

Living Waters Ranch
Challis, Idaho

The Focus

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

Blessings of Covid-19

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

With association events postponed or canceled, as well as the much-anticipated Boise Harvest Crusade, many have been disappointed or saddened. However, in hard times we clearly see the hand of God and His blessings. Here are just a few that have been shared among believers in our association.

Prayer time is certainly the greatest benefit of our current isolation. Many have expressed their prayer requests, and their thankfulness to God for His provisions.

Greg Laurie was scheduled to come for a Crusade the first weekend of May. Although such a large gathering couldn't be held, the unity that was involved

in the planning was phenomenal and unprecedented in recent years in the Treasure Valley. This was a project much too large for our Southern Baptist churches to take on, and a large number of other evangelical works stepped up to take up the cause, as well. In addition, Pastor Laurie has also had more decisions and participants through his online outreach than he's ever seen in his ministry. He's had over 35,000 professions of faith in Covid-19 times! He attributes it to the work of God in people's hearts as they face a crisis, not in anything special in his preaching.

Many of our churches and pastors have had to change their mode of preaching. Although many have been posting sermons, even for years, this crisis has forced them into making more technological advances. Since this is a technological age, this is a great way to reach out to the younger generations, especially. Most plan to continue enhancing their online outreach.

Central Valley and others have been able to use their talents to reach out. The women of Central Valley were able to meet some needs with homemade face masks for medical workers.

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REGISTRATIONS DUE

Momentum Camp
JUNE 21, 2020
(grades 7-12)

FROM THE MODERATOR:

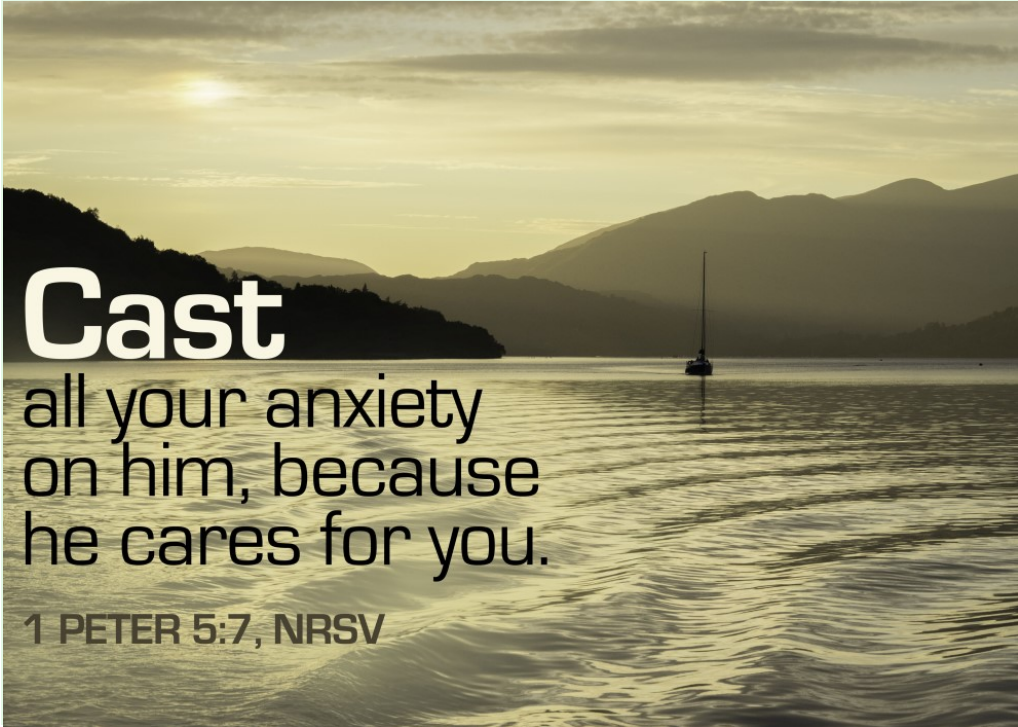
A New Normal

As we approach the returning to using our buildings, we are grateful, thankful, rejoicing, and celebrating. At the same time we must be vigilant and wise. Here are some thoughts to consider:

1. Start with just the worship service. We are still required to observe social distancing by law and must do so.
2. Cleaning is not enough. Put together a sanitizing plan, heed it, and publicize it.
3. Have multiple hand sanitizer stations.
4. You likely will have begun reaching new people digitally. Keep doing it as an extension of your ministry now.
5. You have organized to keep in touch with one another and the community. This is a major part of Christ's mission for His church. Enlarge it.
6. Age graded classes likely should be held up until the state is completely open and all restrictions are lifted. Prayerfully decide, plan, and implement.
7. Keep digital options for giving. The younger generations do most, if not all, of their financial transactions digitally. Many older folks do too, now.

