

BOISE HARVEST

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The Focus

“A network of churches cooperating to assist each other in fulfilling the Great Commission.”

APRIL 16-18, 2021 IS THE NEW DATE FOR BOISE HARVEST!

SAVE THE DATES of April 16-18 for the most life-changing event since Billy Graham visited the Treasure Valley in 1982! After delay of a year, Greg Laurie, of Harvest Ministries, will be at the Extra Mile Arena (formerly Taco Bell Arena) in an area-wide evangelistic crusade.

HOW GOD IS WORKING: After Ben Harris, pastor of Restored Community in Eagle, contacted the Harvest team, they took just 4 months to approve our crusade, as opposed to the typical approval time of 18 months. Greg Laurie's team also believes so strongly in our outreach that they have committed \$20,000 of their funds to our event, which is an amazing gift. In 2019, our association decided to contribute \$10,000, and encourages each association church to contribute, as they are able. Although Greg Laurie pastors a Southern Baptist church, we could not do this event just through our association. With over 150 area evangelical churches and ministries participating in this crusade, the response has been tremendous. In spite of the delay of a year, God is still working in the midst of this pandemic.

THE PANDEMIC CHANGED THINGS, BUT DIDN'T

DEFEAT: Although the crusade has been delayed by almost a year, God is still working. Don't let the pandemic keep you from inviting people!

GET YOUR CHURCH INVOLVED. Find out more at the Boise Harvest website. It is still listed under 2020, just to help people find it. See below.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: Follow-up team members, prayer warriors, ushers, and peace officers. will all be needed. **SIGN UP at the website.**

WEBSITE: More information and promotional material is available at: <https://harvest.org/boise-harvest-2020/>

“...you've tried to be a better person.... but nothing has really worked, has it? Well, that's because the problem is within. The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart. Only God can change our heart.” Greg Laurie

Mark Your Calendar

The TVSBA Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, Feb. 18th, at 7 p.m. LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

(Registration at 6:30 p.m.)

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Keep Givin' 'Em Heaven!

The holiday season is full of joy and, for many, stress and sorrow. I liked the simple days when about all we were faced with was the Merry X-mas signs. We learned to use that as an opportunity to share Christ by telling folks that isn't an "X". It is a *Chi*. You've seen the fish symbol with the letters. The X in the fish symbol is the Greek letter *Chi*, the first letter in the Greek word for Christ. It was a first century symbol among Christians for Christ. It was easy in those days to briefly share the Gospel... in those simple days.

Now we have Happy Holidays. Did you know it is just as simple to get to the Gospel today? Holiday means holy-day. When people say Happy Holidays, just SMILE, thank them, and say, "Happy Holydays". Look for the opening to tell people holiday means holyday and that Jesus is what makes any day, season or event holy. Be attuned to share how one can invite Him to make their life, relationships, home, and days Holy. It just takes us being alert, kind, and on task of highlighting X (Christ) as the reason for the season and the reason for the joy of this season.

They won't all listen. Nor will they all be pleased. However, they all will be reminded of who the season is about, the reason for the season, and the truth in the tinsel...so to speak. Oh, look for ricochet opportunities. Watch the eyes of others around you as you fish for folks. Your target may be someone in the crowd other than the person with whom you first speak. Others may be thirsty for the living water you're splashing.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Keep givin' 'em heaven,

Jerry Martin, Moderator
Treasure Valley SBA



George and Elizabeth Slaughter

Go Home to be with the Lord

George—December 7, 2020

Elizabeth—December 11, 2020

Always together in our hearts.

George Slaughter left his earthly home to be with the Savior whom he loved so much after battling Covid complications. Elizabeth joined him just four days later after a car accident. Both are remembered for their zest for life, but more importantly for their deep love for the Lord. They served Him faithfully to death, which was one of Pastor Slaughter's greatest wishes. Pastor George was asking for prayer requests up until the end, since there was nothing he could do in the hospital. He didn't want to waste time there, so he prayed faithfully, as he continually had. "Pray without ceasing" was not a catch-phrase for Pastor George. He lived it.

Pastor Slaughter and Elizabeth had served God faithfully, with pastorates in British Columbia and Mountain Home (24 years there). They were also IMB missionaries in Japan after their retirement from Mountain Home. They were currently members at Calvary Baptist in Boise, where George got to teach the senior class, which he loved. Elizabeth could always be seen ministering to children, including her many years as camp nurse.

You can still see their joint memorial service, held on Dec. 15th, on Facebook. Join the group, *A Celebration of Pastor George and Elizabeth Slaughter*. (Pictured above—a fund-raising banquet in the 90s for First Southern's teens, so they could pay for camp and Sonfest.) Pastor George's famous fudge always helped raise money for the teens, too! You'll find these and other memories on the Facebook page.

WHATEVER IS...

True

Noble

right

PURE

Lovely

Admirable

Excellent

Praiseworthy

Phil 4: 8-9



Our TVSBA Women's Retreat has been postponed to Spring 2022!

We will keep you posted
on the exact timing.

SEE YOU THEN!



