is under the umbrella of the Women's Ministry here at Ustick. If you need help with meals due to illness, hospitalization, or family emergency, the women of Ustick Baptist would like to assist you through our Women's Helps Ministry. Please contact Amy Wolin 208-412-0483.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our church calendar is on our website at ustickbaptist.org. If you would like to schedule something at the church, please contact Teresa in the office at 208-938-2121 or secretary@ustickbaptist.org.

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We, the **Elders** of Ustick Baptist, want you to feel free to contact us with any concerns and cares that you have regarding our church ministries or with any questions. Our role is to oversee the church ministries and to pray for the needs of this body. Please feel free to contact us as we serve our Lord together!
elders@ustickbaptist.org

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NEEDS MINISTRY

This team was formed early in 2020 as the Covid-19 Virus was starting. It is led by one of our Elders, Tim Crimmins, to help meet the needs in our church body. If someone in our church body has a need, please contact:

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER NEWSLETTER

is available on our website at ustickbaptist.org/media



Breeze is our Church Management System for our church. It is a great tool that we use to stay connected with each other.

We rely on pictures of our congregation, especially now when we can't gather together. Sometimes it helps to put a "face with a name" to know who is being referred to or who is on the Prayer Chain, etc.

We would love to have a picture of every member/attender in Breeze, then a *photo* directory could be printed out.

We encourage you to take a couple minutes to put your photo in your Breeze profile. If you don't know how or would rather not do it, then email it to Teresa at secretary@ustickbaptist.org and she will add it for you.

THANK YOU!



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Care & Connections Ministry
Pastor Mike Beaudin



Proverbs 19:21 says, *“Many are the plans in a man’s heart but the counsel of the LORD, it will stand.”*
Can I get a BIG AMEN to that truth?!

We want you to know that the Legacy Coalition Grandparenting Summit that was scheduled for Sept. 2020 is now being **“rescheduled” for March 18-19, 2021**. Please put these new dates on your calendar! Watch for more information coming soon on how this event will be done, Lord willing on a bigger and better scale, as they combine conferences with some new virtual options. We here at UBC, as the Idaho Host Site Simulcast Church, along with many other churches nationally, are doing the same thing across our country in staying committed to this dynamic “Intentional Christian Grandparenting” ministry. We are trusting the Lord to guide and provide for what is ahead! Please be praying together with the Legacy Coalition Leadership Team, including Larry Fowler (Founder) and our very own “Ustick-ian” Terry Donnelly (Treasurer) as they lead along with their entire team through these very changing and challenging times!

Here are a few links for more information...about “Why we exist” or “What we do” and for RESOURCES to help serve and support grandparents who are serious about impacting their grandchildren eternally for Christ!

⇒ <https://www.facebook.com/thelegacycoalition/>

⇒ <https://legacycoalition.com/>

⇒ <https://legacy.churchgrowth.org/>

⇒ https://legacycoalition.com/connecting-with-grandkids-through-cousin-camp/?inf_contact_key=d4fef797a3cc1def95bdde08a60e8355

⇒ https://legacycoalition.com/how-to-grandparent-during-social-distancing/?inf_contact_key=34d1324be916d37c79429246adbf2279

Now the last link is a video presentation by Larry Fowler about being the “Intentional Christian Grandparent Declaration”. I have adopted and claim it for myself personally and would encourage all grandparents to do the same! It is about who God wants us to be as Intentional Christian Grandparents! It is inspiring, encouraging, convicting, and challenging! Karen and I have known Larry and his wife Diane for many years. We respect them greatly in the Lord as Christ followers and servant leaders for God’s Kingdom work! Enjoy as you listen! Praying for you UBC grandparents and many others to adopt this declaration as well!
<https://legacycoalition.com/my-declaration/>



Discipleship Ministry
Pastor Ryan Bear

TWO EXCITING NEW GROUPS ARE LAUNCHING

Small-Group in Spiritual Discipleship

Would you like to have the kind of faith that sees everything—even your failures and losses—in light of God’s governance for good? Would you like to have the kind of hope that endures even in discouraging circumstances? We change not by mustering up willpower but by changing the way we think, which will also involve changing our actions and our social environment. We cannot change simply by saying, “I want to change.” We have to examine what we think (our narratives) and how we practice spiritual practices and who we are interacting with this spiritual journey. This might be summarized in four elements:

1. Changing the stories in our minds
2. Engaging in new practices
3. Reflection and dialogue with others who are on the same path
4. Doing all this under the leading of the Holy Spirit

Character transformation in Christ-likeness is not done quickly by osmosis or passive reception; it’s formed through time and experience.

We are inviting you to join this journey with 9 to 13 people. We plan to go through 3 to 4 specifically chosen books that will help us with different aspects of spiritual discipleship in Scripture, practical applications, and life with various spiritual practices.

For more information please contact —
Terry Donnelly: td@terrydonnelly.net or
208-893-2037

Pastor Ryan: pastorryan@ustickbaptist.org or
208-938-2121 ext. 121

Upsights: Developing an Eternal Perspective

Do you need some encouragement? Would you like some uplifting and Biblical fellowship? Let’s start each week by reflecting on what’s really important. Paul says in Colossians 3:2 “*Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*”

How does a Biblical understanding of heaven give solid hope in our daily lives?

