

“For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

Jesus came to save the lost. But what if we aren't lost? What if we have our lives together? What if we are already one of the few good and decent people?

It reminds me of my Senior Prom. I drove my friend and our two dates home from the Disneyland Hotel where we had just come from a wonderful dance. I am a typical male, and I don't like to ask for directions or admit I am wrong. We had been driving home from the dance for over an hour and we were 30 miles north of San Diego, but our homes were about an hour and a half East of Los Angeles. It was a poor end to a good night. For some reason that was the last date I had with that particular young lady.

In order to appreciate salvation, one must admit that one is lost. Jesus often had arguments with those who were already decent and good. Here is one example:

“And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” Matthew 9:10-13

One reason we do not know we are lost is we do not realize our potential. To be a good and decent person is too low of a goal for any human being. We were made in the image of God. “He has given us His precious and magnificent promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature...” 2 Peter 1:3

Or, for a simpler image,

“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” John 7:38

We were created to have communion with God, which means to be full of life, at peace in the joy of perfect love. But even the best of us are anxious and sometimes self-absorbed. We are given to moments of emptiness. The simplest way to explain salvation to someone is to say that you can go to heaven instead of hell. To many people, this is the only concept they have and it is better than nothing. But by itself, without deeper wisdom and understanding, it becomes transactional, legalistic and crudely mythological. If we were made to be divine, to be one with God, then salvation must mean more than the heaven or hell dilemma.

One of the oldest Christian sayings goes, “Deus fit homo ut homo fieret Deus.” God became human so that humans might become God. Jesus joined human nature to God. Don't settle for being a decent person, be a divine person. This does not happen by your own effort, but because of your own righteousness. It happens through your faith in Jesus as you nurture that faith by worship, Scripture, Communion, and acts of love. This church focuses on those four things. I think we offer them as best we can, but its up to you to participate. Salvation isn't forced on anyone, you must freely choose it.

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**Nampa First United Presbyterian Church**

**Purpose Statement**

To bring people together to love and magnify God through worship, to minister to the needs of all His children, to fellowship in God's family, to spread the Good News, and to develop people to Christ-like maturity for their mission in the world.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Zornik, Clerk of Session

**Session Highlights**

**Building and Grounds:** (Sandi Kurtz, Lyle Sample) The Nampa High School Dawgs special needs student group is back helping at the church under Sandi's supervision.

An outside faucet has been fixed.

Burke has trimmed trees and worked to keep the lawn green.

**Christian Ed.** (Tiffany Neeley, Sharyn Barrett) The Sunday School Kick-Off went well and was well-attended by kids and parents. A Sunday School class for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders has been formed. Youth Group and PresbyKids Club will meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays after worship. Middle and High School Youth will be treated to coffee walks to Dutch Brothers with Alli Powers after worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Coming up is the service auction November 4 and the Christmas play December 9.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Frederiksen, Secretary

## **Deacons Report**

Pastor Aaron announced that Allison Power has been selected to fill the new role of Family Ministry Director. Her duties will include working with the youth of the church and recruiting volunteers.

Reviewed the listing of deacons who will be reaching out to members with October birthdays and those responsible for preparation of October communion.

Heard Deacon's reports of contact with and any concerns for members in their respective Parishes.

Approved funding for Christian Education Committee's proposal to install directional signs in the church hallways to assist both visitors and church members. The CE Committee will be contracting with Signs Etc of Meridian for this project at a cost of \$1,735.78.

The next regular meeting will be at Monday, October 1st at 7:00pm.

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## **General Fund Financial Activity**

**Wednesday, October 24th**

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Fall is upon us and with that comes a new year of Youth activities!

In September we started things off with our Fall Kickoff. The kids and their parents enjoyed an afternoon of food, crafts & information about the upcoming months. We were so pleased with the turnout and we can't thank our church families enough for helping us get the year going on such a strong note!

We are excited to announce that there are several new programs happening in the youth department this year. The first is that we have added a third **Sunday School** class, so we now have a K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade class, a 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade class, and a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade class. We hope that this gives our students the ability to really interact with kids specific to their age range and to dive a little deeper into God's word. It is also our hope that as our programming grows that we can eventually split our Middle & High School group as well into two separate classes.

