

# The Focus



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

## Unlocking Prison Doors

FSBC of Mountain Home extends to all a heartfelt invitation to our April 11-14 Spring Revival. Distinguished and nationally known pastors like Dr. Lee Brand, Vice President and Dean of Seminary and Professor in Practical Theology, *Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary*; Dr. Chuck Kelley, immediate past President, *New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary*; Dr. Mike Spradlin, President, *Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary*; and others will be our guest speakers. A tremendous blessing awaits you as they speak to the theme, **Unlocking Prison Doors**.

Without question, we are facing unprecedented times in our country that have brought about isolation, fear, frustration, anxiety, uncertainty, and a real sense of powerlessness. There are personal, political, social, and religious issues that leave us feeling imprisoned with no hope for escape. Understanding that Satan loves to push both the saint and the sinner into prison cells of hopelessness, our revival meetings will be about the victory we have in Jesus as God unlocks those prison doors and sets us free.

Our guest speakers are incredible men of God with decades of experience. They have preached the precious gospel nation-wide

and around the world. This is a rare opportunity that God is providing for Mountain Home, the Treasure Valley and the UISBC to bring their lost friends and family to a loving church where the gospel of salvation will be preached. We believe God is going to do a mighty work of revival in the hearts and life of His children as well as bringing lost sinners to faith in Jesus Christ. *Unlocking Prison Doors* is about sharing the liberating message that freedom only comes through Jesus Christ.

Each session will include two of our outstanding speakers. During the four day revival, each speaker will be on the program twice. The meeting times are:

**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

**Mon. – Wed., April 12-14, 6:30 p.m. (music/worship beginning at 6:15)**

*Please note:*

*Infant and childcare through 8 years old will be provided for each service.*

**For additional information:**

Visit our website at [mountainhomebaptist.com](http://mountainhomebaptist.com)  
Contact Pastor Jim Gregory  
or Nicole Clark  
at 208-587-3828.



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**REGISTRATION DUE  
Momentum Kids  
Camp  
\$30 DEPOSIT DUE MAY 3  
\$150 total cost.**

# Actions Out of the Pandemic Sludge

## Community Relations:

The easiest community inroads are: the local school, first responder stations, city hall, and multi-family housing communities. Here's how to proceed:

1. Make an appointment and ask this question: What are the five greatest needs you have in accomplishing your mission (for communities: in developing community)?
2. How can we help you now?
3. How can we pray for you?

For the former three, adopt a day per month to provide snacks, lunch, or dessert. Sometimes a good short-cut is to have the same conversation with the parent/teacher organization. Usually, the place to start such an outreach is the physical building closest to your church.

## Evangelism:

1. Look up [www.saturateusa.org](http://www.saturateusa.org) for an effective and free way to reach your community.
2. Harvest Boise: things are moving slowly. However, the dominoes could be lined up with little to no notice.
3. Equip your people to be on E-duty with tracts, object lessons, cards, etc. (make your own cards: how to get to heaven from the Treasure Valley (your city))
4. Use evangelistic testimonies in services and small groups.
5. Prayer Walk/Drive neighborhoods, places frequented, and targets ahead of action.

## Prayer Walking/Driving:

1. Notice dwellings near targets.
2. Notice kids, seniors, life styles: abuses, indulgences (man toys) etc.
3. Listen: much can be learned of prayer needs by taking in an area's life through the ears.

## Generosity:

1. Once called stewardship.
2. Biblical Christians are known by our generosity in giving and forgiving.
3. We write our tithe and offering check early in the month. However, decades ago we were impressed to NEVER miss an opportunity to give every time the family of faith gives, even if it is just one coin of any amount. I used to give all my pocket change unless it was tithe week. Develop the behavior that when the church gives we give. Some can and will give more. Some can and will give the widow's mite.

## Unity: the world will know we are Christians by our love for the brethren

1. Partner with other churches in your zip code to give every address the gospel using [saturateusa.org](http://saturateusa.org). DO NOT LIMIT IT TO JUST SBC CHURCHES. It is Kingdom First.
2. Partner with sister churches in praying for one another's efforts.
3. Bury the hatchet: unforgiveness breeds unforgiveness.