During this time of uncertainty, let’s focus on uplifting thoughts with an eternal perspective. We invite you to a time of discussion, reflection, prayer, and insights on how to live as heavenly citizens. As C. S. Lewis said, “*It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this one.*”

Everyone is invited including high schoolers, young adults, men, women, members, non-members, family, friends, etc. Please invite your friends and family and share with nonbelievers who need encouragement!

Starts on **Sunday, August 16 from 7-8pm** on Zoom led by Bob Bishop, an Elder of Ustick Baptist Church.

Please sign up now so we can send you the Zoom instructions.

Email Bob Bishop at ola@cableone.net





Worship Ministry Pastor Matt Beck

Hello Church!

Over the summer I have had the wonderful opportunity to intern with our Worship Ministry. It has mostly meant leading our Worship 101 program. Worship 101 gives kids the chance to lead worship for our congregation and it has been a true blessing to watch. I have been so grateful to work with all of these wonderful kids. The kids led a wonderful service that showed their true heart for worship!

We have had a lot of fun this summer working on music, spending time in the word, and of course eating exquisite meals provided by our meal team. I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in worship 101, and everyone who sponsored a kid. We were blessed to be able to do this for a church family like our own!

I thank you all for your encouragement and support for the kids and I pray that their hearts will continue to long for worship.

In Christ,
Jonathan Sexton



Students and Mentors practice during sectionals



Students rehearse for their Sunday of leading worship



Jr/Sr High Youth
Pastor John Buren



This summer is definitely one of the most memorable summers I've ever had in ministry! There have been challenges due to the pandemic, yes, but I have to say we have been persevering with some gusto. On June 28, we were scheduled to head to Faith Heights Camp in Donnelly. On the evening of June 27, I received an email from the camp's director stating that he had recently been in close contact with someone who had tested positive for Covid-19 and he felt like he should share that information with me. After talking with some leaders, we decided the risk was more eminent than usual and we would not head to Faith Heights. Rather than cancel the camp, we simply changed venues.. to the church ..and within 18 hours! This is something I could never have pulled off myself! Our congregation really pitched in by providing RVs, tents, and all kinds of extra help on a moment's notice! Thank you congregation! We had an awesome and memorable camp experience! Our theme was "Out of Control," and the whole camp itself was a big object lesson. Beyond the events themselves, we learned from the Book of Habakkuk. Students were so flexible and came together in a really inspiration way.



July also saw some of our favorite summer activities continue. We had our annual Slip 'N Slide Kickball night at the church. It was an entertaining night complete with a reminder that we all slip up and make mistakes in life, but God has provided us grace to help us get through it. We also had our Bogus Ball, that's the night we dress up fancy and do something not so fancy. We had a great time looking at Matthew 23, eating pizza and playing mini-golf.



We have a ton of cool stuff coming up in August that are designed for students to be able to invite a friend to come and see what our youth group and Christianity are all about.

- Nerf Wars on 8/5
- Art Wars on 8/12
- Movie Night on 8/19
- End of Summer Potluck on 8/26

I am most looking forward to our **Fall Retreat** at Faith Heights, **September 11-13**. Our theme is "Reflect," with the aim being to reflect on the goodness of the Lord and to remember that we are a reflection of Him to a lost world.





Children's Ministry

Angie Jacobson - Director

Hebrews 10:24-25 *“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”* I love these verses and I love the way I have been able to see them lived out through some families at Ustick Baptist Church.

It has taken a lot of creativity and work to come up with ways we can still meet together during these unusual circumstances. Things were no different when Hebrews was written. As a matter of fact, nine verses later they had to work hard to meet together because some of them were thrown in prison in a hostile environment. It would mean risking their lives and possessions if they were to meet together to encourage each other. And they did just that. They risked it all to meet and encourage each other, even those in prison. That is very motivating!

I have been encouraged lately by some things I see! I see families meeting together to encourage each other! People around us not only have physical needs, there are also a lot of emotional needs. It has been such a joy to experience the last three Monday nights as we had a family biking night at the church parking lot. We loved being able to be together! It was great to take an emotional break from the COVID atmosphere. We had bike paths, competitions, bike challenges, games, sweet treats, prizes, drawings, bike decorating, and a bike parade. We had around 60 different people come out each night. It was such a joy to see families get together and encourage one another with the hope we share through Christ.



Hebrews also talks about *“let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.”* I am encouraged by the families that have lived this out. One example is a way in which the Lundberg family was able to show love to make a difference in Africa. They have friends serving as doctors and sharing the gospel in North Africa. The doctors shared a need to be able to purchase oxygen concentrators for the local hospital which has been hit hard by COVID-19. In response to this, Noah and Ali Lundberg had a stand selling “otter pops for oxygen”. They were able to be a part of helping to raise over \$1,500 toward the oxygen concentrators. Jenny said their friends received over \$10,000 toward this need. Jenny says, “We pray it might serve as a way to show God’s love in a very tangible way to those suffering from COVID-19 in a place where the gospel is not known by many.”