Contact me if you have questions, ideas, or prayer requests.

Jerry Martin, Moderator
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Cast
all your anxiety
on him, because
he cares for you.

1 PETER 5:7, NRSV

“Whatever Is...”

Philippians 4:8 New
International Version (NIV)

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

We expected to have over 90 women at our retreat in March.

We expected to be blessed as we focused on living in this darkened world, living in the light.

We expected to also have a lot of fun and fellowship.

But, the unexpected happened! Instead we faced uncertain times, and in light of the Covid-19 ever-changing guidelines, had to cancel our retreat for the health and safety of all involved.

WE ARE EXCITED TO
ANNOUNCE THAT 2021
women's retreat plans are
underway.

**SAVE THE
DATE**

**March 19-21,
2021!**

Blessings of Covid-19, continued

Again, ministering in a practical way opens up opportunities to spread the Gospel as we try not to spread germs.

Creativity abounds in times of adversity. Various churches are exploring Zoom to conduct Bible studies and even Sunday school. One of our kids' Sunday school teachers has challenged her kids to accomplish some Bible challenges and post them via Facebook. A group of our women met for early morning coffee and visited via the backs of their SUVs. Preschool is even going online!

In addition, there have opened up some brand new witnessing opportunities. People are looking for answers, and Scripture exhorts us in I Peter 3:15, *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope*

that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." Facebook is one of those ways in which many Christians are giving an answer!

Those who've been laid off work have used that opportunity to bless others with yard work or other non-contact ministry. Encouragement groups have been established via phone and Facebook.

Many families have taken this opportunity to enhance and expand their family worship and ministry. All in all, Romans 8:28 is still true, "and we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose."

A Guest Devotional and Challenge

Was Psalm 19 written specifically to encourage Christians today, in these trying times? This is another example that God's word is timeless. Through His Word He has equipped us to face the world. In Deuteronomy 31:6-8 God tells us that he will never leave nor forsake us. I believe that God, through this 'pandemic,' has not forsaken us but has instead created a huge mission opportunity.

The word Christian denotes Christ-like; as we grow in our spiritual lives we strive to become more like Christ. Many of the teachings of Christ will allow us to survive this crisis and further the kingdom of God. Men, we are commanded to be the spiritual leader of our home; the burden of maintaining a godly atmosphere for those around us falls on our shoulders.

Jesus taught the TRUTH. Lies are offensive to God. Part-truths are a product of Satan, as they serve to weaken one's faith. We need to look at the reports in the media, glean the truth, and help those around us deal with the TRUTH. God is an optimist, we are all God's creation. He sent His Son to die for the sins of all. He teaches us to look forward with a positive attitude and forget our past sin. Instead of looking at the number who have died, look at those who have recovered. God rejoices at every new profession of faith and we should celebrate recovery.

Matthew 22 reminds us to love our neighbor. God gives us agape love, an absolute, boundless love. James 1:27 tells us to visit the widows and orphans in their affliction. In these times we should stay in contact with the people in our circles, reaching out to the elderly and isolated members of the church. Check on the welfare of your coworkers, let them know that you care. Pray for them, pray with them.

Many people are worried and afraid. The Bible tells us over 300 times not to worry. I see people on social media that I never would have believed who are asking God for help and passing on prayers. They are seeking hope and comfort. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28:18-20 to go forth and make disciples in all nations. God is giving us fertile ground to plant the seed. We can show them the path into God's loving embrace. We are all called to be an evangelist; God has equipped us with our own testimony. Pray for them, pray with them.

My challenge to you this morning is to seek the truth and separate the wheat from the chaff. Be a positive, optimistic influence in these troubled days. Openly apply God's love to those around you. Be a Rock for the troubled to cling to. Pray; pray for people, pray with people, pray unceasingly.

