

Local Outreach Highlight

North Idaho Young Life

God is in the details!

We were blessed to hear from Carson Cramer, NIYL Area Director, a few weeks ago during Serve CDA. He shared some experiences of kids being transformed during summer camp. If you missed it, you'll want to check out the October 31st recording on our YouTube page. Find it under the MEDIA tab on our website. Below is another great story of a life transformed this last summer through NIYL's ministry to teen moms, *YoungLives*.

One of our moms, "A" had recently moved across the state only two weeks before camp. She expressed feeling overwhelmed, stressed, and scared. After praying our way through several big obstacles, God made a way for her to still attend, all while showing her in each step of the way that there was Someone fighting for her and constantly pursuing her heart.

"A" was not someone who let her walls down easily. She learned early on that when someone does something nice, there are always strings attached. The idea of grace was foreign to her. Very gradually, "A" began to open up to the mentors and explore what it means to know Jesus. Going into camp, she was still skeptical of this whole "Christian thing," but knew there was something different about this group who had given her more support in the past year than she had ever received in her life.

The last day of camp, our speaker had everyone close their eyes and listen to a song. The main lyrics were "I know your name." As I began to think about how Jesus sees us and loves us unconditionally, I noticed "A" weeping silently beside me. As we broke off into our groups, she shared with us that she had had a "vision" where she encountered Jesus. She described entering a house and standing in the doorway to a bedroom. There was a kind man sitting on the edge of the bed (who she instinctively knew was Jesus), patting the seat beside Him. He said to her, "You are welcome here. You can stay here." "A" described how she felt in this moment "like air." As if the heaviness of everything she has endured throughout her life was lifted in an instant. She felt embraced, accepted, and welcomed into a home that she would not be kicked out of.

God is paving a new way for "A" and her daughter, and it is evident in her life that God has completely transformed her. Since being home, she decided on her own to get baptized, and even told me she's thinking about helping start a *YoungLives* in her area!

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Sunday Worship, November 21st, 2021

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
Psalm 95:6 (ESV)

WELCOME! Our great desire for you this morning is that God provides you with opportunities to experience and worship Him; connect with others within our church; and be challenged toward spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

GIVING: There are two ways to give electronically: *Online Giving* at our website (www.cdabible.org/online-giving), or via *Text Message Giving*. To text a financial gift, the number is 208-502-4595. Type the phone # into your texting app of choice. Next, type in the word *give*, the dollar amount you wish to donate, and hit send. You will be directed to a webpage to enter your credit/debit card info (it only does this the first time you give). You'll receive a confirmation that your donation is complete. Of course, you can always give at church using the white giving envelopes in the pews and drop them in the offering boxes located in the back of the Worship Center and in the Lobby. Thanks for your generous support!

COMMUNICATION CARDS: Located in the wooden rack in each pew are our communication cards. In addition to stopping by or calling the church office, please use these cards if you are new or have an address/contact change (CONNECT), have a prayer request (PRAY), have a question, comment or would like to serve (SERVE), or have a question about giving at CBC (GIVE). Cards can be dropped in an offering box. We love to hear from you!

WELCOME COUNTER: Have questions? Need directions? Want to learn more? We have someone in the lower lobby at the Welcome Counter both before and after the worship service.

WORSHIP LYRICS: Printed lyrics of today's worship songs are available at the Welcome Counter.

CDA BIBLE ONLINE: Our website is www.cdabible.org. We offer a weekly e-newsletter, *The Midweek Memo*. Go to our website, click the "MEDIA" tab to subscribe. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram. Youth: Facebook—CDA Bible Students Instagram—[cdabiblestudents](https://www.instagram.com/cdabiblestudents)

SERMONS: Today's sermon is being live-streamed and will also be posted on the website under the "MEDIA" tab. Choose "YOUTUBE CHANNEL"

CHURCH OFFICE: The regular church office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is 208.664.4883, and the church website is www.cdabible.org.

Keep in Prayer

Emily Harwood- Last week, all went well at Emily's infectious disease doctor, but her counts are still down, so no oral chemo until her counts come back up. Please pray regarding her appointments next week: x-rays, tests, and a regular visit with the oncologist. If you would like to write a card of encouragement to Emily, you can drop it in the basket at the welcome desk and we will mail it to her.

