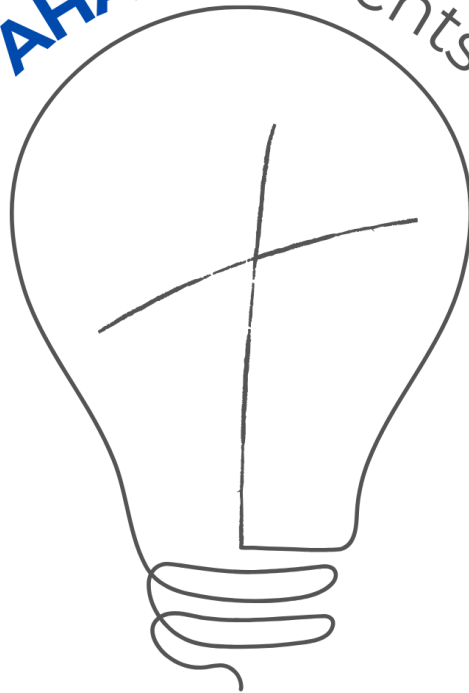


AHA! Moments



More Than We Ask

MESSIAH

AHA! MOMENTS: MORE THAN WE ASK, NOT LESS

It is easy for us to assume that if God says “no” to a request, we are getting less than we wanted. We need this "Aha!" moment—that God always wants more for us than we want from him. Saying “yes” to all our requests would often result in us receiving less joy, less blessing, a lesser life. So, when God says “no” to our request, we can be assured it is because he wants to give us more. Far more than existing as a “help desk” or 911 dispatch, God’s love for us is like that of a groom for his bride. His love for us exceeds all expectation and understanding. In that love, God always delivers more than we ask, not less.



Connect with us!

We invite everyone to fill a connection card. Scan the code above or sign the guestbook in the lobby.

Welcome to Messiah

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall. Exit the sanctuary turn right, and go through the double doors.

Kids’ Church. Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to Kids’ Church which takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. You can drop them off starting at 10:20 a.m. at the Family Ministry Center. They’ll join you in church for the last portion of the service.

Quiet room. Children are always welcome in worship and we love hearing their little voices. However, if needed, a quiet room is located in the fellowship hall. Turn right when exiting the sanctuary and the quiet room will be on the left.

Ushers are available in the entry way to answer any additional questions you may have.

To him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! —Ephesians 3:20–21

Call to Worship

We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Confession and Forgiveness

God invites us to worship him with humility and faith. We confess our sins, trusting in his forgiveness.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, who is able to give us immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, has already forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (8:30 a.m.)

CW 624

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
how all that's needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Verses 3-5 printed on the next page.

- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him!

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Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love (10:30 a.m.) CW 577

- 1 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love;
too vast and astounding to tell,
forever existing in worlds above,
now offered and given to all.
O fountain of beauty eternal,
the Father, the Spirit, the Son.
Sufficient and endlessly generous:
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
- 2 Creation is brimming with thankfulness,
the mountains, exultant they stand;
the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness,
all life is sustained by your hand.
You crown ev'ry meadow with color,
you paint ev'ry shade in the sky;
each day the dawn wakes as an encore of
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. (**Refrain**)

Refrain

***How great, how sure;
his love endures forevermore.
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.***

3 What grace, that you entered our brokenness;
you came in the fullness of time.
How far we had fallen from righteousness,
but not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption;
your death is our fullness of life.
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood:
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
(Refrain, then Bridge)

Bridge

*United in your resurrection,
you lift us to infinite heights.
Could anything sever or take us from
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
(Refrain 2X)*

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Prayer

The Word of God

Gospel

John 2:1–11

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Jesus delivers more
than his mother asks,
turning water into
the choicest of wine.*

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus (8:30 a.m.)

CW 699

- 1 Take the world, but give me Jesus,
all its joys are but a name;
but his love abides forever,
through eternal years the same.
(Refrain)
- 2 Take the world, but give me Jesus,
sweetest comfort of my soul;
with the Savior watching o'er me,
I can sing, though thunders roll.
(Refrain)

Refrain

Oh, the height and depth of mercy!

***Oh, the length and breadth of
love!***

***Oh, the fullness of redemption,
pledge of endless life above!***

- 3 Take the world, but give me Jesus;
in his cross my trust shall be
till with clearer, brighter vision
face to face my Lord I see. (Refrain)

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Only A Holy God (10:30 a.m.)

