

The Focus



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

Pray for our Valley and Association

Praying for God’s clear direction for our association and its churches is our focused prayer for 2020. God is at work in our valley, and we want to be a part of that work.

The Treasure Valley is growing explosively. How are we reaching our new, unreached neighbors? Here are some important growth statistics from 2010 to 2019: Boise grew from 205,000 to over 230,000. Meridian went from 75,000 to 105,000, for a 39% growth rate. Kuna is up 35%. Canyon Country is up 18%, with 10,000 more residents in Caldwell and 15,000 more in Nampa.

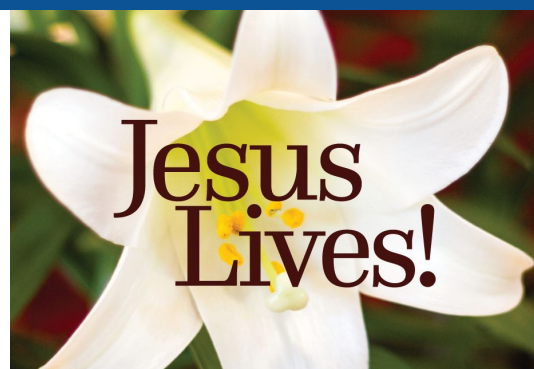
Others have noticed! One of the reasons we’ve have such tremendous support from Harvest Crusade for our Boise Harvest Crusade May 1-3, is a response to this growth. A growing valley means there are more to reach. See <https://harvest.org/boise-harvest-2020/> for ways you can help personally with the Crusade.

At the recent executive board meeting of the association, Clint Henry shared five benefits of an association of churches, rather than everyone just going it alone. 1—Doctrinal accountability. Should we have a problem with a pastor or church going astray, the

association is equipped to help that church. 2—Fellowship. Living and ministering in the West can be lonely; we need each other. 3—Mission opportunities and training. We’ve gone on mission trips as an association, and that has been a tremendous experience. We can work together to train our people, as well. 4—Vision. We can work together to expand our vision to what can happen here and abroad as we work together. 5—Identity. It is essential in our walk with the Lord that we belong to something bigger than ourselves. Our association affords that opportunity.

God is also working within our churches. Our various churches ask for you to rejoice with them, but there are also ways that we can help one another. That’s what an association enables us to do!

Nueva Esperanza, meeting at Crosspoint Church (formerly FSBC Caldwell), is experiencing great growth, going from about 9 to over 20. This mission is very young. Some attendees travel a long distance, and are hoping the Trinidades will plant another church closer to them. New families have been
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REGISTRATIONS DUE
Women’s Retreat--MARCH 1,
\$140
Momentum Kids’ Camp--MAY 4,
\$150

FROM THE MODERATOR:

“When Obedience is Most Difficult...”

Treasure Valley Family,

“For such a time as this...” is seen in many articles, heard in many sermons and Bible studies, and uttered in a myriad of prayers. We in the Treasure Valley are definitely in a “for such a time as this,” day. In a culture that walks by and is driven by emotions, people of faith are needed to act and respond in step with the Spirit and with faith.

I recently read an anonymous quote which fits us in our day to a tee. “When obedience is most difficult, obedience is most necessary.” We must not be among the hordes who act in step with our culture. People will often speak out of turn, be misunderstood, or perhaps, be understood. We must be vigilant to respond in the Spirit. To do otherwise is to perpetuate and energize ungodly responses and emotional outbursts. Don’t give the devil a foothold in this way. They will know we are Christians by our love for one another.

A major part of this love led responding in the Spirit is prayer. I recently contacted the pastors in the TVSBA asking about preferences, needs, etc. Of the responses, most pastors requested prayer from their fellow pastors and sister churches. With this in mind, the quarterly Sunday evening prayer meetings are a logical avenue to see these requests for prayer experienced in a reciprocal manner. If you are willing to host a quarterly prayer meeting, please contact Michele Ring and sign up. Now, calendar the quarterly prayer meetings and plan to attend and bring your church family.

It is a unifying step for such a time as this.

Jerry Martin, Moderator
TVSBA

Pray for our Valley...(continued)

...attending as one family in turn invites another. Because some of them are traveling far to meet, they’ve asked Ismael to consider planting a church further west than Caldwell.

With a vision to the future of its Hispanic ministry, Tim Martin, of Iglesia de la Gracia, which meets at Nampa Calvary, would like to expand its ministry to encompass a food pantry and furniture distribution center. Such a project could only be accomplished with help from other churches in the association. Since Tim is bi-vocational, he needs extra help that others could provide.