Events, Ministries and Opportunities

Corporate Prayer Opportunities— Join us for pre-service prayer! ALL are invited each Sunday, from 9:30-10:00am, in the upstairs meeting room (The Loft) to participate in bowing before the Lord in advance of the corporate worship gathering. Also, the lady's mid-week prayer group meets weekly in the Fireside Room on Thursday mornings at 11am.

Ushers Needed- As part of our hospitality ministry, ushers play a valuable role in our Sunday morning service. Ushers "man" the Worship Center entry doors and greet folks, as well as perform various "housekeeping" tasks on Sunday morning. We are in need of a few ushers to round out our current team. If you are interested in serving once per month on the usher team, please indicate on a SERVE communication card and drop it in an offering box. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child— Today is the last Sunday to drop off OCC boxes at CBC to be delivered to the local collection site. If you forgot or need a little more time, call Lynn in the church office for details about delivery. 664-4883

Pie Fundraiser— Lina Leger is doing another Pie Fundraiser this holiday season. This year the proceeds will go towards a ministry trip to Armenia that her church in Israel is taking in January. Lina is prayerfully considering joining them for the trip as well. The fundraiser goes through November and December, and pies must be ordered at least 3 days in advance. Stop by the table in the lobby for information on how to order a pie and for a mission update from Lina.

Happy Thanksgiving! – Reminder: No Wednesday Gathering, BSF, Women's nor Men's Bible study, nor midweek prayer during Thanksgiving week.

Women's Christmas "Simple & Sweet"- Come join us for a morning to celebrate Christ's birth, get to know one another and hear a special message "Simple Gifts." Breakfast appetizers and beverages will be served. No need to sign up or bring anything— just come! We'll gather in the church lobby on Saturday, December 11th from 9:30-11:30am.

Women of Valor Luncheon— Right after the worship service in the Fireside Room, on December 19th, a Christmas-themed lunch will be served for widows and single women over age 60. Ladies in our community who do not attend our church are welcome— so invite a friend!

Core Christian Beliefs

Pastor Zach Penston Sunday AM November 21, 2021



INDISPENSABLE: Creation and Humanity

A festive Christmas-themed graphic with a green background, pine branches, holly leaves, and red berries. A red banner at the top contains the text "You're invited to... KEEP IT SIMPLE!".

Eight Suggestions for a Spiritually Joyous Christmas

1. So often our disappointment with Christmas comes from unmet expectations and story-book illusions of the holidays. This year, tell the Lord that you want to put away sentimentality and embrace Christmas through His eyes. To do this, start by reading one chapter of Luke each day for the first 24 days of December.
2. Remember Christmas is all about God's gift of meeting the spiritual needs of His people. For the next 24 days, take a moment to thank God for His indescribable gift (2 Corinthians 9:15). Then ask God to give you the opportunity to share the good news of His salvation with another person. Rest assured if you pray, God will show you someone.
3. So often we miss the joy and peace of the celebration because we get caught up in a whirlwind of activity. Take time to make a list of things you consider priorities this month. Prayerfully submit your list to the Lord. Delete what is unrealistic, what will deter you from what God wants, and what will lead to exhaustion.
4. Examine your list. Is there time for leisure with God & family? Schedule some things to encourage and nurture your inner person.
5. Set a budget. Don't let Christmas become a financial burden. Make gifts an adventure in prayer. Ask God to help and lead your gift giving. Home-made items can become precious time and memories with family. Ask God what you can do to build His kingdom.
6. Fill your heart and mind with spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. The promised Messiah, the Christ, has come and will come again soon to reign as King of kings, and Lord of lords.
7. Set up a nativity scene in your home and talk about it with your children using age appropriate language. Even the littlest one's love hearing the story of the baby who came to save us from our sins. Christmas decorations offer us many visual ideas for talking about Jesus with our children.
8. Attend Christmas service with your family. Often this can be a special time of settling our mind and focusing on Christ. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you.