

Popularity Doesn't Mean Success

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AHA! MOMENTS: Popularity Doesn't Mean Success

In 2009, Facebook added the "like" button. That same year, Twitter added the "retweet" feature. Interestingly, reported cases of depression began to rise sharply in 2010. It is easy to think that the more people like us, the more successful our lives must be. However, here is an important "Aha!" moment: Popularity is not proof of success. Though there will be times when Christ's gospel and those who proclaim it are popular, that popularity is never the goal. Nor does that popularity define success. Our goal as Christians and a Christian church is not to get the most likes from the world. The gospel of forgiveness is to be the center of all our preaching and teaching.



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, except for the last Sunday of the month. 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.

"I be				
Call to Worship				
We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen				
Та	ke My Life and Let It Be (8:30 a.m.)	CW 695		
1	Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.			
2	Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.			
3	Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.			
4	Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.			
5	Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.			
6	Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.			
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Build Your Kingdom Here (10:30 a.m.)

1 Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope Like wildfire in our very souls Holy Spirit come invade us now We are Your church We need Your pow'r in us

2 We seek Your kingdom first We hunger and we thirst Refuse to waste our lives For You're our joy and prize

To see the captives' hearts released The hurt the sick the poor at peace We lay down our lives for heaven's cause We are Your church We pray revive this earth

Refrain

Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land Set Your church on fire Win this nation back Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray

3 Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r Reaching the near and far No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this Awake the kingdom seed in us Fill us with the strength and love of Christ We are Your church We are the hope on earth

Refrain

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Prayer

The Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Luke 4:38–44

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

⁶"Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Gospel

³⁸Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's other-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her.

mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

⁴²At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea. The LORD called Jeremiah to fearlessly share God's Word, even if what he said made him unpopular.

Jesus was popular in Capernaum. The people wanted him to stay there permanently. Jesus knew for his mission to be successful, he needed to proclaim the good news in other towns.

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word; take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of your plans for us, truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

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Message

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Whoever has ears...

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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.



Give online. If you are interested in giving an offering

The Lord's Supper

Confession and Forgiveness

As we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper, God instructs us to examine ourselves. Therefore, we confess our sins and hear our Savior's words of forgiveness. Gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserved your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior of all people. The light of his salvation scatters the darkness of sin and gives forgiveness and new life. Take heart, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Words of Institution

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.

Nothing But The Blood (10:30 a.m.)

1 What can wash away my sin Nothing but the blood of Jesus What can make me whole again Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Refrain

O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow No other fount I know Nothing but the blood of Jesus

- For my pardon this I see
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus
 For my cleansing this my plea
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*Refrain*)
- Nothing can for sin atone
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus
 Naught of good that I have done
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*Refrain*)
- 4 This is all my hope and peace Nothing but the blood of Jesus This is all my righteousness Nothing but the blood of Jesus *(Refrain)*

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Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
- Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

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LOOKING AHEAD

January 27	Bible Information Class	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	
February 5	Highschool Hangout	7:00 p.m.
February 10	Bible Information Class	
February 11	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
·	English Classes	6:30 p.m.
	Admin Council/Ministry Council Meetings	6:30 p.m.
February 12	Women's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
February 17	Bible Information Class	
February 18	Afternoon Bible Class	
0	Small Group Meeting	
	English Classes	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser for the Youth Group!

Meals include a 6 in. sub sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. Each meal is \$8. Buy 4 get 1 free. Sub sandwiches will be prepared and ready for pickup on Sunday, February 9. Get your order in TODAY!

Time to gather those Savers donations!

Clean out your closets! The youth group is collecting your soft goods (clothes, bedding, purses, shoes and belts), home goods (dishes, lamps, decor) and books! Please bag your soft goods in white kitchen garbage bags that are tied shut. All home goods and books must be in a box.

Bring your items to church to the portable out back. Please have all items to church by the end of February. All items will be donated to Savers. Youth group will get paid by the pound. Money raised helps pay for our outings and gets put away to help pay for church camp and youth rallies.



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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