Our camps are only accomplished through an association and state-wide cooperative effort. Momentum Camp, grades 7-12, operates as a ministry of our association, but is drawing participating churches from as far away as Eastern Idaho and Salt Lake City. With 168 in attendance last year, the camp may break 200 this year. As Dave Clason loves to say, “We want these kids’ week at camp to be the best one of their year.” It takes a huge group of committed adults to make that happen.

Momentum Kids’ Camp (grades 3-6) will have Steve Levinson, speaking on creationism, at their camp. More and more, our children need to have a firm foundation. Their

faith is assaulted on all sides, and if we don’t make it a priority to give them that foundation, we’ll lose them. Working together as an association allows us to do that. In addition, we have individuals that believe in our camp ministry so much that they contribute significantly to its work, allowing us to reduce the real costs of camp. Last year, individuals made private donations to our two camps of \$13,000. These gifts enabled the association to keep the cost per individual camper lower.

Our association’s women’s retreat has been growing in attendance and blessings. Our women are more and more connected to one another, and supporting one another. This year’s attendance, although negatively impacted by spring break that weekend, is still going to have over 90 retreaters. We praise God for a strong group of planning committee members from several of our TVSBA churches. Again, we couldn’t accomplish such an amazing retreat without association-wide support.

After a break of a couple of years, in August the association will be sponsoring a men’s retreat. August 29th is the date, and the men will have a one-day retreat, studying 1 and 2 Peter in depth. More information will

be forthcoming on this. The retreat will require multiple speakers, so once again, cooperation is needed!

In more encouraging news, another new church plant is in the works. Mike Ellis and his family hope to start a work in the Payette area. He recently met with Central Valley Baptist Church in Meridian, and they agreed to partner with him as his sending church.

Many of association churches have particular strengths that they are willing to share with our other churches. Calvary Baptist in Boise is hosting a kids’ ministry seminar on March 7th, and they’ve invited the entire association to join them. This is a great example of how association churches can share in their resources.

All of these ministries, and more are accomplished because of association churches’ cooperation and giving. We don’t function in isolation, and the more we pray, minister, and fellowship together, the more the work of the Lord will flourish in the Treasure Valley.

OUR 2020 PRAYER FOCUS
Pray for God’s clear direction for understanding His future for our churches in association
(Proverbs 14:12; Isa 55:8-9).

HOW I PRAYED FOR MYSELF WHILE IN THE HOSPITAL

~by a Humbled Believer

Lord, in your grace and in your time, please show me your purpose for this period of testing. For now, by faith, I give You thanks in it and praise Your Name.

Through the endless night hours, may my scattered thoughts turn to thankful remembrance of so many past prayers answered.

When I must endure the pain of my illness or the discomfort and indignity of the treatments, may my own thoughts turn away from myself to pray for those in the world who are suffering real pain and death for proclaiming Your Name.

When my imagination runs amuck trying to deal with the unknown details of the forced changes in the quality of my lifestyle that may or may not be coming, remind me again that my real future lays securely in Your Hands.

May my testimony of my faith in Jesus Christ not be questioned nor discounted by any confession of a fear of dying.

Lord, give wisdom, knowledge, intuition, skilled hand, and perfect memory to all involved with my case. May not one of them presume to take pride in their own ability or success.

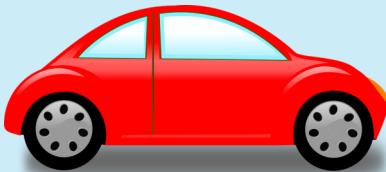
Open my eyes Lord that I may see how You are using this situation to bring about answers to my past heartfelt prayers.

Lord, by Your Power, may I overcome my judgmental pride that bursts out as irritation and anger towards the staff, family, or friends.

May I recognize and seize the opportunity to speak the Name of Jesus to someone here today.

Father, forgive me for putting my faith and trust in medicine and technology to heal me rather than trusting in You.

~Daryl Lyerla



When Life Takes a Sudden Turn

Recently, my wife and I were in the car going to do some shopping. Suddenly and without warning I turned onto a side street. My wife immediately said, "Why did you turn? This is not the way we want to go. You are going the wrong way!" Then I told her, "I turned because I wanted to show you something down this way." We drove on a couple of blocks

and then we both enjoyed looking at a beautifully landscaped yard in full bloom.

Often, our lives seem to take a sudden turns when an unexpected and unwanted event leads us down a dark alley, over a rough road, or through valleys of unfamiliar shadows that threaten our peace of mind. Too often when life takes a turn, we immediately think (or even cry out):

"God, why do You hate me?"