Our **Nursery** program is also growing and now includes a short Bible story for our youngest members. The kids are hearing about some of our favorite Bible characters through short stories led by our nursery attendant, Debie. In addition, both the Nursery & all of our Sunday School classes now also include worship music as part of their curriculum. Our kids are getting to experience some amazing music & they are learning that this is another way for them to worship with God! We are so thankful to Bob Solomon for offering to help with this new program!

Another new program on the docket is **Coffee Walks**, a program for our Middle & High School Youth which is led by our Family Ministry Director, Alli. Each week our older youth are invited to take a Sunday stroll after service to Dutch Bros for a tasty drink and a time of fellowship. Relationships are so important and we hope this serves as a great time for our kids to get to know Alli & each other a little better!

A weekday **Youth Group** is starting on October 1<sup>st</sup> and will take place each Monday from 6-8pm at the church. This group is for Middle & High School students and will include worship, fellowship & fun! Please encourage your kids to bring a friend to this exciting new opportunity!

**PKC** will also continue this year on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, immediately following service. In October we are planning a trip to Zoo Boise & a trip to Twin Oaks Corn Maze. These trips are for youth of all ages (PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade); however please remember that youth 5<sup>th</sup> grade & under need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## October 2018 Youth Programming

**October 2018**

Revenue to date     **\$148,888.89**  
Expenses to date    **\$144,021.94**  
Difference            **\$4,866.95**

### Save The Lost

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Please join us on **Saturday, October 13th at 5:30** to watch "**Glass Castle**" (now available on Redbox.) Open to all! Come with a potluck dish to share, as well as fellowship and lively movie discussion!

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 1:00pm

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### Pastor's Office Hours

Mondays & Thursdays

10:30am - 1:00pm

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**10/4     Jim and Barbara Greene**

**10/7     Steve and Senita Watkins**

**10/16    Bob and Dorothy Horn**

**10/23         Ed and Ruby Hokenson**

## Crop Walk

The Crop Hunger Walk is an annual event that raises money and awareness of hunger locally and around the world. The County CROP Hunger Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** beginning at **2:30pm**. (Registration begins at 1:00pm). The Walk begins at the Brandt Center on the NNU Campus in Nampa. There is no fee to participate but donations are helpful. Last year \$560 was raised by participants from our Church. Thank you to all who walked and those who donated to the Crop Hunger Walk. For more information go to [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org).

Thank you  
- Mission Committee

## *The Holiday Bazaar*

**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00am to 3:00pm**

Presbyterian Women need your contributions of soups and pies for the lunch, as well as home baked items for the bake sale. If you can help out, please sign up on the sheet on the back table. Also, we are looking for donations of crafts and collectibles to be sold at PW Granny's Attic sale table. Now is the time to start finishing up your delightful craft items. Free coffee all day. Rolls for sale at 9am. Homemade Soup and Pie Lunch 11-2. Many vendors selling baked goods, jams & jellies, local arts & crafts, collectibles, art, jewelry, crocheted & knitted items, home decor, holiday decorations, linens, new to you items and more. Ideas for birthdays, Christmas or you! \$25 per table to display your goodies. For more information contact Alice Kiernan at 208-463-8173.

**10/2 Bud Bennett**

**10/6 Anna Peterson**

**10/13 Sharyn Barrett**

**10/13 Richard Radasch**

**10/15 Dorothy Fox**

**10/19 Ron Howell**

**10/21 Jim Greene**

**10/30 Mark Larimer**

**10/31 Nancy DeLong**

**10/31 Brianna Hendrix**

***Apostles Creed Study*** What do Christians believe? There is a wide spectrum of Christian beliefs, but there are also some core truths that are essential and non-negotiable. It is just those necessary truths that are contained in the Apostles Creed. Come learn how the Apostles Creed shows us the truths we need the most. This study will start on **September 27<sup>th</sup>** and continue on **Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00pm**. There is a signup sheet on the back table. Please let us know if we need to order you a book.

Bible Study on Acts meets at **8:30am Sunday mornings**. meets in the Resource room.

Coming soon! There will be an early morning Men's group on **Tuesdays at 7:00am.** It will be at Sarah's Bagel Shop on 12th Ave. next to Ace Hardware. *We will be announcing a start up date soon!*

-Sharyn Barrett

*Fit & Fall Prevention Thursdays at 10:00am*

## Weekly Events

### Diabetes Prevention on Wednesdays

**at 5:30pm**

**Lunch & Learn**

Thursdays at noon.