Jerry Martin, Moderator  
Treasure Valley SBA



**VBS TRAINING—For your convenience, VBS training will be available on video this year. Jason McNair will be arranging that, and then distributing the videos. (The video will not be available until after March 20th.) If you have any questions, ask Jason at [jmcnair@uisbc.org](mailto:jmcnair@uisbc.org)**



Two and a half years ago, we shared what we believed God had been showing us in relation to a new **ministry need** in Central America. We shared the history and the personal testimonies behind the vision for Levanta Ministries, as well as our heart to fulfill the **Great Commission** and the **Greatest Commandment** within this growing mission field of those affected by domestic violence. Here we are 2.5 years later and we have seen God do more than we dreamed!

We have been and are continuing to lay what we believe is a firm foundation for Levanta Ministries that will help make this ministry stand strong for

many years to come. One of the most important things we have done is to take a **two-arm approach** to help extend our reach in confronting domestic violence issues so we can be as thorough as possible. Everything we do falls into one of our two: **Protection or Prevention.**

**Protection Example:**

We are still waiting for funding for our full refuge center on a peaceful property but this month we helped provide refuge for a mom and children who were in grave danger. They are settling into their new town, rental home, new school for the children, and a new journey of heightened dependence on God and the freedom to live victoriously and independently from domestic violence.

**Prevention Example:**

We have developed a **series of weekly podcasts** - so far; we have 22 available and 27 recorded. Our podcasts are designed to address the root causes of domestic violence: sin. We aim to change thoughts toward sin through a renewing of the mind by a growing knowledge of the Truth. Our podcasts lay out systematic theology of God, His will for families according to the Bible, and the Hope we have in Christ for redemption and an abundant life. Each week they tie these truths into the theme of domestic violence and offer sound teaching to men, women, and the local church. In addition to being one of the highest rated podcasts in Costa Rica under the subject of family, (we have even held the number one spot) our podcasts are being downloaded in other parts of **Central America, Europe, the Philippines, and South America!** God is allowing us to reach this desperate population group all over the world!

**Counseling** is at the heart of both arms of this ministry. We know that **only Jesus has the power** to change hearts and minds. For this reason, He is at the heart of all our counseling and teaching; really everything we do. We have had the privilege of seeing Him change hearts time and time again. We have seen violent men turn from their sin and we've even seen marriages that seemed to have no possible chance of reconciliation completely restored through true repentance and forgiveness.

Please contact us to find out more about all that God is doing!

To fulfill all that God is leading us to do, we have many needs. Here a just a few that we would like you to pray about helping with.

New or Used Apple Computer (for a team member in Costa Rica)

Projector/Screen for Levanta Conferences

Ministry Car Upgrade (Levanta owns a very cheap and small car in Costa Rica)

PLEASE CONTACT US AT: 208-412-4714 EMAIL: [levantaministries@gmail.com](mailto:levantaministries@gmail.com)

## Are Healthy, Growing Churches Your Passion?

Our Church Health Team is looking for laymen who love the idea of helping each of our Treasure Valley churches reach its fullest potential. So far, our small team cannot reach the goal of helping in as many ways as we would like, so we need your help! Ways you can help....

1—We want to IDENTIFY churches and their leaders who excel in a certain area of ministry, and then tap into their knowledge of that ministry to, in turn, minister to other leaders. You know who excels in your church, and could help us find those resources!

2—We want to FIND THE BEST SOURCES OF INFORMATION. There is so much information out there, but individuals might have trouble finding that information. Those who are willing to do some background work would be greatly appreciated. Maybe you're on the computer a lot, and would love to be a researcher for a harried youth worker, for example. Any ministry could use YOUR help!

3—We need TEAMS OF WORKERS/PLANNERS for large events. We've already successfully managed women's retreat with a varied group of loving, like-minded women. We usually plan the retreat with around 12-15 women who invest their time and resources into making the retreat a huge success. We need similar teams for other events. One of our 2021 goals is to host an Old Testament Walk Thru the Bible event, but we'll need a team to make that happen.

THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to be on the Church Health Team so far...Van Kierstead, Marsha Lane, Michele Ring, and Joshua Newton (consultant).