- 1 Who else commands
all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make
every king bow down
Who else can whisper
and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God
- 2 What other beauty
demands such praises
What other splendour
outshines the sun
What other majesty
rules with justice
Only a Holy God (**Refrain**)
- 3 What other glory
consumes like fire
What other power
can raise the dead
What other name
remains undefeated
Only a Holy God (**Refrain**)
- 4 Who else could rescue
me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God (**Refrain twice**)

Refrain

Come and behold Him

The One and the Only

Cry out sing holy

Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

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Even More!

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Paul teaches that God wants us to have a life that is fuller than we could possibly imagine.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



Give online.

If you are interested in giving an offering

Offering

We give thanks to the Lord with our offerings. If you are our guest today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. Members of Messiah give generously and freely out of thanksgiving to the Lord and in support of Messiah's mission to preach the good news of Jesus Christ in Nampa and to the ends of the earth.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institutions

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Distribution

The ushers will invite communicant members forward, one pew at a time. Visitors, we respectfully ask that you refrain from taking the Lord's Supper until you have spoken with the pastor.

Redeemer, Savior, Friend (10:30 a.m.)

1 I know You had me
on Your mind
When You climbed
up on that hill,
For You saw me with
eternal eyes
While I was yet in sin,
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

Refrain
***Redeemer,
redeem my heart again.
Savior, come and shelter
me from sin.
You're familiar with
my weakness,
Devoted to the end,
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.***

2 Ev'ry stripe upon
Your battered back,
Ev'ry thorn that pierced
Your brow,
Ev'ry nail drove deep through
guiltless hands
Said that Your love knows no end,
Redeemer, Savior, Friend. **(Refrain)**

3 So the grace
You pour upon my life
Will return to You in praise,
And I'll gladly lay down
all my crowns
For the name by which I'm saved,
Redeemer, Savior, Friend. **(Refrain)**

Redeemer, Savior, Friend.
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

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Prayer After Communion

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now Thank We All Our God (8:30 a.m.)

CW 597

- 1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love
and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us
and keep us in his grace
and guide us when perplexed
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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All Praise to Him (10:30 a.m.)

CW 600

- 1 All praise to him, the God of light
who formed the mountains by his
might.
All praise to him who names the
stars
that sing his fame in skies afar.
All praise to him who reigns in love,
who guides the galaxies above,
yet bends to hear our ev'ry prayer
with sov'reign pow'r and tender
care.
- 2 All praise to him whose love is seen
in Christ the Son, the servant King,
who left behind his glorious throne
to pay the ransom for his own.
All praise to him who humbly came
to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
who lived to die, who died to rise,
the all-sufficient sacrifice.
- 3 All praise to him whose pow'r im-
parts
the love of God within our hearts,
the Spirit of all truth and peace,
the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
our souls we lift, our wills we bow;
to you, the triune God, we raise
with loving hearts our song of
praise.

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LOOKING AHEAD

January 19	Secret Sister Potluck Reveal.....	11:45 a.m.
January 21	Afternoon Bible Class.....	1:30 p.m.
	Small Group Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
	English Classes.....	6:30 p.m.
January 22	Women's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
January 27	Bible Information Class.....	6:30 p.m.
January 28	Afternoon Bible Class.....	1:30 p.m.
	English Classes.....	6:30 p.m.
February 3	Bible Information Class.....	6:30 p.m.
February 4	NO Afternoon Bible Class	
	Small Group Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
	English Classes.....	6:30 p.m.
February 5	Highschool Hangout.....	7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Christian, Who Are You?" Additional Sunday Bible Study

Beginning today, we will offer an additional adult Bible study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Mark Cares will lead a four-week study based on his new book "Christian, Who Are You? Your Amazing God-Given Identity." The class will be held in the education wing, classroom 9. There will also be adult Bible study in the fellowship hall as usual.

Bible Information Class New Session Begins Monday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m.

A new session of "Foundations," a Bible Information Class, will begin on Monday, January 27, in the Family Ministry Center. This class is especially for those who are new to Messiah and interested in knowing what the Bible teaches. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you!



MESSIAH

Our Mission

Knowing Jesus, Sharing his Love.

Our Core Values

Servant Heart. *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23).*

A Caring Community. *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).*

Anchored in the Word. *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).*

Adaptable. *"But in your hearts set apart 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" (1 Peter 3:15).*

Outreach Focused. *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).*

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9:30 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Kids' Church