TREASURE VALLEY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2021 CALENDAR—January—July

JANUARY ~ FEBRUARY ~ MARCH

Jan. 31—Fifth Sunday Sing, CANCELED

Feb. 18--Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 registration/7 p.m. meeting (Location TBA)

Mar. 19-21—TVSBA Women's Retreat at Trinity Pines, Cascade CANCELED

NO DATE SET YET—UISBC Vacation Bible School Training (to be set by UISBC)

APRIL ~ MAY ~ JUNE

April 16-18—Boise Harvest Crusade, Extra Mile Arena, Boise State.

See <https://harvest.org/boise-harvest-2020/>

May 30—Fifth Sunday Sing. Hopefully, this will go on as scheduled. 6 p.m. (Location TBA)

June 5--Momentum Kids' Camp Training at Central Valley, Meridian.

9:30 a.m.--11:30 a.m.

June 14-18—MOMENTUM KIDS--Kids' Camp at Cathedral Pines, Ketchum (grades 3-6)

JULY ~ AUGUST ~ SEPTEMBER

July 18-23--MOMENTUM--Youth Camp at Living Waters Ranch, Challis (grades 7-12)

July 29--Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. registration; 7 p.m. meeting (Location TBA)

(For additional dates, request a complete calendar, available from tvbsbaoffice.mring@gmail.com)



What a memorable year! We are hoping 2021 is different in many ways; however, much that has happened has been good! God, as always, has been faithful to pour out His grace as we seek to glorify Him. We have continued ministering through government shutdowns. God provided everything we needed. We saw God at work in the lives of women and children and marriages. We thank God for this past year in spite of the difficulties and pain we encountered. We know He is in control and is allowing things

to happen for a purpose. Our prayer is to magnify Him wherever and however He leads.

As we look to 2021, we are very hopeful about getting some of you to Costa Rica, to see the ministry first hand. We praise God to have had all of our financial needs met this year, and we are hopeful to continue expanding the ministry next year through growing support.

The sense of gratitude we have that God has allowed us to be used in this arena of addressing domestic violence and hurting families is incredibly humbling. When we served as missionaries in Central America, something we found unsettling was how long the gospel had been there and how comparatively little impact we saw on communities and families. We were convinced that the long and sometimes monotonous work of discipleship had been overshadowed by the excitement of evangelistic crusades. It seemed those in supporting countries like the US wanted to see fast and large numbers of converts, when what was needed was to help people know Jesus, His character, His heart, and His will. We still believe that evangelism and discipleship go hand in hand, and we are thrilled to be part of a ministry that is taking the time to address one of the biggest problems in Central America by confronting domestic violence with the peace of the gospel. Thank you for your support!

With Joy,

The Levanta Team

(You can contact the Levanta Team through Laura Johnson at boiselaura@gmail.com)

Due to continued problems in meeting together at this time, there will be no Fifth Sunday Sing in January 2021. We are glad He has put a new song in our mouths, although we can't meet.

HE PUT A NEW SONG
IN MY MOUTH,
A SONG OF PRAISE
to our
God.

Psalms 40:3, NRSV

TVSBA CHURCHES

MISSIONS GIVING ~ Through Dec. 21, 2020

The association extends its thanks to our TVSBA churches who have worked hard to stay faithful in giving, in spite of the challenges forced upon us by Covid. Thank you!

Agua Viva	\$ 450.00
Anchor Baptist	\$ 300.00
Bend	\$ 650.00
Boise Korean	\$ 450.00
Boise River, Mtn. Home	
Calvary, Boise	\$ 10,746.76
Calvary Church, Nampa	\$ 1,356.72
Calvary, Weiser	\$ 1,000.00
Central Valley, Cascade	\$ 1,916.00
Central Valley, Meridian	\$ 12,000.00
Council Valley Baptist Church	
Creskide Baptist Church	\$ 596.68
Emmanuel Baptist, Mountain Home	\$ 2,844.45
First Baptist, Fruitland	\$ 1,011.29
FSBC, Caldwell (Crosspoint)	\$ 1,292.68
FSBC, Mountain Home	\$ 3,757.34
Idaho Vision Church	\$ 180.00
Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia	
Iglesia Bautista de Peniel	
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Caldwell	\$ 350.00
Lizard Butte	\$ 1,688.43
New Covenant	\$ 4,226.40
New Life, Ontario, Oregon	\$ 284.43
Pierce Park	\$ 1,250.00
Restored Community	\$ 2,850.00
Riverside Church, Emmett	\$ 2,035.00
Sand Hollow	
Silver Sage Baptist	\$ 645.98
Trinity	\$ 600.00
University Baptist	\$ 2,519.17
Word of Truth	\$ 120.00
YEAR TO DATE GIVING	\$ 55,156.33
Needed to Meet 2020 Budget	\$ 54,000.00
Amount Over (Under) Budget	\$ 1,156.33

NOTE: Nyssa rent was well under budget due to Covid. Rent income was \$2,229 for 2020 instead of \$6,000. This left a shortfall in the overall budget.

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7 p.m., February 18, 2021
(Registration at 6:30 p.m.)
Location to be announced
Food and fellowship to follow.