Please contact Michele Ring for more information! [tvbsbaoffice.mring@gmail.com](mailto:tvbsbaoffice.mring@gmail.com)



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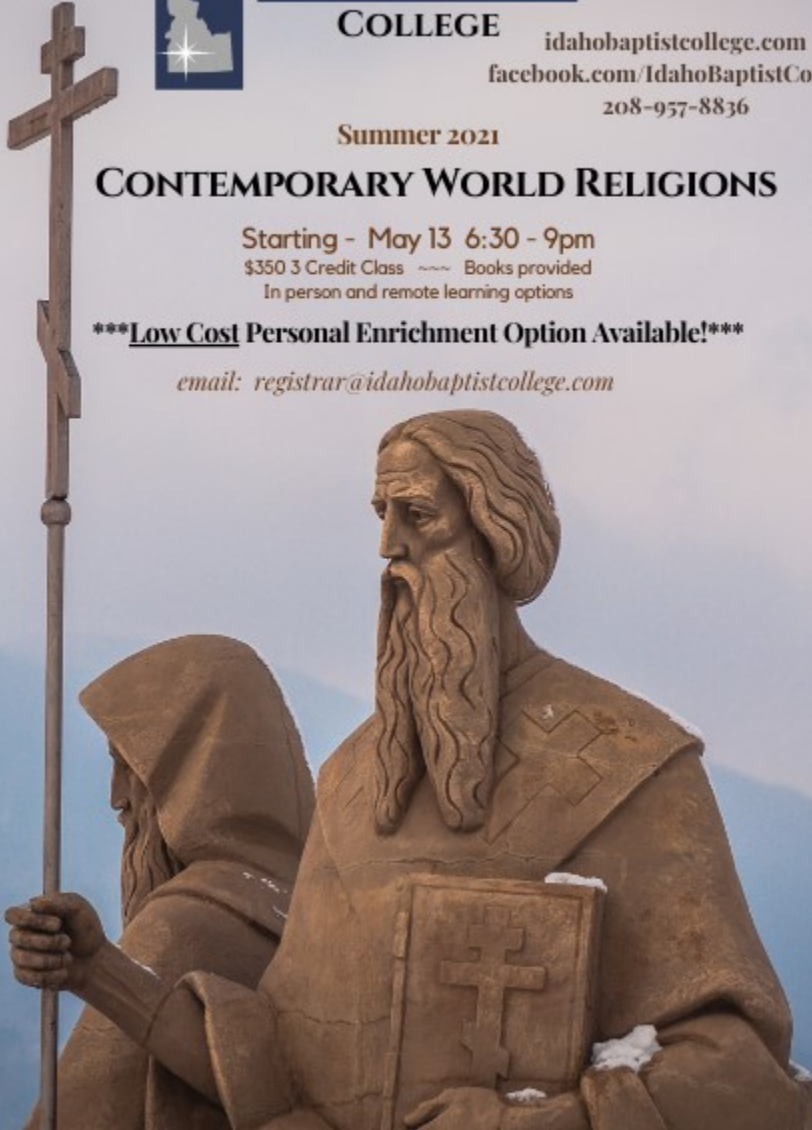
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## CONTEMPORARY WORLD RELIGIONS

Starting - May 13 6:30 - 9pm  
\$350 3 Credit Class ~~~~ Books provided  
In person and remote learning options

**\*\*\*Low Cost Personal Enrichment Option Available!\*\*\***

email: registrar@idahobaptistcollege.com



## Church Planting and Evangelism Training

Team Updates as of the Executive Board Meeting on Feb. 18, 2021.

*The CPET Team exists to provide support for new church plants, pastors, and churches serving the Treasure Valley.*

*Church planting and evangelism needs are considered primary in all decision making.*

### **Our association is currently providing...**

- ...supplemental monthly support for a pastor facing work challenges due to health concerns.
- ...monthly funding for salary help to four church planters in the Treasure Valley.
- ...monthly support provided for a mentor to our Hispanic pastors.

*The total support toward these three priority categories is \$1,500 per month.*

### **Phase Down Policy**

*Available funding will be for three years with phase downs occurring the second year and then again on the third year. Appeals for continued funding can be made when this results in undue hardship.*

### **Available Funds**

*CPET Budget through the Association is \$1500 per year  
CPET Designated Account provides the additional funds needed.*

### **Future Planters**

*Randy and Lenette Jackson  
David and Ally Pryor*

*Our CPET Team encourages every church to get involved in church planting. Prayer partners, mentorships, financial support, and church planting are a few of the many ways your church could get involved.*

**THANK YOU** to our CPET Team Members: Team Leaders Clint Henry and Dan Ozuna. Team Members are: Kay Cox, Tom Miller, Jerry Martin, and Mike Ellis.



## IDAHO BAPTIST COLLEGE

### Family Story Time!

Starting in March  
<https://www.facebook.com/IdahoBaptistCollege>

Through Facebook live, with permission from the award winning author, we will be reading  
The Amazing Tales of Max and Liz Book 1:

The Ark, the Reed, and the Fire Cloud  
By Jenny L. Cote

Great for family time or homeschool activity!

Every reading will be available on the Facebook page



# MOMENTUM *KIDS*

2021 Idaho Southern Baptist Camp

THE CALL

June 14-18, 2021

Cathedral Pines Camp

(For kids who have finished grades 3-6)

**COST: \$150** (\$30 due with registration)

Register by May 3<sup>rd</sup>

For questions contact:

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Tell of his  
deeds with songs  
of

JOY

PSALM 107:22, NRSV

## *Fifth Sunday Sing*

Sunday, May 30, 2021

6 p.m. at

Lizard Butte

Baptist Church

116 4th Ave. Marsing, ID 83639

Bring your selections!

Fellowship to follow.

## **MOMENTUM Camp JULY 18-23, 2021**

### **Grades 7-12**

Watch your mail for information coming mid-March

**SPEAKER: Al Tennyson**  
**Living Waters Ranch, Challis**  
**COST: \$225**



**Register through your local Southern Baptist Church.**

# TVSBA CHURCHES

## MISSIONS GIVING ~ Through Feb. 22, 2021

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!

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| Agua Viva                                  |                    |
| Anchor Baptist                             |                    |
| Bend                                       | \$50.00            |
| Boise Korean                               | \$100.00           |
| Boise River, Mtn. Home                     |                    |
| Calvary, Boise                             | \$2,044.06         |
| Calvary Church, Nampa                      | \$240.37           |
| Calvary, Weiser                            | \$100.00           |
| Central Valley, Cascade                    | \$261.00           |
| Central Valley, Meridian                   | \$ 2,000.00        |
| Creskside Baptist Church                   | \$132.33           |
| Crosspoint (formerly FSBC, Caldwell)       | \$546.91           |
| Emmanuel Baptist, Mountain Home            | \$ 223.97          |
| First Baptist, Fruitland                   | \$135.59           |
| FSBC, Mountain Home                        | \$721.99           |
| Idaho Vision Church                        | \$180.00           |
| Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia              |                    |
| Iglesia Bautista de Peniel                 |                    |
| Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Caldwell | \$105.00           |
| Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Ontario  | \$70.00            |
| Lizard Butte                               | \$ 368.10          |
| New Covenant                               | \$2,749.32         |
| New Life, Ontario, Oregon                  | \$125.00           |
| Pierce Park                                | 125.00             |
| Restored Community                         | \$500.00           |
| Riverside Church, Emmett                   | \$457.48           |
| Sand Hollow                                |                    |
| Silver Sage Baptist                        | \$46.33            |
| Trinity                                    | \$100.00           |
| University Baptist                         | \$540.61           |
| Word of Truth                              | \$20.00            |
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| <b>YEAR TO DATE GIVING</b>                 | <b>\$11,818.06</b> |
| <b>Needed to Meet 2020 Budget Thus Far</b> | <b>\$9,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Amount Over (Under) Budget</b>          | <b>\$2,818.06</b>  |

**NOTE:** The TVSBA total budget for the year 2021 is \$60,000. Church giving is projected to bring in \$54,000 of that amount and Nyssa rent is \$6,000, for a total of \$60,000. However, due to Covid Nyssa rent is presently just \$100.00 per month, leaving a shortfall in projected rental income.

### **NEW MAILING ADDRESS:**

**Treasure Valley  
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PO Box 414**

**Emmett, ID 83617**

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*Find us on the Web at:*  
**www.treasurevalleysba.com**

### **Associational Teams and Leaders**

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

You are invited to a  
**LADIES' TEA**



April 12<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.  
1400 N 3<sup>rd</sup> E., Mountain Home

*“Blessed are they who hunger  
and thirst after righteousness  
for they shall be filled.”* Matthew 5:6

**WITH SPECIAL GUESTS**

**DOROTHY PATTERSON AND RHONDA KELLEY**

An R.S.V.P. is required. Please email [tvbsbaoffice.mring@gmail.com](mailto:tvbsbaoffice.mring@gmail.com) OR sign up at the Event page of Women in Touch—First Southern Baptist Church Facebook.