(Moses - Exodus 5:22)

"God, why are You allowing this to happen?"

(Joshua - Joshua 7:7)

"God, where have You gone?"

(Gideon - Gideon 6:13)

"God, if I repent and worship more, will it pass?"

(Israelites - 1 Samuel 4:3)

"God, What have I done wrong?"

(Job - Job 7:20)

"God, is this disease too difficult for You to heal?"

(Jeremiah 8:22)

Asking 'why?' presumes that we already know what God is supposed to be doing for us. We assume that since 'God is Love' then the 'abundant life' involves our comfort. When faced then with pain, we assume again that God must have made a mistake, or that He no longer loves us.

When God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, He could have led them northward up along the coastal scenic route. That path would have been much cooler, with more shade, more water, and a lot fewer rocks and snakes. But He made them turn off the expected "good" road into a hot, dry, and miserable desert.

But God had a very good reason for the unexpected turn (Exodus 13:17-18). God wanted to show them something. Show them something beautiful. Show them some things that would never be seen anywhere else.

When God takes us down these desolate roads, may we pay closer attention to the beautiful things made visible. There are truths about God that can only be seen while lying in a hospital bed, only while waiting on lab reports, or only in times of tears and mourning. What did you discover about God during your last "side trip?" With these truths in mind, how might you best pray for someone who is ill or suffering?

DEVELOPING
POSITIVE
CONNECTIONS
WITH KIDS



Developing positive, healthy relationships and connections with children is an ongoing process. It is an understanding that this process begins with us, the adults, as we begin to develop a culture of “We” with children. It is an opportunity to develop self-regulation skills in children and to discover that conflict is an opportunity to teach. All behavior is a child’s attempt at communication. The challenge is to understand the need behind the behavior. Therefore, we want to begin developing relationships that encourage an intrinsic desire to behave and be part of a 1:1 relationship with others.

Come join us

Saturday, March 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church

911 S Cole Rd. Boise, ID 83709

Please R.S.V.P. to (208) 375-0465

E-mail cbcboise@gmail.com / Web: cbcboise.org

A continental breakfast will be provided

Parents and anyone who works with children in Sunday School, Children’s Church, Nursery, VBS, Awana or any other kid’s activities or child care, are encouraged to attend this **FREE** workshop presented by Cindy Ruths.

A TESTIMONIAL: Cindy did a kids’ seminar in 2019, too. It was, without a doubt, one of the best events for kids’ ministry that I’ve ever attended. Cindy’s real-world teaching experience gave her an amazing depth of knowledge. One of the other attendees told me later that after implementing Cindy’s ideas, a student in her Sunday school class made it through the entire class without having to be removed, for the first time, ever! I’ve heard she’ll cover some of the same material, so you’ll benefit from last year’s info, and then move even deeper! Come to this seminar. Register so Calvary will know how many donuts to buy! ~ Michele Ring, Church Health Team

HEAR US, O LORD

Treasure Valley SBA
Sunday Night Prayer
April 5, 2020, 6 p.m.

New Covenant Baptist Church
624 Lake Lowell Ave. Nampa 83686

We want to continue our First Sunday Night Prayer throughout 2020.
Would your church like to host?

Please join us as we pray for the concerns of our association and our churches.
Additional dates in 2020 are: July 12 and October 4. These dates also need hosts.

Tell of his
deeds with songs
of



Fifth Sunday Sing

Sunday, March 29, 2020
6 p.m.

at

Silver Sage
Baptist Church
5858 S. Maple Grove Rd.
Boise

Bring your selections!
Fellowship to follow.



Ladies' Retreat

***THERE IS
STILL TIME!***

***REGISTER
IMMEDIATELY!***

***March 20-22,
2020***

***Trinity Pines Conference
Center
Cascade, Idaho***

***Registration:
Pay \$140 by March 1***

***CALL OR EMAIL Michele Ring DIRECTLY.
208-442-4448 or tvbsbaoffice.mring@gmail.com***

***Registration form available at
treasurevalleysba.com***

Sponsored by the Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association

Concrete and Cranes

Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

2020 VBS Training Clinic

Pierce Park Baptist Church

5350 N. Pierce Park Lane, Boise

Register online at office@uisbc.org



BOISE HARVEST

FREE!

**BRING
FRIENDS
AND FAMILY
TO HEAR
THE GOSPEL**

GREG LAURIE
MAY 1-3
EXTRAMILE ARENA



BOISE.HARVEST.ORG

Greg Laurie, speaker,
with Phil Wickham, worship leader

FRIDAY, MAY 1 at 7 p.m.