COVID, or not, our mission does not change. The last thing Jesus said in Acts 1:8 *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

We do have the power of the Holy Spirit! We need to be encouraging, loving and being witnesses to those right around us, while at the same time reaching out to the ends of the world. Let us continue to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. **We have an opportunity to join in the month of August as Ustick Baptist Church gathers school supplies for our community** (see page 8). I am working with a team that, in the future, will be presenting some needs that need to be met. Not just in our world, but in the world. There is no better way for families to disciple their children than to take their eyes off themselves and serve those around us who are in need. “Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.”

Join us as we collect supplies for those in need...

Back to School!



BOISE RESCUE MISSION
MINISTRIES

To Assist with School Supplies – (\$5-\$50)

As you are shopping for your own back to school supply needs, add a couple extra pocket folders and a box of Kleenex to your basket and help out a needy child. Please see our needs list below for specific ideas.

Supply Needs

- ◆ 2 Pocket folders
- ◆ Subject dividers
- ◆ Sharpies
- ◆ Hand sanitizer
- ◆ Facial tissue
- ◆ Zip lock bags (gallon & quart)
- ◆ Sanitizing wipes
- ◆ Composition notebooks (wide ruled)
- ◆ Graph Paper
- ◆ Water colors
- ◆ Glue sticks
- ◆ Book covers (XL)
- ◆ Multi-Color Highlighters
- ◆ Mechanical pencils (0.7 mm)
 - Lead
- ◆ Dry erase markers / erasers
- ◆ Colored pencils
- ◆ Washable markers
- ◆ Flash cards
 - Addition
 - Multiplication
- ◆ Ear buds
- ◆ Flash Drives (2 to 8 GB)
- ◆ Zipper Binders (3" or larger)
- ◆ 1-3 inch binders clear view binders
- ◆ Pencil boxes
- ◆ Composition notebooks (college ruled)
- ◆ Lined loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)
- ◆ Lined loose-leaf paper (college ruled)
- ◆ Pencil sharpeners
- ◆ Lined index cards
- ◆ Spiral wide ruled notebooks

Supplies We Don't Need

(We have an abundance of)

- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ #2 pencils
- ◆ Pens
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Compass & protractor
- ◆ Glue bottles
- ◆ Calculators – graphing, scientific
- ◆ Pencil pouches (3 holed)
- ◆ Spiral college ruled notebooks
- ◆ Pink erasers
- ◆ Rulers
- ◆ Pencil top erasers



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Tammy Vergara at 208-343-4680.

Delivery:

City Light Home for Women & Children
1404 West Jefferson
Boise, ID 83702
208-368-9901

Valley Women & Children's Shelter
869 West Corporate Lane
Nampa, ID 83651
208-475-0725

WE HAVE A COLLECTION BOX IN THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR YOU TO DROP OFF YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND THEN WE WILL DELIVER THE SUPPLIES COLLECTED AT THE END OF AUGUST —THANK YOU!

**WOMEN'S TUESDAY
MORNING BIBLE
STUDY**

BEGINNING TUES., SEPT. 15,
WE WILL BE MEETING AS SMALL
IN-HOME GROUPS OF 5-6
WOMEN GROUPED TOGETHER
BY SEASON OF LIFE

TO SIGN UP CLICK ON THE LINK

QUESTIONS, CONTACT BRITTNEY
AT JBHELLER09@GMAIL.COM

SIGN-UP LINK—

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/116NKm8QNXqLgXSQwRE6YXgdvGUh_SedYuN5SvZYQ5QA/edit

Our leadership group is anxious to reunite at the church and we do not see this as a permanent solution. We want you to know this decision was not made lightly. But due to COVID-19 restrictions as well as the guidance of our Elder board and church leadership we feel this is the best temporary solution.

This year we will do a shortened fall schedule, to give room for change as cold/flu season begins. We will start with a 9-week study in the fall and take the end of November and all of December off from book studies. We will come back in January for an 8-week study. Then we will take all of March off from book studies. We highly encourage groups to meet within their comfort levels during these times off, because we understand the value of fellowship. April and May are still in influx while we see what the Lord does. Once books are approved, we will send out the book information.

If you would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to email Brittney at jbheller09@gmail.com.

**MEN'S
MINISTRY**



MEN! We are trying to organize a couple of events to get everyone together:

- **Saturday, August 29**—event at church
- **September** one-day hiking event

If you interested at all please contact our Men's Ministry Coordinator Tim Sharp at 208-854-9013 and let him know.

GEMS (God's Ever Maturing Saints)

We are hoping to meet together **Thursday, October 15** for lunch and a speaker at 11:50am in the Activity Center.

We are NOT meeting in September.

Hoping to see you in October for lunch! Questions, contact Lee or Judy Fossgreen at 208-473-2080.

Elevator Update - Photos

For those who haven't been in the church building in a while, here are some photos of the elevator area so you can see what it looks like. It's all ready and waiting for the elevator to arrive and be installed.