**September 18, 2018**

**September 3, 2018**

*Jim & Barbara Greene* will be celebrating their **60th Wedding Anniversary** on **October 4, 2018.** They are hoping to go on a short trip with family on the weekend of their Anniversary, and enjoy an Anniversary gathering with friends & family later in the month. If you would like to send a card to help them celebrate this special occasion, their address is:

20 S. Bonner Street  
Nampa, ID 83651

Thank you for your cards, thoughts, and prayers.

- Margaret

Kralovec

(daughter)

The Boise chapter of the **CFDM** (*Christian Formation & Direction Ministries*) from provides ongoing events in spiritual formation for groups and individuals They will be meeting in our Fellowship Hall for "Time for Quiet, Morning of Reflection" group session on **Saturday, October 27th at 8:30am.** All are welcome to attend. For more information call Richard (Dick) Green, Spiritual Director at 208-608-2634 or email him at [rgreenrichard@gmail.com](mailto:rgreenrichard@gmail.com)

Thank you to our nursery volunteers who helped in *September!*

9/2 Sandi Kurtz

9/23 Willard Kneidl

9/9 Barbara Hindman

9/30 Sandi Kurtz

9/16 Jaci Johnson

Here is the nursery schedule for October:

10/7 Sarah Berkowitz      10/14 Karen Lolley  
 10/21 Marge McKee      10/28 Senita Watkins

**Nursery News**

**Christian Formation &  
 Direction Ministries**

PW invites all crafty people to join **Crafty Critters at 1pm Thursdays** during October to work on craft projects. We will meet in the Fireside Room. We will work on crafts to sell at the Holiday Bazaar and you may also come and bring other crafts you are working on. For more information call Lorraine Diehl at 602-400-4843.

**Crafty Critters**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>
	<b>1</b> 10:00a Fit & Fall-proof 6:00p Youth Group Kickoff 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Deacons	<b>2</b> <i>Weekly email Deadline</i> 10:00a PW Hope's Door guest speaker. 6:00p Community Dinner	<b>3</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 5:30p Diabetes Prevention 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir	<b>4</b> 10:00a Fit & Fall-proof 12:00p Lunch & Learn 1:00p Crafty Critters 6:00p Apostles Creed Study
<b>7</b> 8:30a Bible Study 10:00a Worship – Communion 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a PKC – Trip to Boise Zoo	<b>8</b> 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fit & Fall-proof 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> <i>Weekly email Deadline</i> 6:00p Community Dinner	<b>10</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 5:30p Diabetes Prevention 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir	<b>11</b> 10:00a Fit & Fall-proof 10:00a Brunch Bunch 12:00p Lunch & Learn 1:00p Crafty Critters 6:00p Apostles Creed Study

<p><b>14</b> 8:30a Bible Study 10:00a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a YG Coffee Club 11:30a CE Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b> 10:00a Fit &amp; Fall-proof 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>16</b> <i>Weekly email Deadline</i> 10:00a PW meeting  6:00p Community Dinner 7:00p Session</p>	<p><b>17</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 5:30p Diabetes Prevention 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00a Fit &amp; Fall-proof 12:00p Lunch &amp; Learn 1:00p Crafty Critters 6:00p Apostles Creed Study</p>
<p><b>21</b> 8:30a Bible Study 10:00a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:30a YG/PKC -Trip to Corn Maze 2:30a Crop Walk for Hunger</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:00a Fit &amp; Fall-proof 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>Weekly email Deadline</i>  6:00p Community Dinner</p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>Link articles Deadline</i> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 5:30p Diabetes Prevention 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:00a Fit &amp; Fall-proof 12:00p Lunch &amp; Learn 1:00p Crafty Critters 6:00p Apostles Creed Study</p>
<p><b>28</b> 8:30a Bible Study 10:00a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a YG Coffee Club</p>	<p><b>29</b> 10:00a Fit &amp; Fall-proof 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>30</b> <i>Weekly email Deadline</i> 4:00p Jr. Jammers  6:00p Community Dinner</p>	<p><b>31</b> <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 5:30p Diabetes Prevention 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir</p>	

**Movie Night!**  
**5:30**  
***"Glass Castle"***