I urge you to listen to the song 'Christ Is Still The King' by Legacy Five. This is the chorus:

*The Word still has the answers
The blood alone still saves
God is still our refuge
And the Gospel still remains
Souls can still be rescued
For mercy still redeems
Rejoice! The tomb's still empty
And Christ is still the King*

Please pray with me,

Abba Father, I come to you humbly asking forgiveness where I fail. I thank you for your Grace, I thank you for this wonderful day that You have given us, I thank You for the Son rise. Lord, I pray that I have passed on the message that You have given me in a pleasing manner to You. Lord I pray for these men, that they remain warriors in Your name. I pray for the people that are doing their jobs through this crisis and keeping the world moving forward. I pray for the families in quarantine may they draw closer together and remain close after the crisis. I pray for our leaders, may they draw closer to You and bring the U.S. back to one nation under God. AMEN

~Calvin Payton, Pierce Park Baptist Church
At a recent men's prayer breakfast

GLORY & MAJESTY

MOMENTUM Camp
Grades 7-12
JULY 19-24, 2020

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

INFO NEEDED? Contact Michele Ring
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Living Waters Ranch
Challis, Idaho

REGISTER with your local Southern Baptist Church
by June 21, 2020.

Momentum Camp for Grades 7-12

Are you ready for the BEST WEEK OF YOUR YEAR? It's a week you don't want to miss!



Outdoor games are amazingly fun!



Al Tennyson is an inspiring speaker!



Friendships in the Lord bond us!



Challenges are hilarious!



Enroll Immediately—SUMMER 2020

IDAHO BAPTIST COLLEGE

SUMMER 2020

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

CLASSES BEGIN MAY 11 2020

PM 2258 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP IN A SMALL CHURCH, GEORGE SLAUGHTER 2 HOURS, MON 6:30-9PM A STUDY OF THE UNIQUE DYNAMICS OF A SMALL CHURCH, INCLUDING SUITABLE STYLES AND METHODS OF PASTORAL LEADERSHIP. \$250 (COST INCLUDES TUITION, FEES AND BOOKS).

CONTINUING EDUCATION: MAKE TIME TO DIVE DEEPER INTO YOUR BIBLICAL STUDIES SO YOU CAN BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS. AS IRON SHARPENS IRON (PROV. 27:17), SO DOES THE INTERACTIVE EDUCATION YOU GET AT IDAHO BAPTIST COLLEGE PREPARE YOU FOR MORE EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

Plan Ahead—FALL 2020

Idaho Baptist College

Classes Begin: Aug. 24, 2020

BB 3100—HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE, Gene Moseley 3 hours, Thur. 6:30-9pm

An introduction to the doctrinal, historical, and literary nature of the Bible and other general questions involved in reading the Bible with understanding. The course also deals with the authority, purpose, and message of the Bible; the history reflected in the Old Testament; and principles of biblical interpretation.

\$350 (cost includes tuition, fees and books).

OT3103 OT Survey I, George Slaughter, 3 hours, Mon. 6:30-9pm

A survey of the historical and cultural background of the Old Testament; the books of the Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy); and the books known as the Former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, and 1 & 2 Kings). \$350 (cost includes tuition, fees and books).

NT3166 NT Survey I, David Howell, Mon. 6:30-9pm (in Mountain Home at Emmanuel Baptist Church). A survey of the historical and cultural background of the New Testament, along with the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus. The course also covers the process by which the gospels were written and explores the similarities among the synoptic gospels and the uniqueness of the Gospel of John. Also covered are the authorship, purpose and content of the book of Acts. \$350 (cost includes tuition, fees and books).

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN OPTION FOR ON-LINE PRESCHOOL?

Anchor Academy Preschool: Jaimie Roduner is offering an option for this summer. She can give a free week, only for our association members, without sign-up, if someone wants to try it out. Have questions?

Check out the Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/anchoracademyidaho/>
or the website at <https://anchoracademyidaho.org/>



2020 CALENDAR

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Baptist
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JANUARY ~ FEBRUARY ~ MARCH

Jan. 12—TVSBA Quarterly Sunday Night Prayer, Martin's home

Feb. 20—Executive Board Meeting, Creekside Baptist Church,
7 p.m. (6:30 p.m. registration)

Feb. 27-29—UISBC Disaster Relief Training, Central Valley, (see UISBC website)

Mar. 7—Developing Positive Connections with Kids, seminar sponsored by Calvary Baptist, Boise,
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Everyone is invited.