Featuring Chris Tomlin

SATURDAY, MAY 2 at 7 p.m.

Featuring Andy Mineo

SUNDAY, MAY 3 at 6 p.m.

Featuring Jeremy Camp

BOISE HARVEST

GREG LAURIE | MAY 1-3
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1
NEW BELIEVERS
Pray for understanding and discernment in each new believer as they begin their walk with Christ.

2
FOLLOW-UP
Pray that the decision follow-up workers would give biblical, thorough, and encouraging counsel.

3
PASTOR GREG
Pray that Pastor Greg would clearly and effectively deliver the message that the Holy Spirit wants him to give.

4
PREPARATION
Pray that staff workers would be refreshed and energized as they work out all of the details of this outreach.

5
PLANNING
Pray that timelines and due dates would be met and that nothing would be overlooked in the preparations for the Boise Harvest.

6
HARVEST STAFF
Pray for favor and wisdom for the Harvest staff as they meet with local churches.

7
PRAYER TEAM
Pray that the teams dedicated to praying throughout the event would cover every aspect in prayer.

8
VOLUNTEERS
Pray that all who give their time and service at this event would do it as unto the Lord and be blessed in serving.

9
STEWARDSHIP
Pray for wise stewardship of donations, that Harvest would maximize the impact of every dollar for evangelism.

10
FINANCES
Pray for those with the capacity to give to prayerfully consider investing in the Boise Harvest.

11
GUESTS
Pray for an opportunity to invite and bring someone to the Boise Harvest or invite them to watch it online.

12
YOUTH
Pray for the young people who will hear the gospel, that they will be attentive and receptive to the message.

13
MUSICIANS
Pray that the guest artists would glorify God in their lyrics and music.

14
PROTECTION
Pray for God's protection over every aspect of the outreach, including Pastor Greg and his family.

15
USHERS
Pray that the ushers serving at the arena would show the light of Jesus by their words, actions, and smiles.

16
MEDIA
Pray that local and national media provide positive coverage for this event.

17
TECHNICAL
Pray for the Sound, Video, and Internet Teams, that they would be free from problems or errors.

18
SAFETY
Pray for the Security Team to be diligent and alert throughout the event, that the enemy's attacks against revival will be thwarted.

19
ARENA STAFF
Pray that arena staff workers would be positively affected by the nature of this unique event.

20
INVITATIONS
Pray that Christians would be bold and determined in inviting unbelieving friends, family, and coworkers.

21
LANGUAGE
Pray that stadium staff workers would be positively affected by the nature of this unique event.

22
MUSIC
Pray that the music will cultivate interest and curiosity in nonbelievers while inspiring Christians to worship the Lord.

23
PROVISION
Pray that the offering received on the nights of the event would be sufficient to cover any remaining costs.

24
OUTREACH
Pray for miracles to take place as Christians go into public places to talk about Jesus and invite people to the event this weekend.

25
SPIRITUAL WARFARE
Pray that all involved would prepare themselves for spiritual warfare by putting on the full armor of God.

26
REVIVAL
Pray for revival in The Treasure Valley.

27
SALVATION
Pray for the hearts of all the people who will attend the Boise Harvest.

28
EVENT
Pray that decision follow-up workers would give biblical, thorough, and encouraging counsel.

29
UNITY
Pray for local Christian churches to eagerly unite together to make an impact on Treasure Valley with the gospel message.

30
TIMING
Pray that God would shuffle individuals' schedules and circumstances to make way for divine appointments with His Son.

31
BSU CAMPUS
Pray for the students and staff of BSU to be open to hearing the Gospel.



3:20 PRAYER CAMPAIGN

Ephesians 3:20 says God is "able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think," it's with that in mind that we are committed to praying for the SoCal Harvest every day together at 3:20 PM. Each day we've outlined a specific need. **Set an alarm on your phone for 3:20 and join us!**



camp at Cathedral Pines
for kids who finished grades 3-6
registration & \$30 deposit due MAY 4th
register through your church

for questions contact
Michele Ring
tvsbaoffice.mring@gmail.com
208-442-4448

COST \$150

JUNE 8-12, 2020 MONDAY-FRIDAY

in the beginning GOD...

Register through your local Southern Baptist Church.

GLORY & MAJESTY

**MOMENTUM Camp JULY 19-24, 2020
grades 7-12**

Watch your mail for information coming mid-March

SPEAKER: Al Tennyson
Worship Leader: Michael Johnson
Cost: \$225.00



Our Own Children and Teens are Our Closest Mission Field.

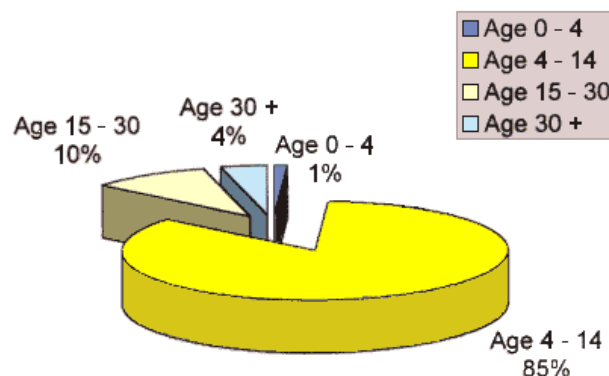
Evangelism statistics: At what age is outreach most effective? How old are people when they get saved?

"I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." -- 2 Timothy 1:5

Take your kids, your neighbor's kids, and your church's kids to camp. We have two great camps: one for teens in grades 7-12 and one for kids in grades 3-6. Don't miss out on the greatest summer experience a child can have.

The International Bible Society -- indicated that 83% of all Christians make their commitment to Jesus between the ages of 4 and 14, that is, when they are children or early youth.

In one study, most cross-cultural missionaries attested that they first felt God's call on their life to go to the mission field during the 4-14 window.



Idaho Baptist College

Continuing Education: Make time to dive deeper into your biblical studies so you can be a blessing to others. In this era of online education, why spend the added time needed for classroom education? Because as iron sharpens iron (Prov. 27:17), so does "in person" education better prepare you for more effective Christian service.

2020 Class Schedule. Summer 2020 Registration Now Open Classes Begin: May 9, 2020

PM 2258—PASTORAL LEADERSHIP IN A SMALL CHURCH,
George Slaughter 2 hours, Mon. 6:30-9 p.m. A study of the unique dynamics of a small church, including suitable styles and methods of pastoral leadership. \$216.98 (cost includes tuition, fees and books).

FALL CLASSES, beginning on August 24th, will be:
HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE—Gene Moseley
OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY I—George Slaughter
NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY I—David Howell

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE THE IDAHO BAPTIST COLLEGE WEBSITE: www.idahobaptistcollege.com

**TVSBA CHURCHES/MISSIONS GIVING ~
2020 (through Feb. 15)**

| | Jan-Feb |
|--|-------------------|
| Agua Viva, Boise | \$00.00 |
| Anchor Baptist, Kuna | \$300.00 |
| Bend Southern Baptist, Horseshoe Bend | \$50.00 |
| Boise Korean, Boise | \$100.00 |
| Boise River Community, Mtn. Home | \$00.00 |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Boise | \$1,350.50 |
| Calvary Baptist Church, Weiser | \$00.00 |
| Calvary Church, Nampa (Nampa FSBC) | \$229.00 |
| Central Valley Baptist, Cascade | \$350.00 |
| Central Valley Baptist, Meridian | \$2,000.00 |
| Creskide Baptist Church, Eagle | \$232.84 |
| Emmanuel Baptist, Mountain Home | \$241.47 |
| First Baptist Church, Fruitland | \$219.66 |
| First Southern Baptist Church, Caldwell (Crosspoint) | \$242.37 |
| First Southern Baptist Church, Mtn. Home | \$239.72 |
| Idaho Vision Church | \$00.00 |
| Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza | \$00.00 |
| Iglesia Bautista de Peniel, Nampa | \$00.00 |
| Lizard Butte Baptist, Marsing | \$133.28 |
| New Covenant, Nampa | \$969.74 |
| Pierce Park, Boise | \$125.00 |
| Restored Community, Eagle | \$350.00 |
| Sand Hollow, Caldwell | \$00.00 |
| Silver Sage, Boise | \$46.33 |
| Trinity Community, Boise | \$100.00 |
| University Baptist Church, Boise | \$333.90 |
| Word of Truth, Caldwell | \$10.00 |
| TOTAL as of February 15, 2020 | \$8,000.90 |
| YTD Budget (to Feb. 29): | \$9,000.00 |
| Over (Under) Budget: | (\$900.90) |

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SECRET CHURCH 20

GOD, GOVERNMENT, AND THE GOSPEL

April 24, 2020 • 7:00pm EDT / 6:00pm CDT • Washington, D.C.

Central Valley Baptist Church
600 N. Ten Mile Rd.
Meridian, Idaho 83642

Friday, April 24th, 5 p.m.

TO RECEIVE A BOOK, REGISTER AT www.radical.net

You may also attend without a book.

Speaker: DAVID PLATT

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