Mar. 20-22—TVSBA Women's Retreat at Trinity Pines, Cascade CANCELED

Mar. 28—UISBC Vacation Bible School Training, Pierce Park, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CANCELED

Mar. 29—Fifth Sunday Sing Silver Sage Baptist Church, 6 p.m. CANCELED

APRIL ~ MAY ~ JUNE

April 5—TVSBA Quarterly Prayer Night, 6 p.m., New Covenant, Nampa CANCELED

May 1-3—Harvest Boise at Extra Mile Arena, Boise CANCELED

May 30—Momentum Kids' Camp Training at Central Valley, Meridian.
9:30 a.m.--11:30 a.m. CANCELED

May 31—Fifth Sunday Sing, 6 p.m. New Covenant, Nampa CANCELED

June 8-12—MOMENTUM KIDS--Kids' Camp at Cathedral Pines, Ketchum (grades 3-6) CANCELED

JULY ~ AUGUST ~ SEPTEMBER

July 12—TVSBA Quarterly Prayer Night, 6 p.m., Location Pending.

July 19-July 24--MOMENTUM--Youth Camp at Living Waters Ranch, Challis (grades 7-12)

July 30--Executive Board Meeting, Calvary Church, Nampa, 7 p.m. (6:30 p.m. registration)

Aug. 29—Men's Retreat at Galaxy Event Center (Wahooz), in Meridian*

Aug. 30--Fifth Sunday Sing, FSBC Caldwell 6 p.m.

Sept. --Living Proof Live Simulcast with Beth Moore (possible association event)

OCTOBER ~ NOVEMBER ~ DECEMBER

Oct. 3--TVSBA Annual Meeting, 9 a.m. (8:30 registration), First Southern Baptist, Mountain Home

Oct. 4—TVSBA Quarterly Prayer Night, 6 p.m., Location to be determined.

Nov. 29—Fifth Sunday Sing Calvary Church, Nampa 6 p.m.

Dec. 4—Pastors and Wives/Staff and Spouses Christmas Fellowship —
Location to be decided. 6:30 p.m. (appetizers); 7 p.m. (dinner)

RECURRING DATES

THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH: A-Team Meetings, 9 a.m. at
Central Valley Baptist, Meridian (call to confirm if you want to attend)

Updated April 20, 2020. *Events will be added as needed.*

Items marked with an * are pending, depending on government guidelines.

This calendar will stay updated based on the latest information available.

**TVSBA CHURCHES/MISSIONS GIVING ~
2020 (through April 27)**

Agua Viva, Boise	\$180.00
Anchor Baptist, Kuna	\$300.00
Bend Southern Baptist, Horseshoe Bend	\$150.00
Boise Korean, Boise	\$200.00
Boise River Community, Mtn. Home	00.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Boise	\$3,531.38
Calvary Baptist Church, Weiser	\$00.00
Calvary Church, Nampa (Nampa FSBC)	\$449.09
Central Valley Baptist, Cascade	\$731.00
Central Valley Baptist, Meridian	\$4,000.00
Creekside Baptist Church, Eagle	\$232.84
Emmanuel Baptist, Mountain Home	\$917.28
First Baptist Church, Fruitland	\$403.53
Crosspoint, Caldwell (formerly FSBC, Caldwell)	\$242.37
First Southern Baptist Church, Mtn. Home	\$1,501.68
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza	\$140.00
Iglesia Bautista de Peniel, Nampa	\$00.00
Lizard Butte Baptist, Marsing	\$517.25
New Covenant, Nampa	\$969.74
Pierce Park, Boise	\$375.00
Restored Community, Eagle	\$850.00
Riverside, Emmett	\$623.00
Sand Hollow, Caldwell	\$00.00
Silver Sage, Boise	\$261.22
Trinity Community, Boise	\$200.00
University Baptist Church, Boise	\$694.21
Word of Truth, Caldwell	\$40.00

TOTAL as of April 27, 2020 **\$17,329.59**

YTD Budget (to April 30): **\$1,800.00**

Over (Under) Budget: **(\$670.41)**

Jan-Apr

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TVSBA
Men's
Retreat

August 29th
at the
Galaxy Event
Center
Meridian
(Wahooz)

Calvin (Wally) Payton has